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Officials adopt wait-and-see attitude in wake of AG ruling on ‘ëight-liners’

## By CARLTON JOHNSON

A recent attorney general rul Ing that "eight-liners" and other are iliegal has spurred many gencies - including those in
foward County - to put operators of such machines on alert that the AG's opinion will be enforced. County Assistant
Howard Howard County Assistant
District Attorney William
Dupree said District Attorney Dupree said District Attorney
Hard Wilkerson is studying


Holiday hectic time for local floral shops
 Day orders. or Valentine's Debra Lusk, owner of Faye's
Flowers, said the staff will have Howers, said the staff will have
to prepare for a flury of activi-
ty at the end of this week ty at the end of this week.
"We'll have all our containers "We'll have all our containers
lined bows made," Lusk
said. "We have to be ready to do it all really quickly."
Faye's plans to stay open late Friday and Saturday to accom-
modate orders. But most local florists agreed, ordering early is the best way to ensure your gift will be just the way you want it. Roses, the Valentine tradition,
have been ordered in mass quantities to arrive in time for deliveries. At Dakota's Flowers
\& Gifts, the flowers are avail$\&$ Gifts, the flowers are avail-
able "in every color imagin able "in every color imagin-
able," gift items, said owner Debbie Sheppard.
"For Valentine's Day they "For Valentine's Day, they
want to send everything
bears, fresh flowers and cand bears, fresh flowers and candy. bears, fresh flowers and candy.
They want it all," Sheppard
said.
ular color, Sheppard said. Q.T.
Coats. of A Timeless Design,
agreed. agreed. young kids especially,
The they'll want to send roses, mainly red, also white," he said. A common gift for a woman to buy a man at Valentine's Day is
a bud vase with a rose and a helium balloon attached, Coats
said.
Sheppard said she's expecting to have a run on her variegated
roses, with romantic names like "Fire and Ire," a white rose that becomes red at the tip, and Confetti," a yellew rose that
turns pink. Coats said red tulips are another popular flower for the holiday. They can be kept for
several weeks and then planted severa weeks and then planted. At Faye's, there are "house
specials" of mixed flowers specigned for their variation in
deolor. "That way you get more show they will last longer." If long-lasting is y ou
See FLORISTS, page 3A
the.truck stops for 15 years and
all I did was come up with the all I did was come up with the
idea to put them in a better dea to put them in a bette don't want people's kids in her just hanging out) so 1 push the age requirement up to 21 for anyone in here without a par-
ent. The state says as long as you're 18 you can play. Bailey agrees with state off ials that such machines should nd not in places such as convenience stores.
See RULING, page $2 i$

## A Holiday That's All Heart

Love, and business, are in the air on Valentines Day
Newlyweds prove that love never grows old

M
argaret and James Nixson met
for the first time at her hus-
bands funeral for the first time at her
band's funeral two years ago. riage, was friendly with Margaret mut riage, was friendly with Margaret, but
they didn't see each other again untit the recent Christmas season," sida James, 67 .
I saw her in Herman's, "Then I sent him a Christmas card," In the card, she invited him out for a cup of coffee, "and thought we could
become friends," Margaret said. He become friends," Margaret said. He
received the card on Dec. 5 . The next day, he called Margaret and asked if they could change the "coffee" to ued to date regularly until very close to

## Tiny post offic


the lights decorating the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park. The romantic Margaret to marry him. and he asked
"We got to talking about it, and just
decided we would do it," James said And, they both agreed, the sooner the "We didn't want to wait," Margaret said.
"We thought about just eloping, bu couldn't do that."
So they planne
So they planned a small ceremony for his son. Most of the family was support ive, if shocked, by the announcement "My sister did ask me if I knew what was doing," James said. "I told her I'd bet Margaret was a little concerned abou eing accepted by James' family, so she See NIXsons, page 3A
 Carrasco isco's jostmaster a in Valentine, a sons located on U.S. 90 about 35 miles west of Marfa, and one of just three towns in the United States to share the
name. And this time of the year, Carrasco and
relief postmaster Leslie Williams spend their days hand-cancelling Valentine's cards and hand-stamping them with a

Just hrow busy are they?
Consider that in 1994 they handled 39,000 cards by the time Cupid's day had rolled around. Last year, some 22,000 cards were processed
Already this year they have processed
cards destined for 23 foreign countries, including Australia, Italy, England, Japan, Germany, France, Finland, Belgium, Indonesia
Mexico and Canada.
Carrasco, who has been postmaster in Valentine since 1990, said the current volume is about four times the normal daily vol
handles. handles.
"This week, it has really picked up."
table in the back of the tiny facility,
Carrasco said most of the cards han-
dled are sent to her in larger envelopes or even boxes.
"Some people send them, already stamped, and all we do in als, apply the
cachet,"" she said. "Others send the money for the stamp and we put a "love" stamp on it."
But others
But others stop at the post office as
they pass through on U.S 90 , they pass through on U.S. 90, some know-
ing of the town's existence and others told about it as they traveled.
Such was the case with Dawn Moore, a
tourist from Ontario stopped in Sanderson to mail her Valentine's cards.
An employee at the Sanderson post
office told waited another about Valentine, so she with the special cachet and hand-cancel-
lation.
Carrasco said the volume of cards to be processed ometimes means longer days. time we get here, we've gotten all the time we get here, we've gotten all the
mail we're going to get,"" she explained mail we're going to get," she explained
"It leaves late in the afternoon, so we work through lunch and until it leaves..

"By that time, we're ready to go home," By that time, we're ready to go home,
she added with a laugh.

WEATHER


Today, mostiy sunny and breery. Highs 70.75 . Toright, farl. Lows in the upper
30s. Monday, mosty sunny and breery, Highs 70.75 . Monday migh, party

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Stenholm has early edge, money wise, over Issard By CARLTON JOHNSON
$\qquad$
 show that Stenholm raised $\$ 360,000$ dur ing the last half of 1997 comAfter expenses, Stenholm
began 1998 with approximately Izzard's campaign owes still
$\$ 300,000$ in cash and Izzard
owes him the $\$ 107,000$, which he $\$ 300,000$ in cash and lzzard
entered 1998 with about $\$ 33,000$
cash on hand the
spent on his unsuccessful 1996 cash on hand.
Both Stenholm and Izzard
attempt to unseat Stenholm. Both Stenholm and Izzard
have made campaign stops in
Ftenholm's reports also sho Big Spring within the last two free and that he collected some months with Stenholm blasting $\$ \$ \$ 0,000$ from corporate and
Izzard for not being truthful
union political action commitabout financing and Izzard attacking the increase in government spending and the
increases in congressional salaries in congressional in the March 10 primary, meanStenholm has been in years ing the race for the 17t Washington, D.C.
For the 1998 campaign, See MONEY, page 2A

## Lena Lewis


ter of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment
will follow at Trinity Memorial will follow at Trinity Memorial
Park. The family will receive Park. The family will rec
friends at the funeral $h$
from 7 to 9 a.m. Sunday.
Mrs. Lewis was born on May
15, 1922 in Roby, Texas and mar15, 1922 in Roby, Texas and mar
ried Stanley A. Lewis on Dec. 7 ried Stanley A. Lewis on Dec. 7 ,
1940, in Stanton, Texas. He pre-
ceded her in death on April 13 ,
1985. has resided in Big Spring
She hase 1954 and was formerly since 1954 and Was Penney's.
employed at J.C. Pa
TG\&Y Company. Wal Mart and most recently the Mos Elementary School cafeteria.
Lena has many friends and
loved and Stanton area where she and her husband resided for many grandmother who truly loved
her family and friends and
enjoyed spending time with them. Lewis was a member of
Mrs. Ler
Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and was actively involved in
the church for 45 years. Ronnie Lewis of Farmers
Branch, Texas, and Jerry Lewis of Athens, Texas, Ne daughter
and son- inlaw, Martha and
Brent Womack, Midland Brent Womack of Mid
Bigher, Milton "Rip" Lewis of
Claudia
Clas two sisters
Massingill Whitesboro, Texas, and Betty
Brewer of Garland, Texas, nine
grandchildren and nine great grandchildren
Pallbearers will be Jerod
Womack, Ryan Womack,
Garrett Womack. Gregg Lewis, and Tray Richardson.
Family suggest memorials be
made to Birdwell Lane Church
of Christ, 11th ind Birdwell. Big Spring. Texas 79720, or the
Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin, P.O. Box 3389,
Midland, Texas 79702.
The family requests all of Lena's loved ones and friends to
join them at the Birdwell Lane
Church of p.m. for dinner fellowship, after
the funeral services.
Arrangements under the direction of Nalley Pickle
Welch Funeral tome
pard Grace Bennett


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Willie Akin will be held at 2 p.m. Monday
Feb. 9, at the First Presbyteria Church in Lamesa with the
Chev. Don Stribling preside Rev. Don Stribling presiding.
Burial will be at Lamesa Memorial Park.
Mr. Akin died Saturday Feb. after a short illness.
He was born on May 26, 1924 in Abernathy and married Katie
McMillan on Feb. 1, 1945 in
 Tahoka in 1946. He worked for
Texas Electric for 39 years and Texas Electric for 39 years and
was a longtime member of the
First Presbyterin First Presbyterian Church.
Survivors include: his wife,
Katie Akin and son, Eddi Katie Akin and son, Eddie
Akin, both of Lamesa; a daugh ter, Sue Rawlings of Lubbock
wo sisters. Georg wo sisters, Georgetta Neel of
Bloomfield, N.M. and Betty Koonen of Fla.; a brother, Arval
Akin of Hobbs, N.M.: five
grandchildren and three great
grandchildren.
 <br> \section*{} <br> \section*{} $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Alta Scott } & \begin{array}{l}\text { District stretches across } 32 \\ \text { Went }\end{array} \\ \text { Alta Nell Scott, } & \text { W5, of Texas counties and is }\end{array}$

## Area Meetings

## Howard County Commissioners' Court

Howard County commissioners will meeting in regular session
$10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the following items

- Consider a request from County Clerk Margaret Ray Hire two
part-time employees for the early voting period preceding the
-Consider approval of Howard County granting the law firm of
Allison, Bass \& Associates authorization to represent the count
in a review for potentrai claims against tobacco companies.
Judge Robert Moore III.
-Consideration of an amended abatement contract for the wind
Commissioners will also have a special meeting at 10 a.m.
Tuesday in the commissioners' courtroom to discuss a Texas


## Big Spring Clty Council



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places like Lubbock, Abilene and San Angelo has not passed
unnoticed Duprea said unnoticed, Dupree said. made a definite decision as to how to proceed in handling gaming machine operators in Howard County. But Dupree
said in many areas operators sard in many areas operators
are written letters and given so much time to comply with those letters before warrants are issued.
Many
Many operators of these
machines have voluntarily shut down, but others are taking a wait-and-see approach in case
the AG's ruling is challenged in court.
Officials in Tom Green
County (San Angelo) have given
County (San Angelo) have given owners of eight-liner machines
until Feb. 16 to remove their
machines.
People ning a gambling
device are committing a Class A misdemeanor, which is punish
a $\$ 4,000$ fine. Some prosecutor
may also consider felony may also consider
charges as well for people
ating these machines
Posse drive hurt by phone scam

HERALD staff report
Reports of a telephone solicia-
tion scam in Big Spring are
harming ticket sales for the
Howard County Sheriffs Posse's
annual presentation of Circus
Gatti, scheduled for Thursday,
Feb. 19 in the Dorothy Feb. 19 in the Dorothy Garrett
Coliseum. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ticket sales fell } \\ & \text { Wednesday night, Mildred }\end{aligned}$ Gamble, Posse treasurer, and
Joe Gamble, Posse vice-president, said. 'Sheriffs Pour callers say Ming up, Mildred

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- Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, ${ }^{211} 112$ Main, $6: 30$ p.m. dinner. -Big Spring Assembly No.
211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m.
dinner $\underset{\text { dinner. }}{\substack{\text { How }}}$


## p.m., Chamber of Commerce

conference room.
Stephanie Horton, 264-0306.
Alzheimer's support group,
6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301

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& \text { 6:30 p.m., Marcy Ho } \\
& \text { Wasson. CCull } 268.9041 .
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Call 268-9041
-Most Excellent Way, a chem-
ical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1424 after 5 p.m. or 263 -3168 between $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
$\cdot \mathrm{Al}$.Anon, 8 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.,

## We've got your <br> Valentine's Day covered.



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Valentine postmaster looks forward to holiday

the man's wife"
"I11 put sone jove stamps on
it, too., she say, her face car-
rying its ever-present smile. rying its ever-present smile.
After the couple leaves, sh explains, "I try to put as many love stamps on them as I can." She has two options - a 82 with hearts and the word "LOVE" on them. "After all, it is the season," she said, taking another handful of Valentine's cards back to a work table.
Carrasco works to ensure
delivery of the holiday cards as close to Valentine's Day as pos
One customer brought in four cards - one to El Paso, one to Andrews and two to another community.
"Do you want me to hold the El Paso card until next week?
she asked, explaining that oth she asked, explaining that oth ered the next day.
"What about the Andrews
card? III hold it, too." she
added, "so they'II get it next
week." It's clear that Carrasco enjoy It's clear that Carrasco enjoys
her job, especially during the month-long Valentine's card season, "It gets really busy, but it's a ot of fun," she said, pulling out recrded pad where she had fries cards had been received postmark and cachet Valentine's postmark and cachet.
"People go to extra effort to send the cards here, so the least we can do is make sure they go out with all the love we can put on them."
By this
By this time next week,
Carrasco will be breathing easy and Williams, helping out through the crunch, will be back in her role as relief post-
master.
"We'll be ready," Carrasco said with a smile.
Carrasc


Postmaster Marla Carrasco (fororound) MERMLO photo/ Jomn H. Wallee Lesile Williams process some of the Valentine's cards they have recelived at the Valentine post office. Carrsco expects more than
ntine's Day centrate on Valentine's cards." Porras' design is a landscape puter generated cachet for the tus and a windmill. special cancellation, Carrasco holds a contest for local school children.
Prior to the 1994 start of the design contest, the post office simply used replicas of the current love stamp as supplied by the El Paso post office. Carrasco said the local design made the This year, sixth-grader John Porras designed the winning
entry.

## , <br> solar mode

The windmill has flower petals for blades and its van carries the words "Love Sta." for love station. There is a lone
cloud in the sky and the sun is heart-shaped.

## But Porras' design has created

 some problems for Carrasco since it is considerably largethan designs used in the han designs used in the past.
"When I get a small envelope have to work to it in," she
said.

How to get that special postmark Do you want to send a spe-
cial Valentine's card to someone special? Well, if you hurry,
Postmaster Maria can help you out. First, seal and address the card - including the zip Second, you can either stamp the envelope yourself or, as some people do, enclose
the exchange amount of curthe exchange amount of cur-
rency for the stamps you need. When you send money for stamps, either Carrasco or
relief
postmaster Leslie Williams will apply special seasonal "LOVE" cards. Third, put all of your cards address it to Postmaster Valentine, Texas, 79854. And get it in the mail in a
hurry as all mail in and out of hurry as all mail in and out of
Valentine goes through E1 Valentine goes through El
Paso and you're running
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## Our Views

Take the time, register to vote nday is the final day to register to vote
for the March 10 primary election. That means all of you who are not registered if you're not hours to make things right probably feeling indisposed toward the entire process. In that case
your mind.
Voting is one of your greatest duties and obligation as a member of a democracy
Voting in an election gives you a voice in the outcome, whether the candidate of your choice wins or But you already know that, too.
So if you know all that, and still don't feel the urge to register, what p
change your mind?
Obviously, you are well within your rights to let this next election pass you by. If recent historical trends hold, we'll be pretty lucky if half of our registered vot
ers take the time to go to the polls, so you'll have plenty of company if you sit this one out
That's your right. Non participation in a democracy is just as much a right as participation. That's what reedom is all about. Nobody is going to hold a gun to your head and force you into the voting booth. Many people are dissatisfied with this voting busi-
ness. "My vote doesn't count," or "They're all a bunch ness. "My vote doesn't count," or "They're all a bunch
of crooks," are popular refrains among the non-voting of crooks," are popula
set this time of year.
Well, you're darned right - but not for the reasons If you don
If you don't vote, of course it doesn't count. And, by
staying away from the polls, the risk of a fringe can staying away from the polls, the risk of a fringe can-
didate actually winning increases. Do nothing, just sit on your hands and wait the whole thing out, and the political arena will become a greater quagmire than people already believe it to be.
On the other hand, if you're sick and tired of the
mess, if you want candidates who stand for more than mess, if you want candidates who stand for more than
just what they can get out of the job you're giving them, then it is absolutely necessary that you get off your duff and vote.
Why do you think politics has earned such a dirty bunch of lazy bums with their hand in the public till? Absolutely not. A vast majority of candidates are public good. The only way unworthy individuals hold happen by - you guessed it - not voting.
You don't like the way government is going? You feel You don'tike the way government is going? You feel
disassociated from the entire process? There's a sim-
ple solution to the problem, and it will take only a few minutes of your time.
All you have to do is vote. It's that simple

## Other views To be helpful in Iraq, they would say to Saddam Husse in "'This crisis is going to end one of two ways. You can have in a dacha on the Black Sea or, in the unlikely event you live, stand trial as a war criminal." <br> Faced with that stark choice Saddam might see the light and let the U.N. inspectors back into his country to finish their job of account ting for and chemical and nuclear we <br> and the <br> Instead, Russian rhetoric has become more shrill as Russian diplomacy has become more futile. In a statement his aides play, Russian President Boris Yeltsin predicted possible "world war" "world war" if the United States, aided by the gutsy States, aided by the gutsy British, launched a militar strike against Iraq. <br> The Russians would like to become major world diplomatic players. In time, they will, but In Iraq they had their chance and blew it. Foreign Minister

If the Russians truly wanted
Yevgeny Primakov brokered a
settlement last year that allowed the inspectors back in renege. An' hep past week, he thought he
Primakov's deputy
had a deal, one announced had a deal, one announced
with much fanfare by the

Kremlin, only to have the
Iraqis back out hours later. ir strike again and Britis air strike against Iraq grows
daily more likely. Support among our Arab allies for a
strike has been lukewarm to son: They fear, and not withou may walk away from a half-fin to face the consequences of an angry, armed and belligerent Their fears may be tempered by a new development. Key Republican leaders are now
saying publicly what many saying publicly what many
military planners had been saying privately:
If American ground forces
are necessary to are necessary to bring the Irac
situation to a resolution situation to a resolution, use them. If that happens, there
will be no turning back, unlike

## Clinton's troubles prove character matters

By JoHn kave
AMARILLO - President
AMARILLO - President
Clinton's troubles prove Clinton's troubles. prove that character does matter. I offer this view understan ing clearly that too many "ifs"
exist to pass final judgment on exist to pass final juigment on
a president struggling to recova president strugging to reco
er from allegations of sexual impropriety with a y young
woman barely older than his woman b
daughter.
Yet, the questions persist and
plague the Clinton presidency.
plague the Clinton presidency.
Moreover, as U.S. Rep. Mac Moreover, as U.S. Rep. Mac
Thornberry said, it is imporThornberry said, it is impor-
tant to keep the issue of presitant to keep the issue of pres
dential morality in some per
spective.
Thornberry, a second-term Thornberry, a second-term
Clarendon Republican, in the
weeks and months ahead could be forced to cast the most painful vote imaginable for a to impeach a president.
Thornberry said he is pained Th what has transpired over allegations that Clinton engaged in sex withtern and
old White House intern then either lied about it, asked the intern to lie about it or per-
suaded someone else to ask the suaded someone else to ask the
intern to lie to investigators

be heard around the world,
instantaneously and interpret
ed -or misinterpreted - by ed -or misinterpre "The very last thing we want to do is further embolden (Iraq
dictator) Saddam Hussein or dictator) Saddam Hussein or
anybody else" into committing a foolish act, said Thornberrỳ.
The Clinton story highlights like no other in recent memo how times have changed in
three decades. And, oh, the irony of it all when comparing all this with the president's hero: John F. Kennedy. Thirty-plus years ago, the
press and the Secret Service gave Kennedy a pass on the dalliances that insiders knew
he was committing. It didn't he was committing. It didn
matter, the theory went, because that behavior had no effect on the governing of a nation. So what if the president
slept around with women other slept around with women other
than his wife? Why did it not matter then?
More to the point: Why does
it matter now?
Have we become a nation of
prudes at a time when social conservatives bemoan society's lack of morals - as they define
it?
Probably not. But we ought to consider the whole package
when selecting our head of
state, the leader of the Free
World, the person with his/her World, the person with his/her
finger on The Button.
We must ask: If our president is careless enough to carry on is careless enougnto carry on
an adulterous affair inside the
White House, downstairs from White House, downstairs from
the living quarters he'shares
with his wire is he careless enough to make another equal ly careless judgment regarding our nation's security?
We are talking not just about sexual peccadilloes. We're talking about judgment, about We should
tainly, that none of these alle gations has yet been proven true. Indeed, the president has gone out of his way to deny
them. He could extinguish this firestorm immediately by divulging what - if anything - DID happen.

Absent a full explanation,
millions of Americans are to wonder about the characte of their president.
And to suspect the very

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Why Clinton is surviving scandal

intern and the president


That surely is not the word a
lawyer would use if his client down the president of the United States by telling a grand jury that she was telling
the truth in lurid tape recordthe truth in lurid tape recordings in which she claimed an
18-month affair with Bill Clinton.
Ginsburg's use of the word
"colleagues" struck me as the "colleagues" struck me as the reason why he said flatly that
this scandal "will go away; it'll
pass Everything's going to pass... Everything's going to
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Wallard Fillmore } \\ \text { by } \\ \text { bruce tinsley }\end{array}\right]$
Lewinsky is going to stick with
her affidavit saying that she
never had sex with Clinton,
and disavow her gossip with
Linda Tripp saying that the
president and his friend
Vernon Jordan urged her to
commit perjury independent
counsel Kenneth Starr won't be
able to lay a finger on Clinton.
There are, of course other
reasons Ginsburg could cite to
justify his prediction that the
president and the country will
emerge from this mess okay.
First, there's the overwhelming
evidence that most Americans
recoil at the notion of Starr lit-
erally overthrowing Clinton by
hiding under his bed. Clinton's
job approval and his popularity
have soared to record highs as
millions of Americans have
shouted that they don't care
about the president's sex life.
They care about the president
producing a budget with a sur-
plus for the first time in 30
years. They care about the
stock market soaring by more
than 200 points Monday. They
care about schools and the
other issues that this president
is emphasizing.
But what about honesty and
integrity? What if the president
lied in his deposition in the
Paula Jones case in which he
denied having sex with Monica



Judge in Zamora trial gets good grades


## Home equity applications held up by legal delays

DALLAS (AP) - Hailed as the
new darlings of the banking backlogged by the hundreds because of legal hurdles, a con fusing state law and other prob
lems, according to lenders. Just a a month after equ loans became legal in Texas, industry officials say some lenders have privately told col leagues they are staying on the
sidelines until the uncertainty clears or are limiting their types of lending instruments. "The whole thing's a mess," gage broker at Reliance gage broker at Reliance
Mortgate Co., who has taken more than 100 applications for home equity loans'" Butt "Eannno

## them. "The backlog is massive. we are just piling them (applit

 cations) up and now actually are discouraging them," hesaid. said.
Banks. Banks, mortgage and finance companies, credit unions and
other institutions statewide other institutions statewide
have intensively lobbied for years for legislation that would allow customers to borrow
against the estimated $\$ 127$ bil against the estimated $\$ 127$ bil
lion of equity locked up in Texas homes. But now Anderson is tuining away business, not because his office is overworked but
because the lenders are not "I think the in
"I think tie industyy 7 "
uct,"' a bank official who uct," a bank official who
declined to be identified told The Dallas Morning News for
Sunday's editions." "The private Sunday's editions. "The private sector is choking trying to
make this happen:" make this happen:" allowed under the law effective New Year's Day to pledge their houses for loans of up to 80 per ent of the value not already ortgaged. Researchers had estimated
hat Texans might save asmul as $\$ 225$ million in save as much nents and even interest pay ments and even more after their federal taxest paid from

hey originate co buy lans consumer safeguards are ham If if their usual buyers. If consumer guidelines are violated, an investor who holds mortgage could be forced not originating the loan or breaking the law "A lot are saying we can't
take a risk, so a lot of ake a risk, so a lot of loan
aren't getting funded," Ben Howard, president Transcoastal Mortgage, said. Conflicts between Texas
homestead provisions and the nemestead provisions and the ing other problems. A house gualifying tor the t Nead
 a good jugge, and if inad to
pick someone to hear this case,
hed suit me fine," Curry said.
"But people in this office know
" But people in this office know
not to talk to him between noon and 1:30 p.m.
"His reputation for napping is Former homicide. Former homicide detective
Greg Miller, now one of Curry's prosecutors, says Drago's a
wonderfully funny guy and wonderfully funny guy and a
great trial judge who obviously greauld rather sleep than eet.
"You always know you're "You always know you're
going to get a lunch break," he uipped.
Miller recalled the time a jury, tipped off by a bailiff that it was the judge's birthday, surprised him with a birthday ser His smile lit up the cour
room.
Defense attorney Strickland, who once prosecuted cases with his longtime buddy "is an even better judge than he was a awyer. ... Some people find But Drago is one of those indi iduals who has grown into the ob, and consequently I think he riminal judges here."
But, oh, those neckties. "His bad ties are legendary," ver at his house at a Christmas party and he had a rack on the edroom wall of about 20 of the



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meals.
Applications forms and a letter to parent or guardians are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the contractor. Additional determine eligibility: it may be verified any time during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials.
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Applications may be submitted anytime during the
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Some foster children are also eligible for free or reduced-price meals. A household with foster children The information that household provide is confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility and var
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## Deadly tremors jolt Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)-
New tremors split mountain $\begin{array}{lll}\text { New tremors split mountain } & \text { listed Rustaq district of Takhar } \\ \text { roads and crumbled villages in } \\ \text { remote } & \text { northeastern } & \text { province, nestled between the } \\ \text { Hindu Kush and Pamir moun- }\end{array}$ roads and
remote
Afghanis Afghanistan on Saturday,
worsening the lot of survivors aid workers trying to reach
them. Another 150 deaths were them. Another 150 deaths were
reported in Saturday's shak reporte
ing.
ind
2.150 and 4.450 people died in Wednesday's magnitude-6.1 quake, which set off landslides
that buried many in their rugged hillside villages. Saturday's jolts failed to ister at the U.S. Geological
Survey in Golden Colo Survey in Golden, Colo., indi-
cating the latest tremors were below 4.5 in magnitude - but
still strong enough to block still strong enough to block
relief routes and claim new relief ro
victims.
$\qquad$ "elicopter,": said Sayed Ali helicopter," said Sayed Ali
Javed, leader of a team coordi-
tain ranges.
Reports Reports of Wednesday's
quake reached quake reached the Afghan cap-
ital of Kabul, 150 miles to the south, only on Friday evening. Officials with the melitary
alliance that controls the por alliance that controls the poor
farming area said as many as farming area said as many as
15,000 families were left homeless. Whole hillsides collapsed onto each other, crushing
thousands of mud and brick thousands of mud and brick
homes perched on the slopes. Sher Mohammed. spokeman for the alliance, said soldiers digging through
the rubble found 450 bodies the rubble found 450 bodies
Saturday, raising his death toll estimate to nearly 4,500. "Our troops are helping the
people of the region, but it is people of the region, but it is
taking a long time and there may be more bodies and
injured people still injured people still trapped,"
he said by satellite tel
and may use German bases in
any necessary military opera-
In another gesture of solidarind reconnaissance aircraft were to be sent to Iraq's neigh-
boring Kuwait in the coming days.
Cohen,
Cohen, meanwhile, saic Saturday that one of the United the Persian Gulf would be rought home. Pentagon officials maintain that two carriers are adequate to support a su "If that happens, Britain will be there, as we have been in the past," Blair said.
The taping of Saturday's five minute radio address came near o Washington, his first since his election as prime minister last May. The Blairs flew hom Saturday.
South African President Nelson Mandela is the only other foreign leader with whom radio broadcast.

## Teenagers' suicides rock Sioux reservation

McLAUGHLIN, S.D. (AP)
Robert Jaycob Jensen was first.
The lanky 17-year-old Sioux The lanky 17 -year-old Sioux
indian, who'd been drinking heavily and having run-ins with his family's dank basement last Aug. 30. Over toward the corand broken sewer line, he over a board nailed between floor beams, buckled it around his neck and hanged himself.
On Nov. 16, in the same basement with the same type of belt. Robert's 16 -year-old cousin and best friend, Charles Gerry, hanged himself from a nearby
pipe.
Three other Indian youths on pipe.
then - the latest was buried
Jan. I2 In the five months since
Robert's death 43 reservation Robert's death, 43 reservation
boys and girls have attempted boys and girls have attempted
suicide, some more than once Counselors are keeping tabs
on 150 ten on 150 teen-agers considered at
risk. The hellish epidemic, they say, is brought on by a lethal mix of alcohol, drugs, poverty.
boredom and wholesale family boredom and
breakdown.
"'There's so "There's so much pain here,"
says Faith Taken Alive whose 14-year-old daughter, Dani Black Fox, attempted, Duicide
with a friend in October "Youn with a friend in October. "You
wonder where it came from and wonder where it ca
why it hit at once.
is the biggest town on the 2.3
million-acre reservation. For
the most part, its Indian and the most part, its Indian and
white residents live separate white residents live separate
lives. They report to separate court systems and separate court systems
police forces.
They even ke Whites observe Mountain time while Indians keep to Central ters, accoss the border in Fort Yates, N.D.,. falls within the
Central zone. With its bin
tor jutting from the rolling prairie, McLaughlin looks from a distance like hundreds of other Midwestern farm towns.
But there was trouble even But there was trouble even
before the suicides.
Burglaries, most targeting the

Emergency stroke treatment slow to gain acceptance
 approval. surveys show many
doctors are still a arraid to use clot buster as the first emer.
gency
treatment for stros gency treatment for strokes
because of the potentially dangerous side effects.
The slow acceptance of tissue plasminogen activator - TPA
was one of the primary topics Heart Association's 23 rd
International Joint Conferce
Intent on Stroke
Circulation,
and Cerebral
which
ended Until recently, there was no
treatment for strokes. Many hospitals did not even consider
them emergencies since there wes nothing they could do. That
changed in June 1996 with U.S.
 and stop off blood to the brain that cent: and follow-ups presented
at this conference showed those benefits continue one year after
treatment. treatment.
TPA is already a mainstay of therapy for heart attacks and
has been used on more than 1
million people in million people in the past
decade. However, the drug is more dif.
ficult to give for strokes.
Patients must undergo a quick CT scan to make sure their
strokes do not result from bleed. Strokes do not result from bleed
ing inside the head rather than
a clot. Given by mistake that people,
lethal.

## meeting said many neurolo- gists, who are stroke specialists.

 are leery about trying TPA. Andemergency room doctors who heart attack patients are unwill-
ing to try it for strokes without the approval of a neurologist.
"I think it will be at least five Thomas Brott of the University
of Cincinnati Medical Center.
Brott sald he has treated more Brott sald he has treated more
than 100 stroke victims with "There are 14,000 active neu rologists in the United States and there are 730,000 strokes,"
Brott went on. "There just isn't the manpower, and they aren't in the emergency department
when they are needed. We're in when they are needed. We're in
the hospital eight or 10 hours a day. How can we do it?"'
Dr. Patricia Davis of the University of lowa, who sur-
veyed 773 primary and emer geyed doctors in rural Iowa,
found the absence of found the absence of a nearby
neurologist is a prime reason why TPA is not used
strokes.
Only half of their nospitals Only half of their nospitals
had a neurologist on call
around the clock for stroke able, she said, "the problem is
having a neurologist get in minutes. In a rural state, that's


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wned liquor store, have become common, as have fights,
vandalism and petty theft residents say. dents say. was burglarized so many times the owners finally covered the storefront with steel grating.
Three of four Indian adults have no jobs, and half the students at the tribal school in Fort Yates drop out before 10th
grade. For the idle, alcohol is easy to get.
Many of the dropouts wind up roaming with loose-knit gangs
that commonly brawl with oth that commonly brawl with oth-
ers, but the tribe has only two ers, but the tribe has only two
detention cells for juveniles and detention cells for juveniles and
just one probation officer to
track up to 60 cases at a time.
ble, he or she might not ye know enough about this Dr. Lewis Morgenstern of the University of Texas in Houston surveyed 238 Texas neurologists
six months after TPA's approval for montrkes. He found that only 16 percent were actually using it. Among those who had no
intention of trying the drug, he said, nearly half "grossly over estimated the risk.
Doctors at the meeting pre-
dicted that eventually emergency room physicians will be trained to decide whether to neurologist's approval.

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Speaking from the map room
where predecessors plotted nd British Prime Minister "We rillaliation against ard saturday. ancellor Helmut Kohl lined chind any U.S. led military to force diplomatic efforts Hussein to Presiden Nations resolutions national inspectors.
meetingashington for offi gress, said "' Co ison and more pressing" in those ady a man who has ampled sufficient mical and biological population. $\quad .$. He must be opped," Blair said. If diploma s
and Prime Min Wisevel Churchill charted their joint strategy for victory in World ar II.
way to get him It was a theme Clinton and rime minister's visit Bhe radio address, taped Friday ight in the White House Map ooir before the leaders and he Camp David presiderto retreat in thesidentia Mountains of Maryland. Clinton, speaking first, noted hat the Map Room was where ecretary William Cohen and Munich Senate delegation in United States has the "fuld the Oort" of its European partner

Sat Saturday: "I stand foursquare Kohl, meeting with Defe
United States and Britain made the difference between tyranand freedom, chaos and ecurity, Cinton said. "Now nges of a new century. And ogether, we will again prevail." Both leaders pronounced U.S. British ties unshakable. And hile Clinton's last-resort pla $r$ military strikes on Iraq is harply opposed by Russia, rance, China and other coun


## SPORTS Miconeronto -

BSHs golfers take third-place finishes in Snyder, San Angelo tourneys

|  | Both Rodriguez ani Watters were a onsistent 3-over-par on both courses | and Sweetwater wa's sixth at 651. <br> Rounding out the field | tournament. <br> Playing in the "Orange Division" field |  |
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|  | used to stage the tournament - | Frenship's 659, Snyder's 677 land | of Class 3 A and 4A team, the Lady | The Lady Steers were led by seniors |
|  | Western Texas College's par 70 la | Levelland's 722. | Steers finished behind defending | Kelly Hollar and Stefanie Waggoner. |
|  | was the circuit Friday, while | In addition to Rodriguez's impressiv | region and state champion Snyder, | Ho |
| ments in Snyder and San Angelo this | Saturday's round was | finish, the Steers got an 82,80-162 fini | which won with a $337,335-672$, easily | off |
| eekend. | par 72 Snyder Country Club course | from junior Heath Bailey, while junior | outdistancing second-place Pampa |  |
| In the process, Big Spring | ther was pretty | Rudy Gamboa and senior Blake | 341-709). | Three sophomores rounded out the |
| ammy Rodriguez took individual | Steers coach Gary Simmons said fol- | Weaver finished with 165 tot | Big Spring's 367,359-726 was five | s |
| medalist honors at the Snyder | lowing his team's 323,317-640 finish | Sophomore Chris Rodriguez finished | strokes better than district rival | posted ar $87,87-174$ finish, while |
| Invitational Tournament after fipish- | that left them trailing team champion | with an 87,87-174 score. | Andrews, which had a $373,358-731$ total. | Brittany Robertson - hampered by a |
| ing 36 regulation holes with a 73,75-148. | Bastrop ( $301,319,620)$ and Permian | After the Lady Steers' third-place fin- | Fort Stockton was fifth at 735 for the | blistered hand - and Christine |
| He saved his best for last, howeve | (312,309-621). | ish at the San Angelo Invitatio | two-day event, while Pecos was s |  |
| alking up a birdie on the first hole of | Lamesa's team, which advanced | Tournament has coach Mike |  | - both h |
| dden-death playoff with Odessa |  | Scarbrough looking ahead to being the |  |  |
| Permian's Steven Watters, who had posted identical scores. | ished two strokes behind the Steers at 642. while Plainview was fifth at 650 | favorite later this season when his charges take part in the District 4-4A | district championship." Scarbrough | host Friday and Saturday during the |

Pate takes Buick lead at 12 -under monssocontio penss SAN DIEGO - Steve Pate
birdied three of his final five birdied three of his fineal fave
holes and finished the rainholes and finished the rain-
delayed seocond round under
sunny skies Saturday to take sunny skies Saturday to take
the midway lead in the Buick the midway lead in the Buick
Invitational at 10-under-par 132. three of his final four holes, was two strokes back at 10 .
under 134, with Davis Love III, Tom Kite, Bob Tway, Robert
Damron, Kevin Sutheriand and Damron, Kevirs
Jeff Sanday at 135
The field of 152
cut to 81 for the thirr round. 3p.m., the leaders were unlike-
ly
lo get more than nine holes ly to get more than nine holes finished before dark. The third round could turn the possibility of of storms on on
Sunday could mean the tournament will be shortened to 54 year, 54 holes need to be com-
pled ploted for a victory in an event
to be considered official. Pate and Kendall both
climed taking advantage of the easier Course at Torrey Pines, Patier
shooting a 65 and Kendall a 63 . Love, who was on the South
Course, began the resimide
round tied for the lead with Kite at 9 under and quickly
made a birdie when he hit a day.
But a balky driver betrayed him coming in as he missed his with a bogey when he hit into
the pond in front of No. 18 from "I had a good lie," Love said about trying to reach the par-5
hole in two shots from the
ruogh. "I thought I was going to get a flier and I got the exact Tiger Woods firished the sec-
ond round with three consecu-
tive birdies tive birdies for a 66 on the
North Course and was at 7 .
under 137, five strokes off the Yead, exactly where he was
when play was uspended
Friday by driving rain with Woods on the 13th hole.
Brian Henninger brian Henninger made the
record tyove, shooting a oourse
ret Coune for a 66 on the South
Course for a 139 total midway
through the rain-delayed event. While the course was in sur
prisingly good condition con sidering the El Nino storms
that have slammed the area in the past week, and while the sun smiled on the completion of
the second round, more storms
were predicted for .late
wor
pair of 3 -point shots that
trimmed the Pecos edge to just
Steers romp to 72-49 win over Eagles $\frac{\text { By JOHN A. MOSELEY }}{\text { Sports Editor }}$
Big Spring's Lady Steers, per-
haps still smarting from
Tuesday's loss to Andrews Tuesday's loss to Andrews as
well as the memory of coach well as the memory of coach
Ron Taylor's wrath in the after-
math, were anything but gra math, were anything but gra-
cious hosts Friday night in tak ing a $77-60$
Lady Eagles
It was second time this sea-
son, Pecos' Lady Eagles had to
pay the price for the pay the price for the frustraions encountered during the
previous week by the Lady previous week by the Lady
Steers, only this time they had
company. company.
In the
Tipton's Steers jumped out to an early lead and were never over the Eagles.
The Lady Steers, already
guaranteed of a playoff berth ds
the third-place teamin Distridt 4.4A, were in no mood to allow the upstart Lady Eagles close
the season on a positive note. "You've got to remember tha severat of these girls have
started for the last three years string of district champi-
onships we've had," Taylor said after watching the Lady Steer score 49 second-half points
win going away. "It's been
tough on them to be the team ough on them to be the tean
that didn't keep the string
alive, but they certainly lar season looking bad." But Pecos, paced by stellar
senior Lorie Marquez, seemed bent on making things difficult Maggie Haddad would give
the Lady Steers a quick $2-0$ lead with a jumper from the crease
but Big Spring would turn ice cold from the field. On
the next four trips down the court, neither Haddad, nor Kara Hughes could find the and the Lady Eagles capital
As a result, Marquez and Marisol Arenivas combined fo mately owned an 11-4 lead with just more than a minute left in the first quarter. At that point, however
Hughes found the range and in the space of seconds, hit

# Lady Steers work out frustrations on Pecos 



Big Spring's Traci Bellinghausen (30) puts up an off-balance shot and scores over Pecos' Shay Lara (12) and Lindsey Hathorn (40) during the third quarter of the Lady Steers' $77-60 \mathrm{win}$. The Lady more than likely take on El Paso Parkland.

## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { one. } \\ \text { Trailing by two as the second } & \begin{array}{l}\text { evening in the second quarter } \\ \text { and Lott would score nine of }\end{array}\end{array}$

 Trailing by two as the second and Lott would score nine ofquarter began, the Lady Steers
the 13 points she would finish found themselves locked in a with during the quarter, stak-tit-for-tat scoring struggle with ing the Lady

Keesha Lott and reserve for- That's when it got ugly. | ward Krissi McWherter ear- $\begin{array}{c}\text { Hughes erupted for three } \\ \text { more } 3 \text {-point goals in the third }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | McWherter would score all

eight of her points on the

See BSHS, page 9A

## Rangers adopt

 optimistic view for 1998 season The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stanton clinches 6-2A crown; Garden City girls' near playoffs
herald staff Report
Stantor's Buffaloes clinched the District 6 .2A boys basketball champi:
onship outright triday y night with a 62 . onship ourg han Hiay night with a 62 .
53 win over van Horm. The No. Tranked Ruffs, which perfect 8.0 in district play, were led by point guard Kyle Herm's 20 points.
Chad smith added 18 and Justin Cobb
It was not exactly an easy win, how-
ver, as $V$ Van Horn outscored stanton
 minutes of play
The suffs responded with a
a 29 point blitz in the fourth quarter, while hold-



## Area Roundup

over the Lady Eagles.
The Lady Buffs struggled early, and halftime. However, they exploded for 23 points in the third quarter, while Randi Simer scored a game-high 23 points for Stanton, nine of them compoing in that crucial third-quarter run,
while Stephanie Washington was right while Stephanie Washington was right
behind with 21 .

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Coahoma swoeps palr from Wall
Coahomat Bulloges maintained their

with a $55-47$ win over the Lady Hawks.
Tara Sterling scored 28 points and
Case ng the Bulldogettes' win. Coahoma rebeunded from a first.
quarter deficit to take a $23-21$ halftime quarter deficit to take a $23-21$ haltitime 27. with eight minutes to play.
in the nightcap, the Buldogs had In the ' nightcap. the Bulldogs had
their hands full for the firist hali, as the Hawks attempted to stay in touch with
a Coahoma scoring effort that saw four players finish the night in double fig
ures.
Leading 42.39 at halftime, the Dogs quarter and held off any Wall attempt at a comeback in the final eight min.
ates. See Roundup, page 9A



Sports Briefs
From staff and wire reports
Howard's Taylor named award recipient
Third and Gregg Street
are slated for 5 p . m . to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Feb. 19.20 and from 8 a.m. until noon on Feb. 21 .
The course's instructor will be Boyce Hale.
Pre-registration is required. To pre-registe


Baseball, softhall signups scheduled City wide signups for bateball and softball pro-
grams in Big Spring are scheduled for Saturday,
Feb. 21, through the following Saturday, Feb. 28. at Big Spring Mall
Programs involving boys and girls between the
ages of 5 and 18 , including the American Dittle
League. Howard County Youth Haseball
Assoclation. International Little League. National Little League and United Girls Softball
Association, will be conducting the registration


|  | Burts, Coyotes to play practice game |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 's Buffaloes will take on Bor |
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Runnels, Gollad change schedules
Big Spring.
The Buffs, ranked No. 7 in the Class 2 A ranks, have locked up the District 6.2A championship,
while the Coyotes have clinched their Class A
district tite.
"We were supposed to have played early in the
year," Buffs coach Doug Gordon noted "But they
were in the football semifinals at the time and we

CGA sets membership drive for Feb. 15 Members of Big Spring's Chicano Golf
Association is inviting area golfers to join them
or a membership drive tournament scheduled urse. Hunter education course scheduled
rams will be made up of $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$ and D players, is set for a $10 \mathrm{am} . \mathrm{m}$. start.
All players must be registered and have entry
rees paid by $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ on the day of the tournament. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { exas hunters born on or after sepp } 2,1971 \text {, has } & \text { fees paid by } 9 \text { a m on the day of the tournament. } \\ \text { For additional information, contact the }\end{array}$

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Guido R. Toscano, MD
Board Certified, Internal Medicine

Guido Toscano, M.D.
Hello, my name is Guido Toscano. I live and practice full-time in Big Spring. I moved here from Colorado with my wife, Nina, and our four children, Guido Jr., Alex, Nina, and Andy. I obtained a medical degree in Ecuador, South America, and completed my Internal Medicine training at the Presbyterian/St.Luke's Medical Center in Denver, Colorado.

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## First medal to Rissian sk NAGANO, Japan - A Russian cross. country skfer captured the first gol medal of the Nagano Games on medal of the Nagano Games on snowy morning, while one of the Olympics' elamour events - the men' Olympics' slamour events - the men' downhill - was postponed by the frosty weather. hill course delayed the debut of the powerful Austrian Alpine skiers, including World Cup leader Hermann Maier. But the swirling flakes provid Maler. But the swirling flakes provid Olga Danilova's victory in the women's Th-kilometer classical race. The Russian skier, in winning the games games intitial gond medal, sailed through the snow in Hakuba to capture a tight race by 5.6 seconds. Danilova, whose last Olympic race came six years ago in Albertville, used a late <br> $$
\begin{tabular}{|c|} \hline \multirow[b]{15}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l} urgo 3 dr eat teammate Larissa \\ There was no word on when the lownhill would be -rescheduled, but prospects for the immediate future vere dim. Accumulations of \(16-17\) inch\(s\) were expected before the snow apers off Monday night atop Mount Caramatsu: \\ With the downhill put off Sunday Saturdey night EST), two other nedals were on the line in the first full lay of Olympic action. After the first of wo runs in the men's giant slalom nowboarding; Christopher Klug of Aspen, Colo., was in second place, poised \end{tabular}
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\end{tabular} <br> Canada.

On Saturday night, Japan opened its
ifrst Olympics as host country since first Olympics as hisht, Japan openened its
1972 with a $4-1$ defeat to Cerry since 1972 with a $4-1$ defeat to Germany in wildy partisan crowd. And a pair of
former Soviet republics made their Olympic hockes repubuts deb made vietories. one over the French team now headed
by U.S. "Miracle on Ice", coach Herb Brooks. slots in the next round. In contrast with the high-powered opening spectacular hours earlier, the
Nagano Games began with four hockey games lacking in NHL star power. The professional hockey players arrive
next week for the first time ever in the Olympics. <br> ing. Danilowa was jo cross-county skiing, Danilova was joined on the medal
stand by teammate Lazutina, who took} the siliver, and bronze medalist Anita third period before Daniel Kunce broke
Moen-Gutdon of Norway. The fastest a $1-1$ tied by jamming in a rebound
American, Kerrin Petty of Townshend, with $9: 36$ lef. Jan Brends acolel American, Kerrin Petty of Townshend behind the winner. nearly six minutes women's moguls freestyle skiing event brought good news for the Americans as well, with three skiers - leader
Ann Battelle of Steamboat Springs, Ann Battelle of Steamboat Springs,
Colo, past gold medalist Donna
Weinbrecht of West Mil) Weinbrecht of West Milford, N.J., and
Liz McIntyre of Winter Park, Cola in the top five.
On the men's On the men's side, Jonny Moseley of
Tiburon, Calis The finals folif., was in second place. Wednesday. The hockey preliminary round - the
only Olympic competition on Saturday - opened with four games: - opened with four games:
o Japan, before a frenzied, flag-wav
ing crowd, battled Germany into
a 1.1 tied by jamming in a rebound
with $9: 36$ left. Jan Brenda scored an
insurance goal five minutes later for
the Germans. - Kazakstan made its debut a suc cess by rallying to beat Italy $5 \cdot 3$. cess by rallying to beat Italy ${ }^{5-3}$ took over for Vitality Yeremeyev at the start of the second period and stoppe
all six shots he faced to help Kazaksta erase a 3.1 deficit

- Belarus ruined Brooks' Olympic return by defeating France, 4-0. For gold medal winning team, it was his st-ever loss as an Olympic coach. Slovakia, expected to be the bes eam in its preliminary pool, was tie sixth-place finisher in the 199 Olympics, played without NHL star


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ROUNDUP
quarter, Mariena Light added
another and the post tandem of Nadia Cole and Traci inside. The result was a $23-10$ run that provided alf-point
Lady Steers lead going into the Lady Steers lead go The Lady Eagles wouldn't go
easily, deflantly trimming an 18 -point Big Spring lead to 12 at one point, while Light and
McWherter were forced to take early seats on the bench after fouling out.
But Belling
But Bellinghausen and Cole
refused to let Pecos gain any refused to let Pecos gain any
more ground, combining for the Lady Steers final 17 points. Marquez would lead all scorers with 24 points and Arenivas
would add 11 more to the Pecos cause, but it wasn't enough to
offset the scoring of Hughes, offset the scoring of Hughes,
Cole, Bellinghausen and Lott. Hughes had 18 points in leading the way for Big Spring, but
Cole was right on her heels with 16 markers. Bellinghausen
finished with a dozen. The Lady Steers take record into the Class 4 A girls'
playoffs where they'll take on E1 playoffs where they'll take on E1
Paso Parkland at a time and place yet to be determined.
They closed out the 4.4 A cam paign with a 6.4 mark. Nobody could have been hap-
pier with the Steers literal run-
away win in the nightcap than
 needed a win like that and they
deserved it. They've worked awfully hard and everything clicked tonight.
The Steers,
The steers, who improved to
two on the year and to 2.6 with
play, took conaining in 4.4A
play, took control midway
through the first period, domi-
nating both inside and outside nating both inside and outside
the paint. result, Big Spring
As a
outscored the Eagles in-4 in the outscored the Eagles $15-4$ in the
final five minutes of the first Pecos attempted a comeback of sorts in the opening minutes
of the second quarter, as senior
post Oscar Hinojos sparked a post Oscar Hinojos sparked a 9-
orun that trimmed Big Spring
lead to eight, $25 \cdot 17$, with $4: 33$ left in the first half.
The Steers answered from
inside. however as Gres inside, however, as Greg
Wollenzien, Casey Cowley.
Chauncey Ford and Andy Hali
combined for a 14.6 run to the combined for a 14.6 run to the
buzzer that provided them a 37 . buzzer that provided the
23 edge at intermission. Ave had for mounting a comeback seemed to disappear in the
first three minutes of the secseven points and point guard
Chello Williams added a layup
tage.
Although Pecos would take advantage of Big Spring foul
problems in the fourth quarter - both Wollenzien and Cowley made early exits with five personals - the Eagles were never able to do more than trim the
Steer lead to the 23 -point marSteer lead to the
gin it had been when the period
started started.
Ford fini
Ford finished the night with a
game-high 20 game-high 20 points, edging
Hinojos for that honor by a onepoint margin.
But the best the Eagles could manage in support of Hinojos'
effort was Jacob Chavez's effort was Jacob Chavez's the night with 12 points and
Hall had 10 more. Myers and Hall had 10 more. Myers and
Wollenzien had nine points apiece.
Big Spring's junior varsity teams made it a clean sweep for the night, as the Steer JV took a
$59-52$ win and the Lady Steers JV closed out the season with
18.5 and 9.1 records with a 69.32 thrashing of the young Lady
Eagles Lance Brock led the way for
the Steers JV, scoring 17 points. while Jacob Bavin had 15 and
Blair Nutting had 13 more. Blair Nutting had 13 more.
Alexis Casillas paced the Lady
Steer JV with Steer JV with 15 points, while
Annie McKinnon had Monica, Rubio han han ne nd
Laura dohnsorn had enght Busp


Blake Nichols had a game-
high 28 points for the Bulldogs while Regi Roberts had 14 Kinard and Ryan Peckham contributed 12 points.
The win leaves
The win leaves the Bulldogs
with a 20.7 mark overall and 8.1 with a $20-7$ mark overall and 8-1 improved to $21-9$ on the season
and $8-2$ in district.

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## Lady Bearkats post big win

Garden City's Lady Bearkats
pulled.to within just one win of
a tie for the Distris a tiofor the District $30-1 \mathrm{~A}$ cham-
pionship Friday with plonship Friday with a $54-41$
victory over Irion County,
while the Bearkats suffered a while the Bearkats suffered a
56.54 overtime loss to the
Hornets.
Just 10 days after losing all-
state guard Tiffany Maxie to a state guard Tiffany Maxie to a
knee injury during the two teams' first meeting in Mertzon

second- and third-quarter runs
to take the win.
points coming off the scored 14 Misti Batla added 11 more in leading the way for the Lady
Bearkats. Bearkats.
Irion Co
a Irion County managed to take a one-point lead twice in the
first quarter, but from that point forward, the Lady Hornets were always
from behind If the Lady Bearkats, now $22-4$
overall and $4-1$ in $30-1 \mathrm{~A}$ play knock off Rankin - a team they
beat by a 41-point margin beat by a 41-point margin a
week ago - they'll force a oneweek ago poyf with the Lady
game playof
Hornets to determine the dis. trict's top seed in the playoffs.
The nightcap saw a lastse ond field goal by Irion County's Trey Clark, who would score game-high 28 points, allowed
the Hornets for force overtime Jason Fine scored 19 points to
lead the Bearkats and Robert Guerrero added 15 more in the loss.
The Bearkats, $11-14$ and 1 must now beat Rankin Tuesday
and have Sanderson upset Irio County to make the playoffs

Lady Mustangs clinch title Sands' Lady Mustangs put a
lock on the District ,27 a A dirle basketball champlonship Hiridey
with a $124-57 \cdot$ win with a 124-57, win, while the
Mustangs maintained their dead head with Grady's
Wildcats in the boys' district Wildcats in the boys' district
chase with a $73-48$ win Mendi Floyd scored 36 points
to lead a four-girl contingen from Sands in double-digit pro duction. Hollie Zant had 21 for the Lady Mustangs, while
Brianne Fryar had Brianne Fryar had 12 points



and Jessica Peacock had 11.
The Lady Mustangs impro play with the win, whill
Westbrook fell to $8-12$ white Westbrook fell to 8.12 and $0-5$.
In the Mustangs' win, one in which the broke open a $16-1$ first-quarter deadlock with 18
points in the second quarter and 20 more in the third, Jerrod
Beall led the way with Beall led the way with 33 points.
Sands also got 14 point Sands also got 14 points from
Coby Floyd in improving to 17-8
on the year and 4.1 in 27.1 A
play. Westbrook is now 7.11 on the year and $1-4$

## Wildcats keep pace

Greg Gibson scored 20 points the only Grady player to finis in double figures, in leading the behind win over Ira. The Wildcats, now $13-12$ over
all and $4-1$ in district play

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## House Calls

## Home health cape providers are under fire with fedepal culs, but say their sepvice will continue to fill a need for patients



Health care welcome at homes
One thing local providers agreed on is that home health has from the hospital, stroke victims, diabetics - all of them home All home health patients must be under the care of a physi-
Al cian, with regu
health agency "The care we provide at home would have to be done in a doc
tor's office or a hospital, " said Daniel Freshour, director of tor's office or a hospital, "said Daniel Freshour, director of
nursing for Best Home Care -"Take that away, and you'd be tak ing away freedom. Recent government cuts on the industry, providers said, may go too far.
"It's all the homebound people that are going to be hurt," said Edna Vera, director for Total Home Health. "It's going to affect them financially, physically and emotionally."
"The patients are the ones that are going to lose out," agreed
Ruth Shellman Ruth Shellman, branch manager for In Home Care Many pointed out home health care is available 24 hours a
day, seven days a week, whenever patients have a need. They say their patients would have few medical options if home care is cut much more.
Please see HEALTH, page 4B.

Moon's combination of wonder, romance can start you singing

The moon has long been a $\begin{gathered}\text { Then my brother, Bill } \\ \text { favorite subject of poets and } \\ \text { Banister, here on a visit from }\end{gathered}$ song writers.
Going through Paul's collec- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Colorado, enlightened me. A } \\ & \text { blue moon occurs when there }\end{aligned}$ tion of music from an era when romantic songs were popular, I Bay." "There's a New Moon Over My Shoulder," "Moon Over Miami," and "It's Only a Paper Moon."
Remember Franks Sinàtra's "Full Moon and Empty Arms," Andy Williams' "Moon River,'
and Glen Miller's "Moonlight and Glen Miller's "Moonligh
Serenade." And, of course, "Blue Moon And, of course, "Blue Moon."
Until a year ago, I thought Blue Moon" was just the title of a lovely song. I was familiar
with the expression "Once in a with the expression, "Once in a was a colloquialism for an was a colloquialism
infrequent happening.

are two full moons in one Mo Grass
month. This happens approxir or month. This happens approxi-
mately every two and a half
years. years.
He went on to explain that each month there is a special name for the full moon - like
the Harvest Moon. I'd heard of the Harvest Moon. I'd heard of
that, but again I thought somethat, but again I thought som
one was just being poetic.
Bill began Bill began sending me a col-
umn, "The Night Sky" by Chuck umn, "The Night Sky" by Chuck
Percival, in the Pueblo Percival, in the Pueblo
Chieftain. I learned a number of interesting things from it. In January, the full moon is
called The old Moon or the called The Old Moon or the Moon After Yule. In February,
it is known as the Snow Moon, it is known as the Snow Moon,
The Hunger Moon, or the Wolf
Moon. The full mopn The Hunger Moon, or the Wolf
Moon. The full moon in March

the Zodiac takes its name from
the constellation that was in its the constellation that was in its
region of the sky some 2.000 region of the sky some 2,000
years agoo The sky has'since 'moved'..actually the Earth's
own motion of precession
caused the movement -. so that
the constellations are no longer
in the 'signs' that carry their in the
name.
In name May, the full moon is
In
called the Platin called the Planting Moon, or
the Milk Moon; in June, the the Milk Moon; in June, the
Rose Moon, the Flower Moon,
or the Strawber Rose Moon, the Flower Moon,
or the Strawberry Moon; in
July. The Thunder Moon July, The Thunder Moon or the
Hay Moon. Hay Moon.
In an In an August column,
Percival noted that when the
moon is naw or full with is moon is new or full within 24
mours of the
hour hours of the time it is at
perigee - its closest approach to earth, we have the highest
tides. The August full moon is
called the Green Corn Moon or tides. The August full moon is
called the Green Corn Moon or
the Grain Moon. the Grain Moon
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moon nearest the autumnal
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eral successive evenings. The full moon in October is the Hunters' Moon; in November, it is the Frosty
Moon or the Beaver Mon and in December, the Long Night And when can we expect the And when can we expect the
next Blue Moon? According to Percival, it will happen twice
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March 2 and 31, with February Motally missing a full moon. Blue Moon, now I'm no longer alone... For romantics
who would like to believe the who would like to believe the
lyrics of that one popular song, next year will provide two opportunities for the Blue
Moon to work its magic.


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## Suggestion: avoid Dunning's early novel

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John John Dunning's latest paper-
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book originally published 1975 . book originally published 1975 .
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as an unpublished writer,
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and the acceptance for publica tion of his other books. The
introduction was probably the introduction was probably the
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but most of all they uncover the strong feeling of unresolved conflicts. While Dunning is adept and
proficient at using words to create suspense and excitement, his ability to create consistent and credible characters in the novel Dunning portrays Ryan as a caring father, but as
he is consumed by his personal he is consumed by his personal
demon, he sends his daughter demon, he sends his daughter
off to stay with friends while he takes off on an uncertain journey.
Ryan's ch
Ryan's character loses consistency when he has minimal
contact with his daughter, and when he continues to put him self in obscure and dangerous situations.
Dunning lish plausible reasons for the
reappearance of Ryan's wife
into his bizarre circumstance.
Other peripheral characters
lack substantive reasons for
their inclusion, and they add
little interest to the story as it
struggles to an inadequate con-
clusion.
Dunning's more recent liter-
ary efforts have much more
complete and well-structured
plots. Obviously he has
improved his skills since writ-
ing "The Holland Suggestion,"
and has developed his ability to
be a consummate and effective
storyteller.
For reader, the best sugges-
tion for Dunning's "The Holland
Suggestion" is to ignore any
curiosity you might have about
it.
RATING:(*) one out of four=
Rave your time and money! $\begin{array}{cc}\text { HUMANE } & \begin{array}{l}\text { months-old, spayed, super } \\ \text { friendly, } \\ \text { "Hercules" }\end{array} \\ \text { shepard/Great Dane mix, } \\ \text { year-old, neutered, }\end{array}$


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| UESDAY-Oven fried c | Bar-B-Q on bun, french fries, | beans, applesauce, hot rolls, | wiches, chips, fruit, dessert, |
| toes, sliced peaches, bana | hamburger salad, ora wedges, cookie, milk, punch | milk. <br> TUESDAY-Pigs-in-blanket |  |
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|  | w/gravy, mashed potatoes | salad, cake, milk. | , muk. |
|  | green beans, hot rolls, jell milk. |  | THURSDAY-Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, veggie |
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| MONDAY-Fried chick (burritos), gravy, sweetene | tacos, salad, pinto beans, corn bread, cobbler, milk. | roll up, milk. | FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL |


|  | bachelor's in management; Jeffrey L. Garmon, master's in business administration; Paul W. Geiger, master's in business administration; Ginger D. | Veronica is the daughter of John and Oralia Tovias of Big Spring and Luis and Martha Martinez of Fort Worth. |
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Schools crack down on clowns, focus on more advanced lessons
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - For 30 Clown College was the brainyears C-how to apply your per-
bect clown makeup how to take a pie thrown smack at your big a pie thrown
clown nose. clowning is moving on to more advanced lessons - and that's bad news for amateurs wanting Ringling Bros. and Barnum \& Bailey Circus has decided to stop offering eight-week introductory classes in funny stuff.
Instead, clowns already in the Instead, clowns already in the
business will get a crack at
"Masters of con "Masters of Comedy". work-
shops. Clowning, the circus
announced Wednesday, needs a make over.
"When I spoke to the clowns on the unit about this, they
gave a standing ovation,., said Kenneth Feld, the chairman and chief executive of Feld
Entertainment Inc., which runs Entertainment
Ringling Bros.
you can only in eight weeks Then you go on the road and that becomes your graduate
school," Feld said from his school," Feld said from his
headquarters in Virginia. "This will be like
clowning."

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## TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ


 Feld. In 1968, the clown profes-
sion semed to be dwindling -
Even dying out.
Ringling Bros. had only a dozen
Eving less and less turnover among Ringling Bros. had only a dozen -is less and less turnover among
clowns, most of them elderly. clowns. So the new challenge is Irvin Feld wanted to make creating better clown acts that
sure there were clowns well
are "more refined, more skilled into the future. "He wanted to create a place
where young people could get where young people could get
into the business," said his son. So the college's directors held
auditions at colleges aters around the country
Thou Thousands of would-be clowns
showed their stuff squeezing into tiny cars, laughing wildly
at jokes and taking shaving at jokes and taking shaving
cream pies in the face.
Dubbed the "Yo Dubbed the "Yale of Yuks,"
the competition was intense Only 30 new clowns were
accepted into each year's class There, they donned size-40 shoes and baggy pants to learn
about about makeup, juggling and the
fine art of falling down. fine art of falling down. They
took classes in stilt-walking gymnastics and pantomime. The classes were free and the
best clowns took their floppy footsteps on the road with th
Greatest Show on Earth But the Clown College became
a victim of its own success, Feld a victim of its own success, Feld
said Today there are about
G.I. Joe may be cute, but don't call him a doll

## By KATHY FLANIGAN

 scolds: "GI Joe is an action fig.
ure."
Michlig knows what he's talk. Michlig knows what he's talk-
ing about. Not only did he have
a GI Joe as a kid a GI Joe as a kid, but he's the
"de facto biographer" for the de facto biographer
guy, er, action figure.
Michlig's history Michlig's history of Joe is
included in a "Masterpiece Edition" - a $\$ 50$ collectible
package featuring a replici package featuring a replica 1964
GI Joe. It's geared toward baby
boomers who want to relive Joemes adventures in the back
yard. The new action figure is true,
to the '64 version by Hasbro, right down to the disproportion-
ately big feet and long toes: ately big feet and long toes; a
thumb with its nail on the
wrong side, an error true aficionados will remember; a scar
on his cheek; and 21 moving
parts and rivets parts and rivets the stuff
manufacturers can't include nowadays
child
Tsafe. The book that goes with it,
titled "GI Joe, the Story Behind the Legend," is an illustrated history of "Am
Fighting Man." through conversations with the

Joe started out as a soldier
available in the uniform of the
U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force or available in the uniform of the
U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force or
Marines.
During the Vietnam War, he
took on a more ambiguous identook on a more ambiguous identity as an adventure character
dressed for action, but not wear ing a specific military uniform.
Michlig's Michlig's book charts Joe's
history according to the men history according to the men
who designed him, molded him who designed him, molded him,
posed as models for him and,
eventuall eventually, sold him as a toy for
boys. Boys who are now men, and who haven't forgoten.
The Masterpiece Edition wa first issued last year in Target stores, but a little complication meant a limited supply,
For some reason, Joe's fabric developed what appeared to be a white dust - "'some sort of fun
gus," Michlig says. "It ended up gus," Michlig says. "It ended up
being non-toxic.".
But ""Chia Jo ." But "Chia Joe," as the dusty
looking toy was jokingly called was enough of a problem tha Target sent back half of its
240,000 inventory. GI Joe went back for recondi
tioning, and showed up again The parkage is available a The package is available at
Barnes \& Noble, B. Dalton and
Sam's Club, and could also be Sam's Club, and could also be
ordered through any bookstore. through conversations with the
men who created GI Joe in the

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## IN THE MILITARY

 Marine Sgt. Thomas W.Moore, son of Jettie A. and
Thomas W. Moore, Jr., Big ${ }^{2}$ in ing with the 13 wh Mare serv.
Expeditionary Unit six-month Western Pacific Ocean the Arabian Gulf. and
The ${ }^{1988}$ graduate of Big
Spring High School joined the

Eger D. Ewing son Officer Ewing, Big Spring, is currently halfway through a six-month
deployment deployment to the
Mediterranean Sea aboard the
aircraft carrier USS George The 1977
The ${ }^{1977}$ graduate of
Coahoma High. School joined
the Navy in February
the Navy in February 1977.
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Louie R. Jackson, son of Leonard. H. and Cathy R. Reitzer, Big Spring, is current-
ly halfway through a six-month y haifway through a six-month to
deployment
Mediterranean Sea aboard the Mediterranean Sea aboard the
aircraft carrier USS George aircraft carrier USS Georg
Washington. The ${ }^{1993}$ graduate of
Coahoma High School joined Coahoma High School
the Navy in June 1993.
Marine Pfc. Derek M. Hicks,
son of Virginia L. Taylor. Big son of Virginia L. Taylor, Big
Spring, recently
completed Spring, recently completed
basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot; San Diego.
He is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.
John P. Crowder has joined
the United States Army under the United States Army unde
the Delayed Entry Program a the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland. He is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High
School and will report to Fort chool and will report to For
Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training, Feb. 11. He is
the son of Wallace E. and the son of Wallace E. and
Shirley A. Crowder, Big Spring.
Air Force Airman 1st Class
James T Dixon, Jr has arrived James T. Dixon, Jr. has arrived
for duty at Altus Air Force for duty at Altus Air Force
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## State property taxes rise, growth slowing

erty tax levies grew 124 percent from 1984 to 1995 - from $\$ 4.2$
billion to $\$ 9.3$ billion - but the growth rate has slowed in
recont years according to a
 by schools, counties, cities and
special districts rose 97 percent special districts rose 97 percent
over the 11-year period, from over the 11 -year period, from
$\$ 8.1$ billion to $\$ 16$ billion, said
the report released Thursday. The overall increase was due primarily to the rise in school
taxes. Counties had the second largest increase over the same
period at 78 percent, followed period at 78 percent, followed
by special districts at 73 perThe report said a number factors contributed to rising changes to the school fundin system provided incentives for
school districts to increase tax more state aid. Craig Foster of the Equity
Center; a group of school diswealth, said "The reason
school' property taxes have
one up very substantially and is that the cost of meeting state
mandates and accountability state have grown faster tha
local jurisdictions are havin The annual rate of growth according to the report.
In 1995, total tax levies went annual increase in more than went up by 3.5 percent, also more than 10 years.
Foster said his group ha
been encouraged by talk increasing the state share of
education funding and hopes to see that occur in the 1999 leg
islative session.

A report on properter's offic earlier this week noted tha preliminary school distric
property values totaled $\$ 714$. billion in 1997. percent jump from the previues have topped $\$ 700$ billion School districts would take in more local revenue if they
maintained the same tax rate on higher property values. But Foster cautioned that doesn mean they can lower rates
because property values affec


## Oprah defends right to express

 her opinion during testimony



New Jersey pharmacy good for Texas towns

PRINCETON-Think small. Horizon Pharmacies Inc.
does, and the strategy appears does, to be paying off big.
While many national chains
are buying are buying up independent
drugstores, and recreating the drugstores, and recreating the
stores in their own image, Horizon takes a different
approach approach.
Specifically, it buys already. the-way communities, changing he-way communities, changing
their names, but keeping their
ident identities. That lets it take
advantage of the financial bene. advantage of the financial bene-
fits of being a chain - but keep fits of being a chain-but keep
the small town, individualized flavor that made the stores
profitable in the first place. profitable in the first place.
And the result is that this 25 .
store chain with operations Store chain with operations
in Texas and eight other states
is notching up one of the most competitive The lesson for both indepen. ast retailers and small chains
as they battle the giants is sim. ple: You don't have to have the mentality of a super chain to
succeed like one. "Big chains" come into some
of the towns we're in and buy a of the towns we're in and buy a
local pharmacy just to get the prescription list,", says Rick
McCord, Horizon's president and chief executive officer.
"Then they close the store and build a new store designed and merchandised just like the rest of their chain. But pharmacists.
in small towns have tailored their stores to meet the needs change what has been success
own. Horizon has found, may
Phone slamming, scams, fraud more common than people think
By DAVID FLAUM

Lockhart, for example, sticking
with what works means contin$\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { with what works means contin- }\end{array} \\ \text { uing to sell fresh flowers along } & \text { idents, Horizon can sidestep } \\ \text { much of the competitive fracas }\end{array}$ wing to sell fresh flowers along
with aspirin and prescription
medication In medication. In Butte, Mo., it
means selling veterinary supmeans selling veterinary sup-
plies and maintaining a bridal it is at times an odd mix. Nevertheless, Horizon's focus
on the out-of-the- way markets on the out-of-the-way markets
like Uvalde. Cuero and Mineola, and the company's town appeal, has allowed the pharmacy to quickly expand and chalk up gains in same-
store sales.
Just last Just last week, Horizon added
the 25 th outlet to its stable in the 25 th outlet to its stable, in
Floresville, home to 5,200 peoploresville, home to 5,200 peo-
ple southeast of San Antonio.
Horizon now has Horizon now has 13 drugstores
in Texas. A new sign was post ed outside this latest store, with Horizon replacing Conoly-
Herry Drugs. But inside, the same employees go about their
same daily routines, and the same daily routines, and the
same pharmacist fills prescrip-
tions. same pharmacist flls prescrip-
tions. Horizon also kept open
the soda fountain where locals the soda fountain where locals
gather and gossip.
Of course Of course, though, being a
chain, Horizon does do some
things differently than mom and pop drugstores. It brings in
technology, organizational structure and pricing power to
the bargain. The company links
every pharmacy into a main cory pharmacy into a main
computer system at the home office in Princeton_popula
tion: 2,300 , and one stoplight to assist locals with back-office
chores. Further chores. Furthermore, because
Horizon buys products in Horizon buys products in bulk,
it is able to keep down costs it is able to keep down costs.
But this unconventional chain But this aim to get too big for its towns with less than 50,000 res-
idents, Horizon can sidestep
much of the competitive fracas
its big-city peers encounter.
To be sure, Horizon still bat-
tles independent druggists, and tles independent druggists, and
has some competition from the has some competition from the
likes of Eckerd Drugs, Wkes of Eckerd Drugs,
Walgreens and the pharmacies
in Wal-Mart Stores. But as long in Wal-Mart Stores. But as long
as it continues to think small, the company and analysts believe, it's on safe ground. acquiring single stores in small towns because that's meaning. less to a chain with 2,000 or
more stores,", says William
Plovanic healt Plovanic, health-care analyst at CaSale St. Securities Inc., a
The Horizon game plan stems from McCord's years of work in small pharmacies. Moreover,
having come form Leonard, a small Texas town, he was
familiar with the needs of the small-town customer.
Ater receiving a pharmacy degree in 1976 from the
University of Texas. McCord Pharmacy Inc, a McKinney
company that bue operating pharmacies for Wal
Mart and others. He spent hi
first three years the Mart and others. He spent his
first three years there running
a pharmacy in Mount Vernon. After nearly 16 years with the
company, rising to the ranks of executive management,
McCord and a group of man. agers broke away in 1994 to
start Horizon. They recognized that the advent of managed care, which cut into the oncehefty prescription profit mar-
gins, provided a compelling reason to begin acquiring drug.
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department and mail it or have it delivered," says Mrs. Gomez., who has worked through 41
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR cial friend. Tonight: Do what <br> cial triend. Tonight: Do what

 Be more in touch with yourfeelings about work, communt cations and daily living. Others
easily prove difficult; take step back, and see what you might be doing to create this
situation. After all, you are the ommon denominator. Mak understand changes after you asponsible. You will feel good bout yourself as a result. It ou are single, meeting people ou do seem to lal people. If attached, a rela nunications it more than com bunications; it needs tending, The Stars Show the Kind o Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4 Posifive, 3 ARIES
$\qquad$ How you decide to deal with a today from in the near future Don't give in to impulse. Your ability to understand and work Tonight: Make a favorite TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Questioning your choices and directions could be depressing round you. Make plans for iend this afternoon. You can To events in another lig**
GEMININI (May a storme 21-June 20) A friend disappoints you in a and think through decisions more carefully. Your opinion is valued, though another has an
odd way of showing apprecla ion. Get together with a spe

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An authority figure comes stay open to feedback, Your ways allow more openness in your ilfe. Charm and creativity our magic. Tonight: In the LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There are times you would be seat; this is one of them. The trustration could be enormous one who is at a distance. Back off; you can't get him to
change. You might want to
indulge yourself. Tonight: Get some extra ZZZs.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You are playful partner says. playful, but you This, you decide, isn't any fun But you're bent on having a good time; find friends. Your iscussions with your pals are fun. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday night?*
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) the war path again! Who is surprised? Certainly not you. You eel pressured, but your sense indulgence emerges. It's OK
take care of yourself. Good eelings can surround you, it you allow it. Tonight: Visit with a friend you respect.
nergy going for you but now mind do the work. Be your hair traveler, watch TV and relax. Good times happen with your you doing much. Express
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec

You might feel cramped in
the situation you are in. Think
about what you want for the
future. Visualize more of what
-you need. A discussion within a committed relationship
makes you feel grod. There is a
true sense of indulgence.
Tonight. Snuggle up.**es.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19) ${ }^{19}$ Pressure is intense from a think, rather than react. You might have a tendency to indulge this person, to make him happy. Getting together
with friends is a good idea. Be
more upbeat, and fow with more upbeat, and flow with
what is going on. Tonight: Smle away...ns (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
AQUARIUS Slow down, and think about a
diffcult discussion. Not every ne agrees with you, and they Be more intuitive when dealing with others. Take time for yourself; you will find you Tonight: Continue the day's theme. ${ }^{\text {.ta }}$
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You often get uptight about money and finances; this day is
no exception. Examine what no exception. Examine what
you want and expect from another. Your ingenuity, per onality and affectionate style fun happen, and push worry away. Tonight: Aren't we risky?
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