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## New year ringing in wide variety of new laws in Lone Star State

AUSTIN (AP) • The new year rings in more new state laws, including the nation's most stringent anti-youth smoking efforts, less-restrictive home equity lending and measures intended to make adopting a child easier.

Sections of the anti-youth smoking law and the home equity constitutional amendment took effect last year. Major portions of the laws go into effect Thursday.

In home equity lending, Texans began applying in droves for second mortgages after voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment allowing such loans for any purpose.

Before the November election, home equity loans had been limited to paying taxes and financing home improvements.

Under the new law, Texans can take out home equity loans for any reason, but first and second mortgages cannot equal more than 80 percent of a home's value.

The law also allows consumers 12 days between the application for a loan and its closing to reconsider without penalties and will not allow lenders to take any other property to recover

money from defaulted loans.

Attorney General Dan Morales in November said Texans could begin applying for loans immediately, but added that the 12-day clock for closing such loans would not begin ticking until Jan. 1. That means the first equity loans can't be signed until Jan. 13.

State Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, sponsored the 1997 legislation that led to the constitutional changes. He said he's not worried about Texans losing their homes to equity loans because of consumer protections included in the law.

"There is a lot more abuse and mistakes that occur today in home improvement loans and first mortgages

### MOST PROMINENT NEW LAWS

• **Home equity loans** — Under the new law, Texans can take out home equity loans for any reason, but first and second mortgages cannot equal more than 80 percent of a home's value.

• **Construction zone speeding** — Doubles the fines, up to \$500, for persons speeding in posted roadway construction zones.

• **Anti-youth smoking** — The new law makes it a crime for people under 18 to possess, consume, accept, purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products unless in the presence of a parent or legal guardian. Those breaking the law can be punished by up to a \$250 fine and violators risk the loss of their drivers licenses.

than there ever will be in home equity lending," he said.

Another new law will double the fines for speeding violations in posted construction zones.

Texas Department of Transportation officials say the law will help make construction zones a safer place — both for workers as well as those in vehicles.

Under the new law, fines of up to

\$500 can be levied for construction zone speed violations.

The new anti-youth smoking law makes it a crime for people under 18 to possess, consume, accept, purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products unless in the presence of a parent or legal guardian.

Those breaking the law can be punished by up to a \$250 fine and could be sent to tobacco education courses. If sent to a tobacco class, youths would have to prove they completed it or risk the loss of their drivers licenses. They also could be denied licenses for up to 90 days.

Rick Johnson, president of the Texas Food Industries Association, said while the new law also puts additional

requirements on retailers, it recognizes that youths are part of sales transactions.

"The clerks and retailers have always been responsible. This puts some of the responsibility on the kids and parents," Johnson said.

Gov. George W. Bush pushed the adoption measures, saying children need to be more quickly adopted into loving homes.

Under the changes, final adoptions could not be challenged after six months. Before now, adoptions could be challenged as late as two years after a final court order.

The new adoption laws also will:

- Prevent legal delays unless they were determined to be in the child's best interest.
- Require unmarried fathers to establish and register paternity within 30 days or face losing their parental rights.

- Streamline court cases to terminate parental rights.

- Allow crimes involving sexual offenses and drug addiction to be used to terminate parents' rights to their children.

## Too much to drink? Free rides available

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

If you plan to drink alcohol in celebration of the new year, plan to call for a free ride home.

Two local businesses have services to offer that are hoped to keep the streets safer on New Year's Eve.

David Mitchem of Mitchem Wrecker Service once again will offer the Topsy Wrecker. Mitchem's crew will pick up drinkers free at local parties and take them to their homes.

What's unique about Mitchem's service, however, is that he can transport people and their cars safely home at the same time.

"People don't like to leave their cars somewhere overnight," Mitchem said. "We want them to call us before they get behind the wheel. We'll see that they get home safely, with their cars."

Mitchem started the service more than a decade ago. He says his drivers have transported people in various states of impairment, who all had one thing in common — they shouldn't get behind the wheel.

The drinker's car is transported on a flatbed trailer, not dragged home behind a conventional wrecker, Mitchem said.

There is no charge, but drivers will accept tips. People who want to use the service should call 267-3747 and ask for the Topsy Wrecker. It will operate tonight from 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Topsy Wrecker will not be offered free to those who have already had an accident, and riders will only be taken home, not to another party, Mitchem said.

"We're just trying to keep people from ruining their new year and hurting someone else," he said. "I can't say how much it would be worth (to prevent)

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## County jail again passes state muster

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Howard County's jail, if not exactly getting better with age, is at least holding its own.

The 49-prisoner jail, built in 1952, passed its annual inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Tuesday, County Sheriff Bill Jennings said.

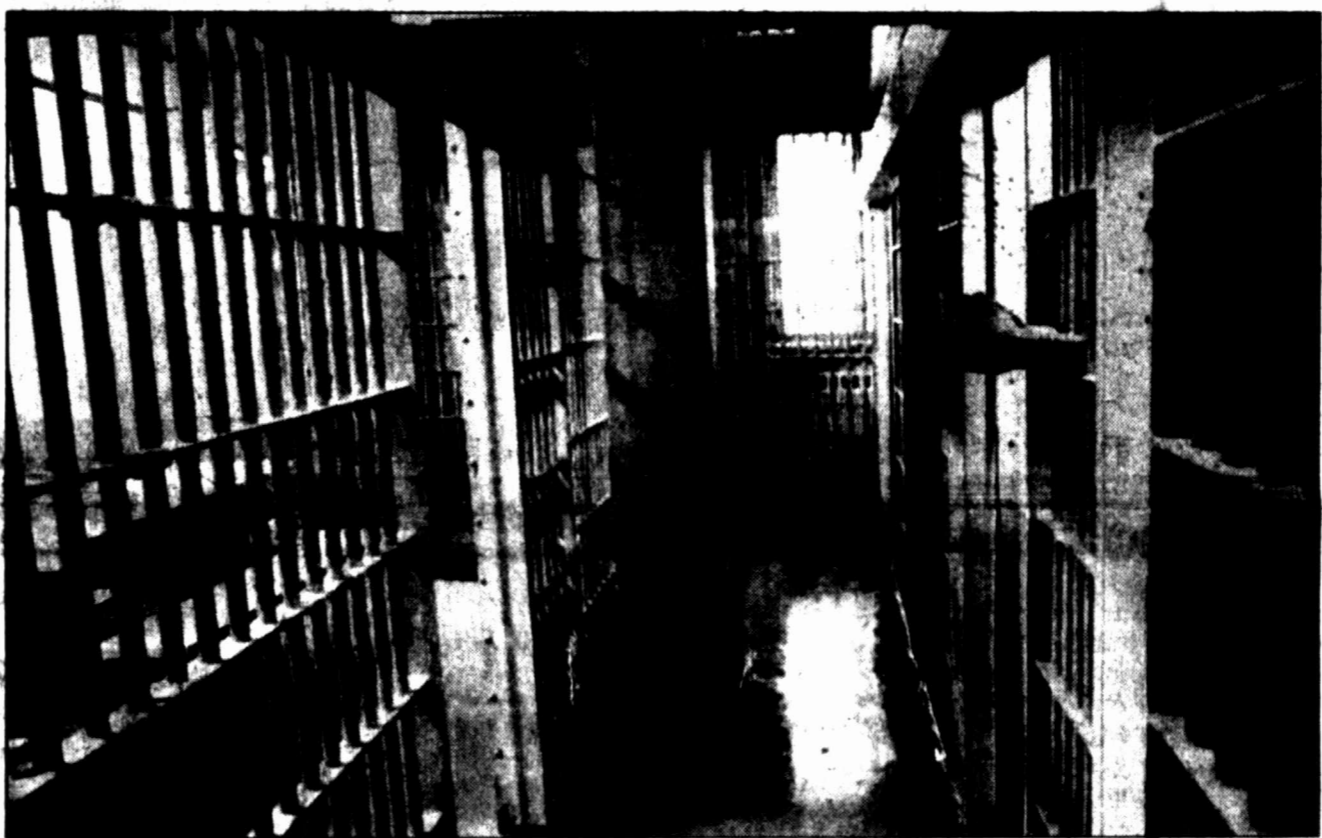
Paul Scarborough of the TCJS spent all day at the jail, inspecting it from top to bottom, Jennings said.

Usually, three aspects of the jail must pass state muster. First, the jail must meet the commission's structural requirements. Next, safety equipment and procedures, such as smoke detectors, fire alarms and fire drills, are inspected. Finally, inspectors check the jail's records and personnel, making sure there are a sufficient number of officers available and that operating procedures are adequate.

Jennings said the major credit for the certification should go to Chief Jailer Pancho Yanez. "He's put in a lot of hard work on this," the sheriff said.

If the jail had been found not to be in compliance, Jennings and his department would have been given a grace period to correct any errors before a subsequent inspection be made.

"If you don't comply then, there's a strong possibility that (the state) will close the jail,"



Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings said the biggest problem associated with Tuesday's jail inspection was having paperwork in compliance. Jennings said some prisoners had to be technically reclassified for the inspection.

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The biggest problem uncovered during the inspection was in administration, Jennings said.

"Our biggest trouble (Tuesday) was having our paperwork in compliance," he said. "We had to (technically) reclassify some of our prisoners."

Keeping the 45-year-old jail up to standards is part of the department's daily routine.

"It's a constant battle to keep it in compliance because of its age," Jennings said. "It's just a 1952 model ... and we've been able to meet the minimum standards."

While the jail has regularly passed these inspections in the

past, Jennings said keeping it up to standards will be a constant struggle.

"It's just the age of the jail," he said. "Our cell-call system (similar to a nurse-call system) is 35 years old, and we can't get parts for it anymore. It's just things like that."

"We've got old equipment and an old jail."

HERALD file photo

## Holiday load, equipment failure leaves trash piling up on city crews

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Ever wonder where all those old Christmas trees and toy boxes go after the holidays? Big Spring waste disposal personnel know all too well.

The period between mid-December and early January is usually the busiest of the year for city sanitation crews, and that formula is holding especially true this year.

Howard Shivers, solid waste supervisor for the city, said a variety of factors have conspired to make this season one of the busiest — and most problem-filled — his department has

ever seen.

For starters, there's the traditional deluge of garbage that accompanies the holiday season, Shivers said.

"Even if all of our equipment was working, yes, there'd be a backlog," Shivers said. "From Dec. 15 to Jan. 5, our waste load doubles."

Also factoring into the equation are the days off given to employees. This year, sanitation crews worked Monday-Wednesday last week, then were off Thursday and Friday. This week is much the same, except crews will be on the job Friday.

The straw that really broke

the figurative back, however, came when two of the city's five garbage trucks broke down with unrelated problems. That leaves three trucks to collect and deliver all the city's garbage, Shivers said.

"We've had some major breakdowns on our trucks, so we're behind schedule," Shivers said. "But we hope to be back on schedule Friday ... The crews have been working from sunup to sundown this week to get caught up."

The loss of equipment has meant that crew rotations have been jumbled, Shivers said.

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Some trash receptacles in the city are overflowing under the crush of the holiday trash load and city equipment problems.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

### WEATHER

Tonight:



New Year's:



Fri:



Weekend:



Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 33-40. New Year's Day, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs 58-65. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Dry Friday, chance of rain Saturday and Sunday. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs in the 60s.

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## Bounce checks in Madisonville and everyone knows it

MADISONVILLE (AP) — Some people who used hot checks for their Christmas shopping sprees in Madison County are soon going to get a rude awakening, a judge says.

Convicted hot-check writers will have some new attire as they will be required to advertise their guilt in a very public way.

Madison County Judge Cecil N. Neely said Tuesday he plans to start ordering offenders to wear large signs that state, "I'm a thief," accompanied by either, "I wrote hot checks" or "I stole from this store."

"On top of that, they're going to have to spend two or three hours at a time marching in front of the store where they did the

crime," the judge said. "It's not going to be a fun time for them, I assure you. But something has got to be done."

The signs, in bold black-and-red letters, are ready and posted near the district clerk's office.

Jade Martin-Bracewell, a Madison County probation officer, said the stack of hot checks is growing daily.

"We're seeing the results of some Christmas shopping sprees," she said, "and we're going to have to help these stores get their money back."

"They're calling this new plan the 'shame factor,' which I think is appropriate," she said, adding that some stores in town prominently post the names of offenders.

"I like the idea of these 'sandwich boards,'" she said. "I'll tell you, seeing somebody walking around with that sign on would be deterrent enough for me if I even were thinking about doing something wrong."

Martin-Bracewell said she thinks it is effective, especially in nearby Huntsville.

"All you have to do is drive by the Walmart in Huntsville anytime after 2 in the afternoon and you'll see it in action," she said. "They do three-hour stints, with a five-minute break each hour. And they can't wear sunglasses or big hats or anything else that would disguise them. They have to just face it, so to speak, and own up to it."



# Nightmares remain for relatives, rescuers in Oklahoma City bombing

DENVER (AP) — One of the first officers on the scene of the Oklahoma City bombing sees maimed and broken victims amid the dusty rubble in his dreams — and they die waiting for him to help.

Called to the stand by prosecutors trying to win a death sentence against Terry Nichols, Sgt. Allen Prokop told jurors that he has nightmares every night because of the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people and injured more than 500 — some of whom he carried from the debris.

In his dreams, he said Tuesday, "bodies would come out of the dust. There weren't

enough of us. ... I'm sure they died waiting for us."

The reality wasn't any better. Prokop said he tried hard to rescue one woman after he saw her arm sticking up in a pile of rubble. Prokop squeezed the hand and it squeezed back, but then the hand "got cold and stiff and she stopped moving."

Prokop said he also heard water running, and told his partner to shut it off. His partner replied: "Allen, it's not water, it's blood."

The penalty phase of the trial was to resume today.

The haunting images of the bombing's awful toll are the trump card for the prosecution,

which is asking for the death penalty from the same jurors who returned a mixed verdict against Nichols last week.

Prosecutors contend Nichols and Timothy McVeigh hatched the bomb plot to retaliate against the government for the deadly FBI siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993. While McVeigh, 29, was convicted of all 11 murder and conspiracy charges and sentenced to death, Nichols, 42, was convicted of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter — not murder. The conspiracy charge carries a death sentence.

Legal experts believe it

unlikely the jury will vote for death, no matter how many bombing victims and relatives testify.

On Tuesday, the Nichols jury saw for the first time a display of anger from the witnesses called this week.

Glaring across the courtroom at Nichols, the sister of a U.S. Customs agent killed in the bombing emphasized each word with rage as she testified: "My brother loved this country."

Nichols showed no reaction as Kay Ice Fulton of Beaumont, Texas, talked about Paul Ice, one of the eight federal agents to die when the nine-story Alfred P. Murrah Federal

Building was destroyed.

Prosecutors did their best to fill the courtroom with the sights and sounds of the bombing aftermath. They showed a videotape of a hospital emergency room, where bloodied victims, including children in wheelchairs, were treated as sirens blared and doctors shouted orders. A foot on one victim was twisted backward.

Several victims' relatives gasped. Nichols stared into a computer screen, watching the brief display.

Glen Westberry testified that his young son, David, once asked his mother to run a red light so they "could go to heav-

en and be with paw-paw" — his grandfather, Robert Westberry, who was killed in the bombing.

Sharon Coyne, whose 14-month-old daughter was killed, said her good memories of Jaci Rae always dissolve into a vision of her daughter with a diaper and "it's totally filled with blood and there are shards of glass all over her skin and it won't go away."

She and her husband have talked about having more children, but Mrs. Coyne said she has been afraid she would resent them for being alive when her baby was dead.

"If you lose your child," she said, "it consumes your life."

## Courtroom packed as nurse pleads innocent

NEWPORT, Ind. (AP) — A nurse charged with six murders and suspected in scores of other mysterious hospital deaths will remain in jail while his lawyer seeks experts to refute the case against him.

Judge Ernest Yelton ordered Orville Lynn Majors held without bond Tuesday after Majors pleaded innocent to killing six patients under his care at the former Vermillion County Hospital. Majors is suspected in more than 100 other deaths while he worked in the intensive care unit from 1993 to 1995.

Majors, 36, smiled as he entered the Vermillion County Courthouse for the 15-minute hearing in a crowded courtroom. Relatives of the patients told reporters they were relieved to see Majors in handcuffs.

"I'm ready to get some stuff off my chest," said Russ Firestone Jr., whose father, Russell Sr., died at the hospital the same day he came in for a broken hip in December 1994.

The case against Majors includes a police-sponsored computer analysis of hospital records showing deaths in the ICU reached "epidemic proportions" during the last six months of 1994.

Police exhumed the bodies of 15 people who had died at the hospital for autopsies, including

those of the six named in the charges. Four may have died from injections of potassium chloride, and the other two from the injection of a "foreign substance."

Potassium chloride is used in hospitals to control irregular heartbeat, but the chemical can kill at high concentrations.

Searches of Majors' former home and a van that he used turned up a variety of drugs, including potassium chloride, and syringes and needles.

No evidence links Majors directly to any of the deaths, said his lawyer, I. Marshall Pinkus. He said he plans to call experts who can refute statistical evidence offered by prosecutors.

"When you really break it down, in my belief there really isn't any pattern," Pinkus said.

"If you really believed that Lynn was a murderer, how could you let him walk free in the community for three years?"

Charges were filed only in those cases that were strong enough to bring to trial, prosecutor Mark Greenwell said.

"I don't mean to imply or to say that there were six murders and six murders only," he said.

"There were other deaths, that were suspicious, and there were very difficult decisions for us to make on which cases to file."

## Source: Police report yields new details on mystery Fiat Uno in Diana investigation

PARIS (AP) — In one of the more tantalizing leads in the Princess Diana investigation, a new police report quotes witnesses who saw a Fiat Uno "zigzagging" out of the tunnel where she died, and described the car's driver, a legal source said today.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, is privy to all documents in the case, including the 400-page report police submitted this week to investigating judge Herve Stephan.

The confidential report, coming a full four months after the crash, appears not to contain any earth-shattering revelations. Yet the witness accounts revealed today — but known to police since Sept. 18 — are the most detailed so far concerning the mysterious second car long believed to have played a role in the crash.

Investigators have been trying to find a small white car, probably a Fiat Uno, that Diana's Mercedes is believed to have side-swiped just before losing control and crash-

ing into a pillar in the Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel.

The Aug. 31 accident killed Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed, and driver Henri Paul. Key factors in the crash are still believed to be alcohol — Paul was legally drunk — and excessive speed.

The two witnesses, a couple identified in the report only as "Francois," a financial director, and "Valerie," told police that after dining at a restaurant near the Pont de l'Alma, they got in their car and were driving on a road parallel to the traffic tunnel.

Just past the tunnel exit, they were passed by a white Fiat Uno, the report said, according to the source. The man said he recognized the car model because his mother-in-law had the same one.

The car's exhaust pipe was making a loud noise as if it had been damaged, and the driver was driving abnormally "zigzagging" — and then cut off the couple's car, the wit-

nesses were quoted as saying.

The Fiat's driver was "a European type," about 40 years old, with brown hair, the witnesses said. In the back of his car was a large dog.

The witnesses came to see police on Sept. 18, the report said. Although a number of witness accounts have leaked out since the beginning of the investigation, these accounts were kept secret until first reported today by the French newspaper, Le Parisien.

The newspaper reported one recent false alarm: Police thought they were close to identifying the driver of the car when they questioned a man fitting the witness accounts. The driver had a large dog and a Fiat Uno he recently repaired and repainted red. But the man couldn't be linked to the crash, and was released.

So far, authorities have checked out thousands of the cars registered in the Paris area.

## McKinney hostage situation drags in second day

McKINNEY (AP) — A standoff between police and a man holding his estranged common-law wife and two daughters hostage dragged on today, with authorities saying they'll wait as long as necessary for the situation to end peacefully.

James Riccardo Lipscomb, 38, began the siege on Monday in the apartment of Denise Roach and threatened her with a knife.

Early today, he continued to hold Ms. Roach, along with two of their three children, 12-year-old Sherissa Lipscomb and 7-year-old Jama Lipscomb. Lipscomb let his 9-year-old son, James II, leave on Monday night.

The suspect is the brother of a man who took 80 children hostage at a day-care center in nearby Plano two weeks ago, but police said the standoffs were not related.

James Monroe Lipscomb, accused in the earlier incident, remains jailed at the Collin County Jail, less than a mile from the latest standoff site.

Two weeks ago, James Riccardo Lipscomb charged up and down police barricades at the day-care center, complaining officers wouldn't let him talk to his brother. The latest standoff was taking place at a small public housing complex. Police cordoned off

the complex but evacuated only residents in adjoining apartments.

Assistant McKinney police chief Ray Simmons reported progress in negotiations with Lipscomb Tuesday night.

There were no demands, Simmons said.

"We have asked him repeatedly what we need to do to bring a resolution to this," Simmons said. "We're getting words but no response, really."

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OUR VIEWS

Events of 1997 give promise to city's future

As 1997 draws to a close, a look back on the events of the year, and why this year, of all years, is one in which more positive things have happened within our community, seems appropriate.

After what must seem to some to be year after year of tough economic times, dating back to the 1977 closure of Webb Air Force Base and continuing through Fina's closing of its corporate offices in downtown and the downturn in the oil economy, it appears that even if we aren't in the process of turning the corner, we're at a point where we've at least turned on the directional signal.

The successful solicitation of Signal Homes to the community by Moore Development for Big Spring was big economic news for two reasons — the obvious boost in jobs and payroll for the economy and the fact it was the economic development agency's much-needed "home run."

We got another economic shot in the arm when the state selected Big Spring as one of four sites for the first veterans homes to be built in Texas.

That project, which could be started as early as the first quarter of 1998, could mean as many as 165 jobs or more.

In 1997, there was also the resolution of the railroad spur problem at the city-owned McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, which helps ensure the stability of Western Container as a major employer in the community.

Something as important to us as the economic news is the appearance that community pride came to life during the year.

Efforts to clean and restore the flow of the city's namesake spring, to clean and polish Comanche Trail Park as well as to restore the downtown image have all been successful.

The new lawn and landscaping around the Howard County Courthouse, the downtown square project that included brick-inlaid sidewalks, new trees and street lamps and the Settles windows project have all helped improve the appearance of downtown.

There were more Christmas lights than ever before this year and Pat Simmons' project to light the Historic Spring area can't be saluted enough as it seemed to be the catalyst for the increase in lights throughout the community.

None of us know what 1998 holds for us, but if we work for what we believe is the best for our community and her people, then the promise of a new year is great indeed.

OTHER VIEWS

One of the glories of celebrating New Year's Day is thinking in cyclical instead of linear terms. The old is done with, we can imagine, and the new about to begin. We shed the one, put on the other and feel that all that was unfortunate can be left behind. We then resolve to better ourselves, as if past habits and mistakes count for nothing.

As we move through 1998, for instance, most of us will also want to rid ourselves of the social afflictions symbolized in 1997 by such events as Mike Tyson's taking a bite of Evander Holyfield's ear, the suicides of Heaven's Gate cultists and the sex scandals in the military.

But we are not going to want to say goodbye to everything that came our way in the last year. Most of us surely would love to see the extension of more than a few trend lines, chief among them that of an economy that grew robustly. Employment was at record highs and inflation at record lows in the 12 months just gone, utterly confusing economists who predicted no such possibility. Incomes were up, too, and the worst danger now is that our politicians won't let good enough alone but will

intervene and mess things up. Less clear in its meaning for us all in the past year — yet perhaps more exciting — was the advance in scientific technology. Americans could barely contain their enthusiasm when a small, mobile machine on Mars started sending back color photos of rocks. Even that paled, however, in comparison to the story of Dolly the sheep. She got cloned. The implications are immense — far greater than the implications of the year's other major stories — because the technique ultimately could be used on humans. Dolly's cloning could change the world, but for better or for worse remains far from certain.

Collectively speaking, then, what should our New Year's resolutions be in these times? One of them has to be what it has always been. We must seek wisdom. While the governmental and technological tools at our command are extraordinary, they are as prone to misuse as good use. Wisdom, all of us know, is not easy to come by, but this is New Year's, when every kind of improvement seems within reach.

-SCRIPPS HOWARD

Best wishes for Bill Clinton's activist 1998

By ANN McFEATHERS  
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President Clinton has promised an activist agenda for 1998. He says he will take on education, the environment and entitlements. In other words, this will be the "Triple E" Year of the Clinton presidency.

Should Americans be energized, excited and exhorted? Probably not. Talks with the president's aides, scurrying to put some meat on the bones of the State of the Union speech where Clinton will unveil what he's got planned for the coming year, reveal a certain minimalism behind the rhetoric.

When Clinton talks about improving education, what he really means is going back to Congress to push his national testing idea. He argues that if American fourth- and eighth-graders take voluntary, standardized tests of their math and language skills, their parents will be so appalled at the results they will force improvements in their schools.

He also wants to make community college centers of new worker-retraining programs by giving businesses new incentives to pay for it or by giving

states grants to fund it. This is Clinton's first attempt to deal with the deadly disease of downsizing that is afflicting the nation. Yes, the unemployment level is stunningly low, but it masks a huge increase in underemployment. A lot of people are working below their skills and below their pay needs.

The humongous increase in mergers last year swept cadres of middle-class people into the dustbins of part-time work or jobs that once they would have disdained. But going to a community college at night to get a degree in computers or book-keeping may not be enough to help make that leap into the new millennium that Clinton is eager to prepare the nation to do.

He also wants to increase the number of child-care slots available to preschool children whose parents work. It's not clear how it would be paid for since quality child care is expensive.

Clinton's environmental goals are also comparatively murky. He wants the global-warming treaty ratified by the U.S. Senate, but won't even submit it for approval unless developing countries such as China and India agree to a program

of sacrificing their potential. Trading environmental credits on the open market (one country that has cut its emissions by better than the going average sells its license to dirty the air to another country) seems a little too sophisticated in this case.

Otherwise, he's said little about what environmental legacies he wants to leave.

On the incredibly tricky questions of how to pay for the burgeoning need for more Social Security and Medicare benefits, Clinton has basically said that he wants to see what new commissions come up with. Now there's a novel idea — the blue-ribbon panel of experts assembled to solve a problem on which there is absolutely no agreement in any segment of society.

At his last press conference of 1997, Clinton defended himself against criticism, some of it from key Democrats, that he has lost his vision and zest for new ideas and has capitulated to the notion of a presidency of a thousand points of little major significance.

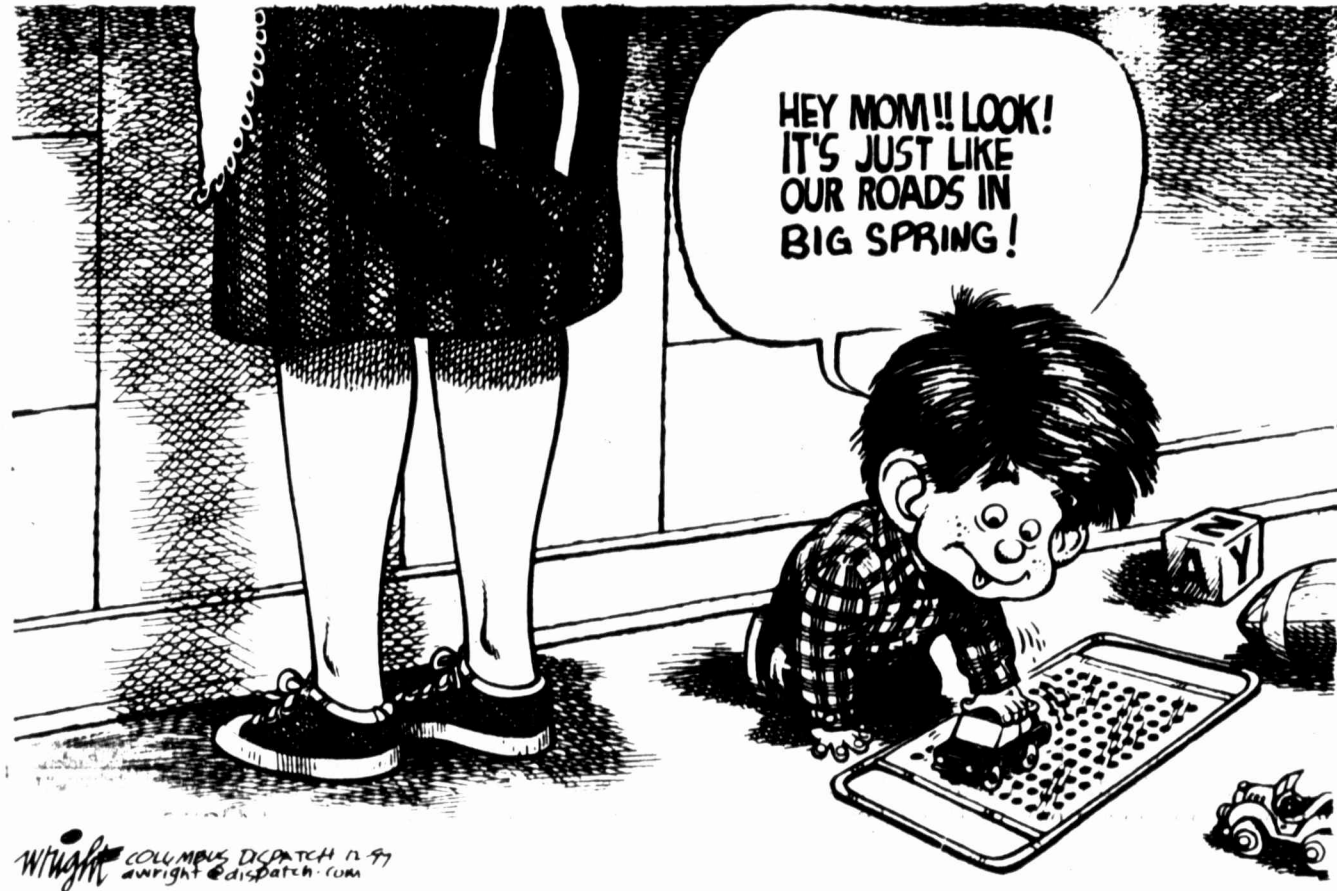
He promised that 1998 will be "a more vigorous year" and a "very, very active time." He certainly will be in the air a lot, with plans to land in a

majority of the continents. But outlines of the State of the Union beginning to take shape don't lend much credence to Clinton's promise to be a more activist president. He won't go along with a tax cut. He will push for fast-track trade authority (to negotiate trade agreements without nasty little amendments from Congress) and expansion of NATO, but those are left over from 1997.

The basic questions about the Clinton presidency with which we all started last year remain. What does he want his legacy to be? He says more trade, more jobs, better-educated children and an America poised to make the next 100 years the second American century. All worthwhile goals. But very hard to achieve and not really the kind of legacy that makes a great president. Such goals are achieved by the people, not the Oval Office.

But new years are, thankfully, blank slates. Thus, we wish the president success in working for a more united, better-educated, well-trained, cleaner, motivated nation.

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House and politics for Scripps Howard News Service.)



How to dazzle your teacher next semester (or how to get in trouble in a hurry)

By KEITH CONNERS  
Scripps Howard News Service

The holiday season brings many welcome things: family gatherings, sumptuous meals, a sense of renewal and personal redirection. For parents of college students, it may have brought something else: grades for the first semester's classes.

And in some families, the small envelope from the registrar's office sometimes contains tidings that are not always joyful.

Parents of college students face a dilemma. Parents learned the limits of ranting and raving at report-card time during the high school years. They understand, intellectually, how important it is for college students to take responsibility for their own lives. But, if they are footing the tuition bill for their sons' and daughters' college education, they need to do something.

Subtlety is required. Frontal assaults don't work. Here, then, is an item designed to be torn from the newspaper and left where a college student might stumble upon it by chance. Couches, refrigerators or next to the cable TV remote are prime locations.

This list has been compiled in consultation with dozens of

colleagues in higher education. These are the definitive, time-honored and can't-miss strategies which are guaranteed to impress a college professor and ensure greater academic success in college:

- On the first day of class, make sure to ask, "How many cuts are allowed?"
- Then, when you cut a class, follow up the next time by inquiring, "Did you cover anything that will be on the test?"
- Even more impressive is to speak to the professor in advance by saying, "I can't make it to class on Thursday. Are we going to do anything important?"
- In a three-hour class, feel free to leave at the break. Professors never notice.
- Don't even bother to ask if papers need to be typed. Professors are highly skilled at deciphering primary documents and actually prefer illegible scribbling over double-spaced documents prepared on laser printers.
- If you do use a word-processor, never waste time making a back-up of your documents. Computers hardly ever crash, especially the night before papers are due.
- Avoid ever speaking with a professor outside of class. But if you must, never make an appointment. If you do make an appointment, show

up at another time.

- Feel free to keep yourself fortified in class with aromatic fast food restaurant fare and beverage containers that slide easily off slanted desk surfaces.
- Avoid sitting anywhere close to the front of the classroom. Back row seats are especially useful for propping up your head if you get sleepy.
- Near the end of every class, make sure to close your books firmly and jingle car keys ostentatiously to help remind your professor that time is just about up.
- Above all, be yourself. Make sure all of your tattoos and body piercings are visible at all times. And always wear a grungy baseball cap to class every day, preferably backward.
- Should these suggestions fall on deaf ears with today's home-for-the-holidays college students, parents may have to personalize their message: Dig out the old college yearbook and send for a copy of the transcript. Surely, the younger generation will then be convinced that parents know what it takes to impress a college professor.

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Some early amusement parks were called "trolley parks" because they were located at the end of trolley routes.

Josiah Flagg of Boston, the first native born American dentist, began practicing in 1783.

Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## Dora Roberts Rehab Center adds staff, updates equipment

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

With the addition of staff and equipment, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center is ready to take more patients and treat a wider variety of needs, its director said.

Director Wesley Beauchamp recently hired a new head of physical therapy, and an occupational therapist. With grant money from the Dora Roberts Foundation, the center also purchased a new computer program.

Dana Pierson, new head of physical therapy, came from upstate New York after several years as a traveling physical therapist. Leslie Kurklin, occupational therapist, is a Texas Tech graduate from the Lubbock area.

Occupational therapy has recently been nearly non-existent at the center, Beauchamp said.

"We haven't had this for a while, but we've committed to this program, and we're very serious about it," Beauchamp said. A new computer program was purchased recently to aid Kurklin in her work, and allow her to expand services.

"I'm excited about the chance to build a program," she said.

Occupational therapy will help local businesses who want to conduct "functional capacity evaluations," or tests to determine general strength and ability with certain physical actions.

"This would help determine at what level you could go back to work, for example, after an injury," Kurklin said. With the equipment and computer program, she can simulate the action required for the job and generate a graph showing how the worker performs.

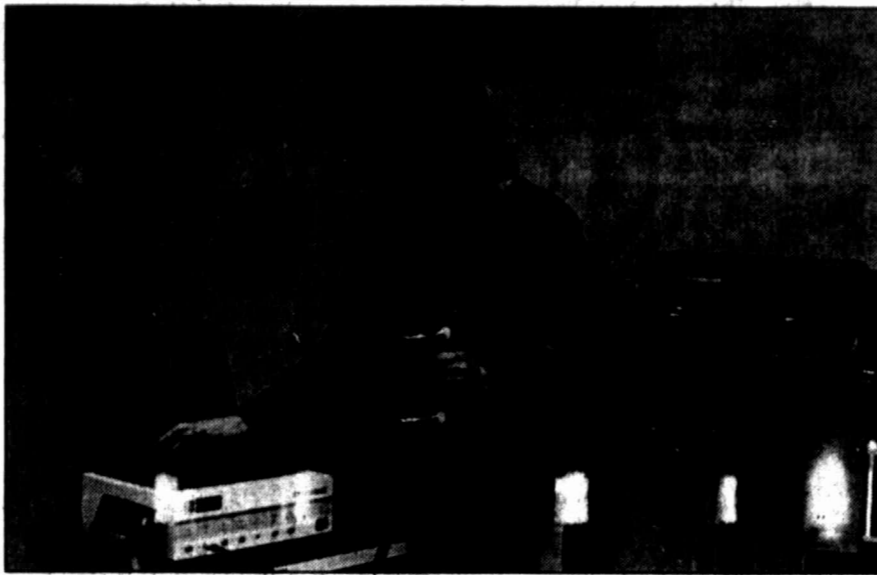
Similar tests are used by insurance companies to determine a worker's compensation claims and by companies before employment.

But Kurklin can also measure cognitive skills, reasoning and basic skills, such as the ability to care for oneself at home, with cooking, cleaning and laundry.

Pierson said he is excited about the potential at Dora Roberts Rehab, especially in terms of space.

"The equipment we have, and the size of the facility is just great," he said. He plans to expand the center's wound care program, and also specializes in spinal injuries.

Pierson, because of his time as a traveling therapist, has



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Leslie Kurklin, in the photo above, works with some of the new computerized equipment she uses in the occupational therapy program at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. At right, Dana Pierson, head of physical therapy, works with patient Charles Williams. Kurklin and Pierson are recent additions to the rehab center staff.

experience in many different areas. He even treated a professional soccer team in Baltimore, dealing with various sports injuries.

He said part of the reason he took the job in Big Spring was the DRRC's non-profit status.

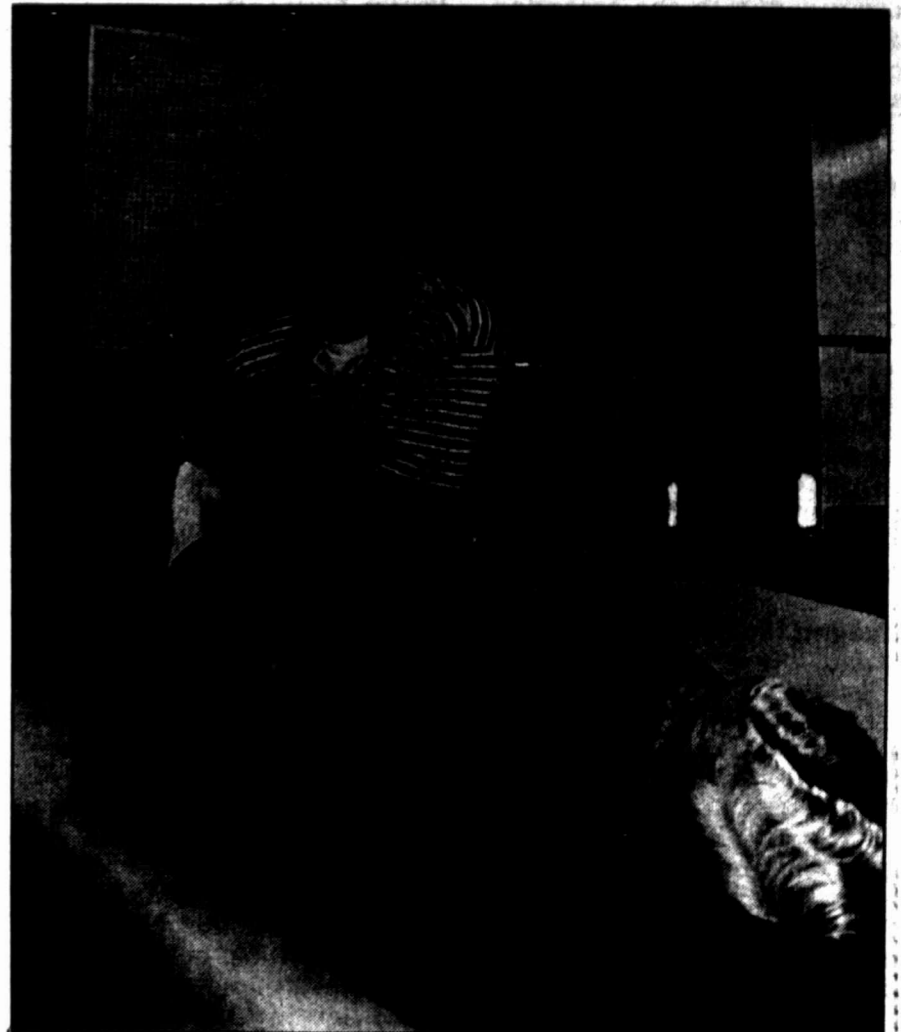
"Because of that, there is not a big drive to push patient numbers beyond what you can

handle," Pierson said.

He said he and his staff of four can control the number of patients they see and give personalized treatment to each one.

Both occupational and physical therapy programs take referrals from physicians.

Although the center still needs a speech therapist,



Beauchamp said he is very pleased with the current staff, and the direction the center is taking.

"We want people's business, and we have the equipment and staff to handle it," he said.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS Club (Take off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in 5:15 p.m., Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr., 6:15 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door). Various activities, guest speakers, games, covered dish sup-

per, visit. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 11 a.m. and

5 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) for further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Please see **SUPPORT**, page 6A.

## Parent survival courses

Skills range from nutrition, meal planning to job search

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Howard

County Health and Wellness Committee and the Texas Workforce Commission

will offer a series of Parent Survival Skills classes beginning in January.

These courses are open to anyone and will involve lecture and hands-on activities. Following each course, certificates of completion will be awarded.



Dana Tarter  
Extension Agent

The deadline to preregister for any of the classes is the fifth day of the month that the class is offered. You may register by calling the Texas Workforce Commission at 267-7437 or stopping by their office located at 310 Owens. Please specify which class you would like to attend. Space for classes is limited.

The classes will be held at the Texas Workforce Commission conference room. Following is a schedule of classes:

Jan. 14 - 10 a.m. to noon; Food Guide Pyramid, Nutrition for young Children, Meal Planning, Stretching Your Food Dollar.

Jan. 28 - 10 a.m. to noon; Self Esteem, Job Search Skills, Interview Techniques.

The deadline to register for the above listed classes is Jan. 5.

Feb. 11 - Where Does Your Money Go?, Budgeting What You Have, Consumer Wise Shopping.

Feb. 25 - Conflict Resolution/Anger Control, Communication, Child Development.

The deadline to register for the above classes is Feb. 5.

March 11 - Food Guide Pyramid, Nutrition for Young Children, Meal Planning, Stretching Your Food Dollar.

March 25 - Self Esteem, Job Search Skills, Interview Techniques.

The deadline to register for the above listed classes is March 5.

If you would like more information, call the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 264-2236 or the Texas Workforce Commission at 267-7437.

## Here's the history lesson: Why New Year's occurs each Jan. 1

By MICHAEL WOODS  
Toledo Blade

As billions of people prepare noisemakers, paper hats, firecrackers and booze for the world's most widely celebrated holiday, ponder a question: Why should New Year's Day occur on Jan. 1?

One year is the time it takes Earth to make a complete revolution around the sun. What is it about Earth's journey through space that makes one trip end and another begin on Jan. 1?

Is there a starting line in space, for goodness' sake? Brace for some surprises.

"Not many people realize it, but the timing — Jan. 1 for New Year's — is completely arbitrary," Norman Lindhjem said in an interview. "New Year's Day could just as easily occur in March."

Lindhjem, director of the International World Calendar

Association (IWCA), paused a second. "Well, you know, for a long time, New Year's Day WAS in March. And in December. And April. And June."

Even today, various countries, cultures and groups observe New Year's Day on other dates that occur in every month of the year.

Jan. 28, 1998, will be the Chinese New Year (Sun Nin) and the Vietnamese New Year (Tet). India will observe New Year on March 22, 1998. The Islamic New Year begins on April 27, 1998, the Armenian New Year is July 9, 1998, and the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) observation is Sept. 21-22, 1998.

The date for New Year's Day is a product of humanity's effort to keep track of the passage of time with calendars.

If Lindhjem and a little-known band of other "calendar reformers" have their way, the

### Advantages of calendar change

Toledo Blade

Advantages of the World Calendar:

— Every year is the same. Each year begins on Sunday, Jan. 1, and each working year on Monday, Jan. 2.

— Numbered days of the month always fall on the same weekdays, so a child born on Friday always celebrates birthdays on Friday. Election Day in the U.S. always would be on Nov. 7. Christmas and other holidays would always fall on the same day of the week.

— Statistical comparisons between quarters of the year would be easier since the year would divide into quarters of 91 days each. Each quarter begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday.

— Source, IWCA

situation could change again. The whole world could embrace a new calendar with its own approach to New Year's.

Humanity's celebration of the new year began about 4,000 years ago in ancient Babylonia, which included modern Iraq. They celebrated New Year's on March 25, for 11 days.

"Late March actually is a logical choice for beginning of a new year," said John Kremer, author of "Celebrate Today," a 1996 book (Prima Publishers) that describes 4,200 holidays.

"It is the time of year that spring begins and new crops are planted. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomi-

cal or agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary."

The Babylonians also invented one of the first calendars, which was adopted in other countries and popularized March 25 as the New Year.

A calendar allows people to measure and record the passage of time. People in ancient times needed to keep track of the arrival and passage of seasons so they could plant crops, prepare for winter, and other events.

Since there were no clocks, the ancients relied on natural units of time such as the apparent movements of the sun, moon and stars.

They used three basic units. One was the solar day, the time from one sunrise to another, the time for Earth to make one complete rotation on its axis, or 23 hours 56 minutes and 4 seconds.

Another was the lunar month, the period between suc-

cessive full moons, the time it takes the moon to revolve once around Earth. It averages 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, and 3 seconds. The other was the solar year, which consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds.

Trying to divide the solar year into months of 24-hour days led to all kinds of confusion and inaccuracies.

Twelve lunar months of 29.5 days results in a year of about 354 days, 11 days shorter than the true solar year. Thirteen lunar months would make a year last about 383.5 days, about 18.5 days longer than the solar year.

Use such a calendar long enough, and it would get out of sequence with the seasons. Summer might begin in January and winter in August.

Efforts to keep the calendar and seasons in sequence led to adoption and junking of calendar systems. Please see **HISTORY**, page 6A.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Want to help with tax returns?

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Church service tonight

Midway Baptist Church will celebrate New Year's Eve with a special candlelight service at 11:30 p.m. today. The public is invited to attend the service, 6200 South Service Road E. 1-20. For more information, call the church at 263-6274.

#### Last chance to see spring

Tonight and Thursday are the last chances to view the lighted spring in Comanche Trail park. The display of thousands of lights begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

### THE LAST WORD

Liberty is the one thing you can't have unless you give it to others.  
William Allen White

All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.  
George Orwell

Parents are the last people on earth who ought to have children.  
Samuel Butler

**HISTORY**

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dars that used many different dates for the start of the New Year.

The Roman Empire kept March 25 as New Year's Day. But Roman rulers constantly tampered with the calendar, and it got further and further out of synchronization with the solar year.

The first major calendar reform came in 46 B.C. when Julius Caesar, the Roman ruler, ordered adoption of the Julian calendar. By 46 B.C., a three-month error had accumulated from use of earlier calendars. Calendars were about three months ahead of the seasons, so that winter began in September.

Caesar divided the year into 12 months. Except for February, each had either 30 or 31 days. February had 29 days for three years and 30 days every fourth year. He also changed the date of New Year's to Jan. 1.

To wipe out the pre-existing error and realign the calendar and seasons, Caesar ordered that 46 B.C. would have 445 days.

The Julian calendar was more accurate than any previous calendar. Its year was only about 11 minutes longer than a solar year. But over 1,500 years, the error accumulated. By 1580, spring began on March 11, which is 10 days earlier than the vernal equinox.

In 1582, the Gregorian calendar, developed by astronomers working for Pope Gregory XIII, came to the rescue. Gregory wiped out the accumulated error by ordering that 10 days be dropped from October. Oct. 5, 1582, became Oct. 15.

He also ordered a permanent correction to keep calendar and solar year more in sequence. His solution: Give February one extra day in century years divisible by 400. Thus, February 1600 got an extra day, and February 2000, 2400, and 2800 will get one.

The Gregorian calendar reduced the difference between

solar and calendar year to just 26 seconds.

Most European countries adopted the new calendar immediately. England and its colonies held out, and continued celebrating New Year's in March, until 1752.

Russia adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1918. In 1929, the former Soviet Union switched to an "eternal calendar" with 12 months of 30 days each. It switched back to the Gregorian calendar in 1940.

All Eastern Orthodox churches continued using the Julian calendar until 1923. Some adopted a Revised Julian Calendar with a different leap year rule. Others stuck with the old calendar.

Other attempts at calendar reform — improving the Georgian calendar — occurred over the years. In the 1930s, for instance, a group called the World Calendar Association actually got the United Nations to consider a new calendar.

The so-called World Calendar had 13 months (the new month was "Sol"), and got endorsements from accountants, statisticians and business. The United States objected, and the U.N. dropped the whole idea.

The World Calendar would have changed the dates for widely celebrated holidays. The Fourth of July, for example, would have become the 17th of Sol.

The World Calendar Association evolved into the IWCA, which is based in Bend, Ore., and still promotes calendar reform.

IWCA now advocates a 12-month perennial calendar, according to Lindhjem. Among its advantages would be elimination of the annual ritual of buying new calendars.

"Our present calendar is not perennial, but annual," Lindhjem noted. "It changes every year. It does so because its typical 365-day cycle is not evenly divisible by 7, the number of days in the week."

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**SUPPORT**

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**WEDNESDAY**

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

**THURSDAY**

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September. October, November,

January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

**SATURDAY**

•Alzheimer's Association

Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., various Saturdays, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the meeting date.

**SUNDAY**

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

Robert Young, M.D., F.A.C.S. will begin seeing General Surgical Patients at Medical Care Plaza 1300 Gregg Street in Big Spring on Tuesdays beginning January 6, 1998. Call (915) 686-9251 to schedule appointments.

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**Some store samples keep shoppers snacking**

By BETTY LEASE

Scripps Howard News Service

We've heard the experts say it over and over: Don't shop for food when you're hungry.

Forget that sage advice when you're heading to your local discount-shopping warehouse — Costco, for instance — for your monthly (or weekly) supply of frozen dinners and convenience items. If you do it right, you can emerge with some easy entrees and a full tummy.

A Costco outlet in the Redding, Calif., area is a taster's paradise, where on a recent Friday shoppers could stop at 19 demonstration tables and sample things like herbed olive spread, Cajun turkey breast, cheesecake, ravioli, fruit juice, ham, tiny sausage links and lots more.

"It's like a party," said demonstrator Sandy Giles, who's been handing out samples for six years. "One man said he asked his son where he wanted to go for his birthday, and his son said, 'Costco.'"

Parents don't have to feel guilty when their children sidle up to the tasting tables. It's all part of the plan, said Christal Henderson, supervisor of food demonstrations for Warehouse Demo Services, the Kirkland, Wash., company that contracts with Costco to provide tasting opportunities.

Henderson said if little people give a thumbs-up to what they try, the big people they're shopping with are more likely to buy the product.

Lynda Smith of Redding said she likes to have her 10-year-old son Cloud with her when she does her shopping.

"He's a picky eater," she said of Cloud, who refers to himself as the "official taste tester."

After all, what parent wants to invest in a 10-serving size of anything without reason to believe it will be well-received at home?

Sometimes, Cloud finds some-

thing he REALLY likes. "I'll go back a couple of times if I really love it," he said.

Kids aren't the only ones who indulge in seconds ... or thirds.

"Sometimes I sneak around and get another one — and hope they forget me," admitted David Hitzelberger, who regularly shops with his wife, Kay.

Hitzelberger said he samples just about everything offered. "On a good day, when there's lots of it, I don't need anything else until dinner."

For most, the grazing serves as a hearty snack. But for others, it's a meal.

Henderson said the most often heard comment is, "We just came here for lunch" ... at least they're honest about it.

"We have regulars," said demonstrator Alice Estevez, who entices shoppers with a friendly "Come on over, folks."

"We even have some who bring a date — although that may be their first and last," Estevez wisely observed.

Some samplers are choosy, while others taste liberally.

Costco regulars Midge and Gene Conyers represent the two styles of nibbling.

"He eats more than I eat," said Midge Conyers. "He may get four or five (samples), and I may get one or two."

"You can tell the difference in size," she said, with a nod toward her husband.

While some sample and shop at the same time, others — like Angelina Robinson, her 11-month old son Alex and her mom, Joanne Robinson — like to make a big sweep of the store and taste everything before filling their shopping cart.

As they broke away from the olive spread tasting site, Angelina Robinson could be heard saying, "I heard there's cheesecake down here, Mom."

"Oh, yummy," was the reply.

At times, the demand for tidbits is so great that a crowd forms around a demonstrator's table.

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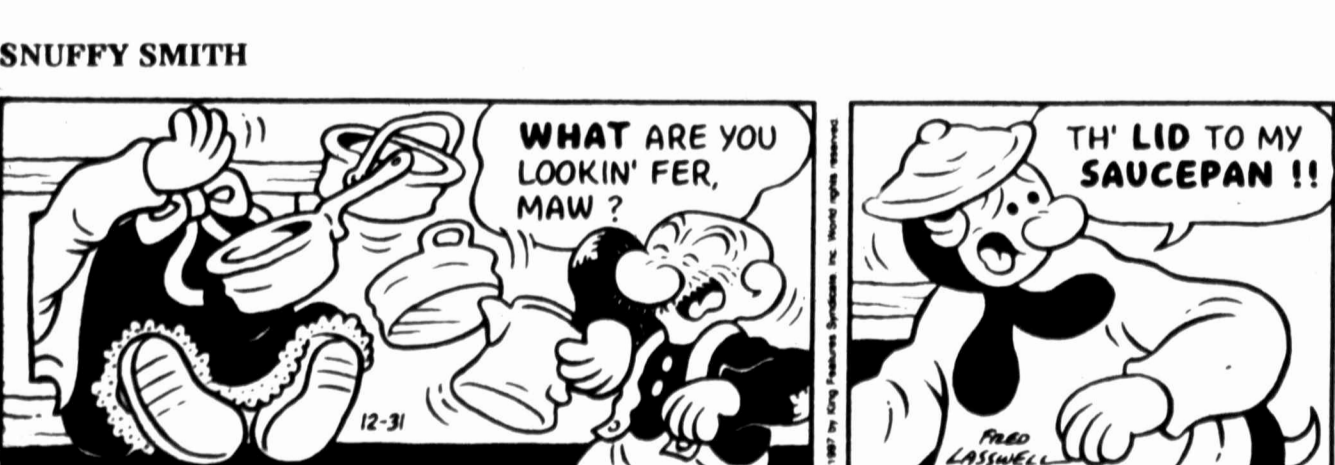
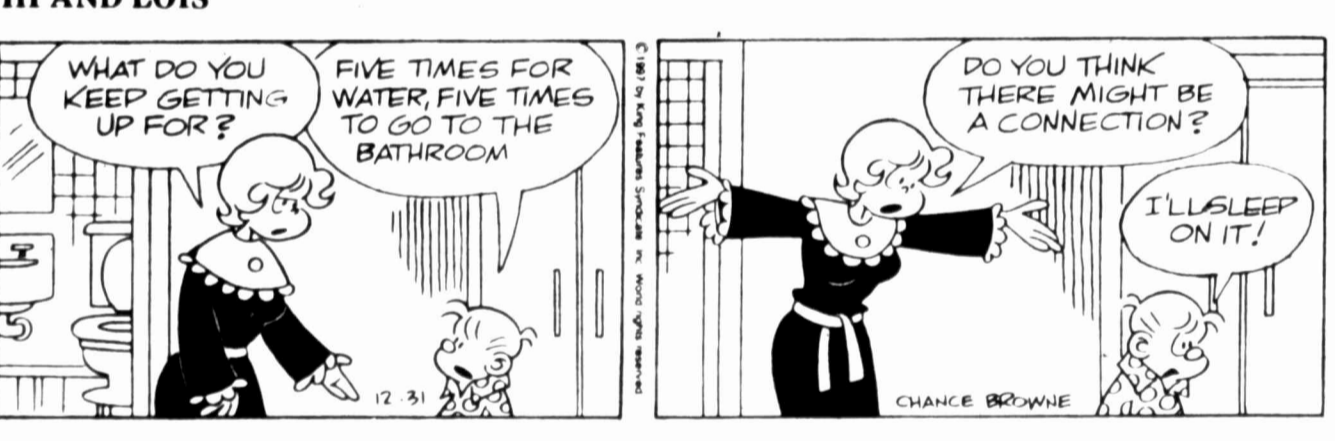
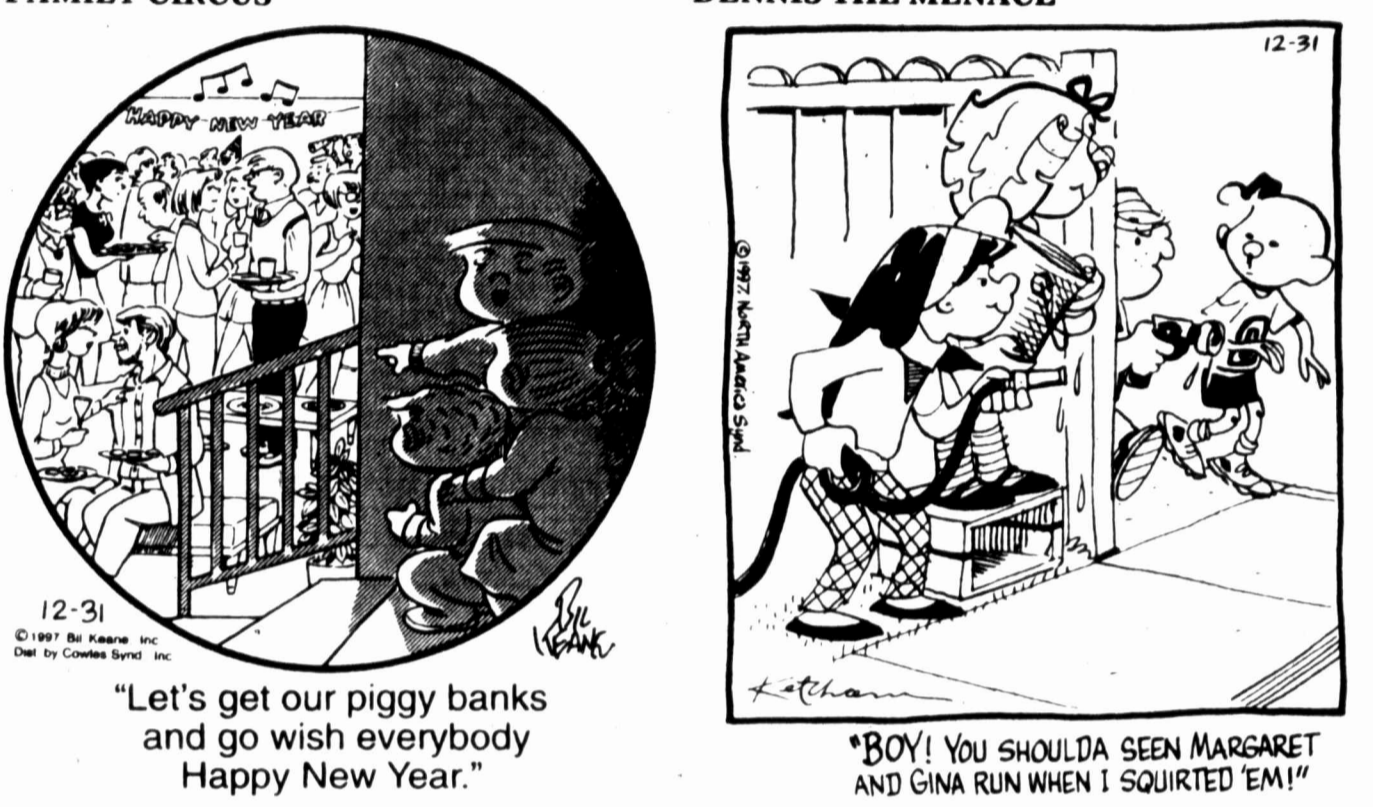








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8:30 PrimeTime Live (CC) Cheers	8:30 Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	8:30 James Stewart: A Wonderful Life (CC)	8:30 700 Club	8:30 News (35) Late	8:30 News (CC) Married... With Children	8:30 Rockin' Eve	8:30 (CC) Late	8:30 (05) Movie: Back to the Future	8:30 Flash	8:30 Feliz Ano Nuevo 98	8:30 Ray J and Brandy	8:30 Dukes of Hazzard	8:30 (10) Movie: The Birdcage	8:30 Comedy Hour (CC)	8:30 Jerry Seville Duplantis	8:30 Biography	8:30 Crocodiles	8:30 FOX Sports News	8:30 World Cup Skating	8:30 Movie: Daddy Long Legs	8:30 227 (CC) Midnight Love			
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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

the 365th and final day of 1997.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 31, 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

On this date: In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed. In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada. In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union. In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J. In 1897, Brooklyn, N.Y., spent its last day as a separate entity before becoming part of New York City. In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid. In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years. In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the United States. In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas. In 1986, a fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, killed 97 and injured 140 people. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.) Ten years ago: Robert Mugabe was sworn in as Zimbabwe's first executive president. Five years ago: President Bush visited Somalia, where he saw firsthand the famine racking the east African nation. He praised U.S. troops that provided relief to the starving population. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali was jeered by Bosnians during a visit to Sarajevo. One year ago: Leftist rebels in Peru released two diplomats, leaving 81 hostages in the besieged Japanese embassy residence in Lima.

**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- Florida port
- Permission slip
- Wesaking
- Cognizant
- Notion
- Solo at the Met
- Doing harm to others
- Filmmaker Reiflenstahl
- Scraped (by)
- Pick players
- Ford flop
- Prepares a new edition
- Comparative phrase
- Folk singer Phil
- Copy abbr.
- Wham
- SE Asian language
- Widespread
- Aid in wrong-doing
- Showplace
- Adam's grandson
- Aging
- Phenomenon
- President before DDE
- Human parasites
- Ll quadrupled
- Take cover
- Discontinued
- in on (tracked)
- Overdo the mothering
- Lowest parts of small intestines
- Pinnacle
- Doing good to others
- Entrance
- Machu Picchu honcho
- Pound piece
- Snowmobile
- Staunch
- Yucatan you
- Make an assertion
- U.S. troops in WWI
- Printers' measures
- Fruit drinks
- Feeling
- Tended tots
- Ralph Emerson
- Angry states
- Bonanza, e.g.
- Jack's tote
- Chills
- Singer James
- Reticent
- Hindu deity
- Peace goddess
- Wishing good to others
- Unk. author
- Helens, WA
- Meal mixture
- Burrows and Fortas
- First example
- Old Testament book
- LSD, to users
- Lost it on ice
- Collector's French coin
- Child's profession
- Jinxed
- Fulton's power
- Put up a stockade
- Destined
- Old crones
- Iridescent stone
- Alilot
- Single occurrence
- Again, in music
- Valuable note

**Tuesday's Puzzle solved.**

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