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Locals warned to be wary of callers asking for calling card number, PINs

By JOHN H. WALKER
Local and area residents should be wary of a potential was made aware of by rerald According to reader Malcolm Farr, a male called his house and identified himself as being pany."
Farr said the man told him the phope company was conducting a survey and asked if questions.
"He asked how long we had had our phone service and if we were current on our bill," Farr

Farr said he then asked if hee
had a telephone calling card.
When Farr replied that he did. TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF: Whe man requested both the calling icard number and the per-
sonal identification (PIN) num-
ber. "I asked him if he was with the phone complany and he said
yes," Farr said. "I told him if he was with the phone company,
they should already have those records since they issued the numbers."
Farr said the man paused for a moment, then hung up. elederly neighbor receiving a
"She gave them her calling card number and would have

emembered it," Farr said. the long distance company There were no other reports of Businesses are being told th L.C.I. is investigating som $\begin{aligned} & \text { Just last week, the Better } \\ & \text { Business Bureau of the Permian }\end{aligned} \begin{aligned} & \text { international calls on their long } \\ & \text { distance account }\end{aligned}$ Business Bureau of the Permian
Basin (BBB) issued an alert in regards to a long distance phone scam being worked in the
Abilene area. Abilene area.
Action Telcom, a new twist ha surfaced in the long distanc fraud game. This so called new twist has not reached the
Permian Basin to this point or if if has it has not yet been reported to the BBB, according
to president Dick Rowland. to president Dick Rowland.
by a company identifying itse as L.C.I. and a representative of See PHONE CON, Page 2

## YMCA relies UW funds for day care

## Moore Board

## by Debbie L. JENSEN

 Features EditorBig Spring Family YMCA staff have plenty to keep them them from tackling what many consider a crisis in our country child day care. The agency uses much of its for a program of before and after-school day care. Children
spend time at the $\mathbf{Y}$ playing spend time at the $Y$ playing
games, making crafts and taking home lessons in ethics and morals as well. With mom and dad both ing, kids may have no superviing, kids may have no supervi-
sion," said Gary Wollenzien, YMCA director. "This is also a problem for getting people off
welfare. You have to give them child care so they, can get trained and get a job.
At the YMCA day care proAt the YMCA day care pro-
gram, cost is on a sliding scale; gram, cost is on a sliding scale;
those who can't afford to pay are not charged.
While in the program, the
children are given exposure in children are given exposure in
four areas of character respect four areas of character: respect,
honesty, caring and responsibility. Wollenzien keeps those words running across the screen saver on his computer.
-That's what we try to build into all our programs,' he said. "That's what makes us what we
are." day care program includes "holiday camps" for
children whose parents must work on certain school holidays. This week, for example, the YMCA will offer child care 6:30 a.m. 6 p.m.
That way, Wollenzien said parents can feel secure their kids are in good hands while
they must work. The YMCA program is licensed by the
state, and given the highest state, and given the highest
level of accreditation by Child

## Three weeks and \$53,041 left in campaign

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer
With three weeks remaining in the 199798 United Way campaign fund drive, 75
percent of the $\$ 212,500$ goal has been percent of the $\$ 212,500$ goal has been
raised, and United Way Executive Director Carroll Jennings thinks this year's campaign is well on it way to meet its goal. 'If we continue to be successful, we
believe we't make our goal," Jeninings believe we'll make our goal," Jennings
said. "We have three weeks to go in the campaign, which ends Dec. 15 ," Jennings
cheon on Dec. 19 at the Big Spring Country
Club. As of Friday Proceeds from the 1997-98 campaign fund Proceeds from the 1997-98 campaign fund
drive will benefit 10 local organizations, including the American' Red Cross; Boys' Club; Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of
America; $\quad$ Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Centerica; Rape Crisis/Victim Services; The Salvation Army; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West
Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA.
The success of this year's campalgn may be a reflection of the attitude of this year's
campaign team. campaign team.


At the Big Spring Family YMCA, Gretchen Kesassner, left, gives a blt of basketball shooting advice to Victoria Hannabass recently before and afterschool child care with United Way funds.
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Last year, the Y was awarded
$\$ 12,600$ in United Way funding. This year, it is requesting a
slight increase to about $\$ 13,000$. See YMCA, Page 2

## 2nd major employer forum slated for 1998 resource fair

By Carlton Johnson Staff Writer Some of the resources may
include organizations like the Moore Development For Big (TWC), the Small Business Spring Inc. had a successful
major employer forum earlier
Lubbock and the Job Training this year and plans a repeat Partnership Ac early next year as part of its
resource fair resource fair.
According to Moore Assistant According to Moore Assistant
Director Pam Welch, the
resource fair is still in the planresource fair is still in the plan-
ning stages, but the hope is that
it ning stages, but the hope is that
it can happen sometime in January or February. Moore's first-ever such forum in February of this year was considered a success by Moore's
board of directors, which is the reason a second forum is being planned.
The initial forum was the The initial forum was the
result of nine months of work
analyzing a comprehensive suranalyzing a comprehensive sur-
vey sent to area manufacturing businesses.
The first forum was more of a meeting of the minds concern-
ing the labor force," Welch said. The initial gathering was also
an attempt to find out whether an attempt to find out whether
or not any of the local manufac turing companies had any major problems in the areas of labor, city hall, taxes or simply
how to make the proper how to make the proper con
tacts regarding certain issues. "This time we want to offer all of the available resources we
can to busineses can to businesses (in the form
of booths) so they may visit of booths) so they may visit
these resources to see if any of them may be of help to them,"

## Locals: Wrinkles remain

 to be ironed out before offering home equity loansBy Steve reagan
Staff Writer
Local financing institutions are hoping a few wrinkles get
ironed out before they begin ironed out before they begin
offering equity loans to Big Spring homeowners.
Texas voters earlier this month approved an amendment
to the state constitution which allows homeowners to take out loans for up to 80 percent of the appraised equity of their homes.
With the voter OK, Texas
With the voter OK, Texas
became the last state to allow
such loans.
But home
But homeowners eager to apply for the loanis need to know that it will be at least a few
months befor months before equity loans are at least Jan. 1 before any bank in Texas can approve loan applications on home equity. Howard County residents in
particular, and Howard Count particular, and Howard County
financial institutions in particular, are somewhat wary of the new loans. Howard was one of See Equitr, Page

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## Obituaries

Ivan Edgar Marin Graveside service for IVan
Eddar Marin. 24. PBig Spring.
will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov.


## Mary Lou Torres

 Rosary for Mary Lou Torres,7, Big Spring will be 8 p.m.
tonight at Nalley-Picke $\&$ e.
Welch Rosewood Chapel. Fencral Rosvewood Chapel.
Wen will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997, at
Immaculate Heart of Mary Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Church with Rev.
Jeremiah Murphy pastor offi: Jeremiah Murphy, pastor, offi-
cating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.
Mrs. Torres died Mrs. Torres died Sunday,
Nov. 3 , at her residence.
She She was born on June 2, 1923,
in Coahoma, and married Ramon Torres, on July 7, , 1948 ,
in Big Spring. He preceded her in Big Spring. He preceded her
in death on May 12, 1991. She
had lived in Coahoma and Big Spring most of her life and had worked at Cowper Hospital and
Clinic in the kitchen
a member was a member of Immaculate
of Mary Catholic Church
Surver
 Midiand; three sisters, Martha
Arispe, Sand Springs, Mary
Rodriquez, Big Spring, and Pasquella, Ruiz, Coahoma, four
brothers. Fermin Gonzales. George Gonzales, both of
Coahoma, Nick Gonzales, Odessa, and Gilbert Gonzales,
Bis spring three grandchil
dren; and four great-grandchil-
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## NALLEY-PICKLE

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"碞 ${ }^{\circ}$906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331 Reba Lemons Stallings, 91 ,
ied Saturday. Services will be died Saturday. Serices Nalley
3:00 PM Tuesday at
Pat Pickle \& Welch Rosewod
Chapel. Interment will follow
at Trinity Memoril. Parlat at Trinity Memorial Park.
Mary Lou Torres Sunday. Rosary will be at $8: 00$
PM Mody at We Mon Ros Rosewood Chapel.
Funeral services will be ai 10:00 AM Tuesday at
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church. Interment
will forlow in Coanhoma
Cemetery Coahoma, Texas. Cemetery, Coahoma, Texas.
Vera L. Millhollon, 88 , died
Saturday. Services will be at Saturday. Services
$2: 00$
PM
Nestill be Raley-Pood Chapel. Interment
Roill follow in Trinty Memorial Park.
Marg Margaret Ann Gombeda, 60,
died Sunday. Family visitation died Sunday. Family visitation
will be between 6 PM and $8 P M$ wiil be beween 6PM and alley
Tuesday evening at
Pickle $\&$ Welch Funeral Home. Joseph A. Earnest, 83, died Sunday. Services are pending
with Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral home Troy E. Newburn, 84, dided

Monday. Services are pending | $\begin{array}{l}\text { with Nalley-Pickle \& Welch } \\ \text { Funeral Home. }\end{array}$ |
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Arrangements $\begin{gathered}\text { under the the } \\ \text { direction of Nalley-Pickle \& }\end{gathered}$
Welch Fineral
 Memorial Park.
She was born on Oct. 2, 1906, She was born on Oct. 2, 1906,
in tansville
She married J.H. Lemons on
May 18 1924 in Quitman They May 18, 1924, in Quitman. They came to Big Spring in 1934
from Shreverort. La. He pre.
ceded her in death on Nov. 18, ceded her in death on Nov. 18 ,
1963. She later married Rufus
Stal She in Stallings in December of 1967 ,
and they and they lived in the Knott
community until returning to
Bis Spring in 1991. Mr. Big Spring in ing1. Mr.
Stallings preceded her in death
in in 1992. She was a homemaker.
Mrs. Stallings was a member Mrs. Stallings was a member
of Trinity Baptist Curch.
Survivors include: a son and Suurvivors include: a son and
daughter-in-law, Jim and
Rhoda Lemons Rhod Lemons of Big Spring:
twainddaughters, Xan
Painter of Luther nad Painter of Luther and Lisa
Nichols-Brockman of San Angelo; a sister, Trixie Fairless
of Shreveport, La:; eight greatgrandchildren; five great-great-
grandchidren; and a number of great nieces and nephews.
She was also preceded in death by two sisters and one The family suggests memori-
als to: Trinity Baptist Church, als to Trinity Baptist Church,
Buidining Fund 810 E. 1th
Place: Big Spring Texas Arrangements under the
direction of Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home.

## Margaret Ann

Gombeda

tal. Family visitation will be
from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuessay. Nov
25. 25, 1997, at Nalley.Pickle \&
Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held later in
Roslyn Pa.
She was She was born on July 22,
1937. in Hazleton, Pa .
She had been a resident of Big spring for four years. She was a member of St. John
of the cross in Roslyn, Pa.
Survivors include: two sons. Paul Gombeda III of Hatboro,
Pa., and Edward Gombeda of Roslyn, Pa, two daughters,
Veronica Gombeda o W Willow
Grove, Pa., and Ann Reedel of Rosly, Pa, Pa, her fiance, W....
Purser of Big pring one broth-
er and sister. er and siser-in-1aw, Edwary;
and Mary Acriof Big Spring;
one sister. Rose Betty Banger of Rosilyn, Pa.; and seven grand-
chidre
She was preceded in death by
She was preceded in death by
her parents, Edward, Sr. and
Veronica Theresa Kostic Anci and two brothers, Joseph and
John Acri
dirrangements under the Welch Funeral Home.

Vera L. Millhollon
Service , for Big Spring,
Millhollon,
pending with Nalley-Pickle pending with Nalley
Welco Funeral Home. She died Saturday, No
1997, in a local care home.

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Joseph A. Earnest Carnest, 83, Big Spring, is
pending with Nalley-Pickie \& Welch Funeral Home.
He died Sunday,
1997, in a local nursing home. Troy E. Newburn Service for Troy E. Newburn,
Na, Big Spring, is pending with
Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home.
He died Monday, Nov. 24,
1997, in a local hospital. YMCA
 The high school team practices
there Senior citizens keep fit It is open year-round, offering
an escape from the heat in the summer and a heated swim-
ming environment in the winter. Wollenzien said in coming
months as months, as the weather cools,
many local families will use the If he had any doubt about the
versatility of the agency versatility of the agency,
Wollenzien had his eyes opened during the recent visit by a
YMCA worker from India. The mand worker from India. The
man told local staffers that, in
India, the YMCA has its own ndia, the YMCA has its own
vocational school. "There is really no limit,"
Wonlenzien said, to what the
YMCA can offer. EQUITY

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## Around the Town

## they'1 find a way where it won't be e obad: officials contacted by the Herald said their institutions will probably offer the loans next year, although no definite plans haye been set. "We haven't (made a final decision) yet, I expect all that to be done by, the middle of December, said Lonnie Newton December, said Lonnie Newton of \$ecurity State Bank. "Roght <br>  <br> Newton agrees with Purcell that the state has to settle on specific guidelines, but seemed specific guidelines, but seemed optimistic that the , process would go fairly smoothly would go fairly smoothly. "There's always bugs in thing like that, he said. "But hopefully, we'll learn from other hopefully, we'll learn from other states that have equity loans... states that have equity loans ..i any unforeseen problems." Norwest Bank Texas Norwest Bank Texas also plans to offer equity loans although no bank policy has been set on the matter. Credit union officials contact ed for this story said their institutions were studying the mat- ter. Faye Boydston of Cosden ter. Faye Boydston of Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union said no decision has been Employees Federal has been Union said no decision had made whether to offer the loans, made whether to offer the loans, while a spokeswoman at a Citizens Federal Credit Union said "no definite plans" have been made ye



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Rowland said. "Mary, presum-
ably with accounts payable,
talked to the business customer
talked to the business customer
and said this was an obvious and said this was an obvious
case of fraud and the company case of fraud and the company
(L.C.I.) was going to waive the (L.C.I.) was going to waive the
bogus international calls to
their account." their account."
According to Rowland, th
con "game was ended with con game was ended with a
phony 800 number after a sec
ond call back to the local busiond call back to the local busi-
ness.
This is a classic con, accord-
ing to the BBB.
"An unsuspecting busihess is An unsuspecting busihess is
suddenly surprised with,the bad
news of several international news of seyeral international
calls on their long distance ser-
vice possible totaling hundreds
of dollars.: Rowland said. "In vice possible totaling hundreds
of dollars,
the cowland said. In cleverly asks, some key artist
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tions in order to tions in order to obtain the
right information from the right information.
unsuspecting mark."
The second part of such a con
is introduced to legitimize the is introduced to legitimize the
first part of the story and the 'kiss off comes when the con
artist relieves the burden of the artist relieves the burden of the
bogus long distance calls which were phony to begin with. "Along the way, the victim is
relieved of his or her calling
card information," Rowland reard information, ${ }^{\text {" }}$ Rowland
cald
said. "This is especially danger-
ous because calling cards are ous because calling cards are
hard to trace, calls can be made
from anywhere to anywhere and these calls are anywhere more expensive per minute."
Rowland adds the bogus comRowland adds the bogus com-
pany called the Abilene busi-
ness back on their 800 line to say the calling card wouldn't
work. Because Action Telcom

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|  |  | Spring. Police ing activity between 2 p.m.

Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: JJESSE RAMIREZ, 37, was
arrested for public intoxication arrested for pubic intoxicaion.
-VERNON PARNELL, 57 ,
was arrested for class C
$\qquad$
-JOHN PEREZ, 23 . Was -JESUS RTOS, 30, was arrest ed for not haviñ̀ a motor veht -JOSE GALINDO, 43,
-GEsted on DPS warrants. -GILBERT SANCHEZ, 24 as arested for class
assaultamily violence.
-JEREMY HARMON was arrested for possession of marjuana under two ounces. -TIMOTHY REED, 28 arrested on DPS warrants.
•EDWARD AGUILAR, 19
was arrested for public intoxi-
cation. -JUAN DELOSSANTOS was arrested for public intoxi
cation. -JOSE CRUCES, 45, was
arrested for public intoxication. -JON COUNTERMARS, 35 was arrested for possession of paraphernalia.
-RAYMOND
-RAYMOND OVERTON, 18
was arrested for possession of paraphernalia DONALD, 33 was arrested for possession o paraphernalia
-VICTOR PRUITT, 29, was arrested for possession of mari Juana under two ounces.
-JASON LASITER, 18, was -JASON LASITER, 18 , was
arrested for possession of marijuana

| Monday-Friday 9 AM-8 PMSaturday 9 AM-5 PM CLOSED SUNDAY |  |
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Big Spring Specialty Clinic
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { The following Doctors } \\ \text { will be in our } \\ \text { Rffice this week. } \\ \text { Randy Pat Russell, } \\ \text { MA, CCC-A } \\ \text { Audiologist }\end{array}\right\}$
-JOSH PALMER, 18, was
arrested as a minor in possession.
arrichichaEL NALL, 18 , was -KRISTIN PIRKLE, 19, was arrested for possession of mari
juana.
TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD 21, was arrested on local war-
rants.
-WILLIAM WARNER, 19 -WILLIAM WARNER, 19 , cation.
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Bes was arrested for public intox -STACEY WELCH, 29, was
arrested for public intoxication. -MICHAEL HERNENDEZ, identify.
-ROBERT PERRY, 29 , was arrested for public intoxication
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arrested for public intoxication. -KENNETH HELARIO, 36 public intox JJMES ESCOBAR, 19, was
•Jrested for possession of marijuana. was arrested for possession of marijuana.
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E. 3rd; 17 th and Gregg; 300
block of Gregg; 2300 block of Wasson; 1100 block of Lamesa;
1700 block of E. Marcy; 1500 block of $E$. 4 h , and the 90
block of Willia. -ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO6th; and the 500 block of N.W. -CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the ANIMAL CRUELTTY in the -BURGLARY OF AAB ATIDN im,the 1500 hhlofk, of -BOMESTLC DISTUK'


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| HOME MAKERS |
| By Mouht To You |
| By ALLAN JoHNso |

HOW CAN YOUR ROOMS HAVE A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE?

unintentionally
drab. Add color
here and
here and there
where needed to help make it more cheerful.
The seating The seating pieces - sofa and
chairs -should be arranged or
grouped to invite easy conversation.
Ask $\mathbf{y}$ Ask yourself if your lamps
furnish proper lighting aside
from being decorative. from being decorative.
Shop for chairs that look inviting to sit in.
Make sure you fee and other tables that don't
look too frail and un-useable.
Nake Make sure there are table tops
or other surfacese which can
be used by guests without fear be ased by guests $w$
of causing damage. Give your rooms a sense of
friendiness with the right
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proper use of pictures, flowers, conl.
will help.
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U.N. weapons teams at work again as new crisis looms in Iraq


#### Abstract



The crisis was resolved last week under a Russian-mediated deal in under a Russian-mediated deal in could cone agreed the Americans could come back while Moscow pledged to work toward the lifting of pledged to work toward the lifting of U.N. sanctions. The 75 weapons moni tors, who inctude four Americans, returned to Iraq on Friday. returned to Iraq on Friday. In Baghdad; Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf cautioned the inspectors from entering areas out side their mandate side their mandate. "They should completely avoid com'"They should completely avoid com- ing near the sites where they are part of Iraq's sovereignty and national secuof Iraq's sovereignty and national secu- rity," he said at a Baghdad news conBut in Washington, deputy White House national security adviser James Steinberg said the United Nations has "clear authority" to look at the 47 pres Eight teams of inspectors left the headquarters to carry out searches headquarters to carry out searches today, INA reported. The monitors

The agency siald one teann would look The sanctions - which forbid Hrac at cameras that monitor activity at 16 from exporting its oil, its economity at cameras that monitor activity at 16 from expriting its ofili, its eoconomic potential weapons-making sites. U.N. mainstay - have devastated the Irad potential weapons-making sites. U.N. mainstay - have devastated the Iraqi officials charged that Iraq had tam. economy. Iraq wants the sanctions lift pered with cameras during the time ed as soon as possible and insists it ha inspectors were out of the country -a met the requirements of the U.N. resocharge raq denies. Nils Carlstrom, the head of the Baghdad monitoring office, said Sunday that the inspection teams had "clear access into the sites with "clear access into the sites without what the inspectors found. what the inspectors fpund. Iraq's inspection liaison officer, Hussam Mohamed Amin, Insisted the U.N. experts came across nothing illeU.N. experts came across nothing ille- gal in their daylong search Sunday of gine sites, which he said was "conducted... in a professional, scientific and objective way." The arms inspectors' job is to certify that Iraq has met the requirement of U.N. resolutions adopted after its 1990 U.N. resolutions adopted after its 1990 invasion of neighboring Kuwait that it eliminate its weapons of mass destrucBut arms inspectors have charged Iraq arms inspectors have charged hiding weapons - and the means to make them. The United States, which has been the strongest foe of lifting the sanctions, indicated oe of lifting the sanctions, indicated Sunday that its position had not changed. U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said Iraq has "no hope" of see ing the sanctions lifted until it show clearly it has eliminated its weapons programs. Cohen als Cohen also said the strong U.S. mili which presence in the Persian Gult up in the three weeks of crisis - will remain indefinitely, until crisis - will remain indefinitely, until Saddam shows he is committed to get- ting rid of his weapons as promised.


## Mom released from hospital, Baby Joel McCaughey put back on ventitator

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) - Joel dition for several hours just expectations for these babies, They are only the second set of
Steven McCaughey, the last of after birth Wednesday. Steven McCaughey, the last of after birth Wednesday. and to this point, they have fulIowa couple, is back on a ventilator today after doctors decided The same day his mother was released from the hospital, Joel, the "underdog" septuplet, leaped past five of his brothers
and sisters Sunday by breathing and sisters Sunday by breathing the neonatologist overseeing the septuplets' care at Blank Children's Hospital, said docJoel needed rest and put him back on the machine.
"This is very "This is very typical for Shaw said on NBC's "Today" show. "We were pleasantly surprised that he was ready to give
it a try and not discouraged in it a try and not discouraged in
the slightest that he needed some rest. That's very typical some rest. Thats very typical
for this type of situation."
Joel had been in critical con- $\qquad$ Firstborn Kenneth Robert was
removed from the ventilator
Friday and is still breathing on Friday and is still breathing on his own. ventilators are very sophisticated, computerized equipment exactly what needs each baby has and give the only the
amount of support that's needed," Shaw said. "So, all of the babies who are on ventilatory
support are doing most of the breathing on their own." Kenneth remained in fair conJoel's condition was downgrad ed from fair to serious when he returned to the ventilator. The girls-also were are in serious condition at Blank Children's
Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.
unit. week we had very high
filled all of said earlier .well," Shaw had said earlier.
Their pro Their progress impressed churchgoers in Carlisle, the
home of Mrs. McCaughey, 29, and her husband, Kenny, 27. "Orr hearts are so full this
morning, we can hardly speak," morning, we can hardly speak,"
said Mrs. McCaughey's uncle said Mrs. McCaughey's uncle,
the Rev. Henry Hepworth of Innisfale in Alberta, Canada, who helped lead prayers at
Carlisle's Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. McCaughey (pronounced
McCoy) left Iowa Methodist McCoy) left Iowa Methodist Medical Center early Sunday
afternoon and returned to her afternoon and returned to her
home about 10 miles south of
Des Moines, Des Moines, having spent 37
days in the hospital. days in the hospital.
The McCaugheys m wide news when their septuwide news when their septu-
plets were born by Caesarean
section nine weeks' premature.

They are only the second set of
septuplets known to be born septup
alive.
Doct Doctors have said the babies
will be hospitalized will be hospitalized into int
January, but hospital medical January, but hospital medical
director Dr. David Alexander director Dr. David Alexander
said several will likely be weaned from ventilators in the coming week.
The risk of ce
The risk of cerebral palsy and
other disorders is higher for premature babies, but
pers Alexander said doctors "have seen no evidence of anything
except normal neurological staexcept normal neuro
The family appeared to be
growing weary of media attention, including the camera atives after the church service. "We would like to get back to
normal as soon as can be," said Peg Hepworth,
McCaughey's mother In a letter printed in Time
magazine's Dec. 1 issue, the sur-

Audit by fired lottery official says players will be 'ripped off'
$\begin{aligned} & \text { HOUSTON (AP) - The Texas Lottery is } \text { cent of sales, might have to be cut to as low } \\ & \text { hiding a report showing that scratch-off } \text { as } 42 \text { percent of sales to meet legislative } \\ & \text { to release the report himself before the com- }\end{aligned}$ game players will be cheated during the mandates, the Houston Chreet legislative upcoming year and warning about a budget Sunday. tor says.


viving Dionne quintuplets - 6
year-old sisters Annette, Cecil year-old sisters Annette, Cecile have seen over the last several
and Yvonne - warned the very private, God-fearand Yvonne - warned the
McCaugheys that multiple family," she said. "They
want to raise these children as births should not be seen as entertainment or a marketing
tool. Born in 1934 in Canada, the Dionnes were the Canada, the Dionnes were the
first known surviving quintuplets. They were taken away
from their impoverished parfrom their impoverished par-
ents by the state and displayed ents by the state and display
in "Quintland" for tourists. McCaughey spokeswoman
Marlys Popma responded by Marlys Popma responded by
saying the McCaupheys saying the McCaugheys have
not discussed capitalizing on the family's new notoriety. normally as they can." In Carlisle, which kept the secret of Mrs. McCaughey's Christmas tree was lighted Sunday night. Eight lights were added this year - four blue
ones, three red ones and a big ones, three red ones and a big
white one for the septuplets' big sister, Mikayla, who is nearly 2 . "We're very," glad to share
these babies," said the Rev. these babies," "said the Rev.
Robert Brown, "and there's a lot to share.'

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## OTHER VIEWS

If the state doesn't follow through on formalizing use-of-force policies for county jails, more ugly scenes like what happened in Brazoria County last year will be played out across Texas - although it's
the video cameras will be running next time.
The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has proposed corrective action that would require counties to rejecting the proposal outright.
In spite of the protests, the jail commission must not abdicate its responsibility by yielding to turf-protect ing county sheriffs. The commission must stand fast now that it finally has exerted sadly overdue leader ship in this issue.
Those sheriffs who have gone on record opposing the plan say they don't need a statewide policy governing guards' use of force in county jails and privately run prisons. They claim it would be unfair to impose the
same standards in large and small counties Furthermore, the sheriffs say they're capable of run ning their own jails without anybody in Austin telling them what to do.
The sheriffs say the proposal is a knee-jerk reaction to an isolated incident in Brazoria County and does not reflect jail conditions as a whole across the state.
Additionally, the sheriffs argue that the state penal code already addresses the use of force by law enforce ment officers. Lastly, the protesters say most sheriff's departments
Their arguments are false and poorly considered. First, the objections the sheriffs raise is a knee-jerk
reaction in itself, indicating they have not read the proposal very closely or at all. The jail commission has not devised a "statewide plan"' which imposes blanket standards on all jails in Texas.
What the proposal does require is pretty simple and
straightforward: county sheriffs and privete straightforward: county sheriffs and private jail contraetors would have to establish written policies for
use of force, apprdve a list weapons and equipment to use of force, apprdve a list weapons and equipment to
be used in force situations, and require annual training of all security staff on the use of force, restraints, ing of all security staff on the use of force, restraints,
weapons , chemical agents or dogs. The final part of the proposal requires sheriffs and jail operators to doc ument and review all use-of-force incidents and submit that information to the jail commission upon request.
The proposal deliberately stops short of establishing specifics for day-to-day operations so sheriffs and jai operators can devise their own standards
Second, the state's current local prerogative
approach to jail administration is a prime example of approach to jail administration is a prime example o failed logic. The laissez faire attitude that use of force
decisions are not compatible with a uniform set of rules in such a vast state implies that what's consid ered excessive force in Bexar County could be considered acceptable in Brazoria County. Third, if the requirement that county sheriffs formalize use of force policies is merely a reaction to what happened in Brazoria County, then we say the videotaped abuses
have yielded unintentionally positive results. We have yielded unintentionally positive results. We warranted response to what is surely a pattern of inad equate training and lack of planning in the ma
Fourth, standards regarding use of force in county jails currently do not exist. The Texas Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedures include only broad statements about the use of force by peace officers.
The statutes do not speak at all to use of force in jails. Can anyone explain why county sheriffs would micro-regulate menus, commissary prices and inmates' reading habits yet ignore the basic issue of how force is used within their jails?
Finally, if most counties already have successful use-of-force policies in place as they claim, why would any sheriff object to sendi
state jail commission?
As a regulatory agency, as its very name implies, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards has authority to spell out the do's and don'ts regarding treatment of inm
And if the commission quails to the misplaced protests of county lawmen, it has abdicated that responsibility

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Supreme Court, said that most Supreme Court, said that most avatars of the living document philosophy." In an article two weeks ago on new drugs for impotence, Newsweek reported on two men who are avatar
of the same future." In the sense employed here, an avatar is an embodiment, a word that everyone can guess at.
Maureen Dowd Maureen Dowd, who writes for The New York Times, stopped some of her reade March. She was writing abo the two faces of Vice President Al Gore - one of them earnest and cmatic and political other pragmatic and poiitical. Pres "pentimento" of his contrasting I hap
Thappened to know "penti-
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artist), but how many reader even of the Times, know that gence in a painting of an is gence in a painting of an image
that has been painted over"? that has been painted over"?
Ms. Dowd employed the term perfectly, so I'm not fussing. No other word would have suf queso! Say cheese

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hear. How pathetic is a school zone by Washington where posted. You are also supposed to yield to pedestrians And please, calm down a little!
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and yes, And yes, next time I will report a plate numberto the policee!
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 Levens, Farve bigger problem for Cowboys than Lambeau's tundra
 BSHS swimmers
second, fourth
at Monahans meet HERALD Staff Report
Big Spring's Steers and Lady
Steers swim teams continued
their string of strong finishes
Saturday, the Steers finishing
second to the host Loboes at
the Monahans Invitational
swimming and diving meet,
while the Lady Steers were a
strong fourth in the girls' field.
The points began to mount
for both teams in the opening
event of the meet Friday when
Jill Johansen finished second
in the girls' one-meter diving
competition behind Monahans'
Carra Roye. Brent Sisson and
Brian Willerg provided fift
and seventh-place points in the
boys diving.
Big Spring's teams began to
add to those good starts almost
immediately. The Siteers' 200
medley relay team of Slate
Broyles, Billy Beckworth,
Manfried Robinon and
Stephen Smith took a second
place in the days first event
while the Lady squad of Dustin Navarro, Brian
Wilberg, Justin Williams and
Brent Sisson wis Brent Sisson was ninth.
Thomas added int Thomas added a third place
in the 200 freestyle and a fourth in the 100 freestyle for the Lady Steers, while Leubner added a second in the 200 individual
medley and was fourth in the mediey and was fourth in the
500 freestyle.
Tuttle was second in both the Tuttle was second in both the
50 -yard freestyle and the 100
breaststroke, while Sheedy was breaststroke, while Sheedy was
12 in in the 200 IM race and eighth in the 100 butterfly. Broyles was again the Steers'
top point producer, taking first top point producer, taking first
place in the 100 backstroke and placend in the 100 butterfly.
Ball was eighth in the b Ball was eighth in the boys'
500 freestyle, then he and Justin Williams were he 11th and 12, respectively, in the 200
freestyle, while Smith was fifth in the boys' 200 IM and third in
the 100 freestyle. Navarro the 100 freestyle. Navarro
added 12 th-place points in the added 12th-place points in the
200 IM.
Beckworth was fourth in the Beckworth was fourth in the
boy's 50 fleestyle and nifth in
the 100 wireaststroke, the 100 bireaststroke, while
Robinson contributed additionRobinson contributed addition-
al points with a seventh in the al points with a seventh in the
100 butterfly and 12 th in the 100
breaststroke. breaststroke.
Robinson, Navarro, Wiliberg
and Ball were 10th in the 200 and Ball were 10th in the 200
freestyle relay. The next meet for Big ${ }_{5-6 \text { at Odessa High School. }}$

## Local Playoffs

## Clase 2A

Stanton (12-0) vs. Post ( 8
No advance ticket sales.
Clase A
Sands (11-1) vs. Lazbudd
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Big Spring's Keesha Lott leaps and puts up a shot over San Angelo Central's Kanesha Randle (23) during the Lady Steers
$\mathbf{6 2 - 6 1}$ loss to the Lady Cats in Saturday's champlonshlp game of $62-61$ loss to the Lady Cats in Saturday's championship game of
Howard College's Crossroads Classic. Both Lott and Randie were named to the all-tournament team, Randle taking most
valuable player honors. The Lady Steers, down by as many as 13 valuable player honors. The Lady Steers, down by as many as 13 points, staged a wild comeback that had Howard College's Lady
Hawks players cheering them from the stands. With their two Hawks players cheering them from the stands. With their two
wins and one loss in the toumament, the Lady Steers improved to 2-2 on the season. They will play host to Midla
Tuesday at $\mathbf{6 : 3 0}$ in the Gollad Middle School gym.


#### Abstract

The Cowboys (6.6) demonstrated the problems that haye hurt them all sea son - getting in the end zone although they had the ball for just $7: 41$ in the second halif In the second half. Their 103 yards in penalties included a crininst Deion Sanders, whose 50 -yard pass interception return was one of their two TDs. They scored only one offensive touchdown and now might have to win their remaining four games to playoff appearances. "It was a pretty. good whoopin' in the second half," said quarterback the second half', said quarterback Troy Aikman said. "They played very well and we didn't play very well."


## Almost unanimous, Michigan's No. 1; Nebraska's second

 messescurnomesMichigan is in perfect posi-
tion to win its first national title since 1948.
The Wolverines (11-0), with a $20-14$ victory over Ohio State on
Saturday, were a near unanimous choice as the No. I team
in The Associated Press' Top 25 in The Associated $P$
college football poll. Cole football poll.
Michigan received 69 of a Michigan received 69 of a
possible 70 first-place votes and
1,749 points Sunday possible 70 first-place votes and
1,749 points Sunday from the
panel of sportswriters and panel of spo
broadcasters.
Nebraska (10-0), idle on
Saturday, replaced Florida Saturday, replaced Florida
State at No. 2 with one firstplace vote and 1,679 points. The
Seminoles (10-1), $32-29$ losers to Florida, tumbled to No. 5, leavIng the Wolverines and
Cornhuskers as the only major unbeaten teams.
Nebraska still has games remaining against Colorado on Big 12 title game on Dec. 6.
Tennessee
$(9-1)$ bered Kentucky $59-31$, moved up two places to No. 3 with 1,570 points, while Penn State, a 35-10 winner over Wisconsin,
also advanced two places, to No. 4, with 1,497 points. The
Vols play Vanderbilt, while the Vols play Vanderbilt, while the
Nittany Lions are at Michigan State on Saturday.
to No. 6 after its $31-24$ win over Southern California, followed by No. 7 Florida, No. 8 North
Carolina, No. 9 Ohio State and No. 10 Washington State.
The Buckeyes (10-2) fell five spots after their loss at
Michigan. Michigan. USA Today/ESPN
In the USA
coaches' poll, Michigan coaches pol, Michigan
replaced Florida State at No. 1,
followed by Nebraska,


Tennessee, Penn State and the
Seminoles at No. 5 . The Big Ten champion State (10-1) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, knowing a victory
would virtually secure their first national title since 1948 . Since the AP poll bega choosing national champs after
bowl games in the mid 1960s, bowl games in the mid 1960s,
No. 1 team winning in the post season has always emerged with the national title.
Kansas State Kansas State ( $10-1$ ), which
beat Iowa State, beat lowa State, fell two spot
to No. 11, followed by Arizon State, Auburn, Georgla, Texa A\&M, Syracuse, LSU, Purdue Missouri, Colorado State
Washington, Mississippi
State Washington, Mississippi Stat Fource and Oklahoma State.
Purdue (8-3) whic Purdue (8-3), which completed its first winning season in
13 y years, jumped five spots to
No. 18 .

## First-place teams have a rough day

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## Oakla tonight.

 The Redskins had threeturnovers turnovers and a costly penalty on Michael Westbrook in overtime of a bizarre game sacks.
Washington quarterback Gus
Frerotte put himself in the Frerotte put himself in the hos-
pital by ramming his head into pital by ramming his head into touchdown late in the first half Frerotte was taken to a hospitial
at halfime and diagnosed at halifime and diagnosed with a sprained neck.
The Redskins blew a chance to win in the extra period when Westbrook yanked his helmet
off to argue after his catch was ruled out of bounds near the
Giants 30 . The resulting 15 -yard penalty took Washington out of fleld goal position, and Scott
Blanton's 54 -yarder fell short Blanton's 54-yarder fell short
with two seconds left.

Cardinals 16, Ravens 13 At Baltimore, Arizona (3-9)
got its first road win of the sea-
son when Joe Nedney kicked a 43 -yard field goal as time expired. The Ravens (4-7-1) tied it on a 34-yard field goal by Meft, but Jake Plummer then ler, sut Jake
drove the Cardinas 55 yards to
set up Nedney's third field goal set up Nedney
of the game.
Oilers 31, Bills 14
At Memphis, Steve McNair ran for two touchdowns and one of the NFL's stingiest
defenses as Tennessee kept its
slim playoff hopes alive. The
Oilers (6-6) controlled the ball by rushing for 163 yards
against the Bills (5-7). Eddie George ran for 93 yards, just missing his seventh 100 -yard
game of the year Lions 32, Colts 10
At Pontiac, Barry Sanders
rushed for 216 yards and to rushed for 216 yards and two
touchdowns, including an $80-$ yarder, as Detroit (6-6) routed Indianapolis (1-11). Sanders topped 100 yards for the 10th
straight game and became the straight game and became the
first running back in NFL his. tory to score three touchdowns on runs of 80 or more yards in

## Patriots 27, Dolphins 24

 At Foxboro, Dan Marinothrew interceptions that Jimmy threw interceptions that Jimmy Hitchcock and Larry Whigham
returned for touchdowns, and returned for touchdowns, and
Whigham picked off another pass at the goal line to stop a fourth-quarter comeback by
Miami. The Dolphins pulled within three points on Karim Abdul-Jabbar's third TD run of the second half.
Jets 23, Vilingss 21
At Bast Rutherford, the Jets point conversion run with no time left to beat Minnesota, point deficit in the fourth quarter. The Vikings pulled within two points when Brad Johnson
threw a 1 -yard TD pass to Andrew alover.




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Five years ago: Former Five years ago: Former
Defense Secretary Weinberger pleaded innocent to
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could come to trial, In China, a domestic jetliner crashed, domestic jetliner
killing 141 people. One year ago: On the eve of an
Asia-Pacific trade $\begin{aligned} & \text { Asia-Pacific trade conference in } \\ & \text { the Philippines } \\ & \text { President }\end{aligned}$ the Philippines,
Clinton met President Jiang Zemin. Both
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relations were on the mend, and relations were on the mend, and
agreed to exchange presidential agreed to exchange presidential
visits over the next two years. Today's Birthdays: Producer-
writer Garson Kanin is 85 . Columnist William F. Buckley Calif., is 62 . Country singer Johnny Carver is 57 . Rock and-
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