### WEDNESDAY December 30, 1998

Tonight:



TONIGHT 33°-36°

**THURSDAY** 60°-66°

## New Year's prompts some to take holiday

Local government offices will be closed for the first day of the New Year on Friday.

All city and county offices will be closed Jan. 1, 1999, as will the county library and the post office.

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license offices, the Department of Human Services offices and The Texas Workforce Commission will be closed as well.

The Big Spring Herald will have normal hours on Thursday.

The business office will be closed Friday. Early deadlines are in effect for Friday, and regular deadlines are in effect for Sunday's newspa-

### WHAT'S UP...

### **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

Club, noon, Howard College Cactus

## 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. Everyone welcome.

## MONDAY

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m, 1607 E. Third.

Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

☐ Women's Aglow will not

## TUESDAY

Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Coahoma senior citizens

luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

☐ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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## Most middle-income taxpayers will get a break this year

**Features Editor** 

Most middle-class taxpayers think they deserve a break. This year, they'll probably get one.

"The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 has some very good provisions for middle-income taxpaysaid Fillingim, certified public accountant.

For those who can



FILLINGIM

take advantage of some of the tax for the first two years of college. changes that will apply this year, the savings could add up to \$1,000 or even more. Much of the savings will also be in credits, which, unlike deductions, are taken directly off the tax bill.

"One of the better things," Fillingim said, "is the child tax credit of \$400 for each child. This is subject to some income limitations, but it will be available to most middle-income taxpayers." Next year, the credit grows to \$500 for

each child. There is also a college-tuition credit for low and middle-income taxpayers. Parents who are paying tuition can receive credits of up to \$1,500 per child

"The Roth IRA is a hot item," Fillingim added. That savings plan is not taxable when the money is drawn out upon retirement, and it offers other benefits as well.

"First-time homebuyers can also use money from a Roth IRA (for the home purchase) without penalty," Fillingim said.

Other changes include:

· Assets such as stocks and bonds held for just over a year, instead of 18 months, now qualify for lower capital gains rates.

 Self-employed people can deduct 45 percent of their health incurance premi-

ums, up from 40 percent the previous year.

In tax year 1999, further changes are planned, including:

· An expanded definition of the home office that will mean two million business people can claim a deduction for the first time.

· Senior citizens will be able to earn up to \$15.500 in 1999 without losing any Social Security benefits. Then in 2002, the income limit increases to \$30,000.

Fillingim urged taxpayers to inform themselves about the changes so they can take advantage of them.

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# Home loans

## Low and mid-income families may find it easier to buy a home

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

### Buying a home became affordable for low and moderate income families in Howard County, as low interest loans are now available through the Department of Agriculture.

As part of the rural designation of the county announced earlier this year, loans are available through the Rural Development Agency within the federal agricultural department, said Joe Gilbreath, community development specialist "Our program is a subsidized

housing program designed to help low income families obtain decent, safe and sanitized homes that they could not otherwise provide for themselves." Gilbreath said. Low income levels for Howard

County vary by the size of the family. A family of two must not exceed \$22,400 annual salary, and a family of four must not exceed \$28,000. For a family of six, low income is considered \$32,500

annually, and a family of eight is \$36,950. A few restrictions apply to the

loans made through the department, he said.

An applicant cannot own a home that is adequate. If the family can afford conventional rates and terms, they are ineligible for the program, and they must meet the income levels, he

"If the home is falling down around their ears, they are eligible, even if they own it. And if they have the income to repay a

## SALARY LIMITS

### Low Income For Low Interest Loans

**Family Size** Income 1 Person \$12,250 \$22,400 2 Persons \$25,100 3 Persons \$28,000 4 Persons \$30,250 5 Persons \$32,500 6 Persons \$34,700 7 Persons

\$36,950

## **Moderate Incom**

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Income
\$30,200
\$34,500
\$38,800
\$43,150
\$46,550
\$50,000
\$53,450
\$56,900

traditional mortgage they are not eligible with us," he said.

Good credit is required, with a good, verifiable income and a demonstration of the ability to repay the loan, he said.

"Their debt effects their house payment. They have to meet a debt ration of less than 41 percent of their total income, excluding living monthly expenses, and that includes the house payment, taxes and insurance," he said. Payment debts, such as credit

cards, car payments and appli

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## Legislation could save taxpayers thousands in election costs

HERALD photo/Linda Choate

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

A bill filed recently with the House of Representatives may save Texas taxpayers thousands of dollars in election costs if passed by the Texas Legislature.

State Rep. Jerry Madden, District 67, has filed House Bill 47, which calls for community and junior college election win-

ners to be determined by the total of votes, instead of a majority

Preschoolers Devine Martin, standing, and Madison Churchwell enjoy the playground at Hillcrest

Child Development Center on Tuesday. Spring-like temperatures are expected in the region through

votes. "By electing the candidate with the most rather votes. than requiring a candidate to receive a majority, districts are saved the



**SPARKS** 

expense of run-off elections, an Rogers said. expense ultimately paid by the taxpayer," Madden said.

For example, Madden cites Collin County Community College election administrator Dr. Tom Rogers.

Rogers said a run-off election at his college costs a minimum of \$21,000.

"The college supports Rep. Madden's efforts to help us cut spending by eliminating an expenditure," unnecessary

Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of

Howard College, said the idea to allow trustee elections be based on vote totals instead of a majority seems sound. "This makes sense, at first

blush, but I'd like to find out more about it," Sparks said. And Howard College board

president Don McKinney said he believes this may be an important issue for larger, metropolitan areas.

"I'm not sure if we've ever had a run-off election," McKinney said.

Madden has been a member of the House Elections Committee since 1993.

He authored the legislation that resulted in the passage of a law that allowed for the elimination of trustee elections in uncontested positions.

This resulted in a savings of about \$500,000 for the state, Madden said.

## Pit bull attack has Coahoma man pondering leash law

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

John Rink, who just moved to Coahoma earlier this month, keeps his dog secured in his backyard.

The new manager of K-Bob's wants to keep his 2-year-old registered male beagle, Boomer, a pet for his daughter. But he also wants to protect the dog. That's why Rink was so sur-

prised Monday night when Boomer was attacked by two pit bull terriers that had been running loose. "My wife and family came to the restaurant," Rink explained. "The beagle was tied up in the

backyard." When the two, much

larger dogs, attacked Boomer, a

man visiting Rink's neighbor

stopped the fight and saved the 20-pound dog.

"He got the dogs off of (Boomer)," Rink said. "The dogs were jumping on him, too." The stranger took Boomer to

Sierra Animal Clinic, where he will have to stay for several days. His injuries included a separated hip, several bites requiring 12 stitches and six puncture wounds.

"It was touch and go the first

night," Rink said. Once he knew the dog would survive, Rink turned his attention to another issue. He thinks Coahoma needs a "leash law," a law requiring pet owners to keep their dogs on a leash if not

secured in a fenced yard. "I just wasn't aware there wasn't a leash law," Rink said. "I found out there was nothing the

(Howard County) Sheriff's Office could do unless the dogs had attacked a human.'

The only choice Rink has, he discovered, is a civil suit. Sheriff's Deputy Kerry Fritz said Rink's choices are indeed limited.

"Of course, animal owners should be responsible for their animal's actions," Fritz said. "But unless it bites somebody, or is a health hazard, we're willing to help but there's just not a lot we can do."

Fritz said the office does receive continuous "dog at large" complaints in the county, including Coahoma city limits.

Coahoma city councilmember Bruce Allen said Rink would be welcome to address the council

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Coahoma resident John Rink and his daughter Jessica visit Boomer at the vet's office. The dog was attacked by pit bulls, and Rink is considering asking the city council to pass a "leash law."

## **OBITUARIES**

### **Jesus Perez**

Service for Jesus Perez, 68, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 29; 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness.

### James W. "Jim" Griffin

Service for James W. "Jim" Griffin, 65, Coahoma, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

## **LEASH**

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at its next meeting, Jan. 13, on the issue.

"We do have some ordinances concerning dogs," Allen said, "but no leash law.

Allen warned Rink to expect some opposition.

"There's going to be opposition to any new law," he said. "But we're open to any discus-

## **HOMES**

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ances are computed into the debt ratio. Monthly expenses such as groceries and utilities are not. Total monthly income is computed as well, with certain deductions, he said,

"The projected house payment, taxes and insurance may not exceed 29 percent of their income," he said.

Also, interest rates for the loan may be reduced on a yearly basis, to as much as 1 percent, for the length of the loan, he said.

"It will never go down below 1 percent, but tit can go that low," Gilbreath said.

Closing costs must be paid by the family, about \$1,500. And should the family ever sell the home, the interest deductions must be repaid out of any profit received in the sale, he said.

"There is not a required down payment, and we have no origination fees. These loans are made to purchase an existing house or to construct a new house. The loan can include the cost of the lot and building the house

"The broad term is that there are modest requirements in (Monday), NBC, 9.8; "Home size, design and cost," he said. A separate program allows

moderate income families to purchase a home through a tra- CBS, 9.5; "Walker, Texas ditional lender, with the federal Ranger," CBS, 9.3. agency guaranteeing the loan, he said.

that there are no breaks in the interest rates. This is for moderate incomes as opposed to low incomes. A moderate income in Howard County for a family of four is \$43,150," he said.

For more information, or to obtain an application, contact Rural Development, 6113 43rd

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James W. Griffin, 65, died Tuesday. Service is pending. Family visitation is 2:00 to 4:00 PM, today at the funeral

Jesus Perez, 68, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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"The IRS puts out some very good information," he said. "Or you might check out their website, or check a bookstore for a tax manual or other publica-

For some, this tax season will get the year off to a good start. This could mean a significant difference in your tax bill," Fillingim said.

## News shows, football tops in holiday television

LOS ANGELES (AP) - News magazines and football dominated television viewing in a holiday week of series reruns, according to Nielsen Media Research figures released Tuesday.

ABC's "NFL Monday Night Football," which featured the Miami Dolphins 31-21 defeat of the Denver Broncos, was the top-rated program with a 16.3 rating and 27 share. Three of the top 10 shows for Dec. 21-27 focused on football.

On the news side, a fresh edition of CBS' "60 Minutes," which included stories on a health care industry whistleblower and gospel singer Shirley Caesar, was the second most-watched show with a 14.4 rating and 26 share.

A rating point represents 994,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 99.4 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

The rest of CBS' Sunday night lineup also performed well: "Touched by An Angel" was the No. 3 program, while a repeat of the TV movie "Final Descent" ranked ninth. CBS claimed four of the top 10 shows; ABC had five and NBC

For the week, the top 10 shows, their networks and rat ings were: "NFL Monday Night Football: Denver at Miami," ABC 16.3; "60 Minutes," CBS, 14.4; "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 11.4; "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC, 11.1; "Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most \* Fascinating People of '98.' ABC, 10.1; "Dateline NBC" Improvement," ABC, 9.7; "NFL Monday Blast," ABC, 9.7; "CBS Sunday Movie: Final Descent,'

## The primary difference is Man jailed in Louisiana confesses to Texas killings

HOUSTON (AP) - A manbeing held in Louisiana on rape charges has signed a statement concerning four Texas slayings dating back to 1979, including the icepick killing of a Harris County woman, authorities say.

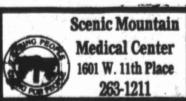
Danny Paul Bible, 47, confessed to the slayings after being jailed in Louisiana in the Nov. 8 rape of a woman there, West Baton Rouge Parish sheriff's detective Randall Walker told the Houston Chronicle for Tuesday editions.

He reportedly also confessed to killing a woman, her baby and her roommate 15 years ago in Mineral Wells, west of Fort Worth. Bible already has served a prison term for one of those deaths, following a guilty plea in 1984.

"Danny's telling us all about things that happened in Texas," Walker said. "We can put him in 20-something states since he was paroled (about 1993), so there's no telling what we've got here.

"A serial killer can't kill three or four people and then just quit.'

The killings to which Bible allegedly admits include the May 1979 slaying of Inez Denton, a north Harris County woman who was stabbed repeatedly in the chest and



back with an ice pick and

Harris County sheriff's detectives traveled to Port Allen, La., Tuesday to discuss the case, Capt. Don McWilliams

"They're going to meet with the local law enforcement people and see if Bible will talk to them," McWilliams said, adding, "It's just speculation at this point and we wouldn't want to create false hope. This guy is basically an unknown to us at this point.'

According to Walker, Bible also confessed to the May 1983 slayings of his sister-in-law, Tracy Powers, her 4-month-old son, Justin, and her roommate, Pamela Hudgins.

The skeletal remains of Ms. Powers and her baby were found the following month, hidden beneath a cattle guard about halfway between Mineral Wells and Weatherford. Their cause of death was not deter-

## **Times Square** will get crystal ball for 2000 celebration

NEW YORK (AP) - The Times Square New Year's Eve ball will be retired after it ushers in the new year one last time Thursday night.

A new ball made of crystal will be in place for next December's drop during the city's millennial celebration.

The current ball, made of aluminum and weighing more than 500 pounds, is six feet in diameter, illuminated by a 10,000-watt Xenon lamp, 180 75watt halogen lamps, 144 glitter strobe lights and 12,000 rhine-

"It has served us as a wonderful symbol of celebration, and we will give it a great farewell at its final performance," Brendan Sexton, president of the Times Square Business Improvement District, said Monday. The new ball, to be completed

by Waterford Crystal at its headquarters in Ireland, is still in the planning stages.
This year's New Year's Eve celebration is expected to attract 500,000 people to Times

Square and will feature three giant video screens and a pyrotechnic display. And, of course, the ball's minute-long

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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. •Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. Mary's Episcopal

Church.Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

THURSDAY ·Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting. ·A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization

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ia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

 Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

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

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

·Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria. IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT

GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

## BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING BASS Club will have its first meeting of the year 7 p.m. on Jan. 5 at the Best Western meeting room. For more information call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

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 avail-

able From Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or th Senior Center at 267-1628.

THE BIG SPRING STATE Hospital Surplus Sale will be Wednesday, Jan. 6, in the Recycling Building, west of Rip Griffins.

Surplus items will be for sale including desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, appliances and TVs. Viewing and biding will be from 9 a.m. to 1 Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 4-6. The sale will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Call 263-0618 for more informa-

## MARKETS

March cotton 60.75 cents, up 10 points; Feb. crude 11.49, down 23 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher 16; cash steers steady at 59 even; Feb. lean hog futures 33.25, up 95 points; Feb. live cattle futures 61.05, up 45 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

## The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m.

Tuesday and 8 a.m. today: UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of West 19th.

 DANYA ATKINSON, 21, was arrested for local warrants. JANA CARTER, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

**JERRY GOMEZ** was arrested for local warrants. RUPERTO RAMOS was arrested for Midland sheriff's

office warrants. CLASS C ASSAULT was eported in the 2900 block of est Eighth. . THEFT was reported in the

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· ADRIAN VERA, 23, was arrested for local warrants. · GERALD KING, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

· JOHN HILGER, 28, was arrested for local warrants.
• RAYMOND OVERTON, 19, was arrested for local warrants.

· RONALD PAYNE, 27, was arrested for local warrants. DISORDERLY CONDUCT LANGUAGE was reported in the 500 block of State.

· CASEY IVIE, 18, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

## FIRE/EMS

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

1:33 a.m. - 1300 block Park, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:36 a.m. - 2600 block Chanute, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:47 a.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist Hospital. 1:53 p.m. - 700 block

Highland, trauma call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.

8:55 p.m. — 1100 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

## RECORDS

Tuesday's high 65 Tuesday's low 31 Average high 56 Average low 29 Record high 86 in 1951 Record low 10 in 1976 Precip. Tuesday 0.00 Month to date 0.54 Month's normal 0.65 Year to date 13.18 Normal for the year 18.20

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Year ended August 31, 1998

	Unrestricted	Enterprises	Restricted	1998	1997
Revenues					
State appropriations -		_			
General revenue	\$ 7,481,168	\$	\$1,221,632	\$ 8,702,800	
Tuition & fees	2,174,027	292,692		2,466,719	2,553,09
Taxes for current operation	2,472,026			2,472,026	2,278,03
Federal grants and contracts	15,380		2,516,772	2,532,152	2,377,85
State grants and contracts			750,994	750,994	290,34
Local grants and contracts					
Private gifts, grants and contracts	450,797		98,787	549,584	328,48
Investment/endowment income					
Sales and services of educational activities	147,415			147,415	128,33
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises		682,322		682,322	734,64
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Other sources	251,035	34,001	23,493	308,529	288,76
Interest income	231,033	34,001	23,473	300,327	
Gains/losses on investments	****		63,973	378,030	129.00
Misc income	314.057		03,9/3	3/8,930	162.00
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Student services			531,132	2,038,988	2,128,98
Institutional support	1,507,856	- 1			2,057,28
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,120,544	· •	99,534	2,220,078	
Scholarships and fellowships	457,093		2.069.036	2.526.129	2,395,94
Total Educational and General	4.0			1 517	
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Other transfers and additions (deductions):	186.1				
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## rea code crisis is ballooning despite unused numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming soon to a telephone near you: more area codes.

Across the country, the phone industry is running out of numbers faster than ever imagined, forcing the creation of new area codes that translate into confusion and costs for callers.

The growing need for new codes isn't the result of a growing demand for phone numbers. More at fault is the way that numbers are assigned, in blocks of 10,000, leaving many numbers unused.

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"You hear it's the cellular phones, faxes and modems wipnot quite accurate," said Ronald J. Binz of the Competition Policy Institute, a Washington think tank.

The rapid depletion of phone numbers is prempting federal officials to find more efficient ways to dole out numbers. The Communications Commission is expected to propose new rules in the coming

California went from 13 area codes in early 1997 to the current 23 and is projected to have at least 39 by 2001. The Chicago area went from two codes to five in 1996 and is getting at least ing out area codes, but that's one more. Dallas and Houston, dential customers must learn

which got new codes less than two years ago, are each getting a third code in 1999.

There are two basic ways to add a code. Traditionally, a region is split into smaller sections, forcing some customers to change their area code completely. More common in recent years is the overlay method. Only new customers in the region get the new code, but that system forces everyone to dial 10 digits for local calls. Phones in the same neighborhood, or even the same house, can have different codes.

Either way, business and resi-

new dialing patterns, and many Armstrong of the Colorado eight codes were gradually must upgrade equipment and reprint business cards, stationery and advertising.

"Five years ago, maybe, there was a very slow increase in the number of area codes being assigned," said Bruce Public Utilities Commission. 'Then all of a sudden it started

snowballing." The system, which also covers Canada and the Caribbean, began with 78 area codes for the United States in 1947. Fortyadded through 1994.

Then it sped up: 14 more codes in 1995, 11 in 1996, 32 in 1997 and 22 in 1998. Industry officials project the need for 30 new codes a year unless changes are

## Lott lays down blueprint for Jan. 7 trial start; House demands witnesses

prosecutors say they want to call witnesses at President Clinton's impeachment trial, which could begin Jan. 7 under a blueprint that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott proposed to Democrats.

The all-Republican prosecution team, holding its first strategy session Tuesday, did not decide who might be summoned to testify before the Senate, several of its members said. The House now must await a Senate timetable and a decision on whether witnesses will be permitted.

In interviews with The Associated Press, neither Lott nor Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle endorsed the plan of the 13-member prosecution team to call witnesses.

Lott said he believed a trial could be held without witnesses. "Are witnesses required? I don't think so," he told the AP. Senators from both parties have said they wanted to avoid a trial longer than several weeks, and it was unclear nesses would make a quick trial impossible.

Lott has begun addressing a timetable, said a Senate Democratic leadership source, speaking on condition of anonymity

Lott told Daschle that the trial could get its ceremonial start on Jan. 7, with senators getting sworn in as jurors by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the source said. The trial could begin in earnest Jan. 11, under Lott's plan.

The source said Daschle, D-S.D., has not agreed to the dates and neither has the White House. But the proposal shows that the Senate is prepared to move fast to try Clinton on two articles of impeachment accusing him of grand jury perjury and obstruction of justice in attempting to conceal an extramarital affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., a senior member of the team of so-called managers, said a con-

WASHINGTON (AP) - House whether a decision to allow wit-sensus emerged on calling witnesses without any formal votes in Tuesday's closed-door ses-

> "There was no show of hands. But I am anticipating, based on everything we've discussed in there today, that there would be witnesses, we would present witnesses. I don't think there's any question about that," he told reporters.

> Although no one was discussing names publicly, potential witnesses could include Ms. Lewinsky, presidential secretary Betty Currie and presidential friend Vernon Jordan.

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A British bomber reported the activity at about 9:30 a.m. local time (12:30 a.m. CST) southwest of Talil, Iraq.

"There were several surface to-air missiles fired," said a Pentagon official, speaking on

Two U.S. F-16 fighter jets patrolling the area responded

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. and fired two HARM anti-radar craft observed missiles being said. "There is no assessment of

The aircraft safely departed the area about a half hour later. He said he could not confirm whether the Iraqi missiles were

fired at the British aircraft. However, a spokesman for the British Defense Ministry said: "The firm response to the latest Iraqi provocation is ample evi-

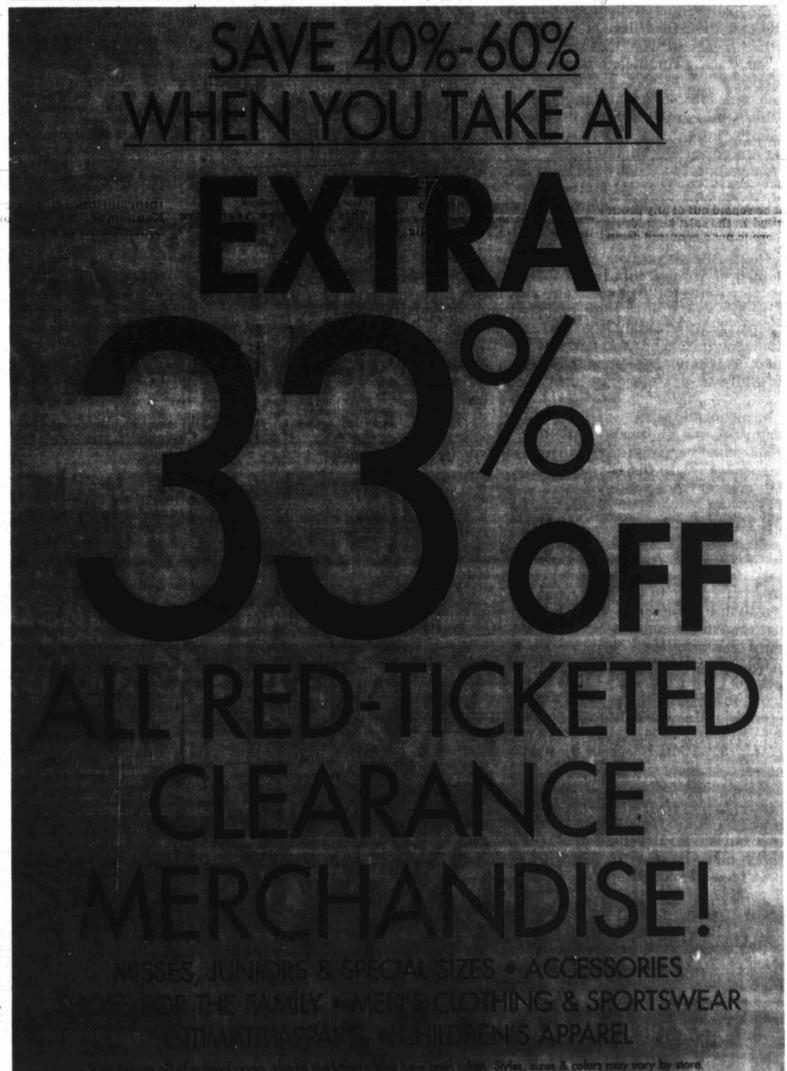
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## OUR VIEWS

# County fire issues need to be handled in an adult manner

then one looks back at 1998, they'll discover one thing — it was a contentious year between the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the **Howard County Commissioners Court.** 

And that's a shame, because all the rancor in the world doesn't solve problems, doesn't get new equipment, doesn't extinguish fires and doesn't promote goodwill.

What it does do, however, is reflect poorly on our county and her citizens.

As we've worked to compile our year-in-review, one constant keeps rearing its ugly head — that the volunteers want to make the rules, run the show and dictate the policy, and if they can't, pardon the pun, they'll take their firetrucks and go home.

With current attitudes that seem prevalent from at least some of the volunteers, perhaps it's time for that to happen.

State law requires that all tax-generated monies and all other monies raised for the purpose of county government be administered by the commissioners court. There are no options otherwise.

Commissioners have followed this policy. They have explained the law to the volunteers, yet Chief Tommy Sullivan wants budget approval and purchasing approval authority on things pertaining to the department, such as a truck the department wants.

At their first December meeting, commissioners explained to a representative of the fire department that before funds could be spent on a new truck, financial records would have to be gathered and studied. The department representative was also told the item would be on the agenda for Jan. 11.

Based on questions asked at this week's meeting by Chief Sullivan, it's clear the message either wasn't understood or was never delivered to Chief Sullivan.

In the meantime, it seems as if a "your volunteer fire department may go away" campaign is being conducted by members of the department upset at not getting their way with the court and hopeful of raising public pressure on commissioners to do the volunteer's bidding.

It's a shame the issue can't be settled face to face, adult to adult. It's a shame there is a refusal on the part of volunteers to recognize and acknowledge the law and the fact the commissioner's court controls the purse strings.

It's a shame the county judge has to resort to threatening to have the commissioner's courtroom cleared because of disruptions.

We believe our volunteers do an excellent job for the citizens of Howard County. Anyone with any doubts only has to stop and think about the Silver Heels fire and the potential loss of life and property had the volunteers not been on the front line of the battle.

We also believe they deserve the best possible equipment we taxpayers can afford - not the most expensive piece of equipment available.

Because taxpayers who receive no benefit whatsoever from the volunteer's efforts carry the majority of the tax burden for the equipment used in the county, we appreciate the careful eye with which commissioners view the budget.

We would encourage both commissioners and volunteers to start the new year with a new approach open, up front and with everything on the table - in an effort to see if things can't be handled professionally, instead of one side or the other working to make us all look like the laughingstock of West Texas.

## Community's losses were heavy in 1

seems as if it was only yesterday that I was staring at my computer keyboard, trying to come up with an end of the year column.

Instead, it was a year ago and in the year since, just as with every year, many things have happened that impact us in many ways.

I don't ever

remember

writing as



many news obituaries as I did over the past 12 months, and our community certainly lost a number of people who made such a positive difference in the lives of those people with whom they came in contact.

None of us are immune from the grim reaper's sickle, and perhaps that's the one thing we should always remember. After all, from the day we are born, we are dying as a rather perverse-thoughted friend of mine is wont to say.

Dr. P.W. Malone, Dorothy Garrett and Edna Womack are three who come to mind as people who made such a great difference over the years in the quality of life in our communi-

· Dr. Malone's impact, while based in medicine, is best felt now through Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf - institutions he was instrumental in getting started.

But it was in great part

because of pathfinders like Dr. Malone, Dr. John Hogan, Dr. Hall and Dr. Bennett that for so many years our community was known as the medical center of West Texas.

Dr. Malone's memory will live forever because of the lives he impacted.

· Miss Edna loved all things beautiful, and was instrumental in getting beautification programs going long before Lady Bird Johnson thought about planting a flower.

She was a wonderful lady who took time to see the beauty in life, who worked to ensure that others understood the value of making sure there were flowers and plants and trees and wouldn't ask you to do anything she wouldn't do herself.

· Dorothy Garrett so loved Big Spring. She loved the people, the history and the animals. She gave so freely of herself and her money and viewed the fact she was financially blessed as a responsibility to help others and her communi-

We only have to look around our community to see the many things she did ... but for things we see, there are also things we'll never see or know, simply because she was that

Dorothy Garrett only wanted to make things happen and didn't care who got the credit ... only that things that needed to be done were done

Perhaps the most telling thing about Dorothy was that she cared for all living creatures, including the dogs and cats at the Humane Society.

I'll miss most sitting across from her at the Spanish Inn at the annual Humane Society Christmas dinner. I miss bending down to get a hug from her and she squeezed my hand and I miss her smile ... but that's the wonderful thing about memories, because in my heart and mind, I'll always have that hug and squeeze and smile.

Perhaps one question - and criticism — that comes up for us during the course of any year is when we as newspaper people have to sit at our keyboard and write about the death of someone.

At the Herald, we write what we call news obituaries, such as with Dr. Malone or Miss Edna or Dorothy, and we also write news stories that are generated because someone died.

Without fail, these are the stories that prompt people to call or write and ask why. And always, always, always the point is made about how cruel we are to friends and family because of what we've done.

The point is always made that we're only looking to sell newspapers or to sensationalize - both things I promise you are not the case

I've never really talked to **Tommy Welch or Bill Myers** about their respective jobs, but I liken what we do to what they do as morticians. Ours is a job. It is a job we signed on to do and we do it in a certain manner. We try not to be flashy about what we do and we try not to sensationalize.

I can tell you to a reader that every time we have a news story involving the death of a person, we discuss it. We write it, we print it out, we read it. we critique it, we criticize it and we always, always, always

ask the question: "How would we feel if that story were written about our loved one?"

Yes, ours is a job and I can promise you that when you have to sit down and write such a story, it's a job that's

anything but glamorous. It is not any easier on us, especially in a small town ? where many of us know one another or know a brother or sister or mother or father of the person we are writing

It's not any easier when you knew the person from church or from the athletic field or from a volunteer group.

It's not any easier when you were friends with the person and you spend yourself trying to separate memories from the hard facts of a news story you'd prefer never to have to write.

But because we chose to be in the profession we're in, we come in contact with the harsh realities of life.

But to write such a story just to sell newspapers? No. We write them because they are news stories ... because they are the topic of conversation ... because they are news ... and because that's what we do for a living.

We just try to write them in a manner that presents the facts, preserves dignity and allows us to look at ourselves in the mirror when we answer that question we always ask: "What if it were our loved one?"

Please be careful this holiday weekend.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Big Spring



THE FINAL VOTE IS 228 FOR IMPEACHMENT... 206 FOR CENSURE ... AND ONE FOR CASTRATION ... 37

## How do you load your toilet paper?

e met our Minnesota friends Manny and Judy in Santa Fe a while back. We visited for

awhile, got up to date on kids and grandkids, then moseyed over to Vanessie's to hear piano player Doug Montgomery

our favorite

things to do

in Santa Fe.



**TUMBLEWEED SMITH** 

Manny and Judy are easy to be with. We love to sit around and talk.

Manny and I were in the Army together. We've kept in touch with each other since the cold war years and have discovered we can have as much fun out of the Army as we did

when we were in it. Manny sort of stayed in for awhile, joining the CIA and working all over the world. His and Judy's three kids were born on three different conti-

In Santa Fe, we exchanged stories. Judy told about how when she worked as director of the Alumni Association for Mankato State University in Minnesota, she worked in an office with two other women.

The three husbands decided one Valentine's Day to spruce up their wives' office with a bouquet of flowers. They called the florist to send a bunch of sign the card "The Three Handsome Lovers.

When the card got there it read "The Handsome Lumber Company." The girls were somewhat confused.

Manny told about a motel experience he had on the way down to Santa Fe.

They spent the night in a motel which had a night clerk that didn't speak very good English. When Manny checked out, he noticed a \$4 phone charge and asked the clerk to explain it. The clerk replied, "I don't 'splain nothin.

Manny still doesn't know what the charge was for, but he certainly has had his money's worth telling the story. We repeated the phrase often during the remainder of the trip.

Judy told of a visit to her mother who lives in a nursing It was actually Judy's sister

who made the visit. She had her 4-yea- old grandson with her. When they arrived at the nursing home, they met grandma in the lobby. She is not doing well and never recognizes anyone, but all the kids make over her anyway, giving her warm greetings and saying

"Hello, Grandma, how're ya doin' and you're lookin' good." The attendant wheeled the

old lady down to her room and the family followed. doing too well. She was falling asleep, then belching and looking just pitiful.

The 4-year old boy said, "Couldn't we just take her back where we got her and go home?

Out of the mouths of babes. High on a mountain we discussed a topic to which I had never given two seconds' worth of thought: the way a roll of toilet paper is put on the roller. Some said the newest part of the roll should be on the front, others said it should be on the back

Such lofty topics. We were together six days and nights. It was a blast. No telling what we'll talk about next time. Manny and I always have

someone take a picture of us in front a flag we ended up with while we stationed at Fort Devens, Mass. I keep the flag, Manny keeps the eagle that was on top of the flag pole. I got a lot out of our visit.

And yes, I have started noticing which way a roll of toilet paper is put on a roller.

(Big Spring resident Bob Lewis is Tumbleweed Smith.)

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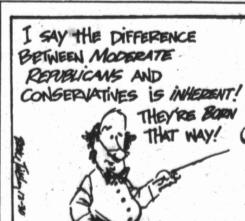
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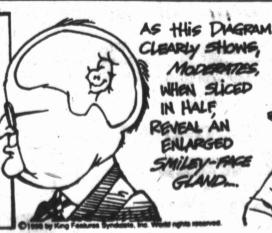
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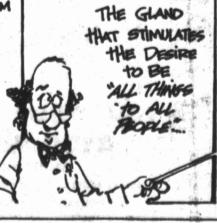
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Roman god of doorways; hence, the god of beginnings. The early Romans believed that the outcome every important undertaking depended on the blessing this god

bestowed upon its outset. Janus

was always pictured with two faces, and indeed, the month of January does have two faces. It is time once again to make

those New Year's resolutions; a time to look back upon the experiences of the past year and try to profit from them in the new year ahead.

Southerners are devoted to the tradition of eating blackeyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck throughout the coming year.

The black-eyed peas are a very spicy, soup-like concoction served in bowls. This recipe serves 3 to 4, but you can double it easily if you use a Dutch oven rather than a skil-

Happy New Year to All!

South-Of-The-Border Black-**Eyed Peas** 1 pound bulk pork sausage (I

use the hot) 1 medium onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced 1 (16 oz) pkg. frozen blackeyed peas

1 can Mexican-style stewed tomatoes

2 cans water 1 T chili powder

1 tsp. cumins - 2500 engard salt to taste

Cook sausage in a 12" skillet until done. Drain well. Add minutes. Stir in remaining is still in your power.

January honors Janus, the ingredients, cover and simmer for one hour, stirring occasion-

> Acapulco Avocado Salad 3 large tomatoes, cut into

1 cup ripe olives, cut in half 1 (14 oz) can drained arti-

choke hearts 1 cup commercial Italian

dressing 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar 1 clove garlic, minced

3 ripe avocados 1/4 cup lemon juice **Assorted lettuce** 

Place tomatoes, artichokes and olives in shallow container. Combine Italian dressing, vinegar and garlic in jar, cover and shake. Pour over vegetables. Cover and chill.

Peel and slice avocados. Sprinkle avocados with lemon juice. Arrange avocados over beds of lettuce placed on salad plates. Spoon salad mixture over the avocados. Serves 6.

### Cheesy Jalapeno Corn Bread

1 cup yellow cornmeal 1 cup cream style corn 1 cup sour cream

1 tsp. salt 2 tsp. baking powder 1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 slightly beaten eggs 2 cups grated cheddar cheese 3 jalapeno peppers, chopped

and seeded 1 diced onion

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl and mix well. \*\*Add 2 T vegetable oil to large iron skillet and place in 350 degree oven until the oil is very hot. Remove and add the corn bread mixture. Return to oven and bake approximately 1 hour at 350 degrees

\*\*Heating the oil in skillet before adding corn bread batter gives your finished product a crispy outer crust.

Food for thought: The past onion and garlic and saute five cannot be changed. The future

# New Year's Recipes Life has changed for boy shot by robber wanting his bike

◆American-born poet T.S. Eliot wrote: "In my begin-

ning is my end... In my end is my beginning.

HOUSTON(AP) - Roland Sanders Jr. is only 11, but he's always put a high value on "normal."

The first lamps were made by prehistoric people

Normal as in sweating under a basketball net. Normal as in finally understanding long division. Normal as in practical jokes, waving at pretty girls, mowing lawns for spending money.

Normal. Last June, when Roland was 10, he spent those first, lazy weeks of summer cutting grass. He needed a new bike -he'd had two that had been stolen -- and he and his parents agreed it was time for him to buy his next set of wheels. Painstakingly, he earned the \$75 he needed. As soon as he had the money, July 10, his mom took him to Wal-Mart, and he picked out a blue 10speed. Late that afternoon, he asked if he and a couple of friends could ride to the conve-

Reluctantly, she said yes. Her parents had been strict. When she was a kid, they wouldn't let her off the block.

nience store three blocks

away. He wanted to take the

bike for a test drive. And he

still had some money left for

A few minutes later, a robber was holding a gun to Roland's ribs, and he was afraid he'd never see normal again.

A young man had been lurking in the convenience-store parking lot. He'd seen the bike, tags still on, and he wanted it.

Roland resisted briefly, but by the time he let go, it was The robber shot the child in

the left side. The bullet punctured a lung and kept going. Roland fell to the ground, stunned. He couldn't feel anything from midchest down. That, right there; is how up, and they plan to win.

Roland became a household Coach Bill Duff blasts the

crime were enraged that someone would shoot a child over a

A young man had been lurking in the convenience-store parking lot. He'd seen the bike, tags still on, and he wanted it.

bike. Other Houstonians read about Roland in the newspaper and heard about him on television and radio. That a 10-yearold would be cut down -- that he would have his childhood. his future taken away from him that way -- was incomprehensible.

But really, that is not exactly what happened.

Today, Roland is a paraplegic. Without some kind of medical breakthrough, he is not expected to walk again. But Roland still knows and loves normal.

He still enjoys triumphs over long division. He's still a joker. Despite tremendous losses, he still has his childhood, and he still has his future.

Sometimes, Roland has discovered, walking seems like everything, but it's not. He's adapting to his life in a chair.

He's even playing basketball. On the TIRR Hot Wheels team, some of the kids are real good players, and some are not. All look forward to practice; all live for games. Sweating, crashing into walls or into one another, mumbling about referees, groaning over defeats -- it's all cool kid stuff and a gift and a balm to the players, Roland in particular.

During practice at the downtown YMCA, Roland and a dozen teammates listen carefully to instructions. They have two big games coming

whistle and orders his players Police investigating the to line up, then sends them

Now backward, he bellows,

and the kids struggle to follow his instruction, wheeling back ward in their chairs. A few collide. A few hit the wall.

"Watch where you're going!" hollers one mom. "Push harder! Do it again!"

Next Duff divides them into groups for shooting practice. Roland takes his place in line, and when it's his shot, he scoops up the ball bouncing toward him and heaves it toward the basket.

A miss. No problem.

Most of the players have more than one handicap, and they've coped with those handicaps since birth. During practice, how teammates wound up in wheelchairs is of zero importance. What does matter, Roland explains, is that the team was just beaten by a group of girls who could wheel faster and shoot straighter than the Hot Wheels. The Hot Wheels intend to redeem themselves in the upcoming games.

Three young men, all stellar wheelchair basketball players, coach the 12 boys and one girl. Duff takes a moment to say a few words about Roland. There's no mush during prac tice, though he and his fellow coaches love and admire their players.

"Good coordination," he says, eyeing Roland as if he were a National Basketball Association prospect. "I'm surprised he's only 11.'

Paraplegia is not the first medical disaster Roland has faced

In 1987 he was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate, birth defects that were almost completely repaired during a series of plastic surgeries. Still, the Sanderses were trau matized.

After he was born, I came home and cried and cried,' Roland Sr. says, reminiscing with his wife, Cheryl, in their

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## Making New Year's Resolutions and keeping them?

Well as 1999 fast approaches I have begun to think about my New Year's Resolution. Over the past few years I have copped out on setting a resolution for

myself saying well, always end up breaking my resolution, so as not to disappoint myself I just won't make on this year." After all, who really needs the let down and



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the blow to self esteem when you can't simply stop eating, get organized, start an exercise program, save money, etc., etc., etc.

As I drove to my hometown to spend the holidays with my family, I listened to a take control of your life and get organized tape.

As I drove back to Big Spring, I listened to the same tape. My thinking was that the more I listened the more it would sink in, after all doesn't research show that we have to hear something at least seven times before we actually learn it! Anyway as I drove I decided that I would set a "goal" for myself this year, not a resolution, but a goal. That goal is to "start" to get organized (I figure this will take most of 1999) and to de-junk.

I learned from the tape to use the "salami technique." This helps you to achieve what is necessary. With the 'salami technique," one must slice the really big task into smaller task, this makes it easier to deal with and also helps us to accomplish the task that we tend to procrastinate about.

Another idea that I learned from the tape I plan to use is four boxes and a list. The way this works is the boxes are labeled 'keep, route, charity, trash." Pick the room that you will be cleaning (this works at the office as well).

As you go through the closet, drawers, under the bed, etc., you place items that do not go in the room in one of the boxes. The "keep" box is those items you are unsure of - so you keep for a while until you decide what to do with them. Be careful because the "keep" box can become an overflowing mess; be honest with yourself and put only the things in this box that you really may want to keep or need later on. In the "route" box you will put all those items that need to go somewhere else.

The "charity" - well this is pretty self explanatory - put the things that you will donate. only things that would be helpful to others. The polyester leisure suit and the broken tape player probably won't do anyone else good either, so her come the "trash" box. All those items that are not useful, are broken or used up, go in this

Be ruthless, after all, the idea is to get rid of stuff. Oh yes, the "list." This is where you write down all the things that See TARTER, Page 6A

## More New Year's recipes Luck for the new year, or at least a delicious start

For decades, Southerners have believed that eating blackeyed peas on New Year's Day will bring good luck for the year ahead. It is said that each black-eyed pea eaten insures one day of good luck in the new

According to the experts at Pioneer Flour Mills, there may be more than luck to gain from eating them.

Black-eyed peas are actually small, beige-colored beans with a black "eye" in the center. Recent research indicates beans and lentils help fight cancer because they carry high concentrations of enzymes that may counteract the development of cancer-causing compounds in the digestive tract. Beans are also thought to help lower blood cholesterol.

Pioneer Flour Mills created this recipe for black-eyed peas that would be a great addition to your New Year's supper. They've added meat-and-cheese filled turnovers to go with the

> Good Luck **Black-Eyed Pea Soup**

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped celery

3 garlic cloves, minced (or 1-1/2 tsp. minced garlic) 2 cans (14-1/2 ounce) chicken

1 can Italian-style chopped

tomatoes 1 can black-eyed peas, rinsed

and drained

2 cups water 1 cup chopped ham 1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves

1 cup thinly sliced carrots 1/2 cup uncooked small-size

pasta, like macaroni 1 package country gravy mix 1 cup milk

2 tablespoons chopped fresh

In Dutch oven or stock pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery and garlic; cook and stir for five minutes. Add broth, tomatoes, black-eyed peas, water, ham and thyme; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer five minutes. Increase heat to bring to a full boil, stir in car-

rots and pasta. Cook 10 minutes

until carrots are tender. In 2-

cup glass measure, dissolve gravy mix in milk and stir into boiling soup. Stir until thickened. Reduce heat and simmer five minutes. Garnish with parsley. Makes eight servings.

Year-end turnovers

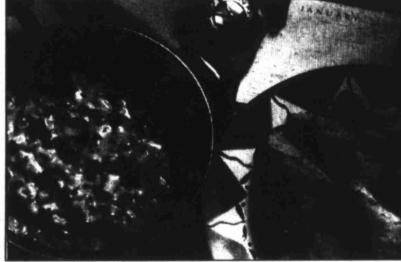
1/2 lb. spicy Italian sausage 4 cups buttermilk baking mix 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves

1 tsp. garlic powder

1-1/4 cups milk 1 cup shredded mozzarella

cheese (4 ounce) 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

In large skillet, cook and stir sausage until brown. Drain; cool. Meanwhile, in large bowl, stir together baking mix, Parmesan cheese, basil and garlic powder; stir in milk to form soft dough. Turn dough out onto surface dusted with additional baking mix. Knead 10-15 times. Divide dough in half. Roll out one half of dough to a 16x12-inch rectangle. Cut into 12 (4X4-inch) squares. Place 1 square on baking sheet coated



Good Luck Black-Eyed Pea Soup and Year-End Turnovers.

with cooking spray. Spoon about 1 tsp. sausage near center of square; top with about 2 tsp. mozzarella cheese. Fold dough in half to form a triangle. Using a fork, press edges together to seal. Repeat with remaining dough, sausage and cheese to make 24 turnovers. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 to 13 minutes or until golden brown. Brush turnovers with butter. Makes 24 turnovers.

For more recipes, baking tips and more, visit Pioneer Flour Mills' web site at: www.pioneermills.com

For a copy of Pioneer Flour Mills' latest cookbook, Southern Success Recipes, send your name, address, and a check or money order for \$2 to: Pioneer Cookbook Offer #1; Box 311241; New Braunfels; 78131. Make check payable to Pioneer Flour Mills.

## THE LAST WORD

'Tis education forms the common mind. Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. Alexander Pope

The brain is like a muscle. When it is in use, we feel very good. Understanding is joyous.

COMMUNITY NEWS

## Prayer for peace planned Thursday

Thursday will have a special meaning for those who participate in World Healing Day each year on Dec. 31 at noon, Greenwich Time. Many are finding it to be a high time in their prayer lives; said Nancy Patrick, local organizer. The effort began in 1996, and now has spread to many countries around the world. Participants pray to further the advancement of "peace on Earth,

good will toward all." Local time for prayer will be 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Thursday, the last day of the

Patrick said it is expected that a billion people from all parts of the globe will be involved in the project this year. Call her at 263-6311 for more infor-



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 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.

WOMEN AGLOW HAVE ANNOUNCED they will not meet Jan. 4, their regular meeting day.

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modest North Houston home. "I'd never seen such a thing. I asked, 'Why? Why? Why is he being tested?'

Today it's hard to tell Roland ever had a facial deformity. He's lacking just a few final touches, including a surgery that will straighten his nose when he's a few years older. But as a little boy, his dad remembers, classmates would tease him about the birth defect, and he'd come home from school crying.

Every fall, his dad says, the small boy dreaded the curious questions and probing stares that came with the start of school. Finally, his classmates would get used to his slightly skewed appearance, but then it would be spring, then summer, then fall, and he'd have to start all over with questions and

"We really worked with him on his confidence and selfesteem," Roland Sr. says.

Those talks probably helped, but what really kept Roland going was the everyday stuff. The adoration he could count on from his little sister, Roshena. Basketball and the Chicago Bulls. Football and the Dallas Cowboys. Little League. Wrestling. Family.

"He loves us to be together." Cheryl says fondly. "We'll be sitting around, and he'll say. 'We're just one big, happy fami-

Roland Sr. adds, "When I come in from work, little Roland will tell me, 'Dad, I'm glad you're home.''

The shooting changed the Sanderses' lives as if a volcano had erupted in the living room. Before the shooting, Cheryl was working as a nurse's aide at St. Joseph Hospital. She may return to her job next summer, but in the meantime, it's painful for her to be away from Roland. Even when he's at school, she wants to be available if he needs her.

Sr. helped run a lawn-care business. Now he works nights as a chauffeur for a limousine company. The new hours are good, he says. He wants to be able to help his wife and his son during the day,

Before the shooting, the par-

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GEBHARDTS REFRIED BEANS.....

ents did their best to divide their time equally between their two children. That effort has been put on hold. Bathroom chores, getting in and out of bed, getting in and out of the family car, getting in and out of most every place and situation -- all have become infinitely more complicated for Roland.

Right after the shooting, Roshena, 8, panicked like everybody else. She wept when her mom had to spend long hours and days with Roland, away from her.

Things are much better now,

The skills Roland learned in rehab are paying off.

Roland is an independent person and prefers to do for himself, Roshena reports. But when he gets stuck, she helps out.

'I love Roland a lot," she

Right after the shooting, as soon as his dad caught up with him in the Ben Taub emergency room, Roland said, "I'm glad Roshena didn't come with me to the store.

After the shooting, there were lots of questions, and Ben Taub doctors had answers that nobody wanted to hear.

The bullet lodged in Roland's spinal cord, and failing a medical breakthrough, he will live the rest of his life in a wheel-

In rehab lingo, Roland is a T-6. That means he's injured in the sixth vertebra in the thoracic section of his spinal cord. The damage, the experts agree, is extensive.

"Cheryl and Roland have been very realistic," says Sara Klaas, coordinator of the spinal-cord injury program at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago. "We never got the impression they came here for a miracle cure. They came for rehab, to get as much function back as Roland could. What we told them: There's not Before the shooting, Roland, anybody who can tell you you'll never walk again. But right now, you're not walking. You've got to live your life right now.

"You can't say you're going to be cured in eight years and in the meantime go sit in a cor-

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you need to do (that you think of as you are working). This keeps you from stopping right in the middle of the cleaning to go do something else before you forget!

Mail, mail, mail. We all get way too much mail so, as I learned from the tape, stand over the trash bin (or recycle bin) as you open the mail, throw away any junk mail and put the other mail in the appropriate place.

Besides this one, I have one other resolution for myself and that is "I won't be disappointed when I break my resolution for 1999." I hope your 1999 is happy, healthy and prosperous.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent -- Home Economics.

## ODDS-N-ENDS

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Nearly 300 McDonald's restaurants are offering burger lovers a break: the beloved brat.

McDonald's in parts of Wisconsin and two other states are catering to local tastes by offering bratwurst sandwiches this month. The brats (sans beer) are being supplied by Johnsonville Sausage, a Sheboygan County company known for its German sausages.

McDonald's contracted with the company to provide Johnsonville brats for 286 restaurants in Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Rockford, Ill., from Tuesday through the end of December.

"The taste preference for a bratwurst is very limited,"

THE PARTY'S OUER ...

IF YOU DRINK & DRIVE.

Getting on the road while drunk can give new

meaning to the phrase "getting smashed on

New Year's Eve?" Don't usher in the New Year

in the hospital, or worse. Have a good time, but

please remember, don't drink and drive, and

don't allow anyone who is obviously impaired,

Go out and have a terrific time,

but please make sure you get home safely.

We want to see you all through 1999!

Happy New Year from your friends at...

McDonald's spokeswoman Breda Sullivan said. "You talk to people even in southern Illinois and they're unaware of

what a brat is. TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) - This

kidnapping victim didn't stop smiling during his ordeal. And his hair retained its perfect up-After being taken from his

pedestal in front of a Big Boy restaurant here over the weekend, a 500-pound, hamburger-toting Big Boy statue was found Tuesday about 10 miles away, at a house in Temperance, Mich.

The statue with red-and-white checkered pants and matching suspenders was returned to the restaurant.

"I guess he's going to be all right," said Leyton Hill, a restaurant manager. "He just oks like he went out for a

Big Boy statues, which have guarded their namesake restaurants since the 1930s, are frequently targeted by vandals and

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pranksters. Three years ago, a group of college students kidnapped a Big Boy from the same Toledo restaurant. After dismembering it, the group left his body parts around the city with notes saying "Big Boy is Dead."

That Big Boy was beyond repair by the time his parts were collected. The pieces, however, were offered as donations to other damaged Big Boys.

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YMCA holding training clinic for hoops coaches

The Big Spring YMCA will be holding a free training clinic for all youth recreation coaches on Saturday.

The seminar will be from 1 3 p.m. following a noon coach-

es' 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

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

**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, Hermleigh Greenwood. Kermit, Lamesa, Midland Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and

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

### Parents of BSHS frosh baseballers to gather

A meeting for parents of all players at Big Spring High School has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The meeting has been slated by the Steers Baseball Boosters Club in order to let parents of new players meet the club's officers and provide answers to questions concerning the program.

For more information, contact James Clements at 267

## **BOWL GAMES**

Tuesday, Dec. 29 **Music City Bowl** At Nashville, Tenn.

Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN) MICRON PC Bowl At Miami

North Carolina State (7-4) vs Miami (8-3), 6:30 p.m. (TBS) Alamo Bowl

At San Antonio Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30 lumanitarian Bowl

At Boise, Idaho Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2) **Holiday Bowl** 

At San Diego Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11 1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31 Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.

Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Sun Bowl

At El Paso, Texas Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS) Peach Bowl

At Atlanta Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

## ON THE AIR

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** 7 p.m. — Holiday Bowl, Arizona vs. Nebraska, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL 7 p.m. — Gonzaga at Texas Christian, FXS, Ch. 29. 11:30 p.m. - Rainbow Classic, championship game,

teams TBA, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Longhorns' Williams enjoying Cotton Bowl festivities

month of award banquets, news conferences and public appearances, Texas running back Ricky Williams said Tuesday he's been taking it easy while getting ready for the Cotton Bowl.

Then press him for details and he tells about cheerleaders waiting for him outside his hotel room, about going to a Dallas Cowboys game and meeting the team and about hanging out for a night playing video games at Emmitt Smith's

"I'm having fun," he said, flashing his familiar grin.

Williams will play his final game as a Longhorn Friday morning against Mississippi State. He's set a lot of records in his career, but he's 0-2 in bowls, so he's hoping to go out on a win-

"I already have the Heisman Trophy, so I don't have anything to prove," he

said. "I just want to win." Williams spent Sunday night in a

vacant radio booth at Texas Stadium watching the Dallas Cowboys play the Washington Redkins. But his eyes weren't always on the game. "I was looking at the cheerleaders the

whole time," he said. Late in the fourth quarter, Williams moved down to the field, standing in the

tunnel leading to the Cowboys' locker room. After the game, coach Chan Gailey and several players stopped to greet Williams, a gesture he greatly appreciated, he said.

"You see those guys on TV, but they're regular people just like you and me,"

**Emmitt Smith was the happiest about** meeting Williams, and Williams was most excited about meeting Smith. They decided to get together Monday night.

Mutual friends arranged for Williams to go to Smith's house. Williams was there about four hours, spending most of the time playing video games with Smith and his younger brother, Emory.

"They got mad because they couldn't beat me," Williams said.

Williams said he and Smith mostly chitchatted, with football only coming up incidentally. However, Williams said the little bit of advice Smith had about the NFL meant a lot.

"He just told me that it's not much harder than college," Williams said. because I've been worried about that."

When he returned to the team's hotel, Williams found "eight or nine" female cheerleaders outside his room hoping for an autograph. He obliged, but he made them earn it.

"I made them do about 10 pushups," he said. "And they did."

Williams hopes the fun continues Friday morning against the Bulldogs.

Mississippi State allowed 171.9 rushing yards per game this season, while Williams averaged a national-best 193.1 yards himself. The Cotton Bowl record of 265 yards set in 1954 by Rice's Dicky Maegle could be within Williams' grasp.

He doesn't expect it to happen, he said. "I think the way Mississippi State plays, they'll come after me."

## Kansas State falls at Alamo; Miami powers past NC State

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fourth-ranked Kansa State insisted it was over the snub it got from

the major bowl games. The Wildcats' performance in the Alamo Bowl

suggested otherwise. Kansas State, facing unranked Purdue after being spurned by the top-tier bowls, was lackluster the first three quarters Tuesday night, then couldn't beat the Boilermakers, even with a late rally

"I still think everyone was trying to forget, but it was not much different than it was 24 days ago," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, recalling bowl selection weekend. "I still think

we were suffering. Purdue drove 80 yards for a touchdown in the final minute to shock Kansas State 37-34 and win its second consecutive Alamo Bowl title.

After losing a 14-point lead in the final quarter and letting the Wildcats jump ahead 34-30, the Boilermakers used just 54 seconds for the gamewinning drive, capped by Drew Brees' 24-yard pass to Isaac Jones with 30 seconds left.

"Without a doubt, I knew we could win at the end," Jones said. "I am so grateful to have the chance to play in this game.'

From the moment they landed in the Alamo Bowl, the Wildcats (11-2) complained that they weren't in a bigger bowl. Kansas State lost a chance to play for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl after a 36-33 double-overtime oss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game.

Then the Wildcats weren't invited to the Sugar or Orange Bowls, and the Holiday and Cotton Bowls, which are affiliated with the Big 12, picked Nebraska and Texas.

For the first three quarters of the Alamo Bowl, the Wildcats looked like a team still reeling from the snub.

"Tonight was the culmination of three weeks of disappointment," Snyder said. "I could have been a better leader for them. It was my respon-

sibility to get them ready. Their 21 points in the fourth quarter was the only thing that kept Kansas State from being blown out.

Quarterback Michael Bishop lost a fumble and threw four interceptions, but also threw an Alamo Bowl-record 88-yard touchdown pass to Darnell McDonald with 6:23 remaining. With 1:24 left, Bishop tossed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Justin Swift for a 34-30 lead, completing a comeback that brought 30,000 purple-clad fans to their feet.

"I'm not embarrassed at all. We got beat by a good team. We have no reason to hang our heads," said Bishop, the Heisman Trophy runner-up.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said this victory rivaled last year's defeat of Notre Dame.

"This is a great win for all Purdue people," Tiller said. "The defense played great and the special teams had its moments.'

Purdue scored 17 points off Kansas State fumbles, and Kansas State stayed in touch only because it scored its first two touchdowns after recovering bad snaps on Purdue punt attempts. The Wildcats got the ball on the 1 after the first

and recovered the second in the end zone. The offense didn't produce a touchdown until three minutes into the fourth quarter on David Allen's 3-yard run that got Kansas State back into the game at 27-20.

A 37-yard field goal by Purdue's Travis Dorsch put the Boilermakers ahead 30-20 with 6:44 left. Kansas State answered on the next play with Bishop's pass to McDonald, who overcame pass interference to grab the ball and score untouched to pull the Wildcats to 30-27 with 6:23 to play.

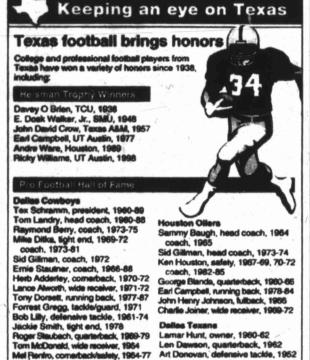
Purdue dominated Kansas State in the first half like no team had this season. The Boilermakers made the most of Kansas State's two fumbles in the second quarter and led 17-7

"I may have pressed too hard to make things happen," Bishop said. "The first half was my worst since I came to Kansas State.' Brees was 25-of-53 for 230 yards and three

touchdowns with three interceptions, "I'm thinking right now, how did we win that game?" Brees said. "In the first half, we as an offense didn't seem to execute well. Our defense got turnovers for us all night. ... All I can say is that offense wins games and defense truly wins

championships." Bishop, who transferred to Kansas State two years ago from Blinn (Texas) Junior College, was only 9-of-24 for 182 yards with three touchdowns and four interceptions.

"I don't want to use the Texas A&M game as on excuse for losing," Bishop said. "This loss does not take anything away from our successes



**Dellas Texans** 

## Miami 46, North Carolina St. 23

MIAMI (AP) - Edgerrin James looked like a first-round draft pick. Scott Covington also made some NFL scouts take notice.

And Miami's defense, so often maligned for letting opposing receivers look like All-Americans, made an All-American look ordi-

The pieces all fell in place for the 24th-ranked Hurricanes in Tuesday night's 46-23 win over North Carolina State in the Micron PC Bowl which is bad news for future opponents.

"We went out the way we wanted to go out with a bang," said wide receiver Santana Moss whose 80-yard touchdown pass from Covington highlighted a 594-yard offensive performance.

The Hurricanes (9-3) rolled up 269 yards rushing and 325 yards passing - both school bowl records. Their 46 points also tied a postseason standard.

Combined with a 49-45 upset of previously unbeaten UCLA in the regular season finale, the Hurricanes racked up 1,283 yards and 95 points in their final two games.

"We're so balanced right now, God knows what you'd defense us with," said Covington, who earned Most Valuable Player honors after completing 17 of 24 passes for 320 yards and two

James, considering early eligibility for next spring's draft, rushed for 156 yards on 20 carries, his seventh consecutive 100-yard outing. His two TDs gave him 19 for the season, 15 in that seven-game span.

The junior said afterward that he would si down next week with coach Butch Davis to mull his options. After setting a school record with 1,416 yards during the regular season, he must notify the NFL of his intentions by Jan. 8.

"There's no need to rush," he said. "I want to look at it from all angles. I'm just going to wait and think it over.'

N.C. State (7-5) managed 498 yards of offense but surprisingly few by All-American receiver Torry Holt. He was held to just seven catches for 52 yards, with 26 of those coming on one catch. "Tonight was disappointing, but I had so

many great moments this year," Holt said. "It's difficult when you're being double-teamed, but you have to make some adjustments during the Holt produced eight 100-yard receiving games during the regular season, including a 255-yard

effort against Baylor. But he was hounded all night by the Hurricanes, who had allowed eight opposing receivers to gain 100 yards. "He's an electrifying player," Davis said. "We

weren't going to let Torry come up with a lot of big plays. We'd let him nickel-and-dime us, but not get a 40- or 50-yarder." Jamie Barnette threw for 201 yards to lead the

Wolfpack, but was intercepted five times. He ran one yard for a first-half TD and hit Chris Coleman with a 7-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter.

"When you have to score every time you touch the football, it's tough against a team like Miami." Wolfpack coach Mike O'Cain said.

Rahshon Spikes led the Wolfpack with 176 yards rushing, including a 30-yard TD. Coleman picked up some of the receiving slack with six catches for 98 vards.

## Bulldogettes take third-place trophy; Lady Buffs in title game at Reagan Co. **HERALD Staff Reports**

Coahoma's Bulldogettes took a 63-51 win over Snyder's Lady Tigers Tuesday night to take the thirdplace trophy at the Abilene Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Bulldogettes, who suffered a 73-52 loss to Abilene High's host Lady Eagles in the morning's semifinal game, rebounded for the win over Snyder behind sophomore forward Brandi Hart's 16 points and junior post Jayci Roberts' 12 points.

Coahoma jumped out to a big lead in the first period of the third-place game and was able to literally cruise to the win from there.

Owning a 20-6 lead going into second quarter, the Bulldogettes saw Snyder trim that margin to 32-24 by halftime, but never let the Lady Tigers mount much of a come-

back in the second half. Snyder was paced by Alicia Peoples' 14 points in the loss.

The Bulldogettes suffered the semifinal loss to Abilene despite Cassie Tindol's impressive 24 game-high points, a performance in which she hit 14 of 22 free throw attempts.

Abilene, however, countered with LaSharla Richardson's 22 points and nine-point contributions by Sara Laster and Shayla

The Lady Eagles dropped a 50-46 decision to crosstown rival Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars in Tuesday night's champi-

onship game. Tuesday's consolation bracket action saw Big Spring's Lady Steers suffer two more losses, falling to Lamesa's Lady Tors, 57-52, in the semifinals and then closing out the tournament with a 54-40 loss

Breckenridge. After having endured three quarters of cold shooting in their opening-round loss to Abilene, the Lady Steers opened Tuesday morning's game with Lamesa with a hot hand, jumping out to a 35-29 halftime lead.

That margin evaporated in the third quarter, however, as the Lady Tors outscored Big Spring 15-6 to take a 44-41 edge into the final eight minutes of

Melissa Sophomores Flenniken and Melissa Forth paced the Lady Steers with 13 points each in the loss to Lamesa, while classmate Amy Jackson added 11 more.

Forth would have another big game in the loss to Breckenridge that afternoon, leading the Lady Steers with 16 points. Senior post Annie McKinnon added 10 more.

Lamesa 57, Big Spring 52
Big SPRING — McLellan 0 0-0 0, Jackson 5
1-2 11, McBee 1 0-0 3, Gibbs 0 0-2 0, Forth 2
9-10 13, McKinhey 6 0-1 12, Flenniken 4 5-6
13. Totals 18 15-21 52.
LAMESA — Smith 5 0-4 11, Barrioz 6 1-2

13, Meador 7 1-1 15, Kirkland 1 0-3 2, Vaughan 3 0-3 6, Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Phipps 0 5-8 5, Navarro 0 0-0 0. Totals 24 8-23 57.

Big Spring 18 17 6 11 - 62
Lamesa 15 14 15 13 - 57
Three-point goals: Big Spring 1 (McBee);
Lamesa 1 (Smith), Total Fouls: Big Spring 21,
Lamesa 21. Fouled Out: Forth, Kirkland, Abliene High 73, Coshoma 52 ABILENE — Laster 2 5-8 9, Spence 2 2-6 6, Mays 1 3-4 5, Huff 3 0-2 9, Hood 0 0-0 0, Harris 1 1-2 3, Napier 0 2-2 2, Lackey 0 5-6 5, Mullins 3 1-2 7, Christopher 2 1-2 5,

Buchanan 1 0-2 2, Barr 1 1-1 3, Roberts 3 1-3 7, Wood 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 22-40 52. Three-point goals: Abilene 5 (Huff 4, Richardson 1). Total Fouls: Abilene 30, Coahoma 27. Fouled Out: Spence, Hood,

Buchanan 0 0-0 0, Marshall 0 0-1 0, Hart 0 2

Breckenridge 54, Big Spring 40
BRECKENRIDGE — Golver 4 0-0 8, Elder 0 0-0 0, Brewster 7 0-0 14, Atkinson 0 0-0 0, 5 0-0 10, Moses 3 1-2 7. Totals 25 4-10 54

BIG SPRING — McLellan 1 0-0 2. Jackson 3 2-4 8, McBee 0 0-0 0, Adams 0 0-0 0, Gibbs 1 0-0 2, Forth 7 2-2 16, McKinnon 5 0-0 10, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Flenniken 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 Score by Quarters:

Breckenridge 16 14 9 15 - 54
Big Spring 6 9 11 14 - 40
Three-point goals: None. Total Fouls:
Breckenridge 14, Big Spring 14. Fouled Out:

Coahoma 63, Snyder 51 SNYDER — Mackey 1 0-0 2, Geiger 2 0-0 5, Hall 2 1-2 6, Murray 4 0-1 8, Peoples 6 2-2 14, Beard 2 0-0 4, Voss 3 0-0 6, Totals 20 3-6-51. COAHOMA — Atkinson 1 0-1 2, K.K. Buchanan 1 0-0 2, Marshall 0 1-3 1, Hart 8 0-2 16, Kemper 1 1-2 3, Tindol 3 3-4 9, K. Buchanan 4 0-0 8, Barr 0 2-4 2, Roberts 6 0-0 12, Wood 3 2-3 8. Totals 27 9-18 63. Score by Quarters:

20 12 19 12 - 63 Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Geiger, Hall). Total Fouls: Snyder 17, Coahoma 15. Fouled

Stanton boys, girls

### split at tournament BIG LAKE - Stanton's Lady Buffaloes took a 51-35 win over Monahans' Lady Loboes Tuesday night, allowing them to move into tonight's final of

the Reagan County Invitational Tournament. The same luck would not follow for Stanton's Buffs in the boys' division, as they dropped a 63-59 loss to Reagan County's host Owls and were slated to face Coahoma's Bulldogs at 3:30

place game. The Lady Buffs, who will face Menard at 5 p.m. were paced by Rachel Madison's 15 points and got 11 more from Jonna Moore in the win over Monahans.

today in the tournament's third-

In the Buffs' loss, Kyle Herm scored a game-high 21 points and Chad Smith added 11 more, but Stanton simply ran out of gas in the final period and Reagan County took advantage, outscoring the Buffs 19-7 at crunch time.

In the other boys' division semifinal, Coahoma's Bulldogs endured an ice-cold second quarter and were unable to rally in a 57-55 loss to Ballinger. Ryan Peckham paced the Bulldogs in the loss with a

game-high 22 points. Today's third-place game will be a preview for the District 3-2A opener for both teams set for Friday, Jan. 8, at Stanton.

Reagan Co. 63, Stanton 59 STANTON — J. Smith 4 1-2 9, Herm 7 4-6 21, Cobb 3 0-0 6, Martinez 0 0-0 0, B. Smith 0 2-3 2, Kelly 1 0-0 2, Hull 2 4-4 8, Cook 0 0-0 0, C. Smith 5 1-4 11, Harris 0 0-0 0. Totals 22,

REAGAN COUNTY — Ramirez 2 4-6 9, Bonilla 3 2-3 10, Stenix 1 4-6 6, Compost 3 2-2 9, Levario 2 1-1 7, Gulley 2 0-1 4, Goodlow 0 2-3 2, White 1 0-0 2, Thompson 4 0-1 8, Neal 2 2 6. Totals 20 17-28 62. Score by Quarters:

13 16 15 19 - 63

Three-point goals: Stanton 3 (Herm 3); Reagan County 6 (Ramirez, Compost 1, Bonilla 2, Lavario 2). Total Fouls: Stanton 23, Reagan County 19. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls

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mony. Your extra effort breaks

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Tonight: You don't have to go

Reach out for others. You

have to go out of your way to

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Don't worry about finances on

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lutions for the future, but enjoy

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Examine your expectations. You feel let down because your plans aren't realistic. Question decisions about work or a relationship. Make an effort toward a difficult partner. Others seek you out as you flow into the new year. Tonight: Enjoy the celebration.\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Take an overview. Think through recent changes. Do you want your life as it is? You could be overwhelmed by what you have to do. Start sorting through priorities. A partner comes through for you. Listen to him; he means well. Tonight: Do something different.\*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make this a holiday for two. Even if you are with others, focus on that one special person in your life. Romance sparkles as you reveal more of yourself. Make resolutions about your health. Realize and honor your limits. Tonight. Two glasses and a bottle of champagne.\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Others seek you out, but you don't receive a message clearly. Don't fret, just clarify Popularity is high; you still might opt to ring in the new year at home. Invite special friends and family over. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Warm and snuggled in. \*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You could have a lot to do to get ready for tonight. Whether kicking off celebrations at your place or getting some extra work done, you plunge in. You make mountains out of molehills. Think through a problem. It just might not be one after all! Tonight: There is a tomor-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your mischievous side emerges as you decide to kiss 1998 goodbye with style. Allow more joy into your life. A friend feels left out. Be sensitive to this person, yet help him recognize how he have created this situation. Tonight Have fun.\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take time to visualize what you want rather than blindly flying into another year. What you see as workable probably is. Just go for it! A partner is out of sync and appreciates. your feedback. Let others seek you out, but make plans that suit you. Tonight: As you like

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## Free eye care is available to eligible kids and adults

DEAR ABBY: Every January for the last eight years, thousands of your readers have called and written the Optometric American Association to apply for free eye care available to lowincome work-

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63141, or on the American Optometric Association (AOA) Web site (www.acanet.org) in the "Meet the AOA" section. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 22, 1999. Or, from Jan. 4-29, 1999, low-income working people can be screened for eligibility for VISION USA by calling 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.(CST).

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DEAR ABBY: This is a thank you note. For many years, I have found your column to be terrific and insightful. The questions, problems and solutions you have offered have helped me throughout my life in relationships, marriage and the raising of two fine children, as well as in business.

I have read your column since I was 14 years old, and as I approach my 50th birthday, and my wife and I near our 25th anniversary, it seemed a good idea to let you know that you've had a positive impact.

Sometimes it's been years before your advice has come in handy, but I am grateful to have had your wise counsel in advance of the problems.

Abby, in the school of life, you're been a great educator. --STEVE SAETA, CAMARILLO, CALIF.

DEAR STEVE: Thank you! I, too, was a student once, and we all learn from others more experienced than ourselves.

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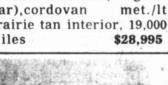


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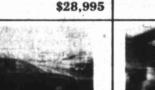
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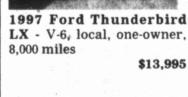
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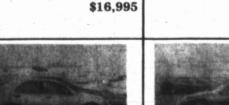
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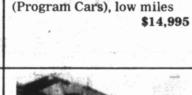
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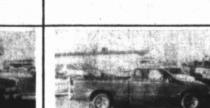
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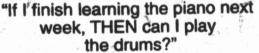
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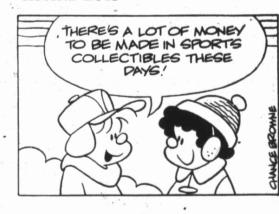
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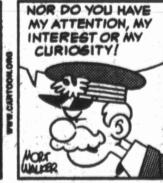
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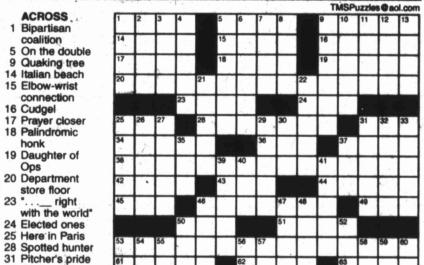
one day left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1853, the United States bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

On this date:

In 1865, author Rudyard

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In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago. In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was

elected the first president of the Republic of China. In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin

proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike, at a Fisher Body Plant in Flint, Mich. In 1940, California's first free-

way, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened. In 1944, King George II of

Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne.

In 1947, King Michael of Romania agreed to abdicate but charged he was being forced off the throne by Communists.

In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1978, Ohio State University fired Woody Hayes as its foot-

ball coach, one day after Hayes punched Clemson University player Charlie Bauman during the Gator Bowl after Bauman intercepted an Ohio pass. Ten years ago: President Reagan and President-elect

Bush were subpoenaed to testify as defense witnesses in the pending Iran-Contra trial of Oliver North. (The subpoenas were subsequently quashed.) Five years ago: Israel and the Vatican agreed to recognize

each other. Hollywood agent Irving "Swifty" Lazar died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 86. One year ago: The single

deadliest massacre in Algeria's insurgency began in four mountain villages as armed men killed 412 men, women and children in an attack that lasted from dusk until dawn.

Today's Birthdays: Singermusician Bo Diddley is 70. Singer Skeeter Davis is 67. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 64. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Sandy Koufax is 63. Folk singer Paul Stookey is 61. Singer John Hartford is 61. Actor Joseph Bologna is 60. TV director James Burrows is 58. Actor Fred Ward is 56. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 56. Singer Davy Jones is 53. Singer Patti Smith is 52. Rock singermusician Jeff Lynne is 51. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph ("Moesha") is 43. Actress Patricia Kalember ("Sisters") is 42. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 42. NBC newscaster Matt Lauer is 41. Actress-singer Tracey Ullman is 39.

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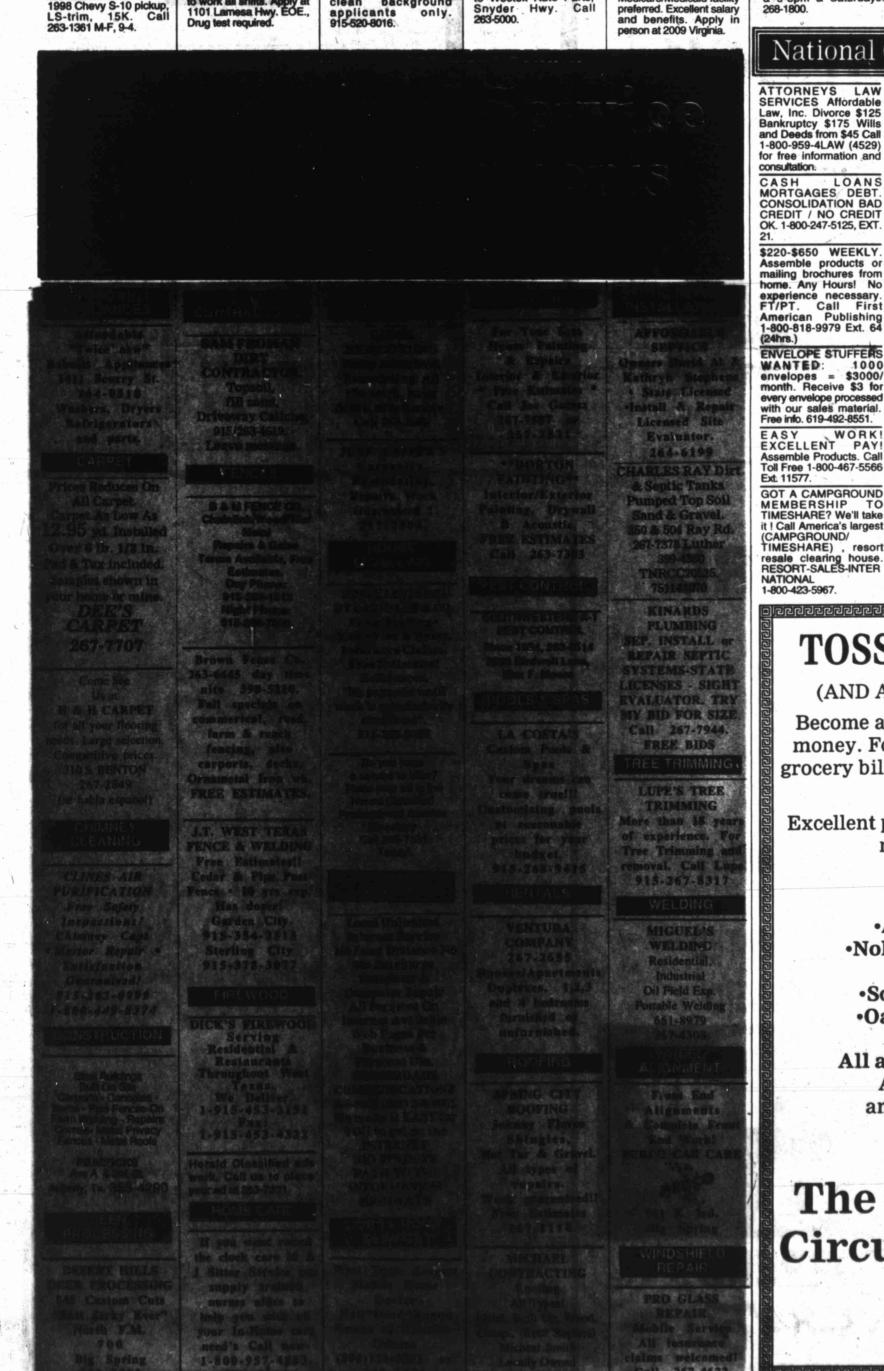
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