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Tonight:



TONIGHT 38°-40°
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Residents urged to dispose of trees properly

Big Spring residents are encouraged to discard their Christmas trees at the landfill or compost facility where it can be ground into mulch to use for other purposes.

All of the trees will eventually end up at the compost facility at Interstate 20 and FM 700, where they will be ground up.

Both the landfill, which is located out at the Airpark on Perimeter Road, and the compost facility are normally open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

However, they will be closed New Year's Day.

Wood chips and compost materials can also be purchased at the compost facility throughout the year, for residents who would like to use them.

The holiday season also brings a change in schedule for sanitation trucks. They won't be running New Year's Day.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.
□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

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DPS urges motorists to use caution over New Year's weekend

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Texas Department of Public Safety reports that the death toll on Texas highways was 26 persons during the Christmas holidays, and a prediction of 24 deaths is projected for the upcoming New Year's weekend.

"The final report is due out at 3 p.m. today, but it looks like our preliminary is 26," said Corp. Kathy Briggs, safety education trooper with DPS in Midland.

Operation Motorcade, which predicts the death toll on Texas highways, projected 36 motorists would die during the

Christmas holiday.

Briggs said the department was happy about the difference, and said less deaths and accidents were alcohol-related.

"A lot more people are not getting behind the wheel after they have been drinking," she said.

However, while the Buckle Up America program may be making an impact on children, adults are still not wearing seat belts.

"Many of these accident deaths were one vehicle rollovers, where the car rolled over the person. That's a pretty good indication they were not wearing seat belts," Briggs said.

Children involved in accidents were secured in vehicles, and fewer children were killed during the holiday on Texas highways, she said.

"They are buckling up their kids. Most of the kids in our reports were in child seats, and we only had one 5-year-old (killed)," she said.

Also, motorcycle accidents declined, with only two reported this holiday, she said.

"The best thing was the weather. The really bad weather hit before people started traveling for the holidays," Briggs said.

Speeding was another contributing fac-

tor to the highway fatalities, she said.

"There were quite a few speed-related accidents," she said.

Of the three preventable factors of a traffic accident, the don't drink and drive campaign seems to be having the most impact on motorists, she said.

"Now, if we can get them to not speed, and to wear their seat belts, we've got it made," Briggs said.

For Operation Motorcade, the New Year holiday begins Thursday, Dec. 31 and continues until Sunday, Jan. 3, she said.

Travelers who want to check road conditions can call 800 452-9292.



Bryan Castillo, left, and his brother Ruben spend some time with their new friend Charley at the Kid's Zone this past weekend. Charley got his wish this year by being adopted from the Humane Society and shared his first Christmas with his new family.

Food drive

Time is running short for people wishing to help with annual effort

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring residents who want to help feed the hungry still have through Wednesday to get their non-perishable food items to TCA Cable TV of Big Spring.

"We have had excellent response and we really hope that during this last week we get a lot more people realizing that time is running out and will go ahead and bring their cans and other items in," said Archie Kountz, TCA Cable manager.

He figures they have collected about 2,200 items so far. Most are canned goods, but any non-perishable items will do. Suggestions include boxes of cereal, macaroni, rice and peanut butter.

TCA Cable is offering special incentives for new or current customers who bring in 10 food items. Current customers who are moving from one location to another will have the normal labor fees waived. Those who are getting a service and want to add channels can also bring in 10 items and have the labor fees for upgrading waived.

TCA Cable will also waive labor and cost of installation for

new customers, providing the house is already wired.

"Beyond the fact that we want to gain customers, we're very happy to see the community support this," said Kountz. "We have a lot of people who don't take advantage of our offer, but who want to help with the canned food drive anyway."

All of the food items will go to the Salvation Army for distribution.

"We ran this drive a little later than usual this year," said Kountz. "Normally, we start right at or before Thanksgiving and finish in mid-December. This year, it's pretty much been just the month of December."

Representatives of the Salvation Army stopped by the business last week to begin sizing up the hoard of food and make plans for moving and storing it.

"They seem to think the later date is fine. They are always in need of food," said Kountz.

TCA Cable is located at 2006 Birdwell and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for people wishing to donate. Kountz anticipates a good number of residents will do so this week.

"We always have a big push when it (the drive) first starts, and it kind of slows down in the middle. Then when time is running out lot of people realize they need to get their items in if they are going to do it, and we usually have a real good finish," he said.



KOUNTZ

Volunteer firefighters will have to take up their beef Jan. 11

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Except for a heated exchange between Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart and members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, the final commissioners court meeting of the year was uneventful.

Despite the fact the volunteers were not on the agenda, Lockhart called on volunteer chief Tommy Sullivan to



LOCKHART SULLIVAN

explain what an estimated 15 members of the department in

attendance at the meeting wanted.

"Well, I talked with you last week and you told me we don't exist. I want to know does the volunteer fire department exist?"

Lockhart said, "You're the volunteer fire department, we fund you and you come under the rules of the commissioners court."

Sullivan challenged the commissioner's authority to oversee

the department and questioned whether or not the court had goals for firefighting.

"No," Lockhart said. "We fund what we can and you fight the fires. You do a good job of fighting the fires."

At that point, Lockhart pointed out the volunteers were on the agenda for the Jan. 11 meeting and said the discussion would be continued then. When one member of the department persisted in trying to talk,

Lockhart admonished him three times and then said if he had to, he would have the sheriff clear the court, if needed.

In other action, commissioners authorized county auditor Jackie Olson to get estimates to ensure all of the county's computers are in Y2K compliance as well as approving two new employees in the county clerk's office and the promotion of

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Food drive brings welcome barks, purrs at Humane Society

HERALD Staff Report

There are some happy dogs and cats these days at the Big Spring Humane Society shelter.

Happy, workers there said, because they are well fed.

Local residents, in a drive conducted by radio station KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Big Spring Herald, donated more than two tons of dry and canned pet foods to the humane society last week.

"We got three truckloads of food," said Margaret Lloyd, board member of the humane society.

That's good at this time of year, because, she added, the animals eat more when it's cold outside.

Teresa Valle, a staff member of the shelter who is partly responsible for feeding the animals, said the donations would

last "a good while."

"We couldn't ask for anything better," Valle said. "We sure needed this."

Donors brought bags, cans and boxes of the pet food to the newspaper office and radio station just before Christmas. On Christmas Eve, the collection was trucked to the shelter and stored for the animals.

"We were pleased to have been part of this project with KBST," said Herald publisher Chuck Williams. "Too many times we forget about the animals, which can't take care of themselves in harsh times."

"You don't think there are such nice people out there," Valle said.

Mike Klas, morning show host for KBST Radio, said this collection was a way for local residents to provide communi-

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Howard County citizens donated more than two tons of pet food to the Humane Society in a drive sponsored by KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Big Spring Herald. Pictured are employees of the radio station, newspaper and Humane Society.

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PETS

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ty support for the local animal shelter that has a no-kill policy. "The response was really good, and we had enough sacks of food in the lobby to build a bunker," Klas said.

The radio station also gave away free compact discs and squeaky toys for anyone who brought in pet food.

Klas said about 20 presents were given to donors.

"This really was the idea of John Weeks, our general manager," Klas said.

Lloyd said she, and the animals, are thrilled with the community response.

"We think they (donors) are wonderful," Lloyd said. "The dogs are clapping their paws, and the cats are purring."



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Tim Knox, program director of KBST, carries a bag of dog food donated to the Humane Society food drive sponsored by KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Big Spring Herald. More than two tons was collected.

COUNTY

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Karen McIntyre from part to full time at the library following the death of Rose Von Hassel.

It was also the final meeting for long time county clerk Margaret Ray and county commissioner Sonny Choate.

Ray said she appreciated everyone's help over the years and "everything done on my behalf. I'll miss all the nice people, but I am looking forward to my retirement."

Choate said he didn't know what he would do following his term.

years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR VETERANS is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group.

"There have been some new bills past and we want to get veterans educated on those and get them going back to the Veterans Administration."

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Simon at 915 728-2746 or email her at ezresort@bitstreet.com or call group president Vic Sylvester at 915 368 4667.

The group also has a website at www.odssa.com

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

MARKETS

March cotton 59.55 cents, down 39 points; Feb. crude 11.35, up 12 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 16; cash steers steady at 58 even; Feb. lean hog futures 30.77, down 30 points; Feb. live cattle futures 60.57, up 25 points.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 500 block of West Sixth.
- **ADAM OSTRENGA**, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.
- **OVERDOSE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 100 block of North Gregg.
- **INJURY TO A CHILD** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **CRUZ GUTIERREZ**, 23, was arrested for theft more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- **ANDY EPLEY**, 21, was arrested for public intoxication.
- **JAMES COGSBURN**, 21, was arrested for public intoxication.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Aylesford and the 500 block of Bell.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
• Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

- T.O.P.S. Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ
- 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.
- Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

BRIEFS

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Monday, Jan. 11, until Friday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for working with the VITA program.

Tax assistance will be available from Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE videotape will be aired tonight at 6:30 and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. on cable channel 10. The musical production from First United Methodist Church was performed for the 20th year earlier this month.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18

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- **JOHNNY TONN** was arrested for local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported at 400 E. Fourth.
- **JAMES ROBINSON**, 42, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
- **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.
- **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported in the 1400 block of Runnels, at Eighth and Gregg, and 2000 Gregg.
- **DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported in the 100 block of Northeast Ninth.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of West Seventh.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of West 17th.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.
- **JOHN PEREZ**, 24, was arrested for public intoxication.
- **SEXUAL ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2200 block of Monticello.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in

- the 500 block of North Lamesa.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels.
- **DENNIS BOLT**, 45, was arrested for assault/family violence.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens and the 400 block of Johnson.
- **ROBERT JACKSON**, 18, was arrested for out of county warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy.
- **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 200 block of Northeast 10th.

- 5:48 p.m. - 600 block NE 10th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 6:23 p.m. - 200 block Nix Road, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- SUNDAY**
- 9:49 a.m. - 700 block NW Ninth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 10:44 a.m. - 100 block NW 12th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 2:47 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 5:56 p.m. - 500 block NW Ninth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 11:41 p.m. - 1000 block Runnels, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. - 1100 block Ridgeroad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
9:21 a.m. - 200 Texas Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
12:31 p.m. - 1600 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
3:25 p.m. - 300 block Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 69
Sunday's low 26
Average high 56
Average low 28
Record high 78 in 1922
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Senators call for quick impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Senate Republicans say censure should be considered only after a speedy impeachment trial — and perhaps only after a vote on whether to remove President Clinton from office.

"We ought to vote on these articles of impeachment, and then that is the appropriate time to consider a censure," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on Fox News Sunday.

"Assuming neither of those articles pass, which is what's widely expected will be the outcome ... you sit down and you negotiate the censure alterna-

tive." The Senate is set to consider two articles of impeachment passed this month by the House, but significant questions remain over whether a deal for censuring the president can be worked out before a trial begins.

Still, there is widespread agreement among Republicans and Democrats that any trial should be quick, given that senators of both parties widely agree that there's little chance that the chamber will vote to convict and remove Clinton.

Internal surveys to see

whether two-thirds of the Senate would vote for removal will not begin until after the trial opens, said Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Without the 67 votes needed, Senate leaders then would "come up with the strongest censure resolution there is," Hatch said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Democrats are pushing for a strongly worded censure to punish Clinton for trying to cover up his affair with Monica Lewinsky, perhaps adding a fine and admission of perjury. Veteran Sen. Daniel Patrick

Moynihan of New York, is leading what he described as a "bipartisan" drafting effort.

But Republicans are insisting on trying Clinton on the perjury and obstruction of justice charges passed along party lines by the House.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist would preside; senators would act as the jury.

Senators of both parties agreed on one thing during their appearances on the Sunday talk shows: They, like most Americans, want the matter disposed of swiftly.

Thousands still without power in Pacific Northwest

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Four days after an ice storm crippled electrical service across the South, thousands of customers were still in the dark today.

Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore asked residents to help neighbors get through the state's worst ice storm in five years while Virginia Power continued around-the-clock efforts to restore service.

"This is a time where neighbors need to look after neighbors," Gilmore said Sunday. "This is a time for every Virginian to step up."

About 93,000 homes and businesses had no power late Sunday, mostly in central Virginia, and at least 17 localities had declared states of emergency. At the height of the storm, 285,000 customers were without power.

In Tennessee, about 22,000 customers were waiting to have service restored, along with 15,000 in Mississippi and 5,500 in Alabama. Crews worked past nightfall to restore power in northern Louisiana.

More than 2,000 utility workers were still laboring in Virginia on Sunday, but progress was slow because ice-laden trees shifted as they thawed, taking down more

power lines. Virginia Power said some customers could be without service until midweek.

"The weather has warned a little, but we are still very concerned about any customers who may have chosen to remain in their homes and who do not have a safe, reliable heat source," said John Smatlak, manager of Virginia Power's storm center.

"We are asking customers to contact friends or relatives for assistance or to contact local authorities for information on shelters that have opened," he said.

In the Pacific Northwest, meanwhile, heavy snowfall and avalanche hazards stranded travelers returning from holiday celebrations from both sides of the Cascade mountain range.

Up to 4,000 people were stranded north of Fort Lewis about 30 miles east of Seattle, said Rob Harper, of the Camp Murray State Emergency Center.

Between 12 to 18 inches of snow were expected to fall overnight along the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, prompting flood warnings across the eastern part of the state.

Driving conditions remained hazardous.

Report: Violent crime at lowest point since 1973

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plunge in robberies helped drop violent crimes overall to their lowest levels since the government began surveying Americans about their experience as victims a quarter-century ago, the Justice Department says.

Rape and sexual assaults were the only categories not to show declines in 1997, said a study released Sunday by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

A household survey reported nearly 35 million crimes against people and property in 1997. That was down from 37 million in 1996 and from 44 million in 1973, when the annual surveys began.

The nation's violent crime rate declined nearly 7 percent in 1997, the survey found, to an estimated 39 violent crimes per 1,000 U.S. residents over age 12.

The rate dropped from 42 per 1,000 in 1996. In 1973, the figure was 48.

The rate has been dropping since 1993, after roughly a decade of substantial increases.

In the current survey, a steep 17 percent decline in the robbery rate was largely responsible for the across-the-board drop in the violent crime rate. The rate of assaults decreased only slightly, and the rate of rapes and sexual assaults did not change from the previous year.

President Clinton claimed a

measure of credit for the decline, saying that "these new figures again show that our strategy of more police, stricter gun laws and better crime prevention is working."

"Every 1 percent drop in crime means 90,000 fewer violent crime victims," Attorney General Janet Reno said.

The National Crime Victimization Survey charts a drop in violent crime of 21 percent the 1993 peak, when national crime rates were more heavily influenced by drug- and gang-driven crime.

The survey also showed non-violent crime rates declined by 7 percent from 1996 to 1997, and a 22 percent drop since 1993.

Nonviolent crime rates are also at their lowest rates since 1973.

There were an estimated 248 attempted or completed property crimes per 1,000 U.S. households last year, compared to 266 per 1,000 during 1996. The figure was 319 in 1993 and 554 in 1973.

The survey involved about 80,000 people in 43,000 households. It covers robbery, rape, assaults and lesser property crime. The intent is to gauge how many people are crime victims, regardless of whether they report the incident to police.

The survey excludes killings, because it asks individuals about their own experiences, but FBI statistics show murders were down 8 percent in 1997.

Smallest octuplet dies on Sunday

HOUSTON (AP) — The fragile condition of their littlest octuplet was on the minds of Nkem Chukwu and Iyke Louis Udobi when they named her.

The baby's full name, Chijindu Chidera Louis, literally meant "God has my life" in her parents' Nigerian tongue. Nicknamed Odera, the week-old infant who weighed just 10.3 ounces at birth died early Sunday of heart and lung failure.

"We are very saddened by the passing of our beloved baby Odera," mother the parents said in a statement. "She is now safe with God in heaven and we remain most grateful to him for having blessed our lives with hers."

The first baby was born naturally Dec. 8, followed by the seven others delivered by Caesarian section 12 days later. They had been the world's only living octuplets.

While mom gives birth, six babies die

DETROIT (AP) — Fremeka O'Steen was recovering in her hospital room two days after giving birth to her eighth child when images of a local house fire flashed across her television.

The 27-year-old recognized the home as her mother's and fainted. Six of her children who were trapped upstairs died in Sunday's blaze.

Ms. O'Steen's mother, two sisters and one of her children — a 10-year-old girl — managed to escape after the fire started in a downstairs closet. One of the sisters was eight months pregnant and miscarried after jumping from a second-story window.

Fire Chief Lee Moore identified the victims as Shameeka, 11; Shauniqua, 8; Anthony, 7; Taniqua, 6; Desiree, 5; and Ashaunta, 2.



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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Play it smart for New Year's merrymaking

We are about to ring in another year. It's hard to believe that this one is almost past us, but 1998 was a good year in a lot of ways, and we look to 1999 with anticipation.

It's also a time when across the nation, literally hundreds of people will die needlessly in automobile accidents.

Each year we all read and hear of tragic stories where a drunk driver missed a curve and lost his life, or crossed the median and crashed head-on with a family returning from a holiday trip.

And somewhere, someone will be second-guessing themselves. They'll know that if they had just taken the keys or insisted on a sleep-over, the accident could have been prevented.

Resolve - before the New Year - that you won't let that happen. The best way is to have a non-alcoholic party. Then, the drunk driver problem is eliminated before it starts.

And if you find yourself planning to party with friends, get together beforehand and appoint a driver. Don't let your guests drink and drive, and don't you drink and drive.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton by now should realize that his chief legacy will be impeachment.

The entire affair is a tragedy for America. Bill Clinton's presidency is in tatters, and it's his own fault.

No, the current scandal is not Watergate. That's a no-brainer.

But Bill Clinton apparently did lie under oath, intending to mislead the prosecutor, the grand jury and the American people by doing so.

Those abroad and at home who claim that this is still a sexual inquisition do not get it: the President of the United States is formally accused of lying under oath.

... We do not know whether Bill Clinton will be convicted by the Senate on these serious charges. But we are convinced that he should face them, as the Constitution outlines.

THE DAILY TIDINGS, ASHLAND, ORE.

Historians may need to get professional help from psychologists to analyze President Clinton's recent speech justifying a surprise attack on Iraq.

"Instead of the inspectors disarming Saddam, Saddam disarmed the inspectors," Mr. Clinton said - unintentional-

ly describing his own strategy to block "inspections" of White House scandals. He said Saddam was given "one last chance," but "failed to seize it."

His "powerful message" to Saddam was: "If you act recklessly, you will pay a heavy price" - exactly the powerful message to Mr. Clinton of impeachment by the House.

Response from some nations critical of the American and British action against Saddam Hussein is patently self-serving. That's obvious, even as they so often pretend to be our friends.

Russia, China and France are among those who have disagreed with steps taken to punish Saddam. Russia and China, in fact, have "demanded" that we stop.

That, of course, should surprise nobody. These three nations, particularly, have been known to sell technology and military equipment and jet fighters to Saddam. Even nuclear and germ warfare materials have been shipped to him.

It's amazing how in times like these that some nations are quick to lambaste the United States. Many of them are the same ones that want - expect - us to provide them with security, food and all kinds of aid.

It is one more indication why we should always keep our guard up, and that means not letting our military and its equipment decline. We've learned that lesson many times - too many times.

THE INDEX-JOURNAL, GREENWOOD, S.C.

The case of the garbage and the police

Joseph R. Redmon put out his garbage cans on a January morning three years ago. The cops came and picked through his trash, and now Redmon faces 15 years in prison.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The facts are not in dispute. Early in 1993 police learned that a pound of cocaine was being shipped from California to an address in Urbana, Ill.

On three collection days they saw Redmon put his trash cans on a common driveway, just outside his garage door. Without obtaining a warrant, the agents went through the trash.

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court denied his motion and the 7th Circuit, dividing 8-5, affirmed the ruling. Now Redmon has appealed.

I hope the Supreme Court takes the case. As Fourth Amendment jurisprudence has developed in recent years, two talismanic phrases have emerged: Did the defendant have "a reasonable expectation of privacy" in the seized evidence?

As Circuit Judge Terence T. Evans remarked, the doctrine of "curtilage" dates from the time in England "when knights in shining armor rescued damsels in distress."

When a squad of narcotics agents marches up a private driveway to a private garage and rummages through one's garbage, the cops have tram-

pled on the most universal of all constitutional rights - the right to be secure in our "persons, houses, papers and effects."

The thing is, as Chief Judge Richard Posner pointed out, the drug enforcers had abundant opportunity both to get the evidence and to respect the Constitution.

Toward that end, they went to the apartment of a female accomplice and for 2 1/2 hours busily bagged the illicit drug.

The two defendants argued that as guests in the apartment, they had a reasonable expectation of privacy. The police officer's conduct, they

said, amounted to an unreasonable search. The Minnesota Supreme Court agreed and suppressed the evidence. Property owners and lessees, said the court, have a right "to invite persons into the privacy of their homes to conduct a common task, be it legal or illegal activity."

Chief Justice Rehnquist would have none of this. Carter and Johns, he said, were not overnight guests. For them, the apartment was simply a place to do business.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg dissented. Joined by Justices John Paul Stevens and David Souter, she held that guests are entitled to the same protection the Constitution extends to lessees and homeowners, even if the guests are engaged in illicit purposes.

No, sir. Justice Antonin Scalia, concurring with the chief justice, made the point that the Constitution protects the right of the people to be secure in THEIR homes.

If Carter and Johns want to bag cocaine, let them bag it at home.

WELL, BUDDY, THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE REAL TROUBLE. SUPPORT IN CONGRESS IS EVAPORATING, POLL NUMBERS ARE CRUMBLING! MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT'S NEXT...



Government fails to regulate dumping

Like many places in the late 1970s, the city of Augusta, Ga., had a problem: millions of gallons of sewage sludge and nowhere to put it.

Augusta city officials targeted two dairy farmers, R.A. McElmurray, Sr. and Hugh Boyce, for sludge dumping.

Like all sludge, the Augusta variety was produced by running whatever was dumped into the city's sewer through a series of settling pools and chemical treatments.

The dairymen accepted vast quantities of "biosolids." McElmurray took more than 71 million gallons through 1990, and Boyce took 23.4 million.

Around 1986 both McElmurray's and Boyce's farm managers began noticing some disturbing things: the leaves on their feed crops were twisted and the roots weren't forming properly.

After carefully eliminating a range of possibilities, McElmurray attributed the farm's problems to the sludge and canceled his sludge contract in mid-1990.

A growing number of anti-sludge activists say stories like



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property while they scrambled to secure new dumping grounds.

By 1993 Boyce's herd and land were being ravaged. Mortality rates had quadrupled from 1980 and annual milk production had dropped significantly.

Soil samples from McElmurray's and Boyce's farm support what the dairymen had already concluded: the city's sludge was toxic, laden with high concentrations of heavy metals, volatile organics and petroleum byproducts.

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Boyce's and McElmurray's are evidence that the spreading of sewage sludge is nothing but a way for government officials to escape liability for a highly concentrated toxic waste.

Former chemistry professor Stanford Tackett describes sludge spreading as "a scam of enormous proportions, driven mainly by money."

The greatest danger of sludge dumping, experts say, is that no one really knows what's in it. Among the more disturbing facts uncovered by the Augusta lawsuit is that the city was allowing extensive after-hours dumping.

Pat Costner, who owned and operated a small wastewater analysis lab before taking her current job with Greenpeace, told our associate Ashley Baker that "very few industries know what's in their discharge."

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reported that as of March 1994, there were 93,900 establishments of "possible concern" dumping dangerous and toxic substances down the drain.

Even regulated companies are suspect. A 1993 EPA report found that 54 percent of the 30,000 industrial users nationwide were in "significant non-compliance with pretreatment limits or reporting requirements, or both."

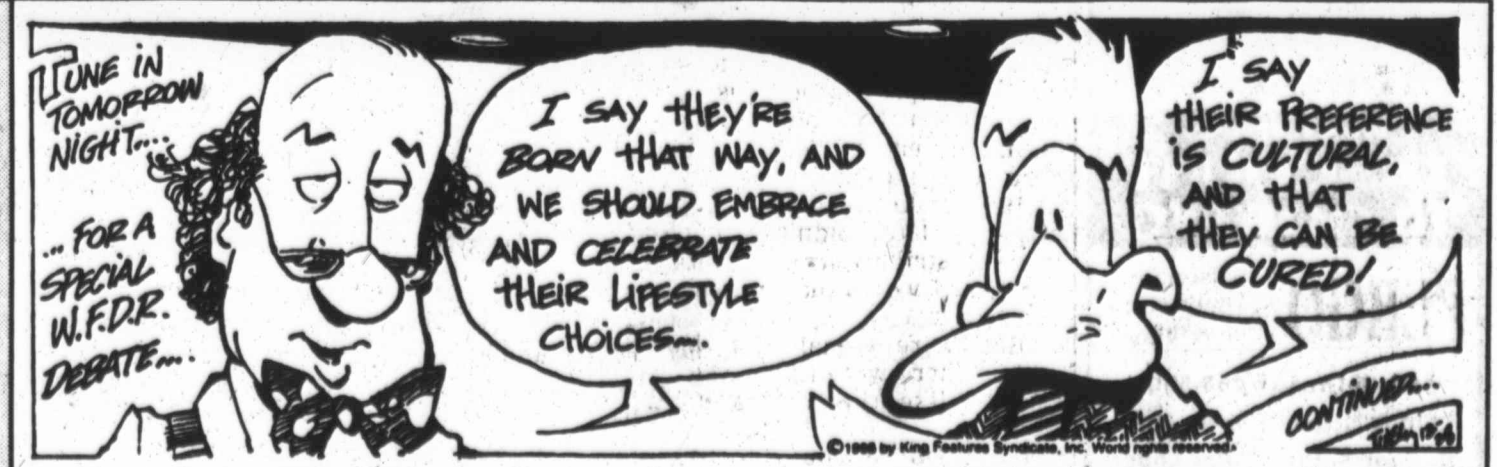
But rather than cracking down on such practices, the EPA has orchestrated and funded a massive public relations program to "educate the public" about the "beneficial uses" of sludge.

We were surprised to learn that the EPA's top sludge regulator, Alan Rubin, had been loaned to the Water Environment Federation, the sludge industry's lobbying and public relations arm in 1995 while EPA continued to pay half his salary.

Rubin's response to our questions about the dangers of sludge was predictable. "In all of the years I have worked on this, I've never seen a documented case (facts are gathered, report is written and peer reviewed by qualified scientist) of a human getting sick from or an animal dying from biosolids or exposure to biosolids."

Does this sort of narrow answer remind you of anything else going on in Washington right now?

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



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IN BRIEF

YMCA holding training clinic for hoops coaches

The Big Spring YMCA will be holding a free training clinic for all youth recreation coaches today and Jan. 2. Today's seminar will begin at 6 p.m. and last for two hours while the seminar on Saturday will be from 1-3 p.m. following a noon coaches' meeting.

For more information, contact Cindy at 267-8234.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in the Panhandle and West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

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Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

ON THE AIR

TODAY:
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
7 p.m. — Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars (ABC)
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
7:30 p.m. — Nashville Predators at Dallas Stars (Fox SW)

Purdue set to face tough Kansas State squad in Tuesday's Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — They're returning as defending champions, but the Purdue Boilermakers don't expect this Alamo Bowl to resemble the last one.

For one, Purdue beat Oklahoma State in 1997. On Tuesday, the unranked Boilermakers face heavily favored No. 4 Kansas State, which is playing for the first time since a devastating double-overtime loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game.

Naturally, the implications are ominous. "They will be out to prove a point," predicted Purdue quarterback Drew Brees. "They probably want to go out there and win by the biggest margin they can. ... They are definitely

going to be ready to play us." After the loss to Texas A&M, Kansas State (11-1) got snubbed by bigger bowls, and the disappointed Wildcats accepted an invitation to play Purdue in the Alamo Bowl, the fourth-choice bowl for the Big 12.

Kansas State is the highest-ranked team to play in the Alamo Bowl in its six-year history. Wildcats quarterback Michael Bishop insists his team is past its emotional reaction to bowl selection weekend.

"It's not in our minds right now," Bishop said. "You can't let the bad things keep you from getting out the next day and wanting things to be better."

Purdue (8-4) is appearing in a bowl game for only the second time this decade. Coach Joe

Tiller, in his second season at Purdue, led the Boilermakers to a 33-20 defeat of Oklahoma State in last year's game.

Purdue offensive coordinator Jim Chaney said the Kansas State defense — ranked third in the nation in total defense — is the toughest the Boilermakers (8-4) have faced.

"From front to back, they're the best we've played. They are very physical on the play and they attack," Chaney said.

Keys for Purdue will be the passing accuracy of Brees and getting wide receiver Isaac Jones open.

"This game will be a status game for us, that we can compete with the elite teams in college football," said Jones, a senior who is fifth on Purdue's

career receptions list with 143 and ninth in receiving yards with 1,665.

Brees, a sophomore from Austin Westlake, has caught the attention of Kansas State coaches and players, who are vowing not to take Purdue for granted.

"They do everything — they're a great passing team, they run the ball well. It's hard to stop them," said Kansas State linebacker Jeff Kelly.

Brees completed 336 of 516 passes (65 percent) for 3,753 yards this season with 36 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. He holds Big Ten season records for attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns.

"We're going to have to put a lot of pressure on the quarterback," added Wildcats defensive

coordinator Mike Stoops. "We have to limit his opportunities. If he's on the field, he's strong."

Of course, so is Bishop, the Heisman Trophy runner-up who has been quietly preparing for the Alamo Bowl amid all the talk about Brees and his passing abilities.

Bishop, a senior from Willis, Texas, has never ended a college season with a loss and is 46-2 in his college career at Blinn (Texas) Junior College and Kansas State.

He led Blinn to consecutive undefeated national championships in 1995 and 1996. At Kansas State last season he threw for four touchdowns and ran for another in the Wildcats' 35-18 victory over Syracuse in the Fiesta Bowl.

Emmit sets mark as Cowboys sweep East

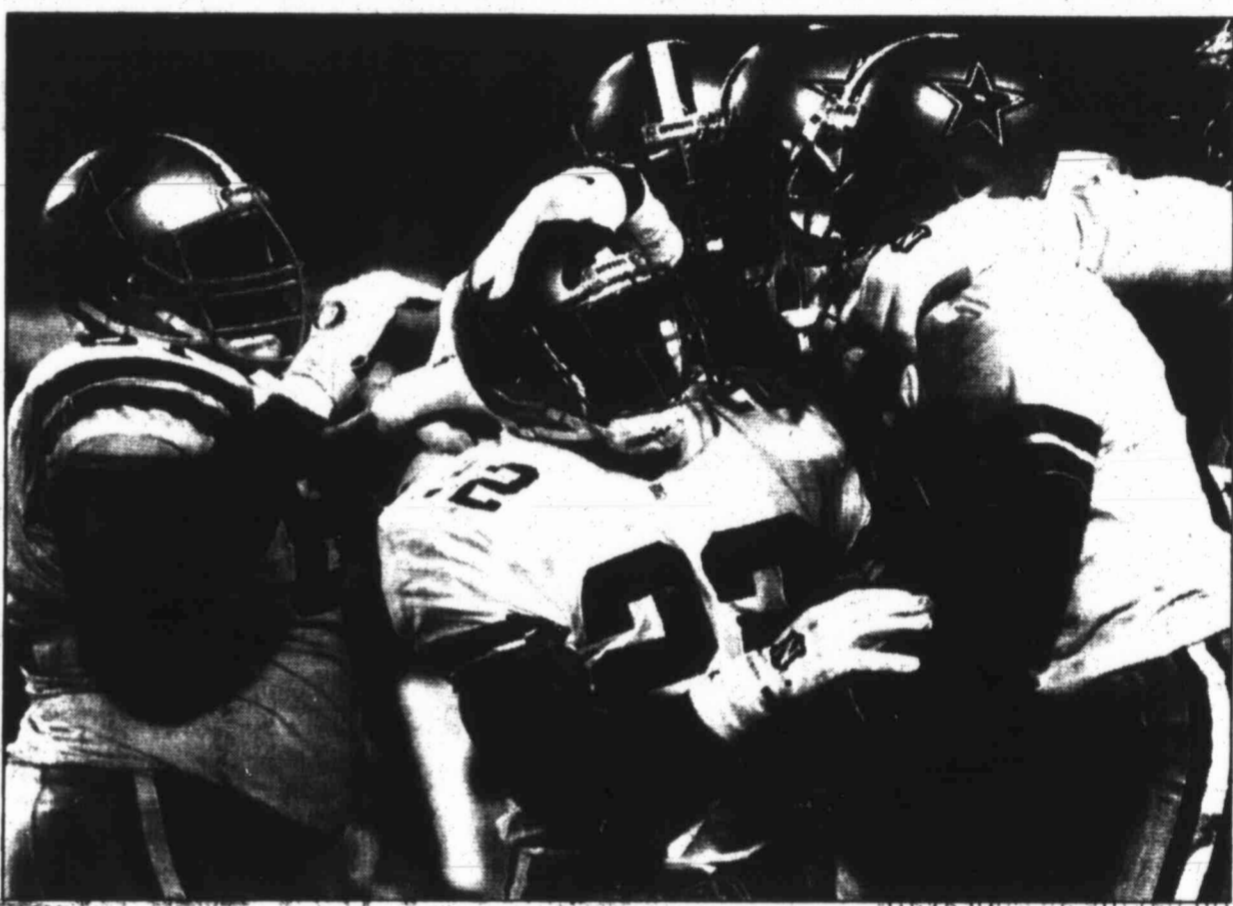
IRVING (AP) — If nothing else, the Dallas Cowboys accomplished an unprecedented feat this year: sweeping the NFC East.

"Nobody else will ever be the first to do it," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said Sunday after the playoff-bound Cowboys beat the Washington Redskins 23-7 Sunday night, becoming the first NFC East team to go 8-0 against conference rivals.

"We wanted to do it, but it's not like that was the only thing on our minds," Gailey said. "We wanted to make sure we were healthy enough going into the playoffs."

Emmitt Smith ran for a pair of touchdowns, setting a NFL career record for rushing touchdowns, as Dallas (10-6) swept the Redskins for the first time since 1994. It was quite a turnaround from 1997, when Dallas went 6-10, costing coach Barry Switzer his job.

The closest an NFC East had come to sweeping was the 1997 New York Giants, who went 7-0-



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith celebrates with his teammates after scoring a touchdown earlier in his career. Smith and friends celebrated again Sunday night as he set the NFL all-time touchdown record with two rushing TDs against Washington.

51-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin set up the score, the 124th rushing TD for Smith, breaking a tie with Marcus Allen.

"It meant a lot to me to get the record after nine hard years because there were a lot of people ahead of me," Smith said. "It was great to get it because of the way we played and winning the ballgame. It's something I definitely feel proud of."

Smith struck again on the

Cowboys' next possession as he broke three tackles on a 26-yard touchdown run. Passes of 19 and 24 yards to Billy Davis helped out on the 88-yard drive.

"I just kept my balance and got some great blocking," Smith said.

"It's one of the greatest runs Emmitt has made since he's been here," fullback Daryl Johnston said. "This was a special day and a special game. It was a great accomplishment for

us to sweep the NFC East considering all the great teams that have played in the division in the past."

Aikman, Irvin, and Smith all sat out the second half. Smith finished with 67 yards on 10 carries. Aikman completed 10 of 15 passes for 184 yards and Irvin caught two passes for 50. Smith finished the season with 1,332 yards rushing, his best season since 1995, when he had 1,773 yards.

Cardinals make playoffs on last-second field goal

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

When the NFL playoffs start next week, all 12 teams will deny they have anything in their sights but a Super Bowl victory.

Don't believe it. If any team is, as they say, "just glad to be here," it has to be Arizona. The Cardinals have spent 16 years struggling to get to the postseason before finally making it Sunday the way they've done things all season — in a struggle.

Arizona became the final team to qualify for the postseason by beating San Diego 16-13 on Chris Jacke's 52-yard field goal as time expired. It came just 16 seconds after the Chargers had tied the game on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Craig Whelihan to Ryan Thelwell on a fourth-and-20.

Kwamie Lassiter tied an NFL record with four interceptions for Arizona and Eric Metcalf had a 46-yard kickoff return that set up the winning field goal.

"I've got to pinch myself to see if this is a dream or not," said fullback Larry Centers, who has spent nine seasons with a team that hadn't had a winning season before this year since moving to Arizona in 1988, hadn't made the playoffs since 1982, hadn't made it in a non-strike year since 1975 and hasn't won a playoff game since 1947.

"But we're actually in the dance. There were times I didn't feel like this day would come." It did, but it could end in

Dallas on Saturday, where the Cards (9-7) have lost nine straight games. They've lost 16 of their last 17 overall, including 38-10 and 35-28 this season. The Cowboys capped their comeback season with a 23-7 win over Washington Sunday night.

The Arizona win knocked out Tampa Bay and the New York Giants, who were also in the running for that last NFC playoff berth entering the day. The Bucs and Giants both won to finish 8-8.

Tampa Bay eliminated the Giants by beating Cincinnati 35-0 then waited and hoped New York would win and Arizona would lose to put the Bucs in.

The Giants complied, beating the Eagles 20-10, but Tampa Bay was finally knocked out by the Cardinals' latest squeaker — they were 7-1 this season in games decided by three points or less.

"We won what we could control. It's disappointing things didn't work out," said Robb Thomas, who caught a 50-yard pass for Tampa's first TD.

"I think we all felt that it was going to work out. We just had a feeling it was going to be our week. But the breaks didn't happen in the Arizona game."

The playoffs begin Saturday with Buffalo (10-6) at Miami (10-6) and the Cardinals at the Cowboys (10-6)

The Bills moved up one spot in the seedings with a 45-33 win Sunday in New Orleans. The Dolphins lost 38-16 to Atlanta, which got a pregame pep talk from coach Dan Reeves, who underwent heart bypass

surgery two weeks ago.

Next Sunday, New England (9-7) will be at Jacksonville (10-5), who plays Pittsburgh tonight, and Green Bay (11-5) will be at San Francisco (12-4). The Patriots lost 31-10 to the Jets on Sunday, denying them a home playoff game.

The Packers won in Chicago 16-13, then the 49ers ensured the game would be in San Francisco by beating St. Louis 38-19, their 17th straight regular-season home win and 17th straight win over the Rams (4-12).

The following week, the top two teams in each conference get into action.

Atlanta (14-2) will be home in an early game Jan. 9 against Green Bay, San Francisco, or Dallas. Then Denver (14-2) will host Buffalo, Miami or New England.

On Jan. 10, the New York Jets (12-4) will play Buffalo, New England or Miami, then Minnesota (15-1) will take on Arizona, Green Bay or San Francisco.

The Broncos' 28-21 win over the Seahawks was notable for a number of milestones.

John Elway became only the third quarterback to throw for more than 300 touchdowns in his career and Terrell Davis became just the fourth running back to gain more than 2,000 yards in a season by getting 178. He finished with 2,008, 97 yards short of Eric Dickerson's record of 2,105.

But most important was the win itself, which ended a two-game slide by a team that had been 13-0 and looking at an unbeaten season.

College hoops

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati had just held off Dayton to remain unbeaten and Bob Huggins said those things usually reserved for coaches whose teams haven't won much.

"I'm trying to think of something nice to say about us," he said Sunday after the third-ranked Bearcats beat Dayton 53-51 in the Rock-n-Roll Shootout in Cleveland. "We were lethargic. We missed 10 layups right away and got nothing from the bench."

It wasn't that Huggins saved the sweet stuff for some private moments with his team.

"We got the usual 'Bob Huggins Show,'" Cincinnati guard Melvin LeVett said.

Imagine what it would have been like if Kenyon Martin hadn't altered one shot and blocked another in the final four seconds to preserve the win for the Bearcats (11-0).

"It was disappointing to play so bad," Cincinnati forward Ryan Fletcher said. "The feeling in the locker room was first relief and then a little nervousness about practice tomorrow. We're not looking forward to it after the speech we just got."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 4 Maryland 104, South Carolina State 70; No. 8 Indiana 102, Drake 46; Providence 87, No. 11 Purdue 82; No. 19 Wisconsin 87, Fresno State 65; and No. 22 Syracuse 71, St. Bonaventure 55.

No. 4 Maryland 104, South Carolina State 70

Laron Profit scored 25 points and Steve Francis added 21 for the Terrapins (13-1), who extended the nation's longest non-conference home winning streak to 64 games. Mike Wiatre scored a career-high 26 points for the Bulldogs (4-6).

No. 8 Indiana 102, Drake 46

The Hoosiers (12-2) remained unbeaten in the 17-year-old Hoosier Classic with the most one-sided win ever in the tournament and the second-largest in school history. Luke Recker had 21 points for Indiana, which will play Ball State tonight in the championship game.

Providence 87

No. 11 Purdue 82
Jamel Thomas had 22 points for the Friars (7-4), who were playing for the first time in 16 days and snapped a two-game losing streak. The visiting Boilermakers (12-2), who had won eight straight, shot 57 percent and finished with a 43-25 rebound advantage but couldn't overcome 27 turnovers.

No. 19 Wisconsin 87

Fresno St. 65
Sean Mason scored 22 points and the Badgers (12-1) won their 10th straight to match the best start in school history set in 1929-30. Wisconsin outscored the visitors 23-9 over the last seven minutes of the first half and then 20-3 to start the second and take a 67-38 lead.

No. 22 Syracuse 71

St. Bonaventure 55
The Orangemen (8-3) didn't have a field goal over the final nine minutes but made 14 of 17 free throws over that span to hold off the Bonnies (4-6). Damone Brown had 17 points for Syracuse, which hadn't played in 15 days.

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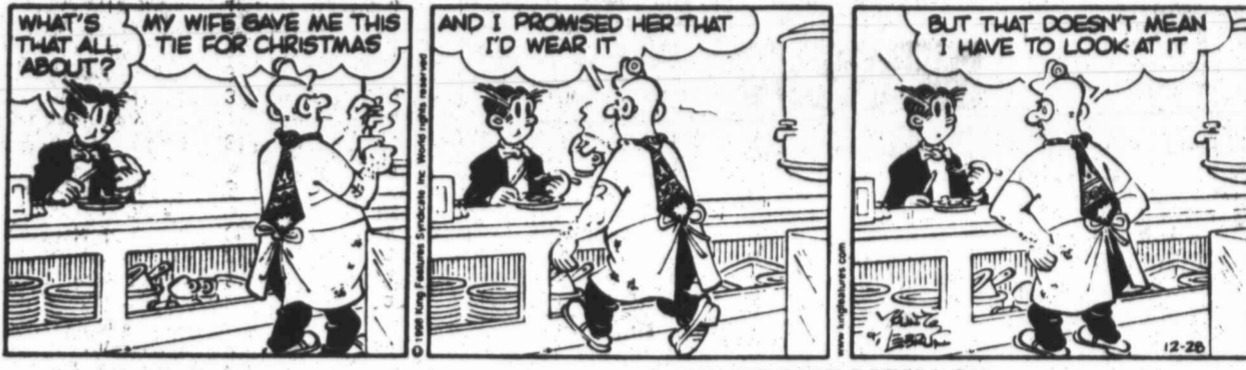
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| 6:30 PM | News (CC) | Simpsons Home Imp. | Science Guy | Show-Funny New Addns | News Ent. Tonight | News (CC) Fortune | News Seinfeld (CC) | Roseanne | Goita de Amor | Movie: RocketMan | Waltons (CC) | Durr (CC) (20) Movie: (CC) | Movie: Seven Years in Tibet | Movie: Switchback | San Soleyri John Hagee | Law & Order (CC) | Wild Discovery | ER (CC) | Last Word Sports News | Countdown | Flying Fools | Bringin' in the Holidays |
| 7:30 PM | NFL Football: Pittsburgh | World's Greatest Hoaxes | Cecilia Bartoli - Live in Italy | Life, Camera | Cosby (CC) King | NFL Football: Pittsburgh | Suddenly Caroline | Mad Abt. You Conrad Bloom | Man | Explora (CC) | Prime Time Country (CC) | Movie: Sweet Evil | Movie: Alien Resurrection | Movie: Light of the Southwest | Biography of the Year | Ultimate Guide | WCW Monday Nitro (CC) | FOX Sports NHL Hockey | FOX Sports NHL Hockey | Figure Skating | Will Success Spoil Rock | BET Soundstage |
| 8:30 PM | Steelers at Jacksonville | Ally McBeal (CC) | Metropolitan Opera | World's Greatest | Raymond Becker (CC) | Steelers at Jacksonville | Mad Abt. You Conrad Bloom | Man | Man | Explora (CC) | Prime Time Country (CC) | Movie: Sweet Evil | Movie: Alien Resurrection | Movie: Light of the Southwest | Biography of the Year | Ultimate Guide | WCW Monday Nitro (CC) | FOX Sports NHL Hockey | FOX Sports NHL Hockey | Figure Skating | Will Success Spoil Rock | BET Soundstage |
| 9:30 PM | Jaguars (CC) | Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC) | Presents | Magic IV | Most Fascinating Women | Jaguars (CC) | Dateline (CC) | Cristina... Edicion Especial | Jett Jackson | Country Awa. | Dallas (CC) | Movie: Captives (CC) | Movie: Killer Christm (CC) | Movie: Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Movie: Secrets Vanitie (CC) | Movie: Faith Pleases God | History of the S.S. | History of the S.S. | Mortal Kombas | ESPN Sportscenter | Movie: Those | BET Tonight |
| 10:30 PM | News (CC) | Jerry Springer (CC) | 700 Club | News (35) Late | News (CC) | News (CC) Tonight Show | (9:55) Movie: Rooster | P. Impacto Noticiero Uni. | Walt Disney Presents | Zorro (CC) Disney Album | Dukes of Hazzard (CC) | Compromising Compromising | Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Biography of the Year | Biography of the Year | Biography of the Year | Babylon 5 (CC) | FOX Sports News | College | Sparks (CC) 227 (CC) |
| 11:30 PM | Nightline Politically Inc. | Cops (CC) Newsradio | News-Lehrer | AXN Life, Camera | Show (CC) Married... With | Nightline Ent. Tonight (CC) Late | Cogburn | Mucho Gusto | Walt Disney Presents | Zorro (CC) Disney Album | Dukes of Hazzard (CC) | Compromising Compromising | Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Mr. Show-Bob (CC) | Biography of the Year | Biography of the Year | Biography of the Year | Babylon 5 (CC) | FOX Sports News | College | Sparks (CC) 227 (CC) |
| 12:30 AM | Hollywood (36) Ricki | Judge-Brown Martin (CC) | Nova (CC) | Paid Program Paid Program | Late Late Show | Politically Inc. Roseanne | Night (CC) (31) News | Wild Life Adventures | Gordo y Flaca El Bialazo | The Computer Wipe Tennis | Prime Time Country (CC) | Tempress | (12:05) Disney Passion | Full Monty (CC) | Full Monty (CC) | Full Monty (CC) | History of the S.S. | History of the S.S. | History of the S.S. | Last Word Ultimate | Basketball: Florida State | (45) Movie: Midnight Love |

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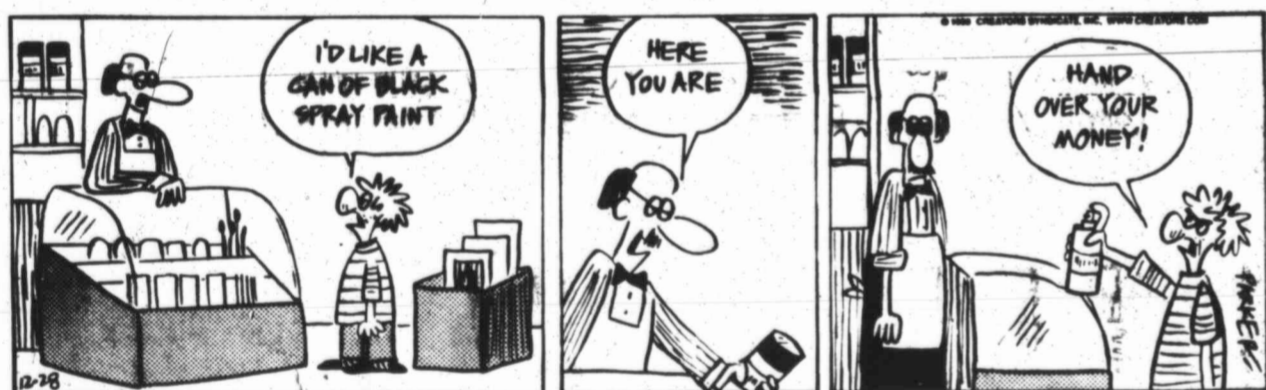
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Dec. 28, the

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Of ocean motion
- Pollution problem
- Stage item
- Spry
- Space starter?
- Gentlewoman
- Waterproof wool cloth
- Circle of light
- Indigo dye
- Paul Hogan movie
- Stick up
- Cell substance letters
- Brunch choice
- Diner server
- Glipin of "Frasier"
- Thanks Pierre
- 12 on a sundial
- 1917 silent film classic
- Worldwide help grp.
- Disney and Whitman
- Canines
- Taxi costs
- Irish playwright
- Show on TV
- Only even prime number
- Rock Hudson film
- Comic Sahl
- Examination
- Unearthly
- Apple or quince
- podrida
- Peachy
- Getz or Kenton
- Virginia dance
- Family car

DOWN

- Drying powder
- Borodin opera, "Prince"
- Caper
- Smart guy?
- Lady of "The Raven"
- Raj's title
- Dinner
- Escutcheon border
- Big name in tires
- Two-dimensional
- "Atlas Shrugged" author
- Garfield's pal
- "Gomer" author
- USMC
- Speck
- Open laces
- Of the eyes
- Jerry Stiller's Anne
- Bonehead play
- Actress-Taylor
- Woven fabrics
- Word with black or fine
- Montreal players
- May 1863
- Vicksburg event
- Actress Spacak
- Sleeper spy
- Look forward to
- Storyteller
- Clare of "Bleak House"
- Do up
- Possess
- Deceives
- Bottom line figure
- Gremains
- Old codger
- Writer
- Port beginning?
- Capri or Wight, e.g.
- Bigfoot's shoe size
- Actor Pitt
- Comic Rudner
- Galactic time period

362nd day of 1998. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 28, 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Jackson.

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published a face-tious essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris.

In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American test-tube baby, was born in Norfolk, Va.

In 1982, Nevell Johnson Jr., a black man, was mortally wounded by a police officer in a Miami video arcade, setting off three days of race-related disturbances that left another man dead.

Ten years ago: British authorities investigating the explosion that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, concluded that a bomb caused the blast aboard the jumbo jet.

Five years ago: Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary told CNN that people wrongfully exposed to radiation through federally funded experiments more than 40 years ago deserved to be compensated. Journalist William Shirer, author of "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," died in Boston at age 89.

One year ago: One woman was killed, more than 100 other people hurt, when a United Airlines jumbo jet en route from Tokyo to Honolulu encountered severe turbulence over the Pacific.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lou Jacobi is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pop Staples is 84. Bandleader Johnny Otis is 77. Actor Martin Milner is 71. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 69. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 64. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 60. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 52. Rock singer-musician Alex Chilton (The Box Tops; Big Star) is 48. Actor Denzel Washington is 44.

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