Raul Guerrero


## Housing

 starts upWASHINGTON (AP)
Housing construction shot up
7.1 percent in December, the 7.1 percent in December, the
biggest jump in more than a
year, despite rising mortgage year, de
rates.
The said today that builders, aided by better-than-normal weather
began work began work on new units at a
seasonally adjusted annual
rate of 1.71 million units last rate of
month.
That monthly increase in housing lysts, who were expecting
lance For all of 1999, builders
started construction on 1.66
nillion new units, up 3 per
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ y 10 percent annual gain the
year before. The 1.66 million
level was the highest since
1.80 million units were started
in 1986 In 1998, exceptionally low
nortgage rates fueled a record
ousing bo mortgage rates fueled a record
housing boom. Last year, ris-
ing mortgage rates cut into

## WORK HERE, LIVE HERE?

## Hospital district directors talk about residency requirement

## By Donald M. Cooper

 Should department heads at and one of them is ane equaltheations Hereford Regional Medical Smith County resident, then I Center be required to be resi- believe the person from the dents of Deaf Smith County? Maybe, maybe not. policy Tuesday night, the Deaf policy Tuesday night, the Deaf not believer, he said he dould be practi-
Smith County Hospital District directors questioned required because most hospiwhether HRMC management
personnel should be required personnel should be required
to reside in the county. to reside in the county.
Director Bobby Owen the most support for the residency requirement, saying he has a problem with someone
taking a salary from the county's a saxpayery from spending the money "in Amarillo." Board president Dean
Crofford asked at what level Crofford asked at what level
of management would such a
requirement become effective. requirement become effective.
James Taylor, who the board James Taylor, who the board
officially appointed interim
hospital administrator, said hospital administrator, said
there are several managers there are several managers
who do not live in Deaf Smith
County, but advised against making county residency a re quirement.
"If two individuals are
County could be impractical.
"We have

## It's THAT time of the year

By Julle L. Carison
About this time of year, people's blood pressure
rises, ulcerss begin to form, blood-shot eyes are
noticed all over town and a normally calm person
suddenly seemms insane. The only thing that could
cause these noticeable characteristics, besides road We've all seen the H\&R Block commercial which We've all seen the
tracks the father of the housenold handling the
family's taxes. Day 1, cool, calm and collected; Day 12 , asking the daughter's high school boy-
friend for advice on taxes; Day 21, looking for his pencil and seconds later throwing every pencil
within site on the ceiling; and finally Day 23, cooking on the grill and blowing it up. This
stereotype is obviously outrageous, let's hope, but stereotype is obviously outrageous, let's hope, but
still, taxes are frustrating but according to local stint taxes are frustrating but according to people be-
certined public accountants, more peope are be
coming independent and taking on the challenge of doing taxes on their own.
"I think more people are doing their own taxes. We still help out in some situations, but most
people do them themselves," Chris Leonard a CPA people McGinty \& Associates of Hereford, said.


## JAMES TAYLOR

If two individuals are applying for a position and all their qualifications are equal and one of them is a Deaf Smith County resident, then I believe the person from the county should be hired."
enue? How can we get more particularly at its various conpeople in there?" Director tracts, and review the mar-
Ernest Flood asked. Smith said the clinic per- In examining the October sonnel have begun a new pro- and November financial regram of tracking patients, do- ports for the hospital, the diing followups. $\quad$ rectors were told the hospital Larry D. Krupala, president/ finished November with a net
chief executive officer of TMSI, loss of $\$ 83,342$. In October, the management firm that has the hospital had shown a net taken over the day-to-day op- gain of $\$ 85,385$. Taylor said
erations of the hospital, said taken over the day-to-day op. gain of $\$ 85,385$. Taylor said
erations of the hospital, said,
his firm will look at the clinic,

## "Tax projections for farmers are for March 1, so

 February," Leonard said. of year - January and Greg Lake, another CPA with McGinty \& Associ ates, agreed. "Since we are a rural community, most of thepeople we deal with are farmers and their taxes are people we deal with are farmers and their taxes are
due March 1, so we started working with the due March 1 , so we started working with the
farmers' taxes back in December and will be busy with them until March 1."
Payroll now is at the top of most CPAs' to-do
"We won't even touch a tax return until Feb. 1
we are so busy doing payroll right now. Jan. 1 through April 17 is our busiest time of year,"
accountant Gayle Cotten, a partner in Cotten \& accountant Gayle Cotten, a partner in Cotten \&
Warrick accounting firm, said. Filing deadlines for various groups are staggered "In January, we have payroll; March 1 is farmers;
ner March 15 for C-corporations and April 17 for every.
one else that does not qualify in these other areas," Cotten said. Patrons can be a little less stressed this year
because Congress did not pass any new tax laws.

Vegetable producers meet here
By Dlanna F. Dandridge



Katie Skarve inoks at the exhibits.

## Gap between rich, poor families wider <br> WASHINGTON (AP) - The typi- $\begin{aligned} & \text { that the median family's net worth, } \\ & \text { cal American family enjoyed a } 17.6 \text { the midpoint for all families, rose to }\end{aligned}$

 percent rise in wealth during the $\$ 71,600$ in 1998 , up 17.6 percent from mid-1990s, reflecting a prosperous a median net worth of $\$ 60,900$ ineconomy and a booming stock mar- 1995, after adjusting for inflation. economy and a booming stock mar- $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1995, after adjusting for inflation. } \\ & \text { But families earning less than } \\ & \text { ket. } \\ & \text { But a new report from the Federal } \\ & \$ 10,000 \text { annually saw their net worth }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { But a new report from the Federal } \\ \$ 10,000 \text { annually saw their net worth } \\ \text { Reserve showed that not all income } & \text { drop by } 25 \\ \text { percent to } \\ \$ 3,600, \text { and }\end{array}$ groups shared in the good times. The
net worth of the poorest Americans, net worth of the pooresk Americans,
those earning less than $\$ 25,000$ annually, actually fell sharply during
the period. the period.
The Fed survey, released Tuesday,
Thind found that family wealth in America shows similar characteristics to per-
sonal incomes. And for many years,
personal incomes have shown a growpersonal incomes have shown a grow-
ing gap between rich and poor. Another report released Tuesday, a
study by two Washington think tanks stady earnings rather than net worth,
had similar findings. It said earnings
hat rose less than 1 percent between 1988 and 1998 for the poorest 20
percent of American families, but for percent of American families, but for
the richest 20 percent earnings
jumped 15 percent. It also found that income rose more than 10 times as
much for the richest fifh of Ameri much for the richest fifth of Ameri-
cans as for the poorest fifth. hose earning $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 24,999$ suffered a 20 percent drop in net\$worth
to $\$ 24,800$. Net worth represents a family's assets in such as bank accounts, stocks and housing, minus the family's
liabilities, covering such things as a liabilities, covering such things as a
home mortgage, car loans and credit
card debt.
The Fed survey, done every three years, is the government's most com-
prehensive look at family wealth. The new statistics were based on compre hensive interviews with 4,309 famiThe 17.6 percent increase from 1995 to 1998 in median net wealth percent rise for the three years ending in 1995 and an actual drop of 5.3 percent in family wealth for the three
years ending in 1992, when the country was struggling to recover from
the $1990-91$ recession.

## HEREFORD BRAND

## Local roundup

## Chamber-HEDC open house set

 The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Hereford and ribbon-cutting ceremony, will be the hosts of an open house The open house will be $2-4$ p.m. Sunday at the chamber building, 701 N . Main. The ribbon-eutting will be at 3 P. P.The building was expanded after the chamber and HEDC got the authorization to share office space. The HEDC office formerly was in City Hall.

January board moeting.
Hereford Independent School District board of truatcoes will
meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Administration building, 601 N .25 Mile Avenue for their regular monthly meeting. Agenda items include the discuasion and consideration of the status of 4 -H members and adjunct faculty agroement.
status obard members and adjunct facouty agreement. annual superintendent's evaluation.
Regular reports will also be heard
Regular reports will also be heard as well as recognition of the

## TBSWCD taking tree ordors

The Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District will continue taking orders fro bareroot trees and shrubs as well as potted evergreen trees for windbreak use through March 13, 2000. Delivery will be March 22
The district sponsors the
Tural landowners can obtain seedlings at a relatively low costa 80 Information about ordering the seedlings may be obtained by

Bluebonnet sells cookle dough
Bluebonnet sixth grade students are selling reseealabble 3 -pound
ubs of gourmet tookied dough. Nine flavors are available Each tub
 office until $3: 300$ p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 .
Orders should arrive and be ready for pickup after $2: 30$ on Feb.
10, $j u s t$ in time to
give fresh, home-baked 10, just in time to gid
Valentines sweetheart.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS <br> News digest

## City councilman tostifies

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - As federal prosecutors wrap up
their case against city councilman Al Lipscomb today, the 74 . their case against city councilman al Lipscomb today, the 74 .
yearo-ld civil right leader is looking forward to taking the stand in his own defense later this week. him," Lipscomb's defense attorney Billy Ravkind said Tuesday. Ravkind, however, isn't quite sure of his own persone
feelings on Lipscomb testifying. Law does not require thoser feelings on Lipscomb testifyng. Law does not reqse
charged with crimes to take the stand in their defense said. "I genuinely don't like to put clients on the stand," 'Ravkind said.
But Lipscomb wants to testify. He has maintained his innocence since being indicted and has said a jury trial is the
best way for him to prove he is innocent of the 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy the federal government has charged him with for accepting payments from Yellow Checker Cab

## Drugs at root of suspiclous blazes

 RANGER, Texas (AP) - Ask anyone in this old oil boomtown. They are sure of the motive behind a series of suapicious fires.
This is retaliation to Ranger,", said lifelong resident Tom
Adms, whose hay barn was one of nine buildings that burned in one night in this town of about 2,800 people, 80 miles west
of Fort Worth In his year as the town's police chief, Tom Million has made extra efrorts and instiled a no-tolerance policy to stop what he been uncontrolled."
Mayor Ken Parrack said Tuesday that Million and his officers have destroyed at least four drug manufacturing labs
over the past ear. ${ }^{-1}$ "The only thing that I can think of is that this is retaliation against the police deleartment and what it is doing," Parrack
siad ""hey are rebelling against him because they don't want to be put out of busine

School district approves AT\&T bld GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) - One North Texas school district a communication network built with fiber-optics The Grapevine-Colleyville the school board voted 5-1 Tuesday to approve the plan, which includes creating a system to district's schools and offices. The AT\&T bid - estimated to be worth at least $\$ 5$ million

- spurred some trustees to complain they didn't have enough information to make a decision, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram


## Dallas oll firm adde Afrlcan coast

 up driuling at a major oil find off the coast of Africe With governmental approvals in hand, Dallas-based Triton said Tuesday it was contracting a second deepwater rig tospeed exploration and development drilling at its La Ceiba speed exploration and development drild That would allow it to drill up to 10 wells this year,
according to Triton president and CEO James C. Muselman. "The idee of giong to two rigs is to accecerate the exploration schedule we have, Musselman told The Dallas Morning News. In October, Triton hit a gusher on the New York Stock
Exchange after announcing the La Ceiba find, which had Exchange arter announcing the
reserves of 300 million to 500 million barrels.









## Just visiting



Northern vislters .- A flock of nearly 30 Canadian geese stopped at the Hereford Aquatic Center pond geese stayed as long as they did, but determined the geese's hunger overcame their fear of humans.

## NTSB investigates common drugs

Over-the-counter medications may contribute to fatal a ident numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) Drug store cold remedies and prescription painkillers can
cause even the safest drivers to nod off. Federal safety officials want to produce a list of pills that can be safely popped by people who drive
trains, boats and buses. Pilots killed in plane crashes
already are routinely tested already are routinely tested
for prescription and for prescription and over-the-
counter drugs that can impair counter drugs that can impair
driving. Now, the National driving. Now, the National
Transportation Safety Board
wants testing done on opera-
tors involved in fatal crashes of trucks on the freeway, freight and passenger trains,
boats and buses traveling in and out of town.
"Since 1987, the safety board has investigated over
100 accidents in all modes of 100 accidents in all modes of passenger transportation that
involved prescription or over the-counter medications whose effects could potentially imNTSB said in issuing its safety recommendation.
That happened June 20, 1998, when a bus traveling along the Pennsylvania Turn-
pike hit a parked tractortrailer. Seven people died and 18 were injured. The alertness of the driver was hampered
by an antihistamine he was taking to fight chronic sinus problems, the safety board said HEREFORD BRAND
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MARIA ALCANTARA TIJERINA Services for Maria Alcantara Tijerina, 76, of Hereford will Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating and Deacon Jesse Guerrero of San Jose Catholic Church assisting. Buria will
be in St. Anthony's Catholic be in St. Anthony's Catholic
Cemetery under the direction of Colonial Funeral Chapel. Vigil services will be 7 p.m.
Wednesday at the GilillandWednesday at the Gililland-
Watson Funeral Home.
Mrs. Tijerina died Monday Mrs. Tijerina diede. Monday
in a Lubbock hospital. in a Lubbock hospital.
She was born May 15, 1923, in Asherton. She married Asherton. She moved to Hereford in 1958 from Carrizo
Springs. Mrs. Tjerin was Springs. Mrs. Tijerina was a homemaker and a member of
San Jose Catholic Church and Eva Curziesta
Survivors include one daugh-
ter, Mary Lou Perez ter, Mary Lou Perez of HereTijerina, Jr. of Amarillo George A. Tijerina, Gene A.
Tijerina both of Hereford and Tjerina both of Hereford and
Joe A. Tijerina of Santa Bar-
bara, Calif.; 12 grandchildren;


17 great-grandchildren by her husband and one son.

WANDA FAE ADCOCK CRAWFORD
MEMPHIS ... Services for
Wanda Fae Adcock Crawford, 75, of Memphis, will be 2 p.m. Thursday in First United
Methodist Church with Rev Neely Landrum officiating.
Burial will be in Firvion Cemetery under the direction Mrs. Crawford died Tuesday. She was born in Denton and
lived in Hall County for 62 and member of the United
Methodist Church and the American Legion Ladies AuxSurvivors include her husband, Samuel Crawford; two
sons, John Crawford of Memphis and Carrol Wayne
Crawford of Levelland; five daughters, Rena Gonce of
Hereford, Sue Lynn Roberts of Dianna, Wanda Bennett of Rankin, Rhonda Gerald and Sharon Armstrong, both of
Memphis; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Texas lottery

## The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by

 the Texas Lottery: $\mathbf{7 - 1 5 - 2 9 - 3 3 - 3 9}$Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 num-
ers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-9-5
face transportation accidents
in citing causes of the crash.
In aviation, prescription and In aviation, prescription and
over-the-counter drugs contrib-over-the-counter drugs contrib-
uted to 84 of 4,840 fatal plane accidents - about 2 percent that occurred between 1987 and 1996, the board said. More plane accidents. One on Feb. 4, 1995, involved a Cessna 150 that Arnaudville, La., slid into water and sank. The safety board cited the pilot's use of Valium, a tranquilizer and muscle re-
laxant, as a factor in the crash laxant, as a factor in the crash jured a passenger.
The safety board's recom-
meadation does not include mendation does not include au-
tomobiles However, National Highway
Traffic Safety Administration estimates that Administration mobout 3 to 4 percent of motor vehicle accidents - oc cur each year as a result of
drivers falling asleep behind
the wheel What the wheel. While not directly linked to prescription or over-
the-counter drugs, NHTSA says the accidents, which in-
volve motorcycles to 18 -wheelers, cause 76,000 injuries and 1,500 deaths each year. portation Department, who deportation Department, who de-
clined to be identified, said Tuesday that the department was concerned about the side effects of prescription and nonprescription medications and
was reviewing the NTSB recommendation.
He said the
He said the department has
initiated inf initiated informational campaigns on the problem and
already does extensive tests for illicit drugs. $\qquad$

## HEREFORD BRAND

## Emergency services

Activities reported by
emergency services personnel emergency services personnel
for Jan. 18, 2000, include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests
arrested in the 400 block of
Avenue arrested in the 400 block of
Avenue F and charged with Potter County warrants and theft. Incidents

- Forgery was reported in the
500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- A report of a dangerous dog
running loose was made in the 300 block of Avenue J.
- A pedestrian versus vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Austin. No serious injuries were reported.


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## LIFESTYLES

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## Ann Landers


rather just clean off as much
window space as is necessary to see out of, but that's not enough. As you drive, the snow off your roof blows onto
the windshield of the car bethe windshield of the car be-
hind you, temporarily creating hazardous conditions. Other drivers cannot see your brake
lights or turning signals, and lights or turning signals, and
have no idea where you are have no or if you are stopping.
going, or going, or if you are stopping.
Pedestrians are at risk because you cannot see them out your snow-covered side win-
dows; you could hit a young dows; you could hit a you
child without realizing it. Even though it's cold outside, please take a few extra
minutes and clean your car minutes and clean your car
completely. You could save completely. You could save
some lives. - A Mom in Canada
Canada Ann Landorst I am having a problem with my fu-
ture mother-in-law. I was raised in the South, but my girlfriend is from the Midwest. Where I come from, it is considered extremely rude to
walk into someone else's house waik int someone elses house
without knocking on the door or ringing the bell. When my girlfriend's mother insisted on
dropping in unexpectedly we dropping in unexpectedly, we
were forced to lock our doors at all times. Now, she peeks in the windows.
Do you have any sugges tions other than wiring the
doorknobs and windows with dealthy dose of electricity? Mike in Nebraska
sounds as if you Although it sounds as if you wouldn't mind law, it isn't necessary. Keep your doors and windows locked as a precaution against any
and all intruders. This is sim. and all intruders. This is sim
ply common sense. Curtains ply common sense. Curtains
or blinds will keep your mother-in-law from peeking in
your windows whether you are your windows whether you are home or not. There are also
window coverings that allow you to see out but prevent
others from seeing in. Check out your options.
"A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the per
fect little gift for that special fect little gift for that special someone who is impossible to
buy for. Send a self-addressed, buy for. Send a self-addressed
long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for $\$ 5.25$ (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o
Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562 Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562
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The Women's Center of the cer Center and Baptist/St Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screenng at South Plains Health
Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on Feb. 11.

Participants will receive low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruc registered nurse.
A minimum of 15 women the mobile register in order for clinic to come to area towns


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## Popcorn makes pleasing snack

By Donna Erickson around the popcorn along edges
When friends and family of the baking dish. Bake in oven gather around the television to watch the Super Bowl, pass the popcorn for a crowd-pleasing
snack! This version with a Southwest twist can be assembled ahead of time with the kids. When guests arrive,
pop it in the oven and serve. pop it in the ove
You'll need:
10 cups popped popeorn
$1 / 2$ cup grated Monterey Jack
and $1 / 2$ cup grated cheese and $1 / 2$ cup grated
$3-2-1$ popcorn flavoring to
3ene taste (see recipe below) or use aco seasoning mix 10 oz. package tortilla chips
1 cup salsa
Spread poporn into an
andinch baking dish. Sprinkle 3-2-1 flavoring dish. Sprinkle he popeorn. Place tortilla chip
round the popcorn along edge
the baking dish. Bake in ove at 350 degrees for 2.3 minutes, until cheese is melted. Remove from oven, garnish with chopped
scallions, set a bowl of salsa in scallions, set a bowl of salsa in
the center of the dish and serve. Tip: Make a mold for the salsa bowl by pressing the bowl
into the popcorn in the baking into the popcorn in the baking
dish. Remove the bowl and then place the baking dish in the place
oven.
3-2-1 Popcorn Flavoring 3 tablespoons white cheddar
cheese powder
2 tablespoons chill powder 1 tablespoon cumin powder
Combine the ingredients and pour into a clean spice jar. Write to Donna and share your favorite family activities at
her new Web site: her new Web site
www.donnasday.com.

At the Center Senior
Citizens

## MIENUS THURSDAY-Polish sausage, cheese grits, stewed tomatoes, cheese grits, stewed tomatoes, carrot and raisin salad, banana

 pudding; or chictaFRIDAY-Fried fish with
FRID lemon wedge, scalloped potatoes, buttered mixed greens,
coleslaw, lemon ice box pudding: or cook's choice, carrots, D'zerta pudding,
MONDAY-Salisbury steak, baked potato with sour cream,
buttered peas-carrots, pickled buttered peas-carrots, pickied
beets salad, ice cream with fruit toppinge or fish sherbet.
TUESDAY-Roast beef TUESDAY-Roast beef with
gravy, mashed potatoes, picklesgravy, mashed potatoes, pickles-
onions, black-eyed peas, rosy applesauce, brownies; or smothered pork chops.
WEDNESDAY-siced WEDNESDAY-SIIced ham,
great northern beans, spinach, great northern beans, spinach,
garden salad, Jello cubes with topping; or chicken breast, seasoned carrots.
ACTIVITIES uilting 9 a.m. -3 p.m., exercise class $10.10: 45$ a.m., oil painting a-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. 3 p.m., line dance $10-11$ a.m.,Thrift Store open 9 a.m. -5
p.m. MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. -3 p.m.,.line dance
 quilting $9 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{m} .3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , exercise
class $10-10: 45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .$, Beltone 10 class 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10
a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis noon.
WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. -3 p.m., ceramics oon-4p,m.,Thrift Store open 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

## Low cost breast cancer screenings available at local health care provider

All exams are done by ap-
pointment only.
This clinic is available only This clinic is available only
to women who need financial to women who need financial assistance. Funding is avail.
able through the Texas De. tio
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Telluride, Bushwacker, Mica Crystal \& Amy Jo Gladstone Drighton Shoes Buy 1 Pair, Get 1 Pair FREE 20\% OFF All Other Bxighton - Belts, Billfolds, Purses, -- Watches \& Jewelry

## Sale Now In Progress

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partment of Health for Texas
residents who qualify for aslance.


## Mid-Winter Sale <br> Yicaras

## 50\% OFF

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## In Crust We Trust Honoring homemade pie as American art form

BOULDER, Colo. Who doesn't love piop For ar deessert so popular, you'd think ples would repertoire.
Not at al according to the
National Pie Day Committee, a Boulder, Colo. Cased group
devoted to honoring the devoted to honoring the
homemade ple as an American art form. quite competent suffier from the prospect of creating a simple
pastry crust,' John Lehndorff, committee member, said. year, the committee promotes cealebbation of National Promote Day
he sidid he sid.
We encourage all Americans to eat pie, make ple, share pie with their ramilies and friendi, have pie eating contentat,(eponsor) our American ple heritage, Leindorff said,
Following are some pie baking
tips from the National Ple Day ommittee.
Class pie plates work best. -Prevent an unbaked pie shell pricking the pastry bakes by team to escape after it has been placed in the pie pan. one-crust plies with the filling baked in the shell (such as pumpkin or pecan), because the during baking.
${ }^{-}$Pres containing egge should be refrigerated.
unbaked or baked be frozen unbaked shells will keep two months and baked shells four months. To thaw baked pie room temperature or heat in 350 . degree oven about 6 minutes. Do not thaw unbaked shells; immediately bake - Baked pies can be frozen They are easiest to wrap if frozen or placed in plastic freezer tight1. or placed in plastic freezer bag
Bake pies before freezing Brevent soggy crusts or possible texture breakdown of raw fruit. Frozen baked pies will keep upt
four months. - To serve frozen two-cru pies, unwrap and thaw at room temperature 1 hour. Heat in 375 degree oven on lowest rack fo To assist cooks who suffer from "crust-o-phobia," the pie day committee offers this prescription for a step-by-step tutorial. These recipe.
Pastry for 2-Cruast Pie

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
5 to 6 tablespoons cold water - Measure correctly. Cut the shortening into the flour using
two knives. With the blade almost touching each other move knives back and forth in opposite directions in a parallel motion. It's the "cutting in" of the gives pastry its flaky texture Using a pastry blender or an electric machine will result in tough pastry.
shortening should be in little the shortening should be in little pea-
sized chunks. Then add water, a few tablespoons at a time, and ACS needs local drivers
The Deaf Smith County Socety is currently seeking drivers for its "Road to Recovery, ${ }^{\text {which }}$ provides patients.
Volunteers will receive som training and can be reimburse for their mileage. Information transportation or anyone interested in volunteering
available by calling 364-7200.

## Trust.

A child shows it instinctively with its
first faltering steps. Over the years,
 only to special friends.


Crustless ple - Even competent cooks can suffer from "crust-0-phobia" when faced with making a pastry crust. Pies
like the Butternut Brownie Pie shown above, which does not require a pastry crust, can provide a solution for these cooks.
mix the dough with a fork. You fried, they are made by folding a want it so that it can be gathered circle of dough over a filling to nto a ball but not so moist that it form a hair-moon shape. About sticks to everything. Shape into a onto a flour-covered surface. Dust the rolling pin and your hands with flour. Roll in all directions from the center ccassionally making a quarter
turn even thickness, lift the rolling pin as it approaches the edge.

- After rolling it out, you'll
want to shape it into a circle. $\mathrm{D}_{0}$ want to shape it into a circle. Do need to roll it out some more. Place a pie plate over the circle to determine if you've rolled enough. slightly beyond the plate. Fold dough into quarters and place in pie plate.
- Unfold dough in plate and use your hands to shape it into place. edge by about a half:inch. Place filling in the crust.
-Add the second crust for a
two-crust pie. Pinch the top and wo-crust pie. Pinch the top and Then take a fork and seal the edges of the crust by holding the fork on the edge - with the fork
tines toward the center-and pul tines toward the center - and pull
toward the outside while pressing down firmly. Add steam vents with a knife and cover the cru edges with tin foil to preven
over-browning. Remove tin foil for the last 15 minutes of baking Not all pies come in a shallow round dish with a crust on the
bottom, filling on top and a acallop of dough around the perimete Other tasty variations include: Bettys-Layers of sweetened and spiced fruit and
bread cubes or crumbs Cobblers-Deep-dish pie with a thick crust and sweetened fruit filling.
Crisps or crumbles. Sweetened fruit topped with a crumbly shortbread pastry.
Empanadas - Smali made by folding a circle of dough over a filling to form a half-moon
Hand pies - Also known as
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Butternut Brownie Pie 4 extra large egg whices, at
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$1 / 8$ teaspoon baking powder 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar 14 graham cracker squares, broken into $1 / 2$-inch pieces 1 cup pecan pieces
1 cup whipping cream $1 / 2$ teaspoon vanilla
chopped pecans

1. Heat oven to 300 degrees Lightly grease 9 -inch pie plate. 2. In large mixing bowl, bea egg whites and baking powder
until soft peaks form. Add cream of tartar, beating constantly. Add 1 cup of the sugar, a tablespoon a a time, beating constantly until stiff peaks form. Using rubber and pecan pieces. Spoon into pie
2. Bake 30 mitutes or until 3. Bake 30 minutes or until
wooden pick inserted in center wooden pick inserted in center
comes out clean. Cool completely on wire cooling rack.
3. In chilled small bowl using chilled beaters, beat cream just until begins to thicken. Add

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reat. Top pie with whipped reffigerate until served. Tips for beaten egg white: eparate eggs carefully. A single whites from forming stiff peaks. Eggs are easier to separate when
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Lemon Icebox Pie 1 can (14
condensed milk
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extra large eggs, separated 1 teaspoon grated lumon $1 / 4$ cup granulated sugar ${ }^{\text {1 }}$

## crust

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1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In medium bowl, combine
3. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
4. In medium bowl, combine milk, egg yolks, lemon juice and emon peel. Mix until, well
blended. Pour into crust. 3. Bake 5 minutes. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.
5. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
6. In large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add
sugar, a tablespoon at a time sugar, a tablespoon at a time,
beating constantly until stiff peaks form. Spread over filing to edge of crust.
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$1 / 3$ cup butter or margarine, melted
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$1.1 / 4$ cups flaked coconut
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and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into pie shell.
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## SPORTS

## Taking a bite out of opponents

$\square$ Running Herd gets another district blowout win against Borger, 82-48

From Staffrepor
BORGER hitefaces took it on the road or their first district road me of the season.
And like their district opener against Pampa, they won in a very dominant fashion, showng everyone they are for real.
Cody Hodges led all scorer with 28 points as the White aces trounced the Borger Bulldoga, 82-48 on Tuesday night. Hodges began his scoring with two 2 -pointers, but eigh points by Chayse Rives in the rat period put the Whiteface on top,
Hodges kept pouring the ball the basket as he added another eight points in the

Lady Whitefaces run away from close game, defeat Borger, 49-39

Brom StaffReporto The Lady Whitefaces used ady Whitefaces added another win Thesday night. Lady Bulldogs of Borger were the victims by being $49-39$ losers at heir home court.
In a low scoring affair, the most of the way with lead Lady Bulldogs keeping the acore close throughout the secnd half.
After the Lady Whitefaces 14-12 lead, Borger came back In the socond atange to outscore the Lady Whitefaces 9.8. Despite that Borger run,
Hereford led $22-21$ at half-

## time. <br> Knight's Indiana Hoosiers beat Alford's lowa Hawkeyes, 74-71

Dy Stove Morman BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) from Bob Knight's grasp, Steve Alford still has the jitters in Assembly Hall.
"To walk out there and see a sea of red and hear the figh said 'Tuesday night after a 74. 71 loss to Knight's 11 th-ranked Hoosiers. "This is a special place. Basketball is very spe
cial at this institution. It gave me chills seeing Indiana on the chest again, because I re nember what it was like."
So did the 17,000 fans.
So did the 17,000 fans. Indiana history, Alford returned o what once was his home arena for the first time as an opposing coach. He and his est reports of a rift between them, blaming failures to apeak on missed opportunities rather than ill feelings, but the pregame exchan Instead of coming out from the hallway to the Indian ocker room, Kngh waike onto the court from the vis. ather and assistant coach Sam, on the back and then player. Alford said. "Everything he does he doess with class, and that was one of them. I really broke the ice and made things more comfortable for both of In other games infolving ranked teams Tuesday, it was
No. 16 Tennessee 81 , No. 9 Florida 79 in double overtime; Seton Hall 78, No, 19 St. John's $70 ;$ and Virginia 87, Knight and Alford had not talked since Alford became the coach at lowa last spring, not even at the Big Ten preseason
media day in Chicago. Despite the coaches' amigame, the postgame press con"If Alford wants to sit dow and talk to me instead of holding press conference about a lot of bull, I'll be glad and explain things to him little bit," an irritated Knight said after the game. "If that's what in fact he wants to do,
instead of going through a lot of bull in press conferences. "That's enough," the Indiana coach told reporters. ' I 'm going to leave this one com-
ment: Alford has never aske me to do anything that haven't done. Period. And I'm a little bit tired of the bul that's attached to this.
derstand that I've coached thousand games in my career and the only ones that I renember that are any different heartbreaking losses we've had. And it's only different because of what happened in the game. mish somebody wout
may that." Then minutes after Knigh left his postgame news conferonce, he walked back in the "Why didn't I talk to him at the BIg Ten meeting? There were 10 other coaches there and I didn't get a chance to speak to seven of them. Six talk to." Alford, too, saw little signifficance in their long silence. "It's been a whirlwind for juat haven't had a chance to talk."
Before the game, the fans gave Alford a standing ova tion. At the end, the cheers Guyton, who scored 25 and 20 points for Indiana (14-2, 4-1 Big Ten)

There were 10 lead changes In the second half before a ahead for good at 66.65 . The Hoosiers pushed the lead to six points before a free throw and 3-pointer by Dean Oliver
pulled Iowa (7-9, 1-4) within pulled lowa (7-9, 1-4) withi Lynn Washington finished Indiana's scoring with a free and a 3 -point attempt by lowa' Rob Griffin was off the rim at the buzer.
"They did a good job of just staying there, making ${ }^{\text {It }}$ think we played particularly well, but the other guy always has something to do with that. "I thought their effort was better than ours."
points and Griffin added 18 "There was way too much attention put on two coaches, Alford said, "Both teams com... There were too many posi tives to get us down. Nobody dislikes losing more than me,
but I know we got beat by a but I know we got beat by a
very good team in a game very good team in a game
that had a lot of hype, a lot of attention."

## 9th Boys hoops

 teams get winsFrom Staffreport
The Hereford $9^{\text {th }}$ grade boys basked to win teams con sweep of Borger on Monday The ' $A$ ' team defeated the Bulldogs 60-52. Barret Abernathy led the team with ${ }^{16}$ points ' $B$ '
Borger, 80-60. Raul Delgado led the Herd with 28 points. She ' $A$ ' return to action visit Dumas. The ' $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ team will host Amarillo High at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24.


## Rockets upset Trailblazers, 90-89

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Rockets saw their throws that tied the score at 84-84 followed by a layup and a they needed." present and future against the Portland Trail Blazers.
Steve Francis had 26 points and 12 assists and fellow rookie Kenny Thomas had career highs with 22 points and 14 rebounds Tuesday night as the Rockets won their fourth straight game, ${ }^{90-89}$ over Portland.
Hakeem Olajuwon played before the home crowd for the Hakeem Olajuwon played before the home crowd for the
first time since missing 20 games following hernia surgery Although he's not in top form, he showed his trademark "Dreamshake" shot.
"The Dreamshake was a flashback," Olajuwon said. "Brian Grant told me, I thought you retired that move."'
Olajuwon hasn't retired, and the Rockets rookies are getting better as the season progresses. "Steve Francis is a terrific player," Portland coach Mike
Dunleavy said. "I think he has a better feel for making plays Dunleavy said. "I think he has a better feel for making plays
than he did earlier in the year. And Thomas had a huge night against us. He scored in the low post. When he got around the basket, he made some good finishes."
Francis had six points in the final $3: 37$, including two free

## Packers hire Sherman

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - ity Im undertaking. But Im surprising choice to take the Green Bay Packers back to
the top of the NFL. Sherman, the Seattle Seahawks' offensive coordiSeahawks offensive coordi-
nator and a former Green Bay assistant, was hired today as coach of the Packers. Sherman is a longtime col-
lege assistant coach with just lege assistant coach with just
three years of NFL experience, two as Mike Holmgren's tight ends coach in Gree Bay. He gained a reputation
as a detail-oriented disciplinarian, much like Holmgren
himself. "Mike's qualifications are
outstanding, Wolf said. "He outstanding, Woif said. "He
has the experience, dedication, determination and discipline." He understands footWolf fired Ray Rhodes and his staff on Jan. 3 after an 8 8 season, Rhodes' first in
Green Bay. The GM promised his new coach would create a "well-disciplined, tough and hard-nosed football team." The Packers missed the
playoffs under Rhodes for the playofts under Rhodes for the
first time since 1992, the first of Holmgren's seven years in Green Bay. Holmgren led the Packers to Super Bowl ap-
pearances in 1997 and 1998 . Sherman was one of eight assistant coaches Holmgren took with him from Green Bay to Seattle last year, but back to Wisconsin after the pool of coaching candidates
began to dry up. began to dry up. II realize this is a huge

## play made it $90-84$. Rasheed Wallace

ippen hit a layup to cut Houston's lead to one point, but that's as close as Portland got.
This is the first time for TBA, an is the first time for me to win four in a row in the NBA, and it really feels good," Francis said. "With all the injuries that we have had and Hakeem less than 100 percent, we still have the willpower as a team to get things It was Pippen's second visit to Houston since the Rockets It was Pippen's second visit to Houston since the Rockets
raded him in the offseason, and he was razzed each time he touched the ball. Pippen had 12 points and eight assists. Steve Smith led Portland with 21 points.
Pippen didn't want to talk about taunts, but he was mpressed with Houston's rookies. impressed with Houlton's rookies.
They played well, they did what they had to do to win,"
Pippen said. "Kenny Thomas stepped up and hit some big
hey neededing Houston's lead to one, Portland got two
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hances to win, but Pippen missed a layup with 5.7 seconds to play, and Greg Anthony's final shot bounced off the rim.
"It was pretty helter skelter on the last play," Anthony said. "The play was supposed to go to Steve Smith and try to
get it inside to Rasheed. But we never got into the play. I vas the last resort and I had to do something with it.
"So I shot the ball, and unfortunately it didn't fall."
"So I shot the ball, and unfortunately it didn't fall." Francis led a
15-64 lead with $2: 39$ left in the third quarter. Francis had eight points in the run, and the Rockets led $73-71$ after
three. "I think
"I think this is our most impressive win of the year," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Yes, we had beaten back-to-backs, but to overcome a road game for us with the back-to-backs, but to overcome the adversity of the first half
with all the changes
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who made the Pro Bowl durwho made the Pro Bowl durseasons with the Packers. Chmura missed all but two games of the 1999 season
with a neck injury, but expects to return next season. In Seattle, Sherman coor-
dinated the team's offense dinated the team's offense, but Holmgren called the
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with offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis during his seven seasons in Green Bay, with Schottenheimer over the with schottenheimer over the
weekend, apparently because Schottenheimer's salary demands would have been more than Woif was willing to pay
The Packers owe Rhodes and his staff at least $\$ 2$ million hext season.
Martz signed a two-year extension with the Rams on
Monday and removed himself from consideration for any new jobs. Unlike chottenheimer or Martz, the
Packers will not need to offer Sherman's former team compensation for his services.
Before joining Holmgren in Before joining Holmgren in
Green Bay Sherman was an Green Bay, Sherman was an Affensive and UCLA from 1989 96. He was hired as Texas A\&M's offensive coordinator ers before the season. Sherman also was an as

ALTM Staff Reports
ALTUS, Okla. - The Here- Je lost 6-4. rord Junior High wrestling
team traveled to the Altus
pound championship match. Tournament on Saturday and Jose Cardenas got fourth place came back
sive results.
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the 115-pound division. Chris Galvan won a quick match. He went 2-1 and got first period pin in the 157 . $\begin{aligned} & \text { second place. } \\ & \text { The juis }\end{aligned}$ juior high wrestling pound class.
Matt Espinosa got second Ranch on Thursday, starting at $\begin{aligned} & \text { Matt Espinosa got second } \\ & \text { place in the } 82 \text {-pound division. }\end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Ranch on Thursday, starting at } \\ & 6 \text { p.m. }\end{aligned}$


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## Powell says retirement, Army not that different

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said he is still working with young people. . In-
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"He just called to say dove "He just called to say dove
hunting should be legal,"
Siegrist said. "He hopes lowa joins in line with the rest of the nation allowing dove hun
ing." ${ }^{\text {ing." }}$ CHICAGO - Former box Rubin "Hurricane" Carter held on to at least two qualities during his nearly 20 years in
prison: his sense of humor prison: his
and his fire.
During an address on Mar tin Luther King Day at DePaul University, Carter
amused the crowd by recallamused the crow harrowly es caped the electric chair "When you think about that, it's a
today."

But the man who was wrongly convicted of a triple murder also jabbed at the audience, urging them to keep
King's dream of social justice alive.
if
police lawyers and judges were held responsibl "the rate of convictions would go way down." King taught him how to keep fighting when $h$
felt he couldn't carry on. But felt he couldn't carry on. But mold of Malcolm $X$. Carter conceded that, unlike King
he could not have remained he could not have remained
nonviolent after being attacked by police or dogs.
"If you threaten me, I will protect myself," he said

## Hillary goes on the 'Net

NEW YORK (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton told an 4,000 women that the Senate election she is competing in "is essentially a job interview
and I have to do the best job and Ihave to do the best ${ }^{\text {an }}$ Mrs. Clinton, who plans next month to formally enter the race for a Senate seat from
New York, participated in an New York, participated in an
electronic town hall meeting Tuesday night on iVillage.com a. Web
women.

The questions covered fa-
 hiar territory including nomic development in strug. ging areas of the state.
During the Internet During the Internet chat, Joan from Staten Island asked
Mrs. Clinton how she would address the coming teacher shortage.
Her lengt Her lengthy answer included providing financial incentives their current careers and creating "attitude incentives" by
fostering respect for teachers.

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## Missile intercept fails

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS <br> News digest

WASHINGTON- In a blow to the Pentagon's push to develop a national missile
defense by 2005 a prototype missile intercep. defense by 2005 , a prototype missile intercep-
tor roared into space in search of a mock tor roared into space in search of a mock
warhead but failed to hit it, officials said. The interceptor, a high-tech "kill vehicle"
designed to destroy a missile warhead by designed to destroy a missile warnead by Kwajalelin Atoll in the Marshail Islands about 20 minutes after its target - a Minuteman
intercontinental ballistic missile - lifted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
The interceptor and a mock warhead aboard the Minuteman missile were supposed to collide about 140 miles above the Pacific, but
officials monitoring the test from the Pentagon Tuesday night said there was no impact. "An intercept was not achieved for reasons
unknown at this time," spokesman Air Force unknown at this time,"
Lt. Col. Rick Lehner said.
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Lehner said the 121 -pound, 55 -inch long Lehner said the 121-pound, 85 -inch long
interceptor, built by Raytheon Corp., wos
launched successfully from Kwajalein Atoll. launched successfully from Kwajalein Atoll.
"What happened after it got into space we do "What happened af
not know," he said.
Lehner said Pentagon officials would conduct an extensive review of the test data to
determine why the interceptor missed the target. He said the first preliminary report would not be available for at least 48 hour soverai companies aiready donate
$\$ 1$ million to political conventions - $\$ 1$ miliion to poilical conventions
WASHINGTON - Organizers seeking pay for the glitz at the presidential nominat-
ing conventions have increased their asking price for donors, and several companies like AT\&T and Atlantic Richffeld Co, have re-
sponded with $\$ 1$ million contributions. sponded with $\$ 1$ million contributions. Many of the same companies already have
given hundreds of thousands of dollars to the political parties in separate contributions that will earn their executives and lobbyists VIP golf and dinner with top De
Republicans at the conventions.
They're giving money because this is a
prime audience for them," said Larry prime audience for them, ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ said Larry
Makinson, director of the Center for ResponMakinson, director of the Center for Respon-
sive Politics, a nonpartisan research group
that studies campaign finance. They're trying that studies campaign finance. "They're trying
to gain the appreciation of the biggest assembly of important politicians in the country" Potential donors are being asked to give
more this time around by the host commit-
tees raising money to cover costs at the
Republican convention in Philadelphia and the Republican convention in Philadelphia and the
Democratic convention in Los Angeles this summer.
At the 1996 Democratic convention in ChiAt the 1996 Democratic convention in Chi-
cago, the top host committee donors were
called vice chairs and gave at least $\$ 100,000$ cago, the top host committee donors were
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The 2000 host committee in Los Angeles now The 2000 host committee in Los Angeles now
has three levels above that, led by "primary partners" who contribute at least \$1 million in cash, equipment or services.
The Democratic convention committee had Just two million-dollar donors in 1996 , Ameritech
and Motorola; ; already has six for and Motorola; it already has six for 2000 .
The host committee for the GOP convention The host committee for the GOP convention
refused to divulge any of its donors. However refused to divulge any of its donors. However,
at least five companies told The Associated at least five companies told The Associated
Press they have made six- or seven-figure donations to the Philadelphia committee. For the 1996 convention in San Diego, the top
contribution level for the host committee was contribution level for the host committee wa
$\$ 100,000$, with three companies - AT\&T, Philip Morris and Amway - giving $\$ 1$ million.
North Korea wages diplomatic campalgn SEOUL, South Korea - On Jan. 1, North Korea forged diplomatic ties with Italy. On Jan.
22, negotiators from the communist country 22, negotiators from the communist country
will meet U.S. envoys in Berlin. In February Australia plans to send a delegation to Australia plans to send a delegation to
Pyongyang for the first time since suspending
relations in 1975. relations in 1975.
North Korea,
North Korea, widely viewed as a recluaive
nation with a taste for terrorism, is engaging nation with a taste for terrorism, is engaging
in more diplomacy than it has in years. For in more diplomacy than it has in years. For
now, though, many observers doubt the manouvering augurs a significant shift in policy
toward the outside world toward the outside world
is so impoverished that it desperately needs to court foreign governments for hard cash and humanitarian aid. But if it opens its doors to foreigners, the totalitarian regime risks erod-
ing its own authority ing its own authority.
discussion with the outside open up for a real propaganda," Dr. Claus Vollers, Germany's am bassador in Seoul, said in written responses to questions irom The Associated Press.
The daily barrage of vitriol that North Korea flings at its triumvirate of perceived enemies - Japan, South Korea and the United States - is as much a domestic policy tool as a
foreign foreign one.
The rhetor
The rhetoric boosts the regime by feeding
deep-rooted suspicion among its people toward the world, a tactic made feasible by Pyongyang's clamp on independent source
of information.

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the hospital was hit in November with an abnormally
high number of insurance high number of insurance
claims, which affected the bottom line. Aleo, the hospital paid $\$ 37,000$, the final installment in paymonts
St. Anthony for nuclear medicine equipment.
In other business, the board: Received a report from Krupala on the status of the
search for a permanent hospsearch for a permanent hospital CEO. Krupala said he has
with in contact with 20 to with in contact with 20 to 25" prospectives about the po-
sition. Krupala also said there is a popesible candidate now on the HRMC staff. The local
candidate definitoly will be considered, he said; and
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tors appointed the Rev. Jesse tors appointed the Rev. Jesse
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## Tax time <br> From Page $A 1$

"Within the last 25 years out of these 25 24 changes yoar. This is the first year change. The a algnificant tax fow changes to have been a there haven't been any big changen - nothing to worry
about," Cotten said easing taxpayers.
 ference this year. There were a lot of real big changes (un-
der consideration) from the Logislature, but nothing ever happened. There are still in the working but nothing that has gone into effect." Moril year's taxes are due April 15, but because it is a
Saturday this year the filling Saturdiay this yoar the filing April 17.

## Proposal to target U.S. debt <br> WASHINGTON (AP) Speaker Dennie Hastert is

 Speaker Dennis Hastert is Republicans will develop long-term economic plan thatenvisions paying off the public debt by 2015 .
GOP aiddes, speaking Tues-
day night on condition of anoday night on condition of anonymity, said the Illinois
Republican's pledze anticipates setting aside all of the projected Social Security surplus as well as some portion of projected general governmen $\$ 3.7$ trillion public debt for the first since since 1835. No precise details wer
available. available.
"If we
"If we eliminate this debt, that money can be freed up
for use on other prioritie like tax rolief, investing in our schools, or fortifying our
national defense, according to national defense," according to remarks prepared for delivery
today by the Illinois RepubliHastert made his first pub lic mention of retiring the national debt at a news con-
ference two weeks ago. His decision to expand on the is. sue several days before Con gress convenes underscores
the extent to which Republicans are hoping to lay out legislative agenda to compete with President Clinton's State of the Union address.
Hastert is expected to call cans in their debt retiremen effort when he addresses the
issue in New Mexice issue in New Mexico o
Thursday Republ
Ropepublican aides, whe apoke on condition of anobe available for tax cuts tha majority Republicans want to
enact this year, including relief from the so-called mar riage penalty. One aide saic the booming economy mean
the GOP blueprint could the GOP blueprint could als
accommodate the $\$ 483$ billion multiyear tax cut that GOP presidential front-runne
George W. Buah advocates.

Voters have different ideas


With the lowa caucus less than a week away, Democratic presidential candidates Bill Bradley (left) and AI Gore are trying sketch out "sharp differences.

## Demo rivals cite

 their differencesOTTUMWA, lowa (AP) - ing, headed to an lowa City Searching for momentum a the presidential nominating he hoped to energize young
season nears, Democratic rivals Al Gore, and Bill Bradley ticipate in the caucuses. sketched "sharp differences" but Gore made his case be-
fore packed houses while Bradley sought a captive audi-
Speaking at a community was forced to apologize for his tardiness - he'd taken time to mingle with more than 200 backers that the local fire
marshal wouldn't let into the room. dialog with a chance to have caucus campaign, now I I your help," Gore shouted. "I feel passionate about this." With most polls showing
Gore with a comfortable Gore with a comfortable lead
in the leadoff Iowa caucuses Monday night, he rumbled across the state to a series of grassroots organizing events
designed to assure that back ers show up. "Energize and mobilize" was
how aide Chris Lehane dehow aide Chris Lehane de-
scribed the effort, with little focus on new proposals and a
lot of effort on lighting a fire under backers. Bradley, seeking to lower
expectations about his show. "You can still make this happen," Bradley told students.
"If you support me, Ill love you. If you don't me, Ill lopport me
IIl still love you ll still love you. But if you did support me, I'd love you a
little bit more., little bit more."
There's little
young people participating in caucuses, and efforts by state election officials to involve hig
school students this fizzled. A more likely explanation was showing up at a high school guarantees a crowd -
something Bradley omething Bradley has
struggled with recently. Both rivals diverted to New Hampshire today, but were headed back to lowa on Thurs caucus campaign.
Both also played the en dorsement game. Gore headed to a jammed union hall in
Knoxville on Tuesday to accept the backing of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents largely federal government
workers. Hundreds are emworkers. Hundreds are em
ployed at a local Veteran' Administration hospital and

## Buchanan vows to seal

 border, cut immigrationYORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP candidates aggressively court didate Pat Buchan Party canising to seal the U.S.-Mexico border and slash the number immigrants legally admit Buchanan on Tuesday blamed "mass immigration" for a list of social woes, and warned that the process is
fragmenting the United State into "separate ethnic station within a nation" and driving "In too many American melting pot has been reduced to a simmer, Buchanan told 350 people in a Library \& Birthplace If we want to assimilate new Americans - and we have no choice if we are gowe must slow down the pace
of immigration," Nixon's "America is Balkanizing like never before." Buchanan rejected the no tion that his tough talk on mrowing Hispanic alienate the state, about 15 percent of the electorate is Hispanic, and many remain angry with con state aid to illegal immigrant and to dismantle affirmative action and bilingual education. is good for Hispanic Ameri cans," he said after the speech. Clearly, you're going to bring need to control our borders Americans - Hispanic Americans, all Americans."
Buchanan pledged to make control of illegal immigration a national priority, thou
offered no specific plans.

- "We should not harm $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { tax }\end{gathered}$ Internet $\begin{gathered}\text { vored a larger tax cut. } \\ \text { Bush said Tuesday: "If people }\end{gathered}$
 this baby in the dont like the tax cut plan,
cradle, he said. The they can find another candi-
Arizona Arizona senator then date, and I'm sure they will.
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take the same stand. back in the bus and call up $\begin{array}{lll}\text { take the same stand. } & \text { back in the bus and call up } \\ \text { Bush refused and in- } \\ \text { and say, 'What's the latest poll }\end{array}$ stead urged New or what's the latest focus group
Hampshire voters to tolking about,' you got the Hampshire voters to
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at McCain's own tax
plan. es Overall, MeCain
posed cutting taxes by $\$ 237$
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