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

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Local and area residents should be wary of a potential telephone scam that the Herald

was made aware of by a reader. According to reader Malcolm Farr, a male called his house and identified himself as being "with the local telephone company.'

Farr said the man told him the phone company was conducting a survey and asked if he mined answering a frew questions.

"He asked how long we had had our phone service and if we were current on our bill," Farr said

Farr said he then asked if he had a telephone calling card. When Farr replied that he did, the man requested both the calling card number and the personal identification (PIN) num-

"I asked him if he was with the phone company 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 moment, then hung up.

Farr said he was aware of an elederly neighbor receiving a similar call.

"She gave them her calling card number and would have given her PIN if she could have

### TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

Never give out a credit card num!

. Never, under any circumstances, give out a bank account

. Never, under any circumstances, give out a telephone call-

nder any circumstances, give out a personal identi-ber (PIN) fication number (PIN)

Never give out these numbers over the telephone or to someone you do not know unless you initiated the call and are making a purchase with a credit card. There is never a need for anyone other than yourself to know your bank account, calling card

remembered it," Farr said. There were no other reports of this scam locally through 5 p.m.

Friday. Just last week, the Better **Business Bureau of the Permian** Basin (BBB) issued an alert in regards to a long distance phone

scam being worked in the Abilene area According to Abilene-based Action Telcom, a new twist has

surfaced in the long distance 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.

The con is being perpetrated by a company identifying itself as L.C.I. and a representative of See PHONE CON, Page 2

the long distance company of the business being contacted.

Businesses are being told that L.C.I. is investigating some international calls on their long distance account.

According to Rowland, the con goes so far as to ask the name of the long distance provider and will give actually destinations call are supposed to have been made to and the total cost of those calls.

The company proceeds to ask for a travel card number and pin number so they can complete their investigation.

"With this information in hand the

## YMCA relies UW funds for day care

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

**Features Editor** 

Big Spring Family YMCA staff have plenty to keep them busy. But that doesn't keep them from tackling what many consider a crisis in our country child day care.

The agency uses much of its United Way funding each year for a program of before and after-school day care. Children spend time at the Y playing games, making crafts and taking home lessons in ethics and morals as well.

"With mom and dad both working, trying to make a living, kids may have no supervision," 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

At the YMCA day care program, 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 four areas of character: respect, honesty, caring and responsibility. Wollenzien keeps those words running across the screen saver on his computer.

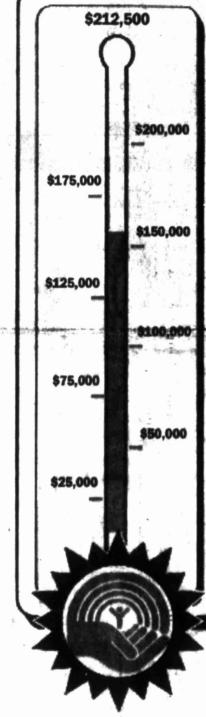
"That's what we try to build into all our programs," he said. "That's what makes us what we

The 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 Wednesday and Friday from 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 level of accreditation by Child Care Management Services.

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer



Last year, the Y was awarded \$12,600 in United Way funding. This year, it is requesting a slight increase to about \$13,000.

Three weeks and \$53,041 left in campaign

totaled \$159,459.

cheon on Dec. 19 at the Big Spring Country

As of Friday, 1997-98 campaign pledges

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: Dora Roberts Rehabilitation

Center; Rape Crisis/Victim Services; The

Salvation Army; Westside Community

Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA.

be a reflection of the attitude of this year's

The success of this year's campaign may

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At the Big Spring Family YMCA, Gretchen Kassner, left, gives a bit of basketball shooting advice to Victoria Hannabass recently. Besides all its sports and fitness programs, the YMCA also offers before and after-school child care with United Way funds.

hit our goal.

"Last year we maintained our previous

year's goal of \$210,00 and attained \$212,475."

Campaign Chairman Kountz said. "Last

year was the first time in a while that we

"With the cabinet we have in place this

year, we have great confidence that we'll

achieve our goal," Kountz added. "We have

favor of a 1 percent increase and came up

with \$212,500 for this year's goal," Jennings

This year's campaign is six days shorter

than last year's and will end on Dec. 15,

"This year our board of directors voted in

a good group of people in place."

according to Jennings.

# **Moore Board**

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

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. had a successful major employer forum earlier this year and plans a repeat early next year as part of its resource fair.

According to Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch, the resource fair is still in the planning 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 planned.

The initial forum was the result of nine months of work analyzing a comprehensive survey sent to area manufacturing businesses.

"The first forum was more of a meeting of the minds concerning the labor force," Welch said.

The initial gathering was also an attempt to find out whether or not any of the local manufacturing companies had any major problems in the areas of labor, city hall, taxes or simply how to make the proper contacts regarding certain issues.

"This time we want to offer all of the available resources we can to businesses (in the form of booths) so they may visit these resources to see if any of them may be of help to them," Welch said.

Some of the resources may include organizations like the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Small Business Development Center out of Lubbock and the Job Training Partnership Act. Moore sees gathering like the

educational process as well as an opportunity for local manufacturing businesses to net-Moore is also in the process of

major employer forum as an

contracting out for a labor analysis survey sometime after

We're looking at a study to determine the underemployed, who commutes (and what salaries they will commute for), availability of part-time labor and the educational level of the workforce," Welch said. "This will probably be contracted out to a telemarketing firm."

"This study will give us a much better handle on knowing what type of workforce we have in Big Spring," Welch added.
"This will also be very helpful in determining what types of industries we target. Industries will then have a much better look at what type of workforce Big Spring has."

Figures released by the TWC information reflect Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).

The closest MSA to Big Spring is the Odessa-Midland MSA, which does not include Big

## Locals: Wrinkles remain to be ironed out before offering home equity loans

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Local financing institutions are hoping a few wrinkles get 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 became the last state to allow

But homeowners eager to apply for the loans need to know that it will be at least a few months before equity loans are available in the state. It will be at least Jan. 1 before any bank in Texas can approve loan applications on home equity.

Howard County residents in particular, and Howard County financial institutions in particular, are somewhat wary of the new loans. Howard was one of

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## added. "We'll have our final report lun-

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said.

Tonight:



With three weeks remaining in the 1997-

98 United Way campaign fund drive, 75

percent of the \$212,500 goal has been

raised, and United Way Executive Director

Carroll Jennings thinks this year's cam-

"If we continue to be successful, we

"We have three weeks to go in the cam-

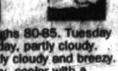
paign, which ends Dec. 15," Jennings

believe we'll make our goal," Jennings

paign is well on it way to meet its goal.







campaign team.

Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs 80-85. Tuesday night, fair. Lows 45-50. Extended forecast, Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 70s to mid 80s. Thanksgiving day, partly cloudy and breezy. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s. Highs in the 70s. Friday, cooler with a chance of rain. Lows in the 40s. Highs upper 50s to mid 60s.

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Ivan Edgar Marin Graveside service for Ivan Edgar Marin, 24, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997, at the Roscoe Reba Lemons Cemetery with Phil'Collard officiating.

Mr. Marin died Saturday, Nov. 22, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1973, in Mexico. He married Jamie Tilley on Aug. 22, 1996, in Big Spring. He was a construction

Survivors include: his wife, Jamie Tilley, Roscoe; one daughter, Rebecca Cantu, Roscoe; four sisters, Mayella Cantu, Big Spring, Alicia Marin, Elvira Marin and Lupe Marin, all of Mexico; one niece and one nephew.

Arrangements under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, Roscoe.

**Mary Lou Torres** 

Rosary for Mary Lou Torres, 74, Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah Murphy, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mrs. Torres died Sunday, Nov. 23, at her residence. She was born on June 2, 1923,

in Coahoma, and married Ramon Torres on July 7, 1948, 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. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Gloria Jean Govea, Midland; 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, Big Spring; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchil-

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Reba Lemons Stallings, 91, died Saturday. Services will be 3:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary Lou Torres, 74, died Sunday. Rosary will be at 8:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at **Immaculate** Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma, Texas.

Vera L. Millhollon, 88, died Saturday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday At Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinty Memorial

Margaret Ann Gombeda, 60, died Sunday. Family visitation will be between 6PM and 8PM Tuesday evening at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Joseph A. Earnest, 83, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch **Funeral Home** 

Troy E. Newburn, 84, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley- Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

Welch Funeral Home

**Stallings** Reba Lemons Stallings, 91, Big Spring, died on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, in a local nursing home. Service will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle Welch

Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor Trinity Baptist Church, and Dr. Claude Crave, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity

STALLINGS

Memorial Park. She was born on Oct. 2, 1906, in Hansville.

She married J.H. Lemons on May 18, 1924, in Quitman. They came to Big Spring in 1934 from Shreveport, La. He preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1963. She later married Rufus Stallings in December of 1967, and they lived in the Knott community until returning to Big Spring in 1991. Mr. Stallings preceded her in death in 1992. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Stallings was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Rhoda Lemons of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Xan Painter of Luther and Lisa Nichols-Brockman of San Angelo; a sister, Trixie Fairless of Shreveport, La.; eight greatgrandchildren; five great-greatgrandchildren; and a number of great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to: Trinity Baptist Church, Building Fund; 810 E. 11th Place; Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

## Gombeda

Margaret Ann Gombeda, 60, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Nov. 23, 1997, in a local hospital. Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held later in Roslyn Pa.

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 of Willow Grove, Pa., and Ann Reedel of Roslyn, Pa.; her fiance, W.R. Purser of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Mary Acri of Big Spring; one sister, Rose Betty Banger of Roslyn, Pa.; and seven grand-

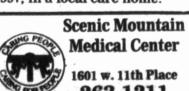
children. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward, Sr. and Veronica Theresa Kostic Acri and two brothers, Joseph and John Acri.

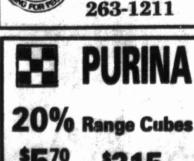
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Vera L. Millhollon Service for Vera L. Millhollon, 88, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle &

Welch Funeral Home. She died Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, in a local care home.





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Earnest, 83, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle &

Welch Funeral Home. He died Sunday, Nov. 23, 1997, in a local nursing home.

## Troy E. Newburn

Service for Troy E. Newburn, 84, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

He died Monday, Nov. 24, 1997, in a local hospital.

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Although that money is primarily designated for child care scholarships, the YMCA's other programming is far from limit-

Whether it's a wallyball tournament, a championship gymnastics team or a family night at the indoor swimming pool: The YMCA has it.

"It can be anything, Wollenzien explained. "We meet community needs where they

On the typical afternoon at the facility, a couple of adults might be working out in the weight room, while some kids play basketball in the gym. In the gymnastics center, a beginner's class and the Sidewinders team are practicing simultaneously. A steady stream of members heads back and forth from the pool area.

Wollenzien offers the pool as the perfect example of the YMCA's diversity: A gift from the Dora Roberts Foundation, it serves all aspects of the local population.

Children learn to swim in it. The high school team practices there. Senior citizens keep fit by using it.

It is open year-round, offering an escape from the heat in the summer and a heated swimming environment in the winter. Wollenzien said in coming months, as the weather cools, many local families will use the pool as evening recreation.

If he had any doubt about the versatility of the agency, Wollenzien had his eyes opened during the recent visit by a India, the YMCA has its own vocational school.

There is really no limit, Wollenzien said, "to what the YMCA can offer."

## **EQUITY**

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the few counties in the state to vote against the proposition, and that ambivalence seems to carry over to officials with local banks and credit unions.

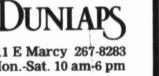
At State National Bank, officials are undecided when it will start offering equity loans.

Bank President Jim Purcell said the state Supreme Court first has to settle several guidelines before his bank begins offering the loans.

"We're not sure what all the ramifications of the new loans will be," Purcell said. "We have to get some (guidelines) from the Court ... We're not going to formulate or base any decisions

until we know all the facts." Although Purcell has concerns about the new loans, he said it is likely SNB will begin offering equity loans sometime in the near future.

"I think, over time, it will all smooth out, just like any new change," Purcell said. "In time,



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they'll find a way where it won't be so bad."

Other bank and credit union officials contacted by the Herald said their institutions will probably offer the loans next year, although no definite plans have 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 of Security State Bank. "Right now, though, there's no policy set (but) we will be doing equity loans."

Newton agrees with Purcell that the state has to settle on specific guidelines, but seemed optimistic that the process would go fairly smoothly.

"There's always bugs in something like that," he said. "But hopefully, we'll learn from other states that have equity loans ... We'll learn from them and avoid any unforeseen problems.'

Norwest Bank Texas also plans to offer equity loans, although no bank policy has been set on the matter.

Credit union officials contacted for this story said their institutions were studying the matter. Faye Boydston of Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union said no decision has been made whether to offer the loans, while a spokeswoman at Citizens Federal Credit Union said "no definite plans" have been made yet.

## PHONE CON

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con asks the business to hold on, while 'Mary' with Action Telcom can get on the line," Rowland said. "Mary, presumably with accounts payable, talked to the business customer and said this was an obvious case of fraud and the company (L.C.I.) was going to waive the bogus international calls to their account."

According to Rowland, the YMCA worker from India. The con game was ended with a ond call back to the local busi- "JESUS RIOS, 30, was arrestness.

This is a classic con, according to the BBB.

"An unsuspecting business is suddenly surprised with the bad news of several international calls on their long distance service possible totaling hundreds of dollars," Rowland said. "In the confusion, the con artist cleverly asks some key questions in order to obtain the right information from the unsuspecting mark.

The second part of such a con is introduced to legitimize the first part of the story and the kiss off comes when the con 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 said. "This is especially dangerous because calling cards are hard to trace, calls can be made from anywhere to anywhere and these calls are generally more expensive per minute."

Rowland adds the bogus company called the Abilene business back on their 800 line to say the calling card wouldn't work. Because Action Telcom was alert, it was able to trace

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the call back to the New York reporter Carlton

(Staff Johnson contributed to this report.)

> Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: Friday 9:03 a.m. - 200 block Texas

FIRE/EMS

Road, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 5:29 p.m. - 400 block

Aylford, medical call, service refused. Saturday 4:31 a.m. - 2400 block

Monticello, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 4:11 p.m. — 12th and Gregg, traffic accident, four transported to SMMC. Sunday

3:20 a.m. — 1400 block Sixth, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC. 1:24 p.m. - 2600 block

Langley, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC. 1:36 p.m. — Second and Lancaster, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

1:51 p.m. — 4100 block Dixon, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 3:15 p.m. - 400 block State,

trauma call, service refused. 6:37 p.m. - 3100 block Sherrod, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

## POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: •JESSE RAMIREZ, 37, was

arrested for public intoxication.

•VERNON PARNELL, 57, was arrested for class C assault-family violence. ·JOHN PEREZ, 23; was IU

ed for not having a motor vehicle registration. JOSE GALINDO, 43, was arrested on DPS warrants. ·GILBERT SANCHEZ, 24,

was arrested for class C assault-family violence. ·JEREMY HARMON, 23, was arrested for possession of

marijuana under two ounces. ·TIMOTHY REED, 28, was arrested on DPS warrants. •EDWARD AGUILAR, 19, was arrested for public intoxi-

 RICHARD FLORES, 44, was arrested on local warrants. JUAN DELOSSANTOS, 40,

was arrested for public intoxi- JOSE CRUCES, 45, was arrested for public intoxication. JON COUNTERMARS, 35,

was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. •RAYMOND OVERTON, 18 was arrested for possession of paraphernalia.

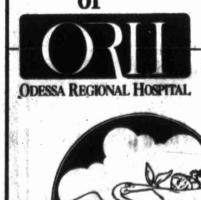
 JAMES McDONALD, 33, was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. ·VICTOR PRUITT, 29, was

arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. JASON LASITER, 18, was arrested for possession of mari-

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JOSH PALMER, 18, was arrested as a minor in posses-

MICHAEL NALL, 18, was arrested for possession of mari-

•KRISTIN PIRKLE, 19, was arrested for possession of mari-

·TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD, 21, was arrested on local war-•WILLIAM WARNER, 19,

was arrested for public intoxication. BENITO RODRIGUEZ, 30, was arrested for public intoxi-

cation. ·STACEY WELCH, 29, was arrested for public intoxication. ·MICHAEL HERNENDEZ,

19, was arrested for failure to

•ROBERT PERRY, 29, was arrested for public intoxication. •RICKY DOGGETT, 26, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

·JESSE SALGADO, 51, was arrested for public intoxication. •KENNETH HELARIO, 36. was arrested for public intoxi-

·JAMES ESCOBAR, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

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ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-LENCE in the 1400 block of E. 16th; and the 500 block of N.W.

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# U.N. weapons teams at work again as new crisis looms in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — With the on the job.
United Nations and Iraq facing a possi- "It is the same routine, same inspecble new confrontation over the search for banned weapons, international arms inspectors went about their busi ness today checking to see if Iraqis had tampered with U.N. monitoring equip-

An American U2 spy plane, which Iraq has threatened to shoot down. made another flight into Iraqi airspace today, its third flight since the crisis over weapons inspections started more than three weeks ago, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency, quoting a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the plane flew out of the range of Iraqi defense units — as it has on the previous two flights, which are part of the U.N. weapons inspection program.

In Baghdad, inspectors leaving their headquarters today said they expected no interference from Iraq because inspections went smoothly Saturday and Sunday, their first two days back

tion and same expectations," said the member of one team, who refusing to give his name in line with the policies of the U.N. monitoring office in

Despite this apparent cooperation, American and Iraqi officials were arguing over whether the inspectors should be able to look at President Saddam Hussein's palaces — a dispute that could trigger another crisis.

Access to presidential palaces was one factor in Iraq's demand in late October that U.S. arms inspectors must leave the country. It claimed the Americans were spies intent on preventing the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

When the U.N. Security Council condemned that stance, Iraq threw the Americans out on Nov. 13. To protest the move, U.N. authorities ordered all other inspectors out as well the follow-

The crisis was resolved last week ical and nuclear sites. under a Russian-mediated deal in which Iraq agreed the Americans could come back while Moscow pledged to work toward the lifting of U.N. sanctions. The 75 weapons monitors, who include four Americans,

returned to Iraq on Friday. In Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf cautioned the inspectors from entering areas outside their mandate.

"They should completely avoid coming near the sites where they are part of Iraq's sovereignty and national security," he said at a Baghdad news conference on Sunday.

But in Washington, deputy White House national security adviser James Steinberg said the United Nations has "clear authority" to look at the 47 presidential compounds.

Eight teams of inspectors left the headquarters to carry out searches today, INA reported. The monitors have been looking at chemical, biolog-

The agency said one team would look at cameras that monitor activity at 16 potential weapons-making sites. U.N. officials charged that Iraq had tampered with cameras during the time inspectors were out of the country - a

charge Iraq denies. Nils Carlstrom, the head of the Baghdad monitoring office, said Sunday that the inspection teams had "clear access into the sites without problems." He refused to give details of what the inspectors found.

Iraq's inspection liaison officer, Hussam Mohamed Amin, insisted the U.N. experts came across nothing illegal in their daylong search Sunday of nine 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 invasion of neighboring Kuwait that it eliminate its weapons of mass destruc-

The sanctions - which forbid Iraq from exporting its oil, its economic mainstay — have devastated the Iraqi economy. Iraq wants the sanctions lifted as soon as possible and insists it has met the requirements of the U.N. reso-

But arms inspectors have charged Iraq was hiding weapons - and the means to make them. The United States, which has been the strongest foe of lifting the sanctions, indicated Sunday that its position had not

U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said Iraq has "no hope" of seeing the sanctions lifted until it shows clearly it has eliminated its weapons

Cohen also said the strong U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf which built up in the three weeks of crisis - will remain indefinitely, until Saddam shows he is committed to getting rid of his weapons as promised.

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

Steven McCaughey, the last of after the septpulets born to a central Firstborn Kenneth Robert was Iowa couple, is back on a ventilator today after doctors decided he needed help breathing again.

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 on his own. Dr. Robert Shaw, the neonatologist overseeing the septuplets' care at Blank Children's Hospital, said doctors decided Sunday night that Joel needed rest and put him back on the machine.

"This is very typical for babies at this age and this size." Shaw said on NBC's "Today" show. "We were pleasantly surprised that he was ready to give it a try and not discouraged in the slightest that he needed some rest. That's very typical for this type of situation.

Joel had been in critical con-

birth Wednesday. removed from the ventilator Friday and is still breathing on

"I would hasten to add that ventilators are very sophisticated, computerized equipment that are capable of sensing 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 condition this morning, while Joel's condition was downgraded from fair to serious when he returned to the ventilator. The other five — two boys and three girls — also were are in serious condition at Blank Children's Hospital's neonatal intensive

"Last week we had very high

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — Joel dition for several hours just expectations for these babies, and to this point, they have fulfilled all of those expectations remarkably well," Shaw had said earlier.

> Their progress impressed churchgoers in Carlisle, the home of Mrs. McCaughey, 29, and her husband, Kenny, 27.

> "Our hearts are so full this morning, we can hardly speak,' 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 Medical Center early Sunday afternoon and returned to her home about 10 miles south of Des Moines, having spent 37 days in the hospital.

The McCaugheys made worldwide news when their septuplets were born by Caesarean section nine weeks' premature. septuplets known to be born

Doctors have said the babies will be hospitalized into January, but hospital medical director Dr. David Alexander said several will likely be weaned from ventilators in the coming week.

The risk of cerebral palsy and other disorders is higher for babies, but premature Alexander said doctors "have seen no evidence of anything except normal neurological status of these babies."

The family appeared to be growing weary of media attention, including the camera crews who crowded around relatives after the church service.

"We would like to get back to normal as soon as can be," said Hepworth, McCaughey's mother

In a letter printed in Time magazine's Dec. 1 issue, the sur-

They are only the second set of viving Dionne quintuplets -63 have seen over the last several year-old sisters Annette, Cecile McCaugheys that multiple births should not be seen as entertainment or a marketing tool. Born in 1934 in Ontario. Canada, the Dionnes were the first known surviving quintuplets. They were taken away from their impoverished parents by the state and displayed

> in "Quintland" for tourists. McCaughey spokeswoman Marlys Popma responded by saying the McCaugheys have not discussed capitalizing on

the family's new notoriety.

days, is a very private, God-fearand Yvonne — warned the ing family," she said. "They want to raise these children as normally as they can.'

In Carlisle, which kept the secret of Mrs. McCaughey's pregnancy for months, the town Christmas tree was lighted Sunday night. Eight lights were added this year - four blue 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. Robert Brown, "and there's a lot to share."

## Audit by fired lottery official says players will be 'ripped off'

upcoming year and warning about a budget Sunday

age payout for instant games, now at 62 per-

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Lottery is cent of sales, might have to be cut to as low lottery players being "ripped off." He tried hiding a report showing that scratch-off as 42 percent of sales to meet legislative to release the report himself before the comgame players will be cheated during the mandates, the Houston Chronicle reported mission fired him Oct. 29.

tor says. commissioners to squeeze the Lawrence Littwin's report says the average pay for other state programs.

Littwin's report says that will result in reporters.

But agency officials threatened to sue him shortfall, the agency's recently fired directory Last spring, lawmakers ordered lottery if he made any documents public and lotcommissioners to squeeze the prize pool to tery staffers followed him with a video camera during an informal meeting with "This family, as I think you NORMAN HARRIS, M.D.

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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 unlikely the video cameras will be running next time.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has proposed corrective action that would require counties to enact use of force rules, however, county sheriffs are rejecting the proposal outright.

In spite of the protests, the jail commission must not abdicate its responsibility by yielding to turf-protecting county sheriffs. The commission must stand fast now that it finally has exerted sadly overdue leadership 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 running 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 enforcement officers. Lastly, the protesters say most sheriff's departments already have successful use of force policies in place.

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 private jail contractors would have to establish written policies for use of force, approve 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, weapons, chemical agents or dogs. The final part of the proposal requires sheriffs and jail operators to document 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 jail operators can devise their own standards.

Second, the state's current local prerogative approach to jail administration is a prime example of 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 considered 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 believe the jail commission's proposal is a swift and warranted response to what is surely a pattern of inadequate training and lack of planning in the majority of county jails and privately run jails in Texas.

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 useof-force policies in place as they claim, why would any sheriff object to sending a copy of that policy to the

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 inmates. Indeed, we believe it has an obligation to do

And if the commission quails to the misplaced protests of county lawmen, it has abdicated that responsibility.

-THE BRAZOSPORT FACTS

# The writer's art: Say cheese when it's cheese

The picture on the box was pretty, and the product had the appetizing look of something

for dinner. So I bought it. At about 7 o'clock I read the instructions:

"Southwestern Beef Strips. Borracho Beans & Charbroiled **Beef Strips** 



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with Peppers, Onions, Sauce & Queso. Preheat oven to 400. Remove meal from carton, and remove film covering Queso portion ...

Very well. Through the film l could make out the strips, the beans, the peppers, the onions, and a cup of sauce. Where were the quesos? Never having met a queso, I felt unusually inadequate. I couldn't find even one. How could I be expected to remove the film from the queso portion when the queso portion was invisible?

To the point: I finally uncurled one corner of the foil, baked the strips for 25 minutes, and found the product good but not great. It was improved by the widower's best friend, ketchup. The next day I learned that "queso" is Spanish

for cheese. Presumably the cheese was in the sauce though the instructions led me to believe the sauce was one thing and the queso another.

Clarity, clarity, clarity! The strips came from Buda, Texas (pop. 1,795), where everyone knows the meaning of "queso," but there's a vast marketing universe beyond San Antonio. Linguistic accomplishment may not be quite so pervasive somewhere else.

I can give you the essence of the writing art in two sentences: (1) Have something to say that is worth saying. (2)

Say it clearly.

Toward this end, we must form some impression of the vocabulary of our readers. Instead of writing about fromage, formaggio, Kase or queso, let us obey the photographer's command: Say cheese!

Last December a gentleman in Seattle wrote a letter to the Post-Intelligencer. In it he accused Sen. Slade Gorton of "sciolism." A copy editor, never having met "sciolism." changed it to read "socialism." and the letter writer was understandably miffed. The copy editor fumbled the ball. But what of the author? Not one person in a hundred, reading a column of letters to the editor, is likely to know that "sciolism" means "a superficial show of learning.'

The Wall Street Journal car-

ried an editorial last year on the flood of lawsuits brought by prison inmates. Federal judges have entered orders granting some strange measures of relief. Said the Journal: "While those consent decrees are simply risible, others are positively dangerous."

"Risible"? We may confidently assume that the Journal's readers are a well-educated bunch. Even so, how many were acquainted with risible? It means "laughable" or "ludicrous." Does everyone know that "queso" means "cheese"?

Vanity Fair carried an item last year on actor Craig Sheffer. "He will be seen this summer in two films - the black comedy 'Head Above Water,' and the Tantrically sexy 'Bliss.'" What in the devil kind of sexiness is Tantrical sexiness? The allusion may be to the Hindu Tantra, and if so, so what? Beats me.

Let me try you on "hispid." Columnist Tony Snow, writing about our bombing of Iraq last year, had this comment: "The administration says it wanted to teach the hispid Hussein about the primacy of human rights." People certainly have said a great many ugly things about Saddam Hussein, but to call him "hispid" gets downright personal. It means "rough with stiff hairs, bristles, or minute spines; rough, shaggy, akin to hirsute.'

Quick now! Is everybody straight on "avatar"? Columnist Joseph Sobran, writing in February about the Supreme Court, said that most recent justices "have been avatars of the 'living document' philosophy." In an article two weeks ago on new drugs for impotence, Newsweek reported on two men who are "avatars of the same future." In the sense employed here, an avatar is an embodiment, a word that everyone can guess at.

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Maureen Dowd, who writes beautiful stuff as a columnist for The New York Times, stopped some of her readers dead in their tracks last March. She was writing about the two faces of Vice President Al Gore — one of them earnest and compassionate, the other pragmatic and political. Press accounts, she said, provide a "pentimento" of his contrasting nature.

I happened to know "pentimento" (my wife was an artist), but how many readers, even of the Times, know that pentimento is "the re-emergence in a painting of an image that has been painted over"? Ms. Dowd employed the term perfectly, so I'm not fussing. No other word would have sufficed. But I will continue to insist, confound it, that when we're talking cheese, don't say queso! Say cheese!



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## Levens, Farve bigger problem for Cowboys than Lambeau's tun

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GREEN BAY, Wis. - For the Green Bay Packers, finally getting the home tundra advantage over Dallas turned out to be less important than Dorsey Levens and Brett Favre.

Levens rushed for a Packers record 190 yards and Favre threw four touchdowns passes as Green Bay routed Dallas 45-17 Sunday, breaking a 10-10 halftime tie by scoring every time it touched the ball after intermission.

Still, the win was sweeter because it was the first for this edition of the Packers, who had lost eight straight to Dallas, the last seven at Texas Stadium. There were some who felt

season was tarnished because they didn't defeat Dallas along the way.

"I have a vivid memory of last year after they beat us — Reggie White pointed at the sideline and said 'come to Lambeau, come to Lambeau," said Levens, who broke Jim Taylor's 36year-old single-game record of 186

"I knew we had them when they left the field two minutes early in warmups because of the cold."

Actually, while the wind chill was minus-4 when the game started and the temperature was in the 20s, the Packers didn't really have them until the second half. But then they REAL-LY had them.

"I witnessed in the second half prob-

ably the best kicking the Cowboys had penalties, 11. have had in a long time," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "We were totally

Indeed they were - Green Bay was 9-of-9 on third downs after intermission, 13-of-17 for the game.

"We really didn't adjust, we just made plays," Favre said. "The biggest key was that on third down, we converted."

The defense helped, too.

After surrendering 467 yards last week in a loss to previously winless Indianapolis, it allowed Dallas only 213, and chipped in with a touchdown of its own — a 34-yard fumble return by Darren Sharper. A telling stat: Dallas had as many first downs as it

But the most important is that the victory puts the Packers (9-3) a game ahead in the NFC Central of Minnesota and Tampa Bay, which both lost. Their next two games are on the road against the Vikings and Bucs.

Two of Favre's TD passes, 4- and 2yarders to tight end Mark Chmura, came in a third quarter in which Dallas ran just three offensive plays and had the ball for just 1 minute, 44 seconds. Levens, who carried 33 times, got 145 of his yards in the second half and capped his day with a 5-yard TD run with 1:55 left.

Favre also threw for 7 yards to Levens in the first quarter and 23 to Antonio Freeman in the fourth.

The Cowboys (6-6) demonstrated the problems that have hurt them all season - getting in the end zone although they had the ball for just 7:41 in the second half.

Their 103 yards in penalties included a critical 34-yard pass interference call against Deion Sanders, whose 50-yardpass 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 keep alive their streak of six straight playoff appearances.
"It was a pretty good whoopin' in

the second half," said quarterback Troy Aikman said. "They played very well and we didn't play very well."

## the Packers' Super Bowl victory last **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 Willberg provided fifth and seventh-place points in the boys' diving.

Big Spring's teams began to add to those good starts almost immediately. The Steers' 200 medley relay team of Slate Broyles, Billy Beckworth, Manfried Robinson and Stephen Smith took a second place in the day's first event. while the Lady Steers four-Michelle Tuttle, Melissa Sheedy and Somer Leubner finished fourth in the event.

The same four girls finished the meet with a second in the 400 freestyle relay, while Big Spring's foursome of Smith, Justin Ball, Beckworth and Broyles was fourth in the boy's 400 relay. The Steers' second

squad of Dustin Navarro, Brian Willberg, Justin Williams and Brent Sisson was ninth.

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 500 freestyle.

Tuttle was second in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, while Sheedy was 12th in the 200 IM race and eighth in the 100 butterfly.

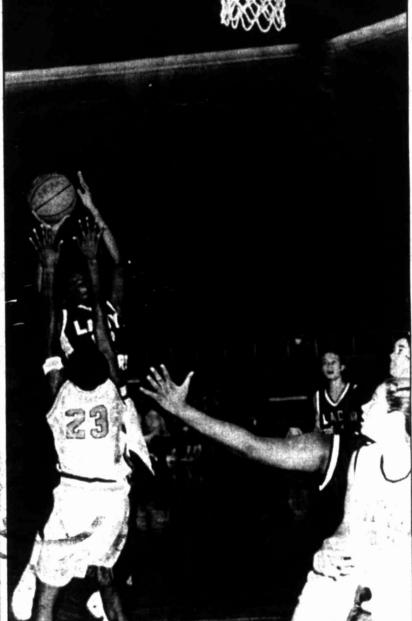
Broyles was again the Steers' top point producer, taking first place in the 100 backstroke and second in the 100 butterfly.

Ball was eighth in the boys' 500 freestyle, then he and Justin Williams were 11th and 12. respectively, in the 200 freestyle, while Smith was fifth in the boys' 200 IM and third in the 100 freestyle. Navarro added 12th-place points in the

Beckworth was fourth in the boy's 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 breaststroke, while Robinson contributed additional points with a seventh in the 100 butterfly and 12th in the 100

breaststroke. Robinson, Navarro, Willberg and Ball were 10th in the 200

freestyle relay. The next meet for Big Spring's swimmers will be Dec. 5-6 at Odessa High School.



Big Spring's Keesha Lott leaps and puts up a shot over San Angelo Central's Kanesha Randle (23) during the Lady Steers 62-61 loss to the Lady Cats in Saturday's championship game of Howard College's Crossroads Classic. Both Lott and Randle were named to the all-tournament team, Randle taking most 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 wins and one loss in the tournament, the Lady Steers improved to 2-2 on the season. They will play host to Midland Greenwood Tuesday at 6:30 in the Gollad Middle School gym.

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

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan is in perfect position 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. 1 team in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

Michigan received 69 of a possible 70 first-place votes and 1,749 points Sunday from the panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Nebraska (10-0), idle on 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 Friday and Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 6.

Tennessee (9-1), which clobbered 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 Nittany Lions are at Michigan State on Saturday.

UCLA (9-2) moved up a notch 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.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, Michigan replaced Florida State at No. 1, Nebraska, followed by

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Thursday, Nov. 27

Chicago at Detroit, 11:30 p.m. Tennessee at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Jacksonville

## AP POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The societed Press college football poll, with

	Record
1.Michigan (69)	11.0
2.Nebraska (1)	10-0
3.Tennessee	9-1
4.Penn St.	9-1
5.Florida St.	10-1
6.UCLA	9-2
7.Florida	9-2
8.North Carolina	10-1
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10. Washington St.	10-1
11. Kansas St.	10-1
12. Arizona St.	8-2
13. Auburn	9-2
14. Georgia	8-2
15. Texas A&M	8-2
16. Syracuse	8-3
17. LSU	7-2
18. Purdue	8-3
19. Missouri	7-4
20. Colorado St.	9-2
21. Washington	7-4
22. Mississippi St.	7-3
23. Southern Miss.	8-3
24. Air Force	10-2
25. Oklahoma St.	8-3

Tennessee, Penn State and the Seminoles at No. 5.

The Big Ten champion Wolverines play Washington 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 began choosing national champs after bowl games in the mid 1960s, a No. 1 team winning in the postseason has always emerged with the national title.

Kansas State (10-1), which beat Iowa State, fell two spots to No. 11, followed by Arizona State, Auburn, Georgia, Texas A&M, Syracuse, LSU, Purdue, Missouri, Colorado State, Washington, Mississippi State, Southern Mississippi, Air Force and Oklahoma State.

Purdue (8-3), which completed its first winning season in 13 years, jumped five spots to No. 18.

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Stanton (12-0) vs. Post (8-4) at 7 p.m. Friday, Lamesa No advance ticket sales.

Class A

Sands (11-1) vs. Lazbuddie (11-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Deal No advance ticket sales.

# First-place teams have a rough day

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a bad day for top teams in the NFL.

Five teams that held a share of first place in their division lost on Sunday — Miami, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Tampa Bay and Minnesota.

Three other first-place teams won — San Francisco, Green Bay and the New York Jets. But the 49ers' victory over San Diego wasn't very significant because they had already clinched the NFC West.

The Giants played an ugly 7-7 tie with Washington, but it was enough to keep New York (7-4-1) one game ahead of the Redskins in the NFC East.

Because they both lost, the Steelers and Jaguars remained tied for the AFC Central lead at

The Buccaneers and Vikings dropped to 8-4, one game behind the Packers in the NFC Central. And the Dolphins (7-5) fell into a second-place tie with New England in the AFC East, a game behind the Jets.

Elsewhere in the NFL, it was Green Bay 45, Dallas 17: Arizona 16, Baltimore 13; Tennessee 31, Buffalo 14; Detroit 32, Indianapolis 10; New England 27, Miami 24; New York Jets 23, Minnesota 21; Atlanta 20, New Orleans 3; Philadelphia 23, Pittsburgh 20; Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 7; Carolina 16, St. Louis 10; Cincinnati 31, Jacksonville 26; Kansas City 19, Seattle 14; and San Francisco 17, San Diego 10.

Oakland visits Denver tonight.

The Redskins had three

turnovers and a costly unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Michael Westbrook in overtime of a bizarre game that featured 22 punts and 10

Washington quarterback Gus Frerotte put himself in the hospital by ramming his head into a wall while celebrating a touchdown late in the first half. Frerotte was taken to a hospital at halftime 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 field goal position, and Scott 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 season 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 Matt Stover with 34 seconds left, but Jake Plummer then drove the Cardinals 55 yards to set up Nedney's third field goal of the game.

Oilers 31, Bills 14

At Memphis, Steve McNair ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third against the 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 two touchdowns, including an 80yarder, as Detroit (6-6) routed Indianapolis (1-11). Sanders topped 100 yards for the 10th straight game and became the first running back in NFL history to score three touchdowns on runs of 80 or more yards in

Patriots 27, Dolphins 24

At Foxboro, Dan Marino threw interceptions that Jimmy Hitchcock and Larry Whigham 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, Vikings 21

At East Rutherford, the Jets stopped Robert Smith on a 2point conversion run with no time left to beat Minnesota, which nearly overcame a 16point deficit in the fourth quarter. The Vikings pulled within two points when Brad Johnson threw a 1-yard TD pass to Andrew Glover.

## Sports Extra

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS CLASS 5A

Duncarville 28, Arlington Martin 20 Odessa (9-3) vs. Duncarville (11-1), 4 o.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Amarillo High 46, El Paso Irvin 6 Rower Mound Marcus 65, Haltom 27 Abilene Cooper 50, EP Socorro 8 S. Grand Prairie 18, Arlington Lamar 14 Regional Amarillo (10-2) vs. Flower Mound

Marcus (10-2), TBA Abilene Cooper (11-1) vs. South Grand Prairie (10-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Gopher Bowl, Grand Prairie CLASS 4A

Canyon Randall 37, Big Spring 12 Brownwood 21, Sherman 14 Quarterfinale Canyon Ra (10-2), TBA Andrews 42, Dumas 6 Denison 43, Stephenville 18 Sweetwater 31, Borger 7

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 25:

Taking risks could be a bad idea this year. You are pressured to perform on a high level, with a constant need to evaluate priorities. Be aware of a tendency to overspend and overindulge. To succeed, selfdiscipline is necessary. If you are single, you meet people easily and enjoy many jovial gettogethers and flirtations. You might go overboard with your feelings. If attached, home life becomes increasingly important to you. You will find 1998 significant, domestically and emotionally. LIBRA eggs you

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Temper management is critical to your success. You are hard on others, as well as yourself. A friend pitches in to help but also changes your mood. Go for what you want, and enjoy yourself. Nothing is as bad as you think. Tonight: Listen to another's request.\*\*\*\* TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Make contact with someone who is at a distance. Tempers rage; anger gets displaced. You feel tired and pressured by what is going on. A boss presents a more positive direction. Once you are on the right track, it is all systems go. Your efforts pay off. Tonight: Indulge in love.\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Reach out for another. A friend is hard on you, shouting his opinion of an investment. A love relationship is testy, at best. A partner is frustrated. Happy news makes your day. Let possibilities unfold. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You want to put your head under the covers; you are under inordinate pressure. An associate blows his cool, right in your face. You are unsure which way to go, so don't do anything. A boss is also on your case; you have a major juggling act going. Tonight: Soak away stress.\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Reach out for others. Another

refuses to take the high road. He is too plugged any perspective. Others are feeling put off. Do your own thing; a partner becomes quite cheerful as a result. Tonight: All's well that ends well.\*\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Handling finances might take an accountant's skill. A partner's insistence on being frugal only further complicates matters. You lose your temper and take a risk that you could regret later. Plug into work, and complete what you do well. Tonight: A little indulgence

feels right.\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Go easy on others who might
be having difficulties. You or a family member could throw a tantrum. You probably need to juggle the different demands of the day. A difficult associate acts up. What's new? Let humor punctuate your mood. Tonight: Let the party begin

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It would be wise to take a hands-off attitude today. You can change other people's moods, but you might become extremely frustrated as a result. Your temper flares up all too easily. It is best to do things only for yourself for now. Tonight: Have a ball at home.\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

You are put out by another; money might be the source of your unhappiness. Re-evaluate a relationship in which some one pushes you to do things you always regret. Keep communications flowing, and you'll discover there are many solutions. Tonight: Try not to go overboard.\*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Take the lead, and handle an irritating matter. If you use your anger to impel you into action, you will be well served. Others are amazed at your performance and abilities. A family member might be difficult, but that is not unusual. Tonight: Run a few errands.\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If you find yourself annoyed, take action. A misunderstanding seems inevitable, but another refuses to listen. Detach, and choose the high road. Your sense of humor makes others break down their barriers. Your personality wins them over. Tonight: It's a night for fun.\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One-to-one relating is key. You resolve a daunting block and find answers. You might feel uptight about a money matter. Know that there is more than one solution. Talk to someone who understand finances more fully than you. Tonight: Good times seem to

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## **Aunt's death, sister's silence** deal woman a double blow

DEAR ABBY: My beloved aunt died more than a month ago. I found out a few days ago when I called the rest home to check on her prior to the visit I was planning. I was devastated by the news. I felt I had lost a piece of my soul. My aunt and I had been close since I was a small child.

I live several hours away from the rest home and the drive is difficult for me, but I visited her as often as I could, and we would talk for hours. My sister, who lives much closer, has been taking care of this aunt on a

day-to-day basis. Many years ago, my husband and my sister had a conflict that put a rift between Abigail However,

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been able to put the rift aside a couple of times for family functions. My sister made all the

we had

arrangements for my aunt's funeral, but she never even told me that our aunt had died. I had to learn of Aunty's death from a nurse long after the funeral. I know my aunt would have wanted me there.

Abby, I could never do such a thing to anyone, and I don't understand how my sister could have been so cruel as to keep this from me. Is there any justification for this? Even if my sister had a problem with my husband, our aunt loved us

both, and aren't her wishes the ones that should have been respected?

I hope your answer will provide me with some understanding and help me live with the pain. — DEVASTATED IN IOWA

DEAR DEVASTATED: Of course your aunt's wishes should have been respected. I see absolutely no justification for your sister's cruelty. If you sincerely want to resolve this injustice, ask your sister to explain her behavior. She OWES you an explanation.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters in your column about forgiveness, I remembered something that I read in "Reader's Digest" the morning I had my first real argument with my husband. We had been married only a month. It read:

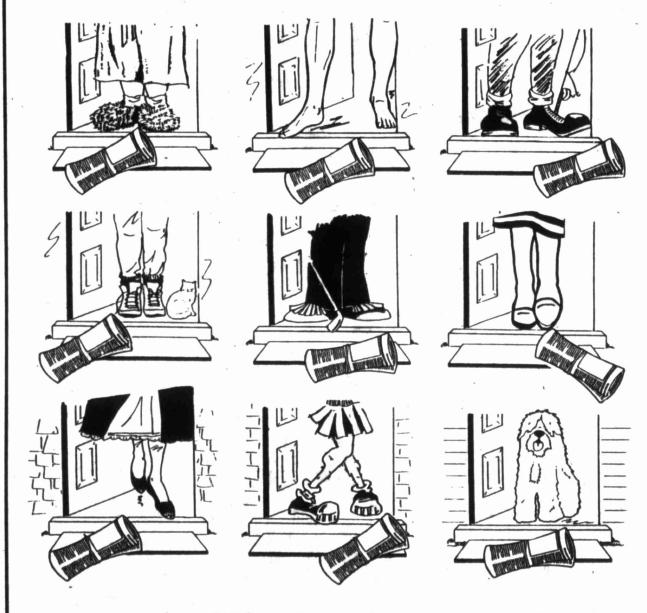
"To forgive is holy. "To forget takes restraint. 'To forget what you forgave is the mark of a saint.'

Abby, it was true then and it's true today. — K.C. IN PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

DEAR K.C.: Thank you for sharing this bit of wisdom. Readers, I urge each of you to adopt this sage philosophy, for who among us does not need to be forgiven more than once in a lifetime?

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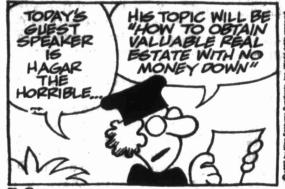
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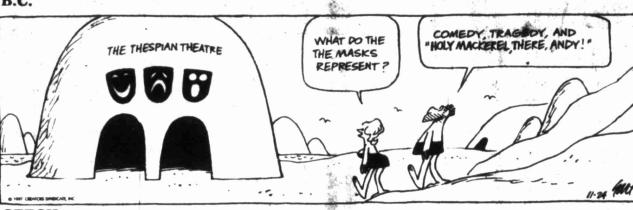
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In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific, ending the second manned mission to the moon.

In 1971, hijacker D.B. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom. His fate remains unknown.

In 1985, the hijacking of an Egyptair jetliner parked on the ground in Malta ended violently as Egyptian commandos stormed the plane. Fifty-eight people died in the raid, in addition to two others killed by the hijackers.

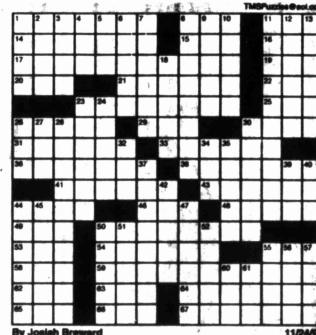
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Five years ago: Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger pleaded innocent to making a false statement in the Iran-Contra affair. However, Weinberger was pardoned by President Bush before the case could come to trial. In China, a domestic jetliner crashed, killing 141 people.

One year ago: On the eve of an Asia-Pacific trade conference in the Philippines, President Clinton met with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Both sides signaled their troubled relations were on the mend, and agreed to exchange presidential visits over the next two years.

Today's Birthdays: Producerwriter Garson Kanin is 85. Columnist William F. Buckley is 72. U.S. Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., is 62. Country singer Johnny Carver is 57. Rock-and-roll drummer Pete Best is 56. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is Actor-comedian Connolly is 55. Former White House news secretary Marlin Fitzwater is 55. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman is 53. Singer Lee Michaels is 52. Actor Dwight Schultz is 50. Actor Stanley Livingston ("My Three Sons") is 47. Record producer Terry Lewis is 41. Actress Denise Crosby is 40. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 35.

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