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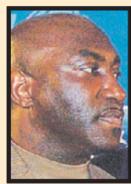
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Football, basketball and golf will share the spotlight during induction ceremonies scheduled for next July in Jackson, **1C**

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The Associated Press

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., addresses delegates Tuesday at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

## Clinton says election not about her

The Associated Press

DENVER — Hillary Rodham Clinton had a simple message Tuesday for her still loyal supporters: This election isn't about her anymore.



**Multimedia:** Galleries, related articles  
**Video:** What goes on at convention

The former first lady ceded the nomination that was almost hers in a prime-time speech to Democratic delegates, closing another chapter in a long, improbable political career that took her from supportive spouse to political powerhouse.

She was warmly embraced by delegates split between her and Barack Obama in the primary. Any who were still angry over her loss were drowned out in applause when she opened her

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### TODAY

- **Theme:** Securing America's Future
- **Headline speakers:** Vice presidential pick Joe Biden, former President Bill Clinton
- **Other notable speakers:** Former Sen. Tom Daschle, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, Sens. Evan Bayh, John Kerry and Jay Rockefeller, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid
- **Time:** Convention business begins at 4 p.m.

## IN POOR HEALTH

“People say they take their meds every other day to stretch the prescription out, sort of like adding water to the gravy to make it go further. — Ripley physician Dwalia South-Bitter



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Raymond Newell of Pearl takes a number of medications for sarcoidosis, a lymph node disease. Newell tries to save money by halving the dosage and taking medicine every other day instead of as prescribed.

# NO MONEY FOR MEDS

## Patients dangerously cut doses to cut costs

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On the worst days, when the money's running out again, Raymond Newell cuts his pills in half to make them last longer.

Newell of Pearl skips his regular doctor's visits, too, going only “when I need to go, to keep from spending money unnecessarily,” he said.

He defines “need to go” this way: “When I'm so sick I'm about ready to go to the hospital.”

Newell, 50, who has sarcoidosis, the lung-scarring, immune-system disorder that afflicted the late comedian Bernie Mac, is among the U.S. consumers who say they have cut back on the number of prescription drugs they take, or on the dosage.

A July survey from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shows that 11 percent have done so.

Like Newell, 22 percent also say they have reduced the number of times they see the doctor — all because of the economy.

This doesn't surprise Dr. Dwalia South-Bitter, a Ripley family physician and immediate past president of the Mississippi State Medical Association.

“People say they take their meds every other day to

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### TAKING RISKS

▶ **22 percent** of consumers reduced how often they see a doctor as a result of the economy.

▶ **11 percent** reduced how many prescription drugs they take, or the dosage, so they'll last longer.

▶ **5 percent** changed their health insurance, including 2 percent who canceled policies.

▶ **6 percent** changed life insurance policies, including 3 percent who canceled policies.

▶ **5 percent** changed their homeowners' insurance policies, including 2 percent who canceled their policies.

▶ **7 percent** changed their auto insurance policies, including 4 percent who reduced coverage.

Sources: National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Mississippi Insurance Department

# 'Chaos' follows raid in Laurel

■ Federal agents nab nearly 600 suspected illegal immigrants

By Holbrook Mohr  
The Associated Press

LAUREL — The largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. history has caused panic among Hispanic families in this small southern Mississippi town, where federal agents rounded up nearly 600 plant workers suspected of being in the country illegally.

India Lazaro, a Panamanian native who has lived in Jones County for 35 years, had one word for the feelings in the Hispanic community following the raid.

“Chaos,” he said. “People won't go outside, even if they're legal, and if you're (Hispanic), you're getting looks,” said Lazaro, a bail bondsman. “It's a hateful look, like, ‘You got what you deserved.’”

One worker caught in Monday's sweep at the Howard Industries transformer plant said fellow workers applauded as immigrants were taken into custody.

Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began, followed by clapping.

“I was crying the whole time. I didn't know what to do,” Pena said. “We didn't know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb, but then we figured out it was

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**Gallery:** Immigration raid

# Struggling JPS to pay 2 officials \$200,000 each

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Former Jackson Public Schools Superintendent Earl Watkins will make \$200,000 as a consultant for the district if he remains through next summer.

Now — with perks — the cash-strapped district also is committed to paying new Superintendent Lonnie Edwards Sr. more than \$200,000 this school term.

Combined the district will be paying more than \$400,000 for two administrative posts this school term.

Edwards' contract shows that in addition to his \$175,000 base salary, the district will pay a \$1,500 monthly car allowance and a moving fee of up to \$10,000, based on a copy JPS released Tuesday.

Edwards also can get up to \$10,000 annually for dues to professional organizations, and he is allowed unlimited reimbursements for school board-sanctioned travel outside the district.

School officials say the contract's terms are in line with

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