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A KAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope the New Year brings you success and happiness.
Special thanks to our friends and customers.
We appreciate your patronage!

Happy Holidays

Joe - Lonnie

Herman - Estelle

From Staff and Correspondents

The Annual New Year's Singing at New Hope Baptist Church will be held on Tuesday, December 31st beginning at 8:00 p.m. and going through 12 o'clock.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 or 10:00.

Everyone is invited to come and help sing out the old year and sing in the new.

Modess Burgess Honored On 80th Birthday

Modess Burgess was honored with a surprise Birthday Party on her 80th birthday, December 20th. The party was hosted by her children and grandchildren at ZJ's Restaurant.

Those attending were Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Joyce, Lisa and Laura Pence, Gary, Ann, Ginger and Sonya

John Ed Grisham **Laid To Rest** Tuesday Dec. 20

John Ed Grisham, 67, lifelong resident of De Leon, died Monday at his

Services were at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday in De Leon First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tom Satterwhite officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mr. Grisham was born in Comanche County and married Billie Jean Joiner in 1947 in De Leon. He was a retired farmer and rancher and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of De Leon; one son, Wayne Grisham of Dallas; two daughters, Kathy Skaggs of De Leon and Beverly Grisham Gates of Houston; one brother, Charles Grisham of Munday; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Burgess, Danny and Charla Burgess, Jeff, Angie and Chelsea Buckley, Cheryl, Alissa and Grant Burgess.

Melba Lamb **Laid To Rest Friday**

Melba Lamb, 67, of the Longbranch community in Eastland County died Thursday, December 19, 1996 in an Abilene Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday in Longbranch Cemetery in Eastland with Dr. Tom Goodman officiating, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Mrs. Lamb was born April 17, 1929 in Palestine, Texas. She grew up the daughter of a Blacksmith during the depression and they traveled all over Texas. She married Bobbie Jo Lamb on December 15, 1945 at Clifton by the Sea, Texas. She earned her G.E.D. and attended nursing classes at Cisco Jr. College. She worked in Nursing Homes in Rising Star, Gorman and Eastland earning her Certified Nurses Aid Certificate. She also worked for several Home Health companies in Eastland County, all of this while raising her children and supplying them with Christian influence in the home.

She enjoyed prospecting for precious gems and gold as well as treveling around the United States and was an excellent Mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobbie Joe Lamb in July of 1995 and a son Robert Lamb in 1993.



May the days ahead reflect the peace of the greatest

of all holidays! Bob

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say "Thank You" for your kindness and good care to The Doctors at the De Leon Clinic, also to the Staff at the De Leon Hospital for their good care. To the good friends and neighbors, also my family for their cards, visits, flowers and phone calls during my stay in the De Leon Hospital. May God Bless Each of You.

Mildred Marie Cook

Lonnie Bennett visited over the weekend in Clyde with Darrell and Gale Wright for a pre Christmas gettogether. Present were Kevin and Deborah Wolfe, Lori and Bethany of The Colony, Zane and Jaime Wright and Megan of Abilene and Cory Wright of Houston, Rocky and Daina Moore, Jason and Kristin of Leuders. All report having a wonderful time.

She is survived by one daughter, Terri Warren of Eastland; one son, Joe Lamb of Nevada; one sister, Margaret Womack of Austin; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



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FRIDAY- Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, French fries, apple and milk.

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with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), Tariff Control No. 16573, seeking approval to implement rates, terms, and conditions for the following new, optional service offering: *Directory* Assistance Service - is a service whereby customers may request assistance in determining directory on. There will be an allowance of three (3) calls per month at no charge. Directory Assistance calls in excess of this allowance will be billed at \$.30 per call. Call allowance are not transferable between accounts, nor can unused portions of the monthly allowance be credited to the customer's account in any other month service is rendered. The rates for Directory Assistance Service will not be applicable to call's

The Company also proposes to revise the following services: Returned Check Charge is assessed for each returned check or moneys not honored by a bank or depository; Local Pay Phone is a service using any coin, coinless, credit card reader, or cordless instrument that is accessible by members of the general public, provided that the user pays for local or toll calls on a per call basis; Maintenance of Service is used when service difficulty or trouble results from the customer-provided or maintained inside wire, jacks and/or equipment; and Past Due Balances is a one and one half percent (15%) finance charge applied monthly to any customer's unpaid balance (residence or business) which is twenty five days past the billing

In addition, Comanche County is proposing a minor rate increase for the basic access line rates currently charged to customers. The affected services are: Residence Access Line; Residence TelAssist; Business Access Line - 1 Party; Business Access Line - Semi-Public; Business Access Line - Rotary; and Business Access Line - PBX.

The proposed effective date for the new services is February 1, 1997. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$80,131 for the first year.

	CURRE	NT	PROPOSED	
SERVICE	RES,	BUS.	RES.	BUS,
Directory Assistance Service,			4	
1-3 calls	NC	NC	N/C	NC
4 calls or more, per call	NC	NC	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30
Returned Check Charge	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Local Pay Phone	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25
Maintenance of Service	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Residence Access Line	\$ 7.40	N/A	\$ 8.00	N/A
Residence TelAssist	\$ 2.55	N/A	\$ 2.80	N/A
Business Access Line - 1 Party	N/A	\$10.90	N/A	\$11.75
Business Access Line - Semi-Public	NA	\$17.25	N/A	\$18.50
Business Access Line - Rotary	N/A	\$17.25	N/A	\$18.50
Business Access Line - PBX	N/A	\$17.25	N/A	\$18.50
Past Due Balances	0%	5%	1.5%	1.5%

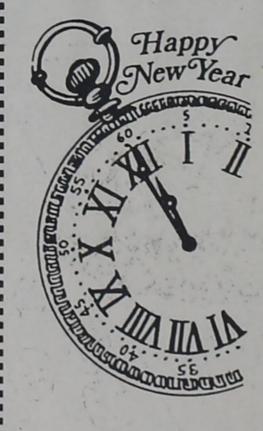
A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed by January 2, 1997 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Office at (512)936-7140 or (512)936-7136, teletypewriter

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There was the usual attendance at the Baptist Church on Sunday. Wynell Brown played the piano in Billie Stacy's place. We sure do thank Wynell for helping us.

Visiting Truman and Wanda Bryant over the weekend were Doug, Sandra and Hannah Bryant and Jody Marr and Tonya Clearman from Many, La., Phyllis and Vernon Wright of Eastland, Jody and Wendy Forbus, Nichole and Jessica from Stephenville, Dwain and ngie Clower of Pioneer, Keith and Gayle Clower of Carbon.

bon 4-H Club members and their sponsors for the wonderful dinner that was served to the Senior Citizens of Carbon and surrounding area on December 14th at 6 p.m. They had a wonder program of Christmas songs and Tommy Seay of the Olden 4-H entertained with his poetry. It was great. Thanks to these young folks for making us so very proud of them. They are our to-morrow.

Friday evening a group of youngsters along with Beverly Sandlin, Darla, Dale and Sheryl Dale came singing Christmas Carols. They were from

4 years old to 12 years old and they could really sing. We appreciate it so

Billie Stacy had all her children and grandchildren home on Sunday for an early Christmas dinner. They were Maxine and Charles Morgan, Terry and Gayla Stacy of Carbon, Tim and Darlene Stacy of Arlington, Marty and Tara Morgan of Briggs, Marla, Ande, Andrea and Austan Paulk of Imperial, Greg and Becky Stacy of Burleson, Delana Stacy of Abilene, Jennifer, Clint and McKennon Cecil, Angela, Bubba We want to say Thanks to the Car- and Trevor Twitchell of Eastland, Marc Morgan and Jo-Jo King of Cross Plains.

Terry and Gayla Stacy are proud to announce the arrival of their new grandson McKennon Clint Cecil of Eastland. He was born to Jennifer and Clint Cecil on Monday, December 16th at Abilene Regional Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. and 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal great grandparents are Billie Stacy and Houston and Dorothy Cozart of Carbon. Paternal grandparents are Don and Donna Cecil of Kellar and great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Twitchell of Midland. Congratulations to Jennifer and

Help With Selective **Service Registration Now Possible**

For the first time ever, young men can initiate a registration with Selective Service using a computerized online service. "This will make registration even easier for men in millions of computer households," say Gil Coronado, Director of Selective Service System in Arlington, Va. Coronado head the Federal agency which preserves America's capability to conduct a military draft in a crisis.

In addition to providing a wealth of information to the public through its Internet home page (http:// www.sss.gov), Selective Service has teamed with CompuServe to allow

Clint for a precious baby.

We were sorry to hear of the wreck that R. W. Daskevich (formerly of Carbon) had last week near Lingleville. He is in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth in critical condition, and they are asking for prayers in his behalf.

Those visiting Jessie Mangum last week were Mary Lou Hodge, Ruth Livingston, R. Lee McDaniel and Mrs. Sims of Cisco.

J. L., Mary and J. C. McDaniel visited with Jeanette Webb, Chris and Danny in Crowley last Thursday and

Have A Happy Holiday!!!!!

young men to initiate a registration online. The Agency's joint venture is with CompuServe's "All Things Military." a young man with computer access to CompuServe simply utilizes GO MILI-TARY and requests a registration form. Once the information is entered online, the information is forwarded to Selective Service for processing. Within 30 days, the new registrant receives a personalized registration card in the mail. After checking the information on the card, signing and dating it, the young man mails it back to SSS.

Young men must register within 30 days of turning 18 in accordance with Federal law. More than 35 million men have registered since 1980, however none has been drafted. The last draft ended in 1973. By having the names and addresses of men ages 18 through 25 on file in the Selective Service System database, America remains ready to face any threat in the future.

"Being able to offer an on-line means to help men register is just another way to further our goal of providing a wide range of military-relative services to our CompuServe memsays Dan Meeks of CompuServe's "All Things Military."

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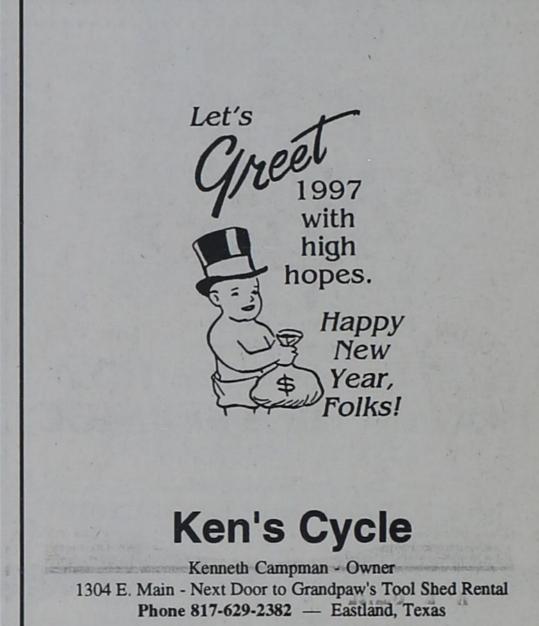


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NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

A WORD FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR Hello To Everyone,

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful evening and X-Mas Party for our Residents. We all had a very happy and enjoyable time. We do appreciate all of you taking part as you did.

We are thankful that the weather turned out as beautiful as it did. If we don't see you before the end of the month, We wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. God Bless.

The next Birthday Party will be Thursday, December 26th when Veno Hale will be the honoree. There will be refreshments and entertainment. Relatives and friends are welcome.

Visiting Jess Hallmark were Jimmy and Vickey Hallmark of Brownwood, Quam, Irene Hallmark.

Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Iola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb, Sibyl Urban and Agnes Hodge.

Visiting Varona Taylor were Billy and Janda Taylor, Pauline Allen, Bonnie Cox, Brad and Paula, Scotty, Kevin, Megan Lewis and Nancy

At 2:30 on Sunday those coming for Church Services from the First United Methodist Church were Rev. Kevin Rockett, Sue Ann Tarver, Jim Rice, Tree. Tommye Haile, Ruth Higginbottom and Doris Oats. Residents were Veno Deane McNeill Hale, S. D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Syliva Hodges and Agnes Hodge.

Visiting Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds of Carbon and Della Gallo-

On Friday the Bailey Band came. Pat and Howard Hagood, Maggie They were Dewey and Lola Bailey, Raymond and Vivina Hart, Bernard and On Sunday morning Ora Lee Ann Keith, Allen Allcock, Lloyd Lawrence of First Baptist Church Glasson, Vardie Huff, Bernice Farley taught the Sunday School lesson for and Tommye Haile. Residents were Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Ora Mae Atchison, Jack and Mildred Atchison, Ruby Vandergriff, S. D. Bellows, Effie Mae Brown, S. D.

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GORMAN CUB SCOUTS ENTERTAINS

The Gorman Cub Scouts brought the following program on Thurdsay evening, December 13th.

- 1. Silent Night
- 2. Away in a Manger. 3. Rudolph, The Red Nosed Rein-
- 4. All I Want For Chirstmas
- 5. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. (Meagan Lewis)
- 6. Up On The House Top

Cub Scout and Leaders were: Tiger Cubs - Marc Gillin, Trey Underwood, Carols Guterez, Kennon Hornback and Eric Olivera; Wolfs -Leader - Linda Norris; Michale Marin, Macon Norris, Chance Underwood, Orlondo Rodriquez and Tristan Prutsman; Bears - Leader - Paula Lewis; Jessie Simpson, Kevin Lewis, Clayton Graham, Sterling McCauley, Nathan Ritter, Andy Abbe, David Wilkins, and Justin Willey; Weblos -Scotty Lewis, Sumner Olivera,

and Little Helper - Megan Lewis. Guests were Pauline Allen, Brad Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Bill Hagood, Bubba Hagood, Gary Wilkins, Mrs. Ricardo Olvera, Ashley Jenkins, Kristi Prutsman and Brianna, Joseph and Reanna Simpson and Bridgett Gillin. Residents were Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Varon Taylor, Ola Walker, Patty Whitehorn, Ozella Pulley, Jack and Mildred Bellows and Ruby

Those coming for the Sing-A-Long on Tuesday were Anna Rush, Estelle Ervin, Ernestine Campbell and Veno Hale. Residents were Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae

- 7. Rocking Around The Christmas
- 8. Jingle Bells
- 9. We Wish You A Merry Christ-

Maressa Gillin and Cole Underwood

Some of S. D. Gilmores guests were Mary Ficklen of Desdemona, Louise Hollywood, Pat and Howard Hagood, Arlton Smith, Durwood Webb, Effie

Mae Brown and Maggie Quam. Atchison and S. D. Gilmore.

Gilmore, Veno Hale, Skinnie Lewis, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Bailey, Georgie Whitlock, Lois Cartwright, Syliva Hodges, Travis Smith, Frank Skiles, Inex Rogers, Ola Walker, Patty

STELLA SMITH A NEW RESIDENT

Hagood and Maggie Quam.

of Desdemona, Howard and Pat

Stella Smith, widow of Dolph Smith has come to live for awhile at Heritage Manor. She is a homemaker and a Methodist. Her children are Arlton Smith of Gorman and Billie Tedmore of Bridgeport.

Howard and Pat Hagood and Maggie Quam visited Ola Walker, Ozella Pulley, Ruby Vandergriff, Ina Mae Tarrance and Jimmy Morris.

On Saturday The Abundant Life Church came and brought Gospel Music and Singing. They were Rev. John and Charolette Howard, Lacy, Trey, Lana, Tara, and K'Ann Howard, Paul and Bonnie Williams. Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Patty Whitehorn, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Ola Walker, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Ruby Nowlin, Iola Johnson, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty and Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Skinnie Lewis were Glen and Alpha Thiebaud, Jim and Karen Burleson, Ima Lee Burleson, Georgie Ann Iley and Eloise Lewis, all of Desdemona, Howard and Pat Hagood, Maggie Quam and Chris Morris of De

Residents appreciated the pretty Christmas Card the Kokomo Family Community Club gave everyone.

Some of Cynthia Earles guests were V. O. and Fay Huff, Patsy McDowell, David and Denna Halcomb, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Chris Funderburk, Eunice Love.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke came and played the electric keyboard and sang for Iola Johnson, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, Skinnie Lewis, Jimmy Morris, Veno Hale, Varona Taylor, Dorothy Beaty and Patty Whitehorn.

Some of Jimmy Morris guest were Arlton Smith, Larry Morris and Huppy

Some of Mary Williams guests were Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose, N.M., Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Ruby Nowlin, Chris Funderburk, Estelle Ervin, Anna Rush, Lavoyce Hirst, Amy Wood, Leslie Wood, Durwood Webb, Mayvis Lasater, Pat and Howard Hagood and Maggie Quam.

On Monday Ina Scitern had BINGO for Varona Taylor, Ora Mae Atchison, Leotis Meadows, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Patty Whitehorn, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers and Ollie Halcomb.

Some of Agnes Hodges guests are Robert and Fran Parker of Granbury, Roy Parker, Fay Huff and Eunice Love.

Visiting Ina Mae Tarrance were Pat and Howard Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Marilyn Stewart of De Leon.

On Wednesday afternoon Ina Scitern had Arts and Crafts for Ora Mae Atchison, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Effie Mae Brown, and S. D. Gilmore.

Some of Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers guests were Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Lugene Morris of De Leon, Ima Lee Burleson, Georgie Ann Iley, and Eloise Lewis of Desdemona, Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Quida and Kacy Gartman of Levelland and Fred Rogers.

We are sorry to report Ruby Jones in a patient in the De Leon Hospital.

Some of Ava Rogers quests were Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, Kay Snider, Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Billie Stacy of Carbon.

On Thursday Ina Scitern had Gift BINGO for Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Varona Taylor, Leotis Meadows, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, S. D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Jimmy Morris, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb and Inez Rogers.

Darrell and Pat Graham visited Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Dale, Debby, James and Justin Hogan, Cecil and Ann Funderburg of Eastland visited Lois Cartwright.

Visiting Eulon Perry was Mrs. Waldene Jones of Dublin.

The Gorman First Baptist Church Acteens had the Christmas Stored for residents on December 18th. Veronica Seaton and Acteens were Heather McGlothan, Catie Davis, Charla Davis, Reagan Photon, Cathy Graham, Krissy Roberts, Gadelen Wilkins. Residents were Travis Smith, Lois Cartwright, Jimmy Morris, Ola Walker, Ruby Vandergriff, Varona Taylor, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, Patty Whitehorn, Ruby Nowlin, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Dorothy Beaty and Ora Mae Atchison.

Visiting Richard McDowell were Matthew and Paula McDowell of Hamilton, Patsy and Patsy Marie McDowell of Ranger.

The Learning Center Private School at De Leon came on December 19th and gave a Christmas Program. Teachers were Bob and Beth Dunwell, Connie Schenider, Cindy Stanton and Betsy Robinett. Students were Timo-

Some of Effie Mae Browns guests thy Robinett, Lynet Sandoval, Casey were Louise Hollywood, Mary Ficklin Sims, Emily Robinett, Carl Sandover, Brent Sinis, Lorenzo Gutierrez, and Betty Dryden. Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Dorothy Beaty, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Jimmy Morris, Varona Taylor, Vadis Phelps and Patty Whitehorn.

> Visiting Travis Smith were Doyle Poynor, Era Maupin, Barbara Smith

and Wynogene Smith.

On Wednesday those from Frist Baptist Church Christmas Caroling were Rev. and Mrs. Craig Rhoton, Frankie Jo Shipman, Martha Rainey, Ina Scitern, Kevin Scitern, Laura Sanders, David Wilkins, Rachel Mayfield, Wes Wilkins and Regan Rhoton.

Visiting Leta Richardson were Jo Etheridge, Estelle Ervin, Anna Rush, Mayvis Lasater, Enice Love, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.



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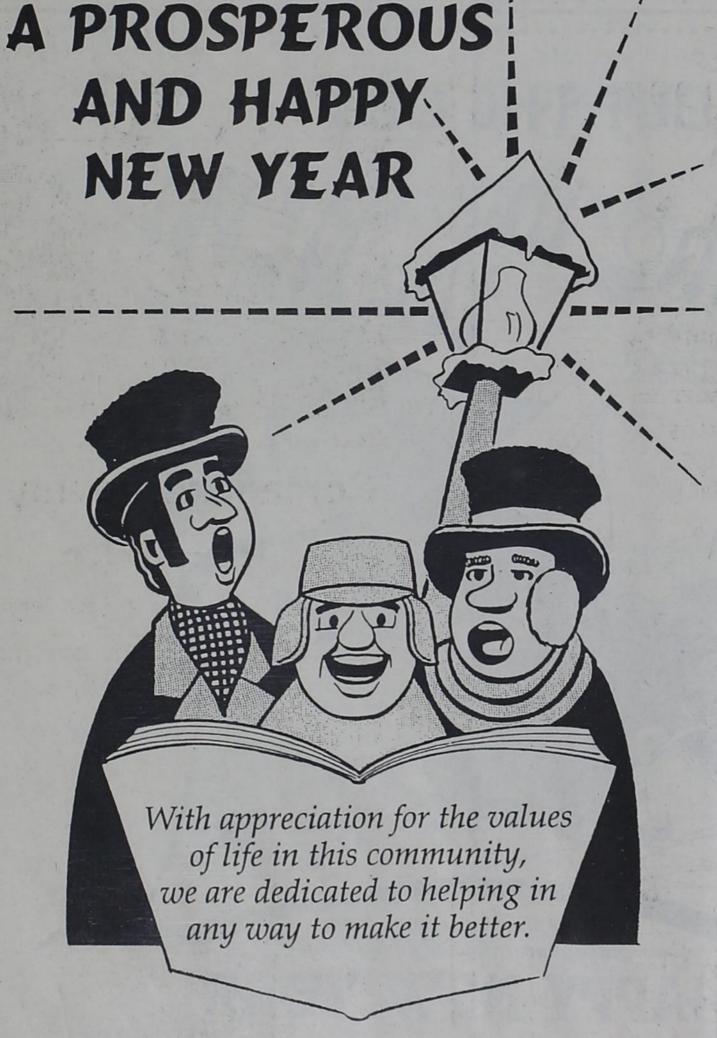
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Q: I'm 16 years old and my boyfriend is 18. He's a senior at my high school and I'm a sophomore. My mother doesn't want me to date yet, and she is very upset that I'm going out with someone older than me. She has told me that if I don't break up with him that she will bring "statutory rape" charges against him. I don't really understand what this means, because he has never forced me to do anything or been rough with me, but I'm worried that my mother will call the police. I don't want my boyfriend to go to jail! Is it against the law for us to go out?

A: The statutory rape law states that if an adult (someone 18 years of age or older) has sexual contact intentionally or knowingly with a child (someone 17 years old or younger) that that adult is in violation of the law. This offense is most commonly used when a case of unwanted sexual contact occurs.

It is not against the law for you to date an older person, but your guardian could file charges if your guardian can prove that you and your boyfriend have had sexual contact. Your guardian could prove this with statements you or your boyfriend have made to her, photos, video or any other evidence.

It sounds like it's time for you and your

mother to sit down and talk. Perhaps your mother doesn't trust your boyfriend because she doesn't know him. Express your feelings to her for this young man. Then you and this young man should both sit down and talk with your mother. Communication is key.

Q: I don't understand why O.J. is being triea again. Isn't there a law against double jeopardy?

A: You can be tried twice for the same action—once criminally and once civilly.

O.J. Simpson is now being tried in civil court, which has different rules and penalties than criminal court. In a criminal case, the guilt or innocence of the defendant must be determined. In a civil case, one person or group sues another person or group for a monetary award. Jail time is not involved.

Q: I was going down a road I travel frequently when I hit a section of road that had been cut out by construction. It didn't have anything over it to reduce the impact, and there was no sign marking it. Since the speed limit was 45 mph, I didn't see it until it was too late and my front end hit the edge pretty hard. Now my steering seems to be off and I

started smelling fumes immediately afterwards. This isn't the first time something like this has happened.

Is there a way to find out which construction company is in charge of a particular site? Once you find out which company is in charge, can you take legal action to help with personal damages due to negligence on the construction company's part?

A. First, you need to report the road hazard to police so that you can have a report made of your incident. You will need a report for a claim. This will also enable the police to report the hazard to the road crew and get signs erected to warn other drivers. If you didn't report the incident when it occurred and you need a report, you can contact your local police department.

You can get the name of the construction company by checking for signs on the construction barricades, or an officer can determine which construction company is responsible for the roadway. Then contact the appropriate city, county or state office. If all else fails, call your local police department and they will connect you with the

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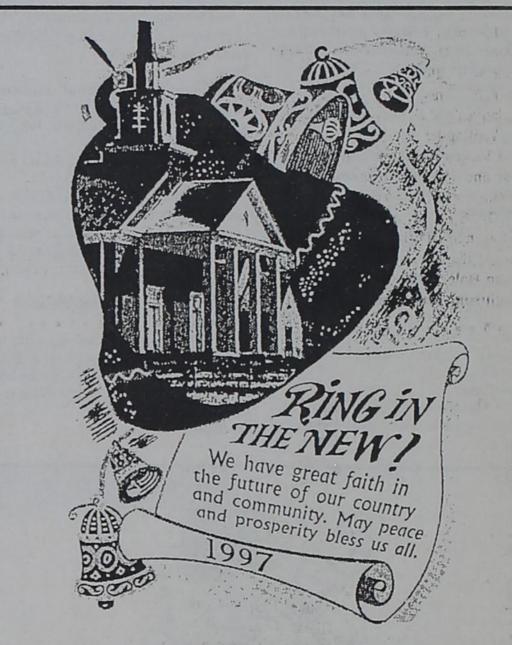
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appropriate agency.

Yes, you can take legal action for your damages. Most construction companies are insured and/ or bonded. You must file a claim along with damage estimates. Try to work out an agreement with their insurance company first, but if this doesn't work, you can always take them to small claims court.



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Countdown To College: A Checklist On The Road To Financial Aid

· If you're considering taking a

Develop your preliminary list

· Begin to think about teachers,

administrators, counselors and other

adults whom you could ask for let-

Summer Between Junior/

savings account for college expenses.

you plan to apply; get information

about campus tours or meetings

Senior Year of High School

remaining test names, dates, fees

and registration deadlines. Be mind-

ful of deadlines for early decision

· Create a complete checklist of

· Earn money and establish a

· Visit those colleges to which

of preferred colleges and get catalogs

College Level Entrance Program

(CLEP) or an Advanced Placement

(AP) exam this spring, get registra-

March

April

May

tion information.

and application forms.

ters of recommendation.

Senior Year

with professors.

September

applications.

October

(NAPS)-Students applying for college have a lot to think about. One of the most critical parts of the process for the whole family is making sure that a student gets the financial aid he or she needs to attend school.

This checklist provides a countdown that highlights some of the key moments on the road to college and education funding:

Junior Year of High School September

· If you haven't already, begin saving money to supplement any financial aid you may receive.

 Start thinking about how to present yourself as a strong college candidate. October

 Research colleges. Look to a variety of sources such as guidance counselors, college guidebooks, career information and college admissions fairs.

November · Meet with your school's guidance counselor.

December List the college features that suit your interests, needs and abilities.

January If you have not yet taken the SAT I or ACT test this year, get a free copy of the appropriate brochure, sign up and begin to review the practice test.

 If you plan to take any SAT Subject Tests (SAT II), find out about registration dates and deadlines. February

 Continue college research by looking into costs and financial aid.

· When you receive your applications, examine instructions for required information deadlines. November

> · Now is the time to ask for recommendations. Provide addressed and stamped envelopes. December

· Seek out college students and alumni to visit during trips. January

· Make sure that you and/or your parents fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and send it in as soon after January 1 as possible.

· Remember: Men who are 18 and older must register for Selective Service to receive any kind of federal financial aid. February

 If you haven't already, consider taking the AP exams or CLEP tests in your strongest areas. March

· Remember that colleges reviewing your applications keep a close eye on those spring grades! April

 Most selective colleges start to announce their decisions in April. Once you have chosen a school, be fair and notify the other colleges where you've applied. If you're not admitted to any of the colleges you selected, see your counselor for guidance.

· At many colleges, you must submit your deposit by May 1 to avoid jeopardizing your admission.

· Look over your financial aid award letter. If you don't get any or

enough aid, or if you don't understand what has been offered to you, seek help with the college financial aid office or look into other aid options (private loans, scholar-**Summer Before College** · If you will be receiving financial aid, make sure that you

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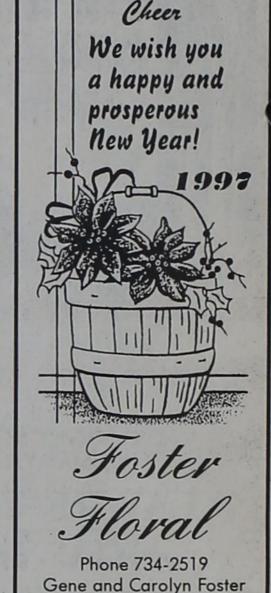
job near or on campus to help with

Consider getting a part-time

resume on Jan. 7th at 10 a.m.

Students and parents who want to learn more about the financial aid process can call KeyBank USA's Key Education Resources at 1-800-KEY-LEND. They may also order KeyScape, KeyBank USA's interactive software program designed to take the guesswork out of college financing. This disk is free and is available through 1-800-KEY-LEND. KeyBank USA is the third largest lender to education in the United States.





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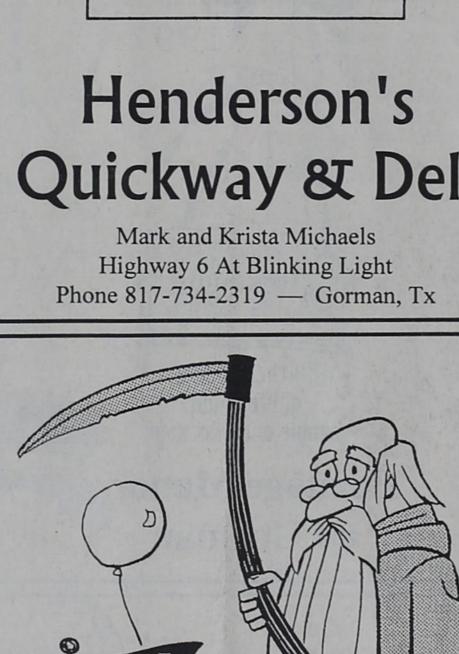
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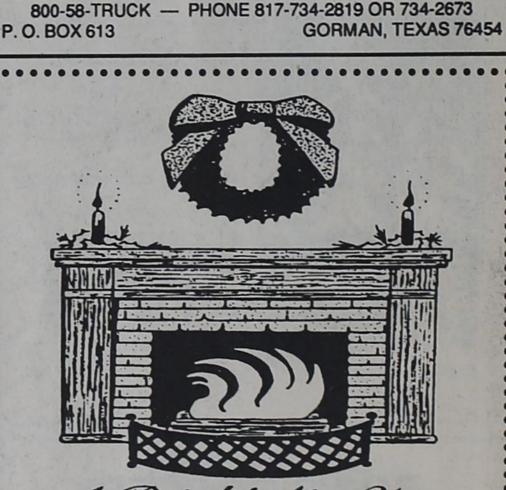
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ASK THE DOCTOR

To Salt or Not to Salt, That opinions I read on salt use. What advice should I follow?

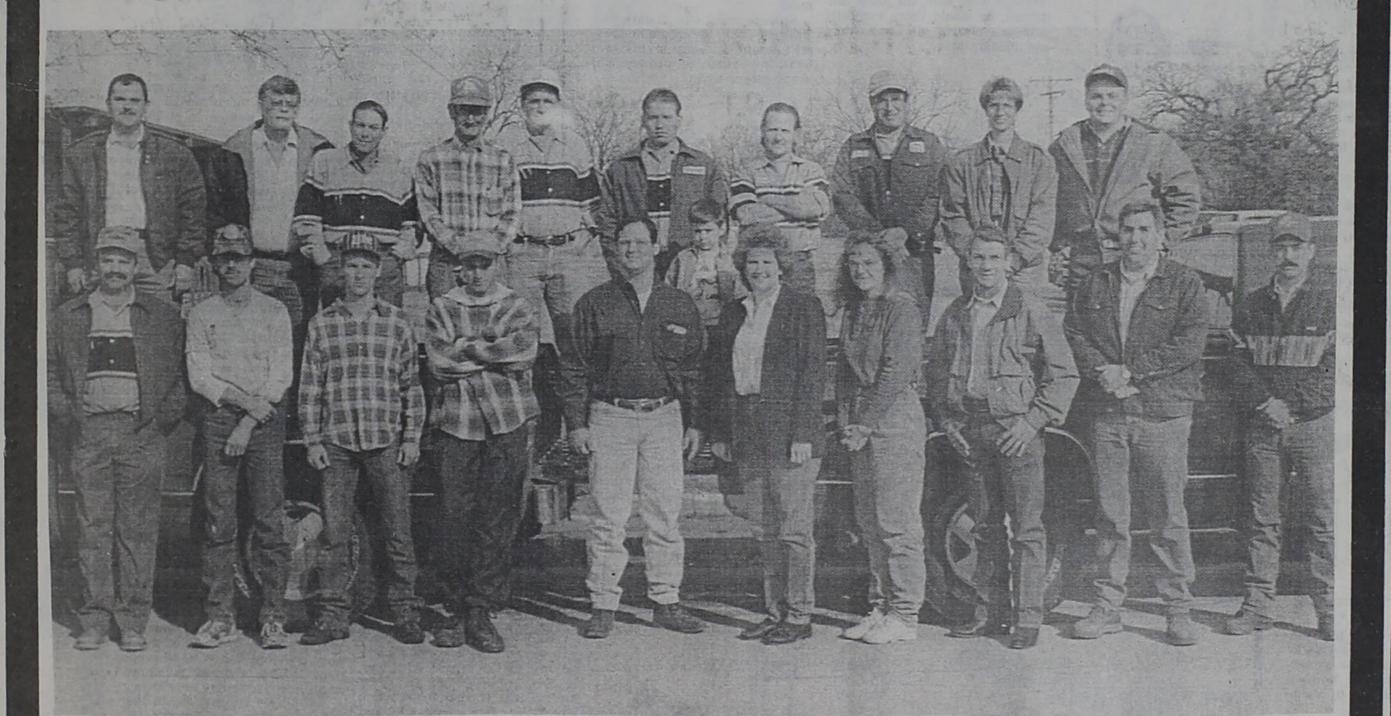
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Pictured above are: (front, left to right) Phillip Levens, Bill Hill, Bobby Byrd, Jeremy Robardey, Chas Bayer, Mitchell Bayer, Elaine Bayer, Theresa Watson, Gary Schoen, Joe Casey, Marty Gilchrest; (back, left to right) Ronald

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Answer: This is an interesting question because it addresses the salt controversy, a topic of discussion in the medical community. Doctors have increasingly voiced their concern for Americans' salt intake. Sodium, one of the main ingredients in salt, is an important mineral that helps maintain a proper fluid balance in the body. Americans on average consume about three teaspoons of table salt each day, about twice the amount recommended by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). But the question remains, how much salt is too much?

Answering this question has resulted in studies attempting to determine the effect of sodium on people who have, or are at risk for, heart disease and hypertension (high blood pressure). Most studies have shown that a diet high in salt correlates with a rise in blood pressure and may counteract the effects of blood pressure lowering medicines. About 50 million Americans, 25 percent of the U.S. adult population, have high blood pressure.

In an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, some scientists questioned the longheld belief that sodium-restricted diets are an essential part of high blood pressure management. Their report indicated that salt-restricted diets helped older hypertensive patients, while it was difficult to determine the effect on other patient populations.

On the other hand, NIH continues to recommend that all patients with high blood pressure cut back on salt. The NIH says that despite the studies that question the need for salt-restricted diets in people with high blood pressure, most scientific evidence still points to the fact that at least moderate reduction in sodium would improve the public health. The NIH and the American Heart Association recommend no more than 2.3 grams of sodium, or about 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, per day.

The bottom line is that the balance of evidence suggests that in people with a family history of hypertension or a blood pressure above 140/90 mm Hg, reducing salt intake is most likely to be beneficial. In a survey of physicians, 99.5 percent said that sodium reduction is important to the dietary management of high blood pressure. As the saying goes, "all things in moderation."

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My advice to people with high blood pressure is drop the heavy hand on the salt shaker, limit the use of processed foods with high sodium levels, try a salt alternative, and eat foods high in potassium and magnesium. If you have high blood pressure, always consult your doctor to see what's right for you.

Joel M. Neutel, M.D., is chief of the Hypertension Center, Veterans Administration Hospital, Long Beach, Calif., and director of research, Orange County Heart Institute.

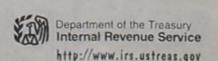
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With a wife and three children to support, Bob Crachit hardly made enough money as a clerk in the firm of Scrooge and Marley. When Marley died, Scrooge, his sole administrator, retained the firm's name and continued the business. Scrooge was tightfisted and grasping. He was also untrusting. One particular Christmas Eve, as Crachit sat busily copying letters in his cold, drab little corner, he was mindful of the fact that Scrooge, in his counting room nearby, had left open the door in order to keep a cautious eye on his employe.



Scrooge, ill-tempered as usual, seemed annoyed when his nephew entered with a cheery greeting. "A Merry Christmas uncle! God save you!'

"Bah," said Scrooge. "Humbug!" So much as the nephew tried, so hard did Scrooge resist the idea of Christmas. He denounced about it or about anybody or anything.



"Christmas a humbug, uncle? You don't mean that, I'm sure." "I do," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What reason have you

to be merry? You're poor enough." What Scrooge failed to understand is that being rich or poor isn't the most important thing in the world.

The friendly nephew said, "Don't be cross, uncle."

But Scrooge continued: "What a world of fools as this? Merry Christmas! Out upon Merry Christmas! What's Christmas time hour richer? Bah! Keep Christmas in your own way and let me as offices. keep it in mine."



The friendly nephew left and went out into the fog and darkness. It was very cold. Workmen repairing gas-pipes had built a fire and stood around it to warm their hands.

The shops were still bright and holly sprigs and berries were in the windows. Merchants were busy as everyone prepared for Christmas.

Mansion gave orders to his fifty stared until the sight before his cooks and butlers to keep Christ- eyes became only a door knocker mas in a proper way.

stirring tomorrow's pudding side, he paused, looking behind The visiter told Scrooge that he while his wife and baby went to the door as if he expected to see was the Ghost of Christmas Past the market to buy the beef.



When the hour for closing arrived at the counting-house, Scrooge grumpily stopped his money-counting, dismounted from his stool and told his clerk, Bob Crachit, that work was ended for the day.

Scrooge didn't approve of the holiday, but he had to recognize that it existed. "You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose?"

"If quite convenient, sir." Look all the more unpleasant, Scrooge said: "It's not convenient, and it's not fair. If I was to stop half-a-crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound? And yet, you don't think me illused, when I pay a day's wages for no work."



Tactfully as he could, Crachit reminded his employer that Christmas came but once a year.

"A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of it and wouldn't say a good word December!" said Scrooge. "But I suppose you must have the whole day. Be here all the earlier next morning.'

and headed homeward to Camden Town. Because it was Christmas Eve, he paused long enough to go bear upon him when he was dead. down a slide on Cornhill, twenty times, behind a lane of boys.



Scrooge took his usual lonely else can I be when I live in such dinner in a melancholy tavern, read all the newspapers in the place, then turned homeward to bed. He lived in chambers that to you but a time for paying bills once had belonged to his dewithout money; a time for finding ceased partner. It was a dreary yourself a year older, but not an place. No one else lived there, although some rooms were let out

> The fog lay heavy and the yard was dark, but Scrooge knew every stone and soon was putting his key into the door lock.

There was, upon the door, a huge knocker. There was nothing unusual about it except, at this a knocker but to the startled partner. Marley's face, plain as could be



Scrooge felt a terrible sensation within himself. He had never The Lord Mayor in his Mighty had such a feeling before. He again, turned the key and let The little tailor busied himself himself into the room. Once in-

throughout the house.



Satisfied with his search, Scrooge locked himself in double-locked himself in, which was not his custom. Strange sounds were in the air, and strange things happened. A disused bell hung near his bed. It began to swing slowly, then rang loudly, as did every other bell in the house. Scrooge listened intently. Another sound began when the bells, ended. It seemed someone was dragging heavy casks in the cellar below.

room, he stood. Marley, with his heart, it's Fezziwig alive again." heavy purses.



It was a ghost, no doubt, for Scrooge could see right through the waistcoat, the two buttons on Buttoning his greatcoat to the the back clearly visible. A ghost chin, Scrooge growled to himself that talked. The ghost told as he walked out the door. He Scrooge that the chain representwas hardly out of sight before ed all the misdeeds and unkind lowers. In came all the young the clerk had closed the office acts of a lifetime and that he, Scrooge, was fashioning his own chain, a heavy weight that would

> But, all was not hopeless, the throughout the night. Three spirits in all would come, each with a message of importance. If Scrooge were wise, the ghost cau-more tioned, he would listen carefully would show him.



When the ghost vanished Scrooge checked his door. It was still double-locked. Wearily he hand and the first vision appear- walked cautiously to the door. As very moment, it appeared not as ed. It was a strange figure, like a he reached for the lock, a voice child, and yet again like an old on the other side called his name Scrooge as the face of his late man. It's hair was white, yet the and bade him enter. He complied. rounded the head.



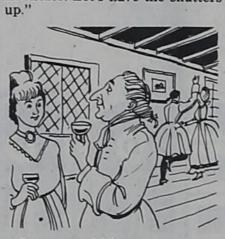
Marley standing there. He closed and, before Scrooge knew it, he

sound echoed like thunder weary years, to his boyhood stood in the city streets on home. The Christmases of his Christmas morning. All the sights youth paraded before him. Some and sounds that Scrooge had reof them were sad, for he was a fused to recognize were therelonely boy, but others were jolly. people in the streets, greeting Scrooge was amazed as events of one another, the smell of good the past flew before his eyes. food and fruits, the church bells Times and people that he had calling good people to church and known and many of them long chapel. Scrooge and the jolly ago forgotten. The best of these giant went on, invisible, through he had not forgotten and he felt the streets, to the very door of pleasure when the spirit took him Bob Crachit's house. Scrooge to a warehouse where he had stood in awe as the Spirit blessed served as an apprentice.



When they peered into the winchains over the wine merchant's dow, Scrooge saw an old gentleman in a Welsh wig, sitting at a The sound grew nearer and high desk and he exclaimed, nearer. And then, within the "Why, it's old Fezziwig! Bless his

pigtails, his waist-coat, tights and As they looked, Old Fezziwig boots. The chain he drew was laid down his pen. He looked at wrapped around his middle. It the clock. "Yo, ho, there! Ebenewas made in steel, but resembled zer! (that's me, thought Scrooge), the Crachits busily prepared their familiar things-cash boxes, keys, Dick! (Ah, Dick, Wilkins, to be small Christmas feast. Everyone padlocks, ledgers, deeds and sure), no more work tonight. Christmas Eve, Dick. Christmas, Excitement mounted as they Ebenezer. Let's have the shutters gathered about the table and Mrs.



In came a fiddler, who sat on a lofty desk and began to play. In came Mrs. Fizziwig and the three Miss Fizziwigs and six young folmen and women employed in the business, the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker.

The party began. Scrooge relived every moment of it. Yet, ghost reminded. He told Scrooge ever-conscious that the Ghost of that other visitors would follow Christmas Past still had eyes upon him. Other scenes of his past life were re-lived, until at last he felt he could bear no

Scrooge cried out, "Leave me! and see clearly all the visitors Take me back. Haunt me no longer!" Again, he was in his own bedroom, exhausted, drowsy, and eventually to sleep.



Again, in the dark, Scrooge put himself to bed and eventu- found himself awake. No vision ally fell asleep. He awoke, not appeared within the room. He knowing the time, to find it was waited. When he could restrain still dark. The curtains beside himself no longer, he reached his bed were drawn back by a for his slippers, put them on, and

face was smooth as that of a It was his own room, no doubt, child. It held a branch of fresh but it was changed. It was gaily green holly in its hand and, in decorated, with holly, mistletoe, contradiction, its dress was trim- and ivy. In the center of the med with summer flowers. Strang- room, heaped together to form a est of all, however, was a bright, throne, were turkeys, geese, game, clear crown of light that sur- sausages, mince pies and much more. In the center of the room, too, a jolly giant. "I am the ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon



the door with a bang, and the was taken back in spirit, many Suddenly, the two of them the small dwelling. Inside, Mrs. Crachit, her daughter Belinda and Martha, and son Peter, awaited the return of their father. In he came, carrying Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Tiny Tim, bearing a crutch, and his limbs supported by an iron frame.



Scrooge continued to watch as joined in preparation of the meal. Crachit approached the roast goose with a carving knife. A murmur of delight arose and even Tiny Tim shouted Hurrah! A pudding, much to small for so large a family, was a wonderful treat. Dinner over, the family gathered round the hearth. Bob Crachit raised a toast: "Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." The family re-echoed the sentiment and Tiny Tim, the last of all, said "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge felt an interest he had never known before. He asked of the Spirit if Tiny Tim would live. The Spirit replied, "I see a vacant seat and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved." Scrooge hung his head. He felt worse when he heard Bob Crachit propose another toast and Mrs. Crachit respond that she did not wish to drink a toast to Mr. Scrooge, "such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man." But, she did, and the children drank after her, while the Ghost of Christmas Present took Scrooge to visit here and there about the town, showing him both misery and happiness along the way.

And soon thereafter, Scrooge was face to face with another

"I am in the presence of Christmas Yet to Come?" said Scrooge.



The robed spirit seemed to incline its head. It quickly showed Scrooge how his own death might be, with on one to mourn his loss; in fact, some seemed happy at his passing. It also showed him how Tiny Tim might die and leave countless friends to mourn and sorrow for him.

he was a changed man, and that joy and happiness, and he gave the shadows that had passed be joy to all who knew him. fore him had altered his life: He said: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future the writing on this stone!"



When the third Spirit had gone, Scrooge kept the memory of the sight of his own name upon a tombstone, and no mourners in sight. When he awakened, he renewed his promise, "I will live in the past, the present and the future."

Scrooge dressed in his very best and went into the streets. People were everywhere. Many of them he had seen during the time of his visit with the Ghost of Christmas Present. Scrooge looked so pleasant that people spoke to him and, afterwards, he confessed, their voices were music to his ears. One gentleman, only days before rudely refused when he asked Scrooge for a donation to a fund for the poor, was surprised when Scrooge presented to him a healthy sum of

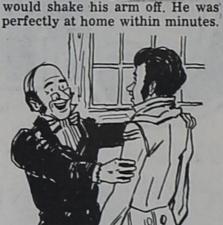


Scrooge journeyed on, to his nephew's house. He passed the door a dozen times before he had the courage to knock. Then he made a dash to the door, and did

"Fred," he said when his nephew appeared.

'Why, bless my soul!" cried

"It's I. Your Uncle Scrooge. I've come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred?' He was made so heartily welcome. He thought his nephew



Next morning, Scrooge hurried to the office, much earlier than usual. . . he wanted to be there before Bob Crachit, to catch Crachit coming late to work. He did. Bob was nearly twenty minutes late. He had his hat in his hand, awaiting the wrath of Scrooge. It never came,

Instead, Scrooge greeted him cheerfully-and told him that he was to receive a raise in pay. Crachit was amazed. But he knew, finally, that Scrooge was sincere. The old man patted him on the back. "A Merry Christmas, Bob! A Merry Christmas—a merrier Christmas, Bob than I've given you in many a year.'



In the years that followed, Scrooge kept his word and his promises. Tiny Tim did not die and to the gentle lad Scrooge became a second father. He also became as good a friend, a master and a man as the city ever knew. A few people laughed to see the change in him, but Scrooge let them laugh and paid little heed. His own heart was laughing, with

Scrooge never encountered an other Spirit. And, long years after, it was often said of him that he truly knew how to keep the Christmas. May that be true of each of us and, always, as Tiny Oh, tell me I may sponge away Tim observed, "God bless us every one!"

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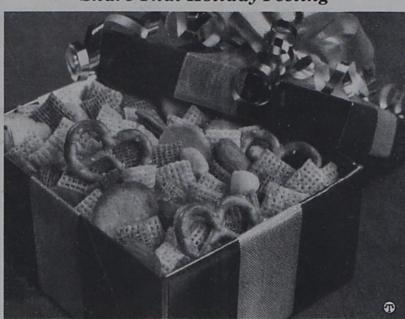
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- 1 cup mixed nuts
- 1 cup pretzels
- 1 cup bite-sized garlic-flavor bagel chips or regular size, broken into 1-inch pieces

1. Melt margarine in open roasting pan in preheated 250°F oven. Stir in seasonings.

2. Gradually add cereals, nuts, pretzels and bagel chips; stir to coat evenly.

3. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on absorbent paper to cool. Store in airtight container.

Microwave Directions:*

1. Melt margarine in large microwave-safe bowl on HIGH. Stir in seasonings.

2. Gradually add cereals, nuts, pretzels and bagel chips; stir to coat evenly.

3. Microwave on HIGH 5 to 6 minutes, stirring thoroughly with rubber spatula every 2 minutes. While stirring, make sure to scrape sides and bottom of bowl.

Spread on absorbent paper to cool. Store in airtight container.

*Due to differences in microwave ovens, cooking time may need adjustment. These directions were developed using 625 to 700 watt ovens.

Makes 11 cups



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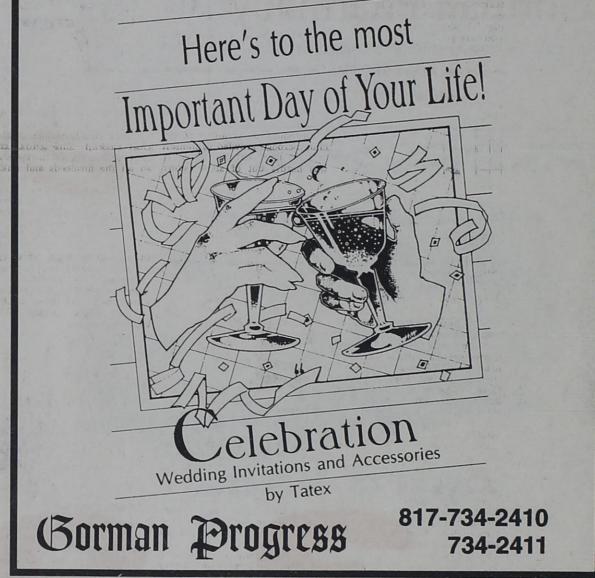




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Self-Employed? Give Yourself Benefits of a Retirement Plan

(NU) - It's that time of year again! The hustle and bustle of the holiday season - parties, shopping and giftgiving. This year, if you're selfemployed or a small-business owner, give yourself peace of mind and establish a Keogh retirement plan.

To receive a tax deduction for the 1996 tax year, calendar-year Keogh plans must be set up by Dec. 31,

1996. However, 1996 contributions can be made until your tax-filing deadline, which is April 15, 1997, for many small businesses.

"No longer covered by a company pension plan, corporate refugees and small-business owners are now on their own when it comes to planning for retirement," says Kathryn A. Hopkins, executive vice president for Fidelity Investments*.
"For self-employed workers,
Keoghs and Simplified Employee Pension plans (SEP-IRAs) are excellent ways to save on taxes while saving for retirement.'

There are generally three types of Keoghs: profit-sharing, moneypurchase and paired plans. (The maximum annual compensation on which contributions can be based is \$150,000. For plan years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1997, the maximum compensation on which contributions can be based is \$160,000.) Some details of each plan follow:

· Profit-sharing plans offer maximum flexibility. They allow the employer to contribute up to 15 percent of each eligible employee's compensation annually, without exceeding \$30,000 per employee, per year. The contributions may vary from

· Unlike profit-sharing plans, money-purchase plans require the employer to contribute a fixed percentage of each eligible employee's compensation every year. Money-purchase plans allow for contributions - and deductions - of up to 25 percent of compensation annually, without exceeding \$30,000 per employee, per year.

 A paired plan is a combination of both the profit-sharing and money-purchase plan. This type of plan is ideal for business owners who want the option of taking the maximum annual tax deduction in years when they can afford to make the maximum annual contributions.

Paired plans allow the employer to contribute up to 25 percent of compensation up to \$30,000 per year, per participant. The employer generally contributes a fixed percentage of annual income to the money-purchase plan and varies contributions to the profit-sharing component, based on the business' profitability.

Another retirement plan option

for small-business owners is the SEP-IRA plan. The tax-deferred plan allows the self-employed and small-business owners to make contributions for themselves and their employees. This is ideal for smallcompany owners who want a simple, tax-advantaged retirement plan without a lot of paperwork.

"One way to look at a SEP is as a type of IRA to which an employer makes contributions," Hopkins says. Beyond the tax advantages, these plans are easy to establish and they enable small companies to provide employees with a valuable benefit."

Keoghs and SEPs are among the best ways for the self-employed and small-business owners to reduce their taxes while saving for retirement. The plans also help employers offer the benefits small businesses need to attract and retain quality employees.



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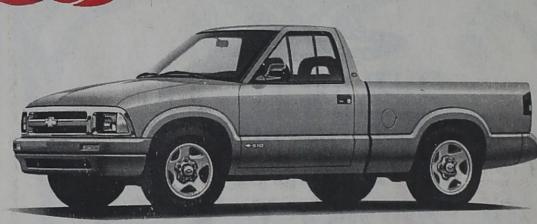


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