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##  <br> Local roundup

Senior prom work days begin Parents of Hereford High School seniors are invited to
participate in work days in preparation for the annual senior Work days will be 7 p.m. Thursdays in the old NAPA
Wilding 1001 W Park Av.

STAR hosts seminar
The Amarillo College STAR (Student Training and Retrain ng) Program will host a "College Ready Seminar" $6-8$ p.m.
Harch 9 at the College Union Building on the Washingtor treet Campus
Prospective
ctive students will learn about enrollment, caree Pronsective studens wind inancil aid, testing, advising, counseling and applying
option (or ollege. They also will have an opportunity to tour
Washington Street Campus.

## WTRT cooperative meeting

 nual statiders meeting at 6 pm . Tuesday, March 21, a he Hereford Bull Barn. Three directors will be elected. Charles Myers, Jr., andprry Copley have been nominated from the Hub exchange Terry Copley have been nominated from the Hub exchange;
Hoyd Schueler from Parmer County; and Dick Fellers and A arold Sides from Dawn.
A meal will be served and door prizes will be given away
and

Kids Inc. schedules sign-ups The Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. will have a sign-up for all ommunity Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
This sign-up is for all ages of boys and girls who are at least ve years old by Aug. 1, and all leagues including Babe Ruth, League participation fees are: first child, $\$ 35$; second child
$\$ 30 ;$ third child, $\$ 25$; fourth child is free and all Babe Ruth

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News digest
Inmate insists he's innocent

| NNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Convicted killer Odell Barnes amant about his innocence. ${ }_{\mathrm{m}}$ being executed for something I didn't do," Barnes, 31, of his lethal injection, set for this evening for the slaying ta Falls woman more than 10 years ago. "I know the stacked against me ... but you just don't give up." rosecutor who put him on death row is just as that Barnes, with nine felony convictions, is dangerincerely believe, based on his conduct, based on his he is a violent career criminal and unquestionably mmit violence again," Wichita County District AttorMacha says. whose convictions include five for robbery, two for one for burglary, plus the capital murder, would be ondemned killer put to death in Texas this year and four set to die in March. <br> exas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted 18-0 earlier against recommending a reduction of his sentence. also rejected a request for a 360 -day reprieve. irts also refused to halt the execution. The U.S. Court in November refused to review his case and ts threw out another attempt to review the case two <br> was convicted of killing Helen Bass, a 42 -year-old stabbed and shot |
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| Track team overcomes tragedy <br> VIEW, Texas (AP) - Coach Hoover Wright used to his life was spared and four Prairie View A\&M when their van crashed en route to a track meet nows.- tell the team they had to put the tragedy had to <br> nthers followed their 71 -year-old coach's words by defending their Southwestern Athletic Conference championship Sunday in Baton Rouge, La <br> won the high jump and finished second in the Lewis Turner won the 55 meters and placed second neters, and the Panthers easily outpointed runnerState 132-1011/2 <br> s. a shoulder injury and numerous bumps and de as he spoke of the team's victory while Tuesday at his he <br> proid of them," Wright said. "We asked them to and to step up even though part of our team died |

U.S. attorney seeks delay

A federal prosecutor has asked
former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards.
ct Judge Bill Harmon to postpone the orruption case in Louisiana.
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## Dangerous mold closes school



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Obituaries

| OLLIE THELM BRADSHER | $\text { Feb. 28, } 2000$ |
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| Anthony's Hospice | Hereford Arand, March 1.2000 |

can-Statesman, adding that he hoped to reopen the school by
fall. The closure came after sev-
eral Hill teachers and at least one student were treated at
hospitals this year for health problems, many attributed to mold. On Friday, one of the

and allergy-like symptoms to
skin rashes, inflammation of the respiratory tract, bloody aise, neurological problems and suppression of the immune sys - The mold has been found at several scho Is and other
buildings across the nation experts said. In March 1998, U.S. Senate day care center under construction in Washington, D.C.
The other mold detected at Hill is penicillium, some duce allergy-like symptoms and more serious respiratory
problems. Based on students' problems. Based on students'
and teachers' symptoms, one
state doesn't think they pose a have complained about doesn't think they pose a headaches, itchy eyes, sneez-
long-term health risk, par- ing, constant coughing and
ticularly now that Hill is shut- breathing problems. ticularly now that Hill is shuting, constant coug
breathing problems.
Built 30 years ago, the mold and moisture problem as teachers and students re portedly suffered allergy symp.
toms over the years. Officials toms over the years. Official
blamed leaks and poor ventila tion for Hill's elevated mold The school also sits atop a cavern where mold has grown
Conditions worsened this fall after renovations began at the school. Teachers and parents
say black mold is visible on say black mold is visible on ceilings and walls in some
rooms. In at least one class room, they say the chalk boards are warped from exces sive moisture.
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## Emergency services

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## LIfESTYLES




Missionaries to speak
Missionaries Roy and Caroline responsibilities include consult Campbell are coming to the ing on registration and building
Hereford Church of the Nazarene buildings in Russia, Kazakhstan at 6 p.m. on March 5 . The Campbells have spent
most of their married life laymen in the Nazarene Church. ing, out reach, church plants an They have been to the compassionate ministries,
Philippines twice, to Venezuela
Everyone is invited to hear the

Fellowship meets Thurs.

## will hold its regular monthly She has had Bible studiea in

 meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in her home for many years and ha the Hereford Community Center conducted women's seminars in with Lynda Hunterof Amarillo as several states. She and Roy also Hunter has been actively They are actively involved ininvolved in the Lord's work for 27 The years. She and her husband Roy the work of the Gideons in years. She and her husband Roy the work
founded and pastored Liberty Amarillo.

Lindbergh's son was a takenthis date, 1932 Senior Citizens


## SPORTS

## Herd shackles 'Dogs, 76-48 <br> By Paul Mason <br> \section*{The thing that allowed us through," he said}

ODESSA O December 13, 1999., Hereford was pum meied by he Plainview Bull
dogs in basketball 76-48. Swee revenge came Tuesday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland as the Whitefaces eliminated the Dogs $40-34$ in aregiona
quarterfinal game. Being out sized by as much as 30 -pound per man should have intimidated the Whitefaces, But then again, the Whitefaces are
used to being the smallest they ignored an obviou

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players never made it to the free-throw line until late in the third quarter, and when
they did, it ended the Bulldogs season.
The Bulldogs led at the end of every quarter - except the last- one. That quarter was
salvaged by Cody Hodges. With a little more than one minute left in the third quarter, Hodges committed
his fourth foul and was his fourth foul and wa
benched. "When I got my fourth foul," Cody said, "Coach Dean ust told me to catch a breath. He told me to keep working
like I was and said 'your shots will start falling.'
Hodges returned to the game with $4: 46$ on the clock in the fourth quarter with Here
ford behind $29-27$. He sank two out of three field goal attempts and went six for six at the charity line to get 10 of
his game high 17 points and his game high 17 points
send the Dogs packing. One of the key factors in the win was the Herds ability Plainview squad the bigge
stay in the game was that we "We worked on offensive with 36 rebounds, 13 by Marsh rebounded well," Coach Randy rebounds a lot this week. and 8 by Slade Hodges, while Dean said. "I thought we Cody Marsh and Chayse Paind its season at 24-7, and
established ourselves on the (Rives) both did a great job of Her established ourselves on the
boards right at the very "bodying" up and attacking the
beginning of the game and glass." Cody Hodges said.
really held up and all the advand, counting the the
post-district win against Hale
Hereford finished the game


Watch the hands, not the eyes - Cody Hodges launches a peripheral cross-court pass during Hereford's regional quartertinal against the Plainview Bulldogs.

## Lady Whitefaces Improve to 8 -4 on the season with win

Hereford third baseman Salina Hastings guards the Hereford third baseman Sa
base as a Rebel runner slides.

By Jeff Blackmon
The Lady Whiteface softbal eam improved their record to in Hereford on Tuesday The team scored eight through five innings and then scored two runs in the sixth to Inish off the Lady Rebels. The Lady Whitefaces were led by a strong
performance from ${ }^{\text {pitching }}$ junior

Teresa Zimmerman that in cluded seven strikeouts Zimmerman also helped of fensively contributing two doubles to her pitching effort.
Juniors Salina Hastings drove in two runs a piece,
The win gives first yea coach Penny Summers an the Lady Whitefaces a much the Lady Whitefaces a muc
needed boost "The girls are playing lik "The girls are playing like
they know how to win," said

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- PENNY SUMMERS NNY SUMMERS
Head softball coach
each win.
"I think the girls have goals she has set for the team
See LADIES, Page A6


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## Spurs beat Miami Heat, 93-69

(AP) - While the injuries thing starts from our defense." pile up around him, David basketball of the season for
the San Antonio Spurs. the San Antonio Spurs.
With All-Star forward Tim Duncan sidelined with a lower abdominal injury, Robinson has averaged 20.3 points the last three games, including 19
Tuesday night as San Antonio routed the Miami Heat $93-69$. Robinson said after Miam us, Robinson said after Miami was total. "They were missing Alonzo Mourning. That made it tough for them. We knew
Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn could be threats but we rotated good. Every.
hing starts from our defense."
Terry Porter added 15 points Antonio, which has won three of four games. "I'm pleased, you have to give
the guys a lot of credit," San An guys a lot of credit," Son
Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said after watching his re-
serves combine for 46 point serves combine for 46 points
and 23 rebounds. "We did what we needed to win. The bench played great." It was a great
team effort." team effort."
In 31 minute In 31 minutes against Miami,
Robinson went 5 -of -12 from the floor and 9 -off 11 at the freethrow line with eight re"My minutes are going to be
increasing," Robinson said
 Miami, which hat hat for." game winning streak snapped,
was led by P.J. Brown's 16 was led by P.J. Brown's 16
points. The Heat played withpoints. The Heat played with-
out Mourning, who was out with a sore e left ankle.
"We really couldn't do thing effectively for any susthing effectively for anys sus-
tained period of time," Miami
coach Pat Riley said "It was coach Pat Riley said. "It was one of those nights where our
shooters are just not makin shooters are just not making
their shots. Our offense was abysmal, which leff us with no
answer to their big offensive answer to their big offensive b
when Duncan's replacement in the third quarter, they took third-quarter buzzer. were Re starting lineup, Malik off," went down with a Pcored 10 first-half "We ran great, we were
Rgressive," Johnson said. "We sprained right ankle. He points as San Antonio led 45. seemed to have more energy.
missed the remainder of the 32 at halftime. game.
"Me remainder of the
In the second half, Miami many wins as we can with this "Malik is not in good shape," could get no closer than 13 energy because wins are hard Popovich said. "We'll have to points. San Antonio took a 74 $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { get it looked at, but , he'll } \\ \text { probably be out a while." }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}52 \text { lead into the fourth quarter } \\ \text { as Antonio Daniels connected }\end{array}\end{array}$ San Antonio, which never
trailed, led $24-12$ after the
first quarter as Miami man-
aged to shoot only 6 -of- 23 . aged to shoot only 6 -of-23.
"When they disrupt what When they disrupt what
you want to do and take you
out of your game plan you have to find your shots,", Riley have
"When they smell When they smelled blood in

## Mavericks fall to 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Dallas coach Don Nelson
wâsn't buying the possibility the Mavericks would not have toface Allen Iverson.
"Oh, we didn't believe that for a minute," Nelson said for a minute, Nelson said
about Iverson's questionable status for Tuesday's game. "Not that he doesn't have a
sore shoulder, but I figured if sore shoulder, but I figured if
he showed up, he'd be the usual Iverson, and he was." Iverson, playing with a
partially tora rotator cuff, partially torn rotator cuff,
made 15 of 18 shots and scored made 15 of 18 shots and scored
35 points as the Philadelphia 76 ers beat the Mavericks 106 The All-Star guard was
listed as day-to-day with the listed as day-to-day with the
right shoulder injury, but he right shoulder injury, but he
had no doubt he would be able
to play. ${ }^{\text {to }}$ "Ilay been playing with this injury, but I don't make
excuses," said Iverson, who
wore a bandage on his shoulwore a bandage on his shoul-
der blade. "I didn't want to tell anybody about it because I
didn't want to risk someone telling me I can't play." first quarter for 15 points. His 8 percent shooting was a
career best, surpassing a $13-$
for-19 (68 percent) performance against
December 1996. Denver in December 1996.
Asked how Dallas tried to Asked
contain Iverson, Nelson said,
"It didn't matter what the plan was. Nothing was going to
work the way we played " work the way we played."
Sixers coach Larry Brow said he was most impressed with Iverson's ability to bounce back from injury.
"He's been playing hurt
without saying anything," without saying anything,"
Brown said. "That's more impressive. Maybe he had
peace of mind with the Iverson, who originally in-
jured his shoulder in an $87-84$ 'Boys look for Sanders replacement

on Feb. 20, struggled in his
previous five games $53-42$ lead previous halftime.
Iverson w
Iverson went to the sideline with 5:41 left in the game and
did not "I don't want to see him get hurt, but he's a warrior and he
wants to play" said wants to play," said Theo
Ratliff, who had 19 points on 9 . for -10 shooting.
The Sixers The Sixers shot a season-
high 63 percent ( $46-$ for-73) high 63 percent ( 46 -for- 73 ).
Toni Kukoc had 13 points on 5 . Ton-9 Kukoc had 13 points on 5 had 11 assists, seven rebounds and six points.
Michael Finley led Dallas with 15 points. Sean Rooks
had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Dennis Rodman played just
19 minutes, 19 minutes, grabbed three
rebounds and did not attempt a shot. It was the first time
Rives named to Gatorade player list Hereford High School bas-
ketball post Chayse Rives was this past week selected by head
basketball coach Randy Dean as basketball coach Randy Dean as
a recipient of the Gatorade Will

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addition to other prizes.
Rives will also be eligible to win a $\$ 1000$ college scholareship
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## BUSH-WHACKED

8Republican rivals turn
attention toSuper Tuesday
afterBush swept primaries
in Virginia, Washington and
caucus in North Dakota The Associated Press Gov. George W. Bush. and
Sen. John McCain turned their Republican hostilities toward de main event - Super Tues
day - after the Texas governor won a three-state parlay recapture the lead in the
truggle for the GOP dential nominat
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road campaigning, nd posted rival
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tests ahead. eests ayead. Saying, he
not going to res yet, Bush told
ABC's Morning America" hat candidates ke McCain who se name-calling


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sweet victory," Gorer said in in
conference call to his Wa ington supporters. "We climbed nother mountain tonight." in Vish outdistanced McCain districts reporting, Bush had
6,865
votes, or 76 percent nd McCain had 1,717 vercest
oves 19 percent. Keyes had 481 otes, or 5 percent.
In Washington state, with 98 percent of preceincts, report-
ing, Bush had 214,611 votes. or 58 percent, and McCain
had 141,151 votes. or 38 per cent. Keyes had 8,955 votes The column that counts is
delegate strength and Bush
regained the lead McCain held regane, Bush won all 56 del-
briefly .
egate in Virginaa. and 14 in
North Dakota, where McCain North Dakota, where McCain
got four and Keyes one He
led for seven of the 12 at stake in Washington, McCain
for 5. The states. other 25 in Washington's non-binding
Democratic primary, Al Gor (left) overwhelmed rival Bill Bradiey
get hurt at the polls. Vice President AI Gore re-
buffed Bill Bradley's last-chancer id for headway in his falter-
ng challenge before Demo${ }^{2} \mathrm{ng}$ chic contests before Demonext Tuesday that could de cide who wins that nomina-
ion. Gore won overwhelmingly in Washington state's primary, gaining no delegates but denyng his rival any basis on $\checkmark$ In Virginia, parth all of the precincts reporting, Bush had
350,185 votes, or 53 percent 350,185 votes, or 53 percent
and MeCain had 290,779 , or
44 percent 44 percent. Alan Keyes had 20,294 votes, or 3 percent. 42 to Bradley's 27 . virginia's was an open-to-alt Bathey spent two-thirds of the vote and ral. lied overwhelmingly to Bush
as they have in earlier co tesfs, an exit poll showed.

## COMICS

The Wizard of Id


## Blondie



## Beetle Bailey



ST. LOUIS (AP) to court Reform Party mem- conservative commentator residential Party bers, but in a meeting with "I'm a traditional Catholic, and
 Buchanan has come to George
W. Bush's defense, saying he is being unfairly targeted in a
"religious war" within the Re "religious war within the Re
publican Party, family in politics for almost the entire decade of the 1990 s ,"
Buchanan said Tuesday "Let Buchanan said Tuesday. "Let
me say there is not a shred or iota of bias or bigotry or antiCatholic bigotry in any mem-
ber of the Bush family." The former Repubican
Bush has been unfairly critid. Bush has been unfairly criti-
cized for his appearance at cized for his appearance at
Bob Jones University, a South Bob Jones University, a South
Carolina school accused of religious bigotry. Speaking to students does not mean a person accepts the school's th
logical beliefs, he said "How do I know that? Because I've spoken twice from
the same podium at Bob Jones the same podium at Bob Jones
University," said Buch Sen. John McCain, Bush' rival for the Republican presi dential nomination, has criticized the Texas governor for
appearing at the school and appearing at the school and
not denouncing its views McCain also used a telephone campaign to link Bush to anti Bush has apologized for what Be says was a "missed oppor
mity" he says
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## TELEVISION

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## LTHURSDAY




## 'GRANNYD'

Great-grandmother, 90 , wallks across the country in fight for campaign finance reform

90-year-old great-grandmother who walked 3,000 miles across the United States to fight for
campaign finance reform got a little help in the end Three members of Congress aided Doris "Granny D" Had-
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tol, saying they
wanted wanted to support
her her on the final leg of her trip be-
cause of her extraordinary efforts to draw attention to an issue they've championed
several years.
 which languished after being
filibustered in the last session. The House passe
ion bill last year "I really believe this is the kind of symbol of commitment that an individual American
 Haddock's final steps Tues-
Ky., to end their opposition
day marked the completion of a 14-month journey that b

nize what Ap, America, recogyour what is happening to your country and do som The trio of lawmakers and Reps. Christopher Shay, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass. - blamed their colleagues for "taking away the
country and the elections from the people."
Feingold and presidential
candidate candidate Sen. John McCain R-Ariz, are co-sponsors of a
campaign finance reform bill

Lott responded by saying that if someone walked across the country, he expected "you'
talk about something that would affect people more directly" like education, or Social Security.
Later in the day, police ar-
rested 16 people who were rested 16 people who were
demonstrating for campaign finance reform inside the Capi-
nol, said t . Dan Nichols, Capitol, said Lt. Dan Nichols, Capi-
tol police spokesman. The demtol police spokesman. The dem-
onstrators chanted and unonstrators chanted and un-
furled banners demanding public funding for elections. They were charged with
demonstrating within the Capidemonstrating
tol building.

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - Here's how to work it:
AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, $A$ is used apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. CRYPTOQUOTE
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moltd mowm zisxr cis
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CIJYRXZG. - KIRO NLZZLTDR Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MANNERS ARE PRETTY CAN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING. - EVELYN WAUGH

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## FUTURES OPTONS




Digging up highway - A bulldozer begins to remove subsoil the Texas Department of Transportation rehabilitation project. The from the southbound lanes of U.S. 385 (North 25 Mile Avenue) project is expected to take about 15 months and will be done in near the Northgate Plaza shopping center. The work is part of 600 -foot increments.

## Classes closed after student killed

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

MOUNT MORRIS TOWN. SHIP, Mich. - Classes were canceled today at the school where a 6 -year-old girl was atally shot by a fellow firstgrader, a boy who is by far
the youngest suspect in the nation's growing list of vioent attacks.
Authorities were trying to
sort out how the boy, also 6 got the .32 -caliber handgun got the pulcal from his pants
that he pulled and turned on his classmate Tuesday morning - and
"His actions were naughty in his mindset," said Genesee

## City

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said.
After the samples are analyzed, the city will know how to If the city does nater treatment plant project, Nolen said lagoons at the treatment plant, Nolen said there will be substantial savings when the city begins work on the facility, which is not in compliance with state regulations.
In December, Nolen sent a letter to state regulators explaining the commissioners are reviewing recommendation about how to bring the
state standards.
Nolen's letter also notified the TNRCC that the city
commissioners are reviewing the engineer's plans and will commissioners are reviewing the engineer's plans and will
select one for implementation. The city's wastewater treatment plant doesn't meet state bring the plant into compliance.
The city's engineer, Oller Engineering Inc., developed rec ommendations to bring the plant up to the TNRCC standards. The recommendations range from adding new treatment unit The estimated cost of the recommendations range from a
low of $\$ 1.4$ million for the minimal work required to mee low of $\$ 1.4$ million for the minimal work required to mee
state standards to $\$ 6.1$ million for construction of a new plant. state standards to $\$ 6.1$ million for construction of a new plant.
The city has about $\$ 1.2$ million available for the project. In The city has about $\$ 1.2$ million avaliable for che rized 10 -percent increases in water/sewer rates for three years,
with the extra revenue to be set aside for improvements to the the three and inases went int aging facility. The
effect last summer

Busch. "What he understood ping the government's emer-
he did is another matter."
Kayla Rolland died a half.
gency oil stockpile as a way to
force down prices. hour after she was shot in the
neck at Buell Elementary School. Busch said there may Schoo. Busch said there may
have been "some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ between the two a day earlier
in which one slapped the other in which one slapped the other.
The boy, who has not been identified by authorities, was questioned and released. Po lice said he would be put in
state custody. tate custody.
The boy lived with his
mother, a man described as an uncle and a younger sibling, Busch said. The boy's father is serving time in the
county jail, but Busch said he county jail, but Busch said he
didn't know what he was charged with.
Clinton may Clinton may try to turn back oil price increases WASHINGTON - Faced
with lawmakers irate over the with lawmakers irate over the soasoline, the Clinton adminis gasoine, the Clinton adminis
tration is edging closer to tap
gency oil stockpile as a way to
force down prices.
Administration officials, who Administration officials, who
until recently have steadfastly intil recently have steadfastly used from the emergency reserve to manipulate prices emthasized that no decision has yet been made on a re
But President Clinton made clear Tuesday that he has not ruled out using some of the nearly 600 million gallons of the Gulf Coast to try to ease tight supplies and drop price that have hovered around $\$ 30$ a barrel.
"I have not taken the pe troleum reserve issue off the such a release of oil a possibility "in the event that we dont seem to have any other
options" to get gasoline prices to retreat. Energy Secretary Bill
Richardson Richardson was expected to
face sharp questioning from lawmakers today about the
administration's plans for deal ing with soaring oil costs when
he appears before the House he appears before the House
International Relations Committee.
Richardson returned on Tuesday from a weeklong trip that took him to Mexico, the
Persian Gulf and Europe, in Persian Gulf and Europe, in
cluding visits with oil minis. ters in Saudi Arabia and Ku wait, where oil production levels and world prices were the
center of discuswion Some oil producers, includ
ing Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, indicated that they were ready to boost production, but the yet to be determined. The yet to be determined. The tailed production a year ago boost prices, were to meet later this month t.
production strategies.

British ist names 350 art treasures possibly looted LONDON - Britain's mu seums have joined more than 40 countries trying to return rtworks stolen by Nazi loot ers, but rightful owners may
till face an uphill task estab lishing claims to the master
A British tribunal set up to A British tribunal set up to
nediate ownership disputes won't be legally binding, and court claims may be throw out if the art was acquired in ood faith at least six year Arts minister Alan Howarth said the problem is further omplicated because current posing of art held in trust for he nation.
"Just as it was wrong to take paintings off Jewish eople in the circumstances of
the Nazi era, so it would be wrong without a proper basis of evidence to take painting ff the national collections which are held for the public
benefit," Howarth said a Britbeneft, Howarth said a Brit-
ish Broadcasting Corp. interview. On Tuesday, British mu-
seum directors published on eum directors published on
the Internet a list of 350 art reasures in 10 major muse ums that might have been stolen by the Nazis during
World War II. The National Museum D rectors' Conference hopes to discover whether the works which include paintings by ablo Pica suo, Claude Mone and Auguste Renoir - once victims of Adolf Hitler's GerThe items, estimated to worth tens of millions of dol lars, have "gaps or question marks" over their history be ween 1933 and 1945, when the Nazis oversaw the looting
of hundreds of thousands of of hundreds of thousand

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## SLEEPOVERS

Inside

Fund-raisers who assisted Bush get to stay overnight in mansion

WASHINGTON (AP)
ight fund-raisers who helped George $\$ 70$. Bush amass a record $\$ 70$ million for his Re.
publican presidential bid stayed at least one night in the Texas governor's mansion during the past year, records show.
The Bush campaign says the fund-raisers included a cousin, a fellow governor and six friends. It disomissed any sug. gestion that the Texas gover-
nor used overnight stays like nor used overnight stays like
President Clinton used the Lincoln Bedroom to reward big Democratic donors in the last election. At the time,
Bush's father, former Presi: dent George Bush, criticized Clinton for the White House sleepovers.
The donor
The donors, who included
Bush's chief fund-raiser seven "pioneers" who raised at least \$ 100,000 each, accounted for a quarter of the 31 over-
night visitors that Bush night visitors that Bush enter-
tained at the Austin, Texas mansion since Jan. 1, 1999, according to records released at the request of The Associ-
ated Press. gove
The governor and Mr
Bush always enjoy having fam ily and longtime friends sisit them at their home," cam.
 the eight also had stayed at the mansion prior to 1999 when Bush began his presi-
dential bid.

## Construction spending shoots up by 27 percent

Spending on construction projects shot up by 2.7 percent in January, the biggest
increase in nearly two years, and the manufacturing sector grew solidly in February.
The reports released today The reports released today suggest, the rip-roaring
economy started the first quar ter with plenty of momentum. The Commerce Department reported that construction spending surged to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of
$\$ 751.8$ billion, an all-time-high monthly level. The jump was led by substantial increases in spending on housing, commer-
cial buildings and big government projects.
The National Association of Purchasing Management said the manufacturing economy higher than the previous
month. The industry group
also reported rising prices of two more shots across the
raw materials and increased bow to get back to On Wall SStreet, the Dow
Dorrowing cost Jones was down around 30 points in morning trading and index soared at record levels up 60 points.
While the While the manufacturing re-
port added to inflation jitters port added to inflation jitters,
the purchasing group said its
members were worried members were worried that them from passing along higher prices to consumers. up momentum and gathered ahead in the coming month said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Research would justify more than one interest rate increase by the
Federal Reserve before midyear to slow red-hot growth

## Court rejects early release

WupremingTon (AP) - The sessing and intending to disSupreme Court today made it tribute cocaine and use of a
more difficalt for convicted firearm during a drug-traffickcriminals to cut short their terms of supervised release
after they leave prison, even if they should have been set free earlier
The justices, voting unanimously in a Michigan case, must spend on supervised release generally begins the day they leave prison, not any ear-
lier date they should have been freed. $\underset{\text { Kennedy, writing for the court, }}{\text { Jnthon }} \mathrm{M}$. said federal law makes clear that a term of supervised resomeone "is released from imprisonment."
"To say (someone) was released while still imprisoned word intends to convey," he said. "The statute, by its own operation, does not reduce the
length of a supervised release length of a supervised release
term by reason of excess time served in prison."
The decision, which resolved conflicting rulings by federal appeals courts, was a defat
for Roy Lee Johnson. He wat convicted in Detroit 10 years
ago on multiple counts of posbow to get back to its desired The index of the manufacturing economy rose to 56.9
percent in February from 56.3 percent in February from 56.3
percent in January, the association said. A reading above
50 percent indicates growth in 50 percent indicates growth in
the manufacturing economy, the manufacturing economy,
and February marked the 13th
straight month of expansion straight month of expansion.
big Democratic douprs emerged
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Governo Bush's campaign and help him raise mil-
lions of dollars lions of dollars are rewarded with the kinds other citizet virtually no other citizen can enjoy."

Center for Public Integrity
Charles Lewis, director of the Center for Public Integ. rity, said there were similari-
ties betwe Clinton. "It's the same concept. The Austin and one is in Washing. ton," said Lewis, whose watchdog group first disclosed the 1996. "The average citizen does not stay overnight in the governor's mansion.
"This basically
"This basically means that the fat cats that give money
to Governor Bush's campaign to Governor Bush's campaign
and help him raise millions of dollars are rewarded with the kinds of perks that virtually no other citizen can enjoy," Clinton's frequent use of the Cincoln Bedroom to reward
big Democratic donors emerged
as a key issue in the fund-
raising scandal that exploded after his 1996 re-election. President Gouldn't do it," former after the Clinton controyersy erupted. In the Bush adminiserupted, In the Bush adminis-
tration, he said, "There was never any quid pro quo in
terms of use of the White House, staying in the White House, anything to do with that, Air Force One, Camp
David - you name it., David - you name it."
Don Evans, a close friend of the Texas governor and the national finance chairman of his presidential campaign, stayed at the mansion seven
times last year. Seven other guests were members of Bush's "pioneers," a designa-
tion meaning they tion meaning they raised at The pioneers included Don Jordan, chairman of Reliant Energy; Brad Freeman of the investment firm Freeman,
Spogli \& Co.; Texas Public Spogit \& Co.; Texas Public
Safety Commissioner Jim Francis; and Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith.
Other big fund-raiser
Other big fund-raisers to
spend at least one night at spend at least one night at
Bush's gubernatorial mansion last year included Michigan Gov. John Engler; Craig
Stapleton, a cousin and Stapleton, a cousin and execu-
tive with Marsh \& McLellan, an insurance and investment firm; and Roland Betts of the development firm Chelsea
Piers Management.


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