## HERALD

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WWEDNESDAY December 30, 19 Tonlght:
New Year's prompts some to take holiday Wocal government offices
will be closed for the first day of
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 Comm The Big Spring Herald will have normal hours on Thursday.
The business office will be
closed Friday Early closed Friday. Early dead-
lines are in effect for Friday and regular deadlines are in effect for Sunday's newspa-

WHAT'S UP
THURSDAY
G Gideons International
Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7
a.m.'Hermans.
C. Big Spring Senior $9: 30$ to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and
older. Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room

FRIDAY
$\underset{\text { Citizens }}{\begin{array}{c}\text { Spring City } \\ \text { country/western }\end{array}}$ citizens country/western
dance, $7: 30$ to $10: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All dance, $7: 30$ to 1
seniors invited.

SATURDAY
C Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W . Third. Everyone w
D Big Spring Evening
Lions Club, $6: 30$ p.m, 1607 E. Lions Cl
Third.
Gospel singing, 7 p.m.,
Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Call 267.6764. Guest singers
from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.
meet. Women's Aglow will not
tUESDAY
Beginning line dance
classes, 9 a classes, 9 a.m.
Citizens Center.

- Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
ם VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
- Big Spring Chapter No 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting 7:30 p.m.
Lodge, 219 Main.


## INSIDE TODAY.

Abby
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Comics
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Horoscope
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your paper, pleasecell 263your paper, please call $263-$
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before 7 p.m. on week-
days and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Most middle-income taxpayers will get a break this year
$\frac{\text { By DEbBIE L. JENSEN }}{\text { Features Editor }}$ Most middle-class ta
payers think the



Preschoolers Devine Martin, standing, and Madison Churchwell enjoy the playground at Hillicrest Child Development Center on Tuesday. Spring-like temperatures are expected in the region through Friday.
take advantage of some of the tax for the first two years of college.
changes that will apply this year, the The Roth IRA is a hot item,' Fillingim year
savings could changes that will apply this year, the The Roth IRA is a hot item,' Fillingim
savings could add up to $\$ 1,000$ or even added. That savings plan is not taxable more. Much of the savings will also be in when the money is drawn out upon
credits, which, unlike deductions, are retirement, and it offers other benefits taken directly off the tax bill.
"One of the better things," Fillingim
said, "is the child ter said, "is the child tax credit of $\$ 400$ for each child. This is subject to some
income limitations, but it will be avail able to most middle-income taxpayers."
Next year, the credit grows to $\$ 500$ for
each child.
There is also a college-tuition credit
There is also a college-tuition credit
for low and middle-income taxpayers.
Parents who are paying tuition
Porents who are paying tuition can
receive credits of up to $\$ 1,500$ per child "First-time homebuyers can also use money from a Roth IRA (for the home parchase) without penalty," Fillingim
Other changes include:
Assets such as stocks and bonds held for just over a year, instead of 18 gains rates.

- Self-employed people can deduct 45
year up tron 40 percer the presion
In tax year 1999,
planned, including:
lanned, including: - An expanded definition of the home fice that will mean two million busi he first time can claim a deduction for - Senior citizens will be able $\$ 15,500$ 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.
See TAXPAYERS, Page 2A

Low and mid-income families may find it easier to buy a home
 Salary Limits Buying a home became affordable for low and moderate
income families in Howard For Low interest Loans Family Slize Income County, as low interest loans
are now available through the $\$ 12,250$ Department of Agriculture. As part of the rural designa-
tion of the county announced tion of the county announced 4 Persons available through the Rural federal agricultural department,
said Joe Gilbreath said Joe Gilbreath, community
development specialist. "Our program is a subsidized housing program designed to help low income families obtain
decent, safe and sanitized decent, safe and sanitized
homes that they could not otherwise provide for themselves, Gilbreath said.
Low income levels for Howard Low income levels for Howard County vary by the size of the
family. A family of two must salary, and a family of four 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 A few restrictions apply to the A rew 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 must meet the income levels, he
said.
If the home is falling down around their ears, they are eli gible, even if they own it. And if
they have the income to repay a
Legislation could save taxpayers thousands in election costs By MARSHA STURDIVANT By MARSHA
A bill filed recently with the House of Representatives may
save Texas taxpayers thousands of dollars in election costs if
passed
by texas passed by the Texas
Legislature. State Rep. Jerry Madden,
Ststrict 67 , has filed House Bill 47, which calls for community
and junior college election

 taxpayer," Madden said. Howard College, said the idea to said. $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { For example, Madden cites } \\ \text { Collin } & \text { County } & \text { Community } & \text { allow trustee elections be based } \\ \text { on vote totals instead of a }\end{array}$ Madden has been a member of College election administrator Dr. Tom Rogers.
Rogers said a run-off election Rogers said a run-off election
at his college costs a minimum of $\$ 21,000$.
The college supports Rep. The college supports Rep.
Madden's efforts to help us cut Madden's efforts to heip
spending by eliminating a

## Pit bull attack has Coahoma man pondering leash law

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| ures E | 20 -pound dog. <br> "He got the | Office could do unless th had attacked a human." |
| John Rink, who just moved to Coahoma earlier this month, keeps his dog secured in his | omer)," Rink said. "The d | The only choice Rink h |
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|  | rra Animal C | Sheriff's Deputy Kerry Fritz aid Rink's choices are indeed |
| The new manager of K.Bob's | will have to stay |  |
|  | days. His injuries included | Of |
| wants to keep his 2-year-old registered male beagle, Boomer, a pet for his daughter. But he | separated hip, several bit | should be responsible for their |
|  | requiring 12 stitches and six | animal's actions," Fritz said. |
| also wants to protect the dog. That's why Rink was so sur- | puncture wound | ites somebody |
|  |  | or is a health hazard, we're will- |
| prised Monday night when Boomer was attacked by two pit | k said. | ing to help but the |
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|  |  | eceive continuous "dog at |
| bull terriers that had been running loose. | ds a "leas | large" complaints in the county |
| "My wife and family came to | law requiring pet ow | including Coahoma city limits. |
|  | keep their dogs on a leash if $n$ | Coahoma city councilmember |
| ent the two, | secu | uce Allen said Rink would be |
| tacked Bo |  |  |
| man visiting Rink's neighbor |  | e LEASH, Page 2A |



## Obituaries

Jesus Perez Service for Jesus Perez, 68,
Big Spring. is pending with
Myers \& Smith Funeral Home. Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.
He died Tuesday, Dec. 29 ;
1998, at Scenic Mountain 1998, at Scenic Mountain
Medical Center following a
short illness.

## James W.

## "Jim" Griffin

 Service for James W. "Jim"Griffin, 65, Coahoma, is pend-
ing with Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.
He died Tue 1998, at the Vecterans
Administration Medical Center.

## LEASH

at its next meeting, Jan. 13, on
the issue. "We do have some ordinances
concerning dogs," Allen said, concerning dogs,", Allen said,
"but mo leash law.".
Allen warned Rink to expect some opposition. "There's going to be opposi-
tion to any new law," he said. tion to any new law," he said.
"But we're open to any discus-
sion."

## HOMES

ances are computed into the
debt ratio. Monthly expenses such as groceries and utilities
are not: Total monthly income tain deductions, he said, "The projected house pay-
ment, taxes and insurance may income," he said.
Also,
interest loan may be reduced on a yearly basis, to as much as 1 per-
cent, for the length of the loan, "It will never go down below 1
percent, but tit can go that low," Closing costs must be paid by
the family, about $\$ 1,500$. And 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 origimade to purchase an existing house or to construct a new
house. The loan can include the house.
"The broad term is that there are modest requirements in
size, design and cost, he said. A separate program allows
moderate income families to purchase a home through a traagency guaranteeing the loan,
he said.
"The primary difference is that there are no breaks in the
interest rates. This is for modincomes. A moderate income in
Howard County for a family of 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


MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME \& CHAPEL 24th \& Johnson $\quad 267-8288$
James W. Grimin, 65, died Tuesday. Service is pending. Family visitation is $2: 00$ to
4:00 PM, today at the funeral 4:00 PM,
home.
Tuesday. Services are pending.

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call $806-785-5644$, extension TAXPAYERS

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News shows, football tops in holiday television LoS ANGELES (AP) - News
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shows; $A B C$ had five and NBC


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 Ranger," cBs, .9.3.
Man jailed in Louisiana confesses to Texas killings
 charges has signed a a satemen
concerring four Texas sianim dating back to to 11979 , includung
the icepick killing of a tarris County woman, authorities say.
Danny Paul
Bible 47 . fessed do the s.anyings, atrier
being jailed in Louisiana in the

 | ifrs detective Randall Walker |
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| told the Houston Chronicle for | Tuesday editions.

He reportedly
He reportedly also confessed
to killing a woman her baby tond her roommate 15 years ago in Mineral Wells, west of Fort Worth. Bible already has
served a prison term for ha served a prison term for one of
those deaths, following a guilty those in 1984.
plea
"Dann
"Danny's telling us all about
things that hat things that happened in
Texas," Walker said "We Texas, Walker said. We can
put him in 20 -something states
since he was paroled (about since he was paroled (about
1993), so there's no telling what 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 Denton, a north Harris County woman who was stabbed
back with an ice pick and
raped.
Harris County sheriffs detecBIGSPRING.

 "They're going to meet with
the local law enforcement people and see if Bible will talk to
them," McWilliams them,", McWilliams said,
adding, "It's just speculation at adaisg, int and we wouldn't
thist to create false hope. This
want guy is basically an unknown to
us at this point ". According to Walker, Bible
also confessed to the May 1983 also confessed to the May 1983
slayings of his sister-in-law
Tracy Powers, her 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-
mined.

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 ush-
ers in the new year one last
time Thursday night ers 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 10,000-watt Xenon lamp, 18075 watt halogen lamps, 144 glitter
strobe lights and 12,000 rhine-
stones "It has served us as a wonder-
ful symbol of celebration, we will give it a great farewell at its final performance,
Brendan Sexton, president Brendan Sexton, president of
the Times Square Busines Improvement District, said
Monday.
The new ball, to be completed
Thd by Waterford Crystal at its
headquarters in Ireland, is still in the planning stages. celebration is expected to
attract 500,000 people to Trimes Square and will feature three
giant video screens and a pyrotechnic display. And, of
course, the ball's minute-long


## WEDNESDAY p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic

 Church, Stoom 1 1, 4601 Neeley,Midland. Call 263-8920. Midland. Call $263-$-9920.
Alcoholics Anonymus, 615 Settles, noon open mee
8 p.m. 12 and 12 study. ©Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church.Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study. THURSDAY
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 Settles, noon open meeting.
-A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit su port and learning organization about attention deficit disorde
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## Let's Celebrate This New Year KC

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-Seafood -Beer and Wine

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## Area code crisis is ballooning despite unused numbers <br> Consing soon to a (telephone <br> must upgrade equipment and Public Utilities Commission eight codes were graduall

hea you; more area codes. ${ }^{*}$ Across the country, the pholicy Institute, a Washington a third code in age each getting industry is runing out of num , The Tapid depletion of phone There adie two basic ways to
and a code. Traditionally, a
bers faster than ever imagined, bers faster than ever imagined, number is primpting federal region is split into smaller sec-
farce githe creation ofnew area oficials to find more efficient tions, forcing some customers code that translate intow confl- ways to dole out numbers. The to change their area code com-
sion and costs for callers.
Federal The growing need for new Commission is expected to procodes isn't the result of a grow. pose new rules in the coming ing demand for phone numbers. More at fault is the way that
numbers are assigned, in blocks of 10,000 , leaving many num bers unused. it's the cellular
"You hear "You hear it's the cellular at least 23 and is projected to have phones, faxes and modems wip- area went from two codes to five
ing out area codes, but that's 1996 and is getting Lott lays down blueprint for Jan. 7 trial start; House demands witnesses prosecutors say they want to nesses would make a quick trial $\begin{aligned} & \text { sesses without any formal votes }\end{aligned}$ call witnesses at President clinton s impeachment trial,
which could begin Jan. 7 under a blueprint that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott proposed to The all-Republican prosecu: tion team, holding its first strategy session Tuesday, did not decide who might be summoned eral of its members said. The House now must await a Senate timetable and a decision on whether witn 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 Lott said he believed a trial
could be held without witnesses. "Are witnesses required?
don't think so," he told the AP. Senators from both parties have sald they wanted to avoid a trial longer than several
weeks, and it was unclear so-called managers, said a con-

Missiles fired over southern 'no-fy' zone in Iraq today WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. $\begin{aligned} & \text { and fired two HARM anti-radar } \\ & \text { fighter jets fired missiles and } \\ & \text { laser }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { early today after a British air- } & \text { at } 10: \text { guided ammbe (1:15 a a.m. CST, he he }\end{array}$ fired from an Iraqi missile site, the Pentagon said. A British bomber reported the The aircraft safely departed
the area about a half hour later. activity at a a
time (12:30 a.m. CST) southwest $\quad$ whether the Iraqi missiles wêre "There were several surface-to-air missiles fired," said a condition of anonymity. Two US. F-16 fighter jets
patroling the area responded

reprint business cards, sta- "Then all of a sudden it started Then it sped up: 14 more code tionery and advertising. snowballing." in 1995, 11 in 1996, 32 in 1997 an "Five years ago, maybe, there The system, which also covers 22 in 1998. Industry official number of area codes being began with 78 area codes for the codes a year unless changes ar $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { number or area codes being } \\ \text { assigned," } & \text { said } & \text { bruan with } 78 \text { area codes for the } & \text { codes } \\ \text { Urited States in 1947. Forty- } & \text { made. }\end{array}$

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ment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; ment of religion, or prohibiting ine free exercise thereof,
or abridging the fredom of speech, or of the press, or
the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to peti the right of thk people peaceably to assemble, and to peti-
tion the Government for a redress of grievances."
-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## Our Views <br> County fire issues need to be handled

 in an adult mannerWen one looks back at 1998, they'll dis'cover 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, howe
county and her citizens.
ounty and her citizens. As we ve worked to compile our year-in-review, one constant keeps rearing its ugly head - that the vol-
unteers want to make the rules, run the show and dicunteers want to make the rules, run the show and dic
tate 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 a least some of the volunteers, perhaps it's time for that to happen. all other monies raised for the purpose of county gov ernment 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 ment, 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, finan 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 understood or was never delivered to Chief Sullivan. In the meantime, it seems as if a "your volunteer fire Gepartment 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 pressu
It's a shame the issue can't be settled face to face adult to adult. It's a shame therè 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 volun teers 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 profession-
ally, instead of one side or the other working to make ally, instead of one side or the other working to mate
us all look like the laughingstock of West Texas.

## LETTER POLICIES

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## Community's losses were heavy in 1998

| because of pathf̄inders like Dr . Malone, Dr. John Hogan, Dr. |  |
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| Hall and Dr. Bennett that for | ing down to get a $h$ |
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| blessed as a responsibility to help others and her community. |  |
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| cats at the Humane Society |  |
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ask the question: "How would we feel if that story were writ
ten about our loved one? Yes, ours is a job and I can
promise you that when promise you that when you
have to sit down and write have to sit down and write,
such a story, it's a job that' such a story, it's a job that
anything but glamorous. It is not any easier on us,
especially in a small town especially in a small town;
where many of us know one where many of us know one sister or mother or father of the person we are writing
It's not any easier when you
knew the person from church knew the person from church
or from the athletic field or or from the athletic field
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 b
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 jus to sell newspapers? No. We write them because they ar are the topic of conversation because they are news ... and We just try to write them in We just try to write them facts, preserves dignity and 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
Herald


How do you load your toilet paper?

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Manny and
Judy are easy
to be with. W
around and talk
Manny and I were in the
Army together. We' ve tept
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 and Judy's three kids were
born on three different contiborn on
nents.
In Sa
. In Santa Fe , we exchanged
stories stories. Judy told about how
when she worked as director when she worked as director Mankato State University in Minnesota, she worked in an
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up their wives' Dffice with a bouquet of flowers. They called
the florist to send a bunch of sign the card then The Thiree Hign the card Lovers." When the card got there it
read "The Handsome Lumber read "The Handsome Lumber
Company." The girls were Company." The girls w
somewhat confused. Manny told about a motel
experience he had on the way 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 checke out, he noticed a $\$ 4$ phone
charge and asked the clerk to explain it. The clerk replied, " don't 'splain nothin."
Manny still doesn't what the charge was for, but what the charge was for, but
he certainly has had his money's worth telling the story. We repented t the phrase
often during the remainder of the trip.
Judy told of a visit to her
mother who lives in a nursin

## mother home.

home. It was actually Judy's sister
who made the visit. She had who made the visit. She had
her 4 -yea- old grandson with
her. When they arrived her. When they arrived at the nursing home, they met grand
ma in the lobby. She is not doing well and never recog nizes anyone, but all the kids make over her anyway, giving
her warm greetings and sayin
"Hello, Grandma, how're ya
doin' and you're lookin' good." The attendant wheeled the
ld lady down to her room and he family followed. doThg too werl: Shêe was falling asleep, then belching and look ng just pitiful. "Couldn't we just take her back couldn't we just take he home?"
Out of the mouths of babes. High on a mountain we disnever 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, the roll should be on the front,
others said it should be on the Such lofty topics. We were together six days
and nights. It was a blast. No and nights. It was a blast. No
telling what we'll talk about telling what
next time.

## next time.

Manny and I always have
someone take a piture of us 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 notic ing which way a roll of toi
paper is put on a roller.
(Bit Spring resident Bob
Lewis is Tumbleweed Smith.



## New Year's Recipes Try these tasty dishes

| January honors Janus, the Roman god of $\qquad$ |  |
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| hence, thegod of begin- |  |
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| nings. The early Romans |  |
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| believed that |  |
| the outcome of every important |  |
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| upon its out- $\qquad$ |  |
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| was always pictured with two faces, and indeed, the month of |  |
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| January does have two faces. It is time once again to make |  |
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| those New Year's resolutions; a |  |
| time to look back upon the experiences of the past year and try to profit from them in |  |
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| the new year ahead. Southerners are devoted to |  |
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| the tradition of eating blackeyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck throughout the |  |
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| coming year. |  |
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| The black-eyed peas are a very spicy soup-like concoc |  |
| tion served in bowls. This recipe serves 3 to 4, but you can double it easily if you use a |  |
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| Dutch oven rather than a skil- |  |
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| Happy New Year to All! |  |
| South Of-The-Border Black- |  |
| 1 pound bulk pork sausage ( I |  |
| use the hot) |  |
| 1 medium onion, chopped 1 clove garlic, minced |  |
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| 1 (16 oz) pkg. frozen blackeyed peas |  |
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| 1 can Mexican-style stewed |  |
| tomatoes2 cans water |  |
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| 1 T chili powder. |  |
| 1 tsp. cumin -_, spes sman |  |
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| 1/4 tsp. black pepper salt to ${ }^{\circ}$ erste |  |
| Cook sausage in a $12^{\circ}$ skillet ntil done. Drain well. Add |  |
|  |  |
| until done. Drain well. Add |  |
| onion and garlic and saute fiveminutes. Stir in remaining |  |

ingredients, coyer and simmer
for one hour, stirring occasionfor
ally.

Acapulco Avocado Salad
3 large tomatoes, cut into wedes 1 cup ripe olives, cut in half
$(14 \mathrm{oz})$ can drained art choke hearts
1 cup commercial Italian $\underset{\substack{1 \text { cup } \\ \text { dressing } \\ 1 / 4 \text { cup }}}{ }$ $1 / 4$ cup tarragon vinegar
1 clove garlic, minced
3 ripe avocados 3 ripe gavocados
$1 / 4$ cup lemon juice 1/4 cup lemon juic Assorted lettuce,
Place tomatoes, artichokes
and olives in shallow contain and olives in shallow contain-
er. Combine Italian dressing,
vinegar and garlic in vinegar and garlic in jar, cover
and shake. Pour over vegeta and shake. Pour over vegeta 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 Cheesy Jalapeno
Bread
1 cup yellow cornmeal
1 cup cream style corn
1 cup sour cream 1 cup sour cre
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking powder $1 / 4$ cup vegetable oil 2 slightly beaten eggs ${ }_{3}^{2}$ jalapeno peppers, chopsed and seeded
1diced oni
1 diced onion
Combine all ingreaients in Combine all ingredients in
mixing bowl and mix well.
*Add 2 T vegetable oil to large ron skillet and place in 350 degree oven until the oil is very hot. Remove and add the oven and bake approximately 1 oven and bake appr.
hour at 350 degrees.
${ }^{* *}$ Heating the oil in skillet
ives your finished product a crispy outer crutst.'
Food for thought: The past is still in your power.

## Life has changed for boy shot by robber wanting his bike

HOUSTON(AP) - Roland always put a high value on Normal as in sweating under a basketball net. Normal as in finaly understanding long cal jokes, waving at pretty girls, mowing lawns for spend-
ing money. ing money.
Last June, when Roland was
10, he spent those first, lazy Last June, when Roland was
10, he spent those first, lazy
weeks of weeks of summer cutting
grass. He needed a new bike--
he'd had two that had been grass. He needed a new bike
he'd had two that had been
stolen -- and he and his parents stoen - and he and his parents buy his next set of wheels
Painstakingly, he earned th Painstakingly, he earned th
$\$ 75$ he needed. As soon as $h$ had the money, July 10 , his
mom took him to Wal-Mart, and he picked out a blue 10 -
speed. Late that afternoon, he asked if he and a couple o
ander friends could ride to the conve nience store three blocks
away. He wanted to take the
bike for a test drive. And he bike for a test drive. And he
still had some money left for candy.
Reluct
Reluctantly, she said yes.
Her parents had been strict. Her parents had been strict.
When she was a kid, they wouldn't let her off the block.
A few minutes later a robber A few minutes later, a robber
was holding a gun to Roland's ribs, and he was afraid he'd
never see normal again. never see normal again.
A young man had been lurk A young man had been lurk-
ing 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
too late. 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 any thing from midchest down.
Roland, Thetherrerye how
Roland becamengousehold Roland becamena_household
name.
Police investigating the
crime crime were enraged that some-
one would shoot a child over a
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A young man had convenience in the parking lot He'd seen the bike, tags still on,
wanted it
bike. Other Houstonians read and heard about him on television and radio. That a 10 -yearold would be cut down -- that his future taken away from him that way --was incompre-
hensible. hensible.
But really

## Today, Rolan

plegic. Without some kind of medical breakthrough, he is But Roland still knows and loves normal.
He still enjoy
He still enjoys triumphs over
long division. He's still a jok long division. He's still a joker. Despilte tremendous losses, he
still has his childhood, and he still has his future.
Sometimes, Roland has dis-
covered, 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 prac-
tice; all live for games tice; all live for games.
Sweating, crashing into walls
or into one another mumbling or into one another, mumbling about referees, groaning over
defeats --it's all cool kid stuff defeats-it's all cool kid stuff
and a gift and a balm to the
players. Roland in particular players, Roland in particular.
During practice at the downtown YMCA, Roland and a
dozen teammates listen care dozen teammates listen care-
fully to instructions. They have two big games comin Copoand they plan to win. whistle and orders his players
to line up, then sends them racing the length of the gym.
Now backward, he bellows,
and the kids struggle to follow
his instruction, wheeling backhis instruction, wheeling back-
ward in their chairs ward in their chairs. A
collide. A few hit the wall.
"Watch where you're going "Watch where you're going!"
hollers one mom. "Push hard hollers one mom. "Push hard
er! 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 scoops up the ball bouncing
toward him and heaves it toward the basket.
A miss

## A miss. No problem

Most of the players have
more than one handicap, and they've coped with those hand icaps since birth. During prac
tice, how teammates wound 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 whee faster and shoot straighter than the Hot Wheels. The Ho Wheels intend to redeem them-
selves in the upcoming games selves in the upcoming games.
Three young men, all stellar
wheelchair basketball wheelchair baskentball players, coach the 12 boys and one girl. Duff takes a moment to say a
few words about Roland There's no mush during practice, though he and his fellow coaches love and admire their
players.
"Good coordination", says, eyeing Rolatd as if he
were a National were a National Basketball
Association prospect. "I'm sur Association prospect. "I'm sur
prised he's only 11." Paraplegia is not the first medical disaster Roland has In 1987 he was born with a
cleft lip and cleft palate, birth clef lip and cleft palate, birth
defects that were almost com-
pletely repaired during pletely repaired during a
series of plastic surgeries series of plastic surgeries.
Still, the Sanderses were traumatized.
After he was born, I came home and cried and cried,"
Roland Sr. says, reminiscing with his wife, Cheryl, in their See BOY, Page 6A

## More New Year's recipes

Luck for the new year, or at least a delicious start


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 seal. Repeat with remaining dough, sausage and cheese to
make 24 turnovers. Bake at 400 make 24 turnovers. Bake at 400 until golden brown. Brush
turnovers with butter. Makes turnovers with butter. Makes
24 turnovers.

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Braunfels; 78131. Make check Bayable to Pioneer Flour Mills

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

## For Your Information

internal revenue service instructors will be conducting a training session for Volunteer
Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and othIncome Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and or ers who are interested in attending the class.
The training will be at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Monday, Jan. 11, untill Friday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. to noon each
day. Persons must pass a test in order to qualify day. Persons must pass a test in
for working with the VITA program.
for working with the ViTA program.
Tax assistance will be available From Tax assistance will be available From Feb. 1
through March 31 at locations to be announced ater. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at
$267-1628$. 267-1628.
WOMEN AGLOW HAVE ANNOUNCED they will

## 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 resol
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 year. After
all, who really needs the
let down and TARter
the blow to
self esteem when you ply stop eatinh, get organ sized,
start an exercise money, etc., etc., etc.
As I drove to my hometown to spend the holicays with my family, 1 listened to a take con-
trol of your life and get organized tape.
Spring, Irove back to Bigened to the same
tape. My thinkin tape. My thinking was that the
more 1 listen would sink in, after all doesn't
research in research show that we have to
hear something at least seven 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 resolumyself this year, Tot a resolu-
tion buta a aoal. That goal is to
tont start to to get organized ( figigure
this will take most of 1999) and to de-junk.
I learned
Ilearned from the tape to use
the salami techni helps you to achieve what is necessary. With the salami
technique. ose sust slice the 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 accomplish the take that we
tend to procrastinate about. tend to procrastinate about.
Another idea that I learned from the tape I plan to unsed is
four boxes and a list. The way Your boores and a the boxes are labeled keep, route, charity,
trash. . Pick the room that you
will be cleaning (this works at will be cleaning (this works at
the office as well). As you go through the closet,
drawers, under the bed, etc., 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
ite you keep for a while until you decide what to do with them: Be careful because the "keep"
box can become an overflowing box can become an overflowins
mess; be honest with yourself and put only the things in this
box that you really may box that you really may want
to keep or need later on. In the to keep. or need later on. In the
-ruote box ou will put all
those tite those items th
somewhere else.
The cheresity. . wlll this is
pretty self explanatory - put the 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 anyone else good either, so her come the trash box. Aill those items that are not useful, are
broken or used up. go in this broken or used up, go in this
box.
Re Be ruthess, aterer 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

Tile Last IWord

Tis education forms the mmon mind. Just as the
twig is bent, the trees.
inclined.

The brain is iliee a muscle. When it is in use, we feel very
good. Understanding is is ofous.
carl Sagan

Prayer for peace planned Thursday Thursday will have a speciar 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 Ives, seid Nancy Patrick, local organizier.
The effort began in 1996, and now has spread to many countries around the worlid. Participipants pray to further the advancement of "peace on Earth, good will toward all.
year,
Patrick said it is expected that a b bilition peopil from all parts of the gliobe
will be involved in the eroject.t.tis year. Call her at 2636311 for more intor Pill beicin in
mation. ,


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## IF YOU DRINK \& DRIUE.

Getting on the road while drunk can give new meaning to the phrase "getting smashed on New Year's Evef": Don't usher in the New' Year

## TREE TOP APPLE CIDER HYTOP BLEACH ouaris $3 / 10^{100}$ Saezzert snacks $\quad 325.023 / 1^{00}$ <br> T.A.V. SMOKED 3/400 SÁUSAGE 12.OZ. PkG.


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, to drive.


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We wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year! Don't Drink and Drive

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IN BrieE YMce holding tralining cllinic for hoops coaches The Bi S Spring YMCA will
be holding a free training clin c hor al y youth recreation coaches on Saturday. 3 p.m. followi
es
meeting. For more information, co
tact Cindy at 267-8234.

American Cancer Soclety Ofing 1999 goir passes County unit of the American ing local golfers to take advan Pass, ACS' Texas Golf Pass
The ACS
provides golfers with up to 45 provides golfers with up to o 450
rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a $\$ 35$
fee.
Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trai in the program, as well as 82
others in the Panhandie and West Texas.
Application forms are available at the pro sho
Big Spring courses.
Softhall umpires needed for high school schedule Fastpitch umpires are cu ames throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chap mpires Association. Umpires will be calling high
school softball games in Apine, Andrews, Big Spring, City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton Greenwood, Hermleigh Kermit, Lamesa, Midland
Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and For more information, ca
Mack Gipson at $520-5961$. orom Bsis frosh baseballers to gather A meeting for parents of al players at Big Spring High p.m. Monday at the BSH Athletic Training Center. The meeting has been slated $y$ the Steers Basebal
Boosters Club in order to let Soosters Club in order to the club's officers and provide answers to questi
ing the program.
For more information, con
act James Clements at 1069.

Bowl Games

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MICRON PC Bowl

At Morth Carolina State (7-4)
Miami (8.3) $6: 30$ p.m. (TBS) Miami (8.3), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl Al amo Bowl
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue
$(8-4), 7: 30$ p.m. (ESPN)

## Wednoeday, Dec. 30

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At Memphis, Ten Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tula
(11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Sun Bow
At il Paeo, Toxate Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS) Poech Bowl
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (83),

## On the Air

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11:30 p. m . - Reint Cleaslic, ohamplonship game,
teams TBA, ESPN, Ch, 30 .

## Longhorns' Williams enjoying Cotton Bowl festivities

DALLAS (AP) - After a whirlwind ning note.
month of award banquets, news confer- $\begin{aligned} & \text { I already have the Heisman Trophy, } \\ & \text { ences and public appearances, Texas so I don't have anything to prove," he }\end{aligned}$ ences and public appearances, Texa
running back Ricky Williams said
Tuesday he's been 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 out-
side side 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
house. "T'm having
familiar grin. familiar grin.
Williams will play his final game as a Longhorn Friday morning against
Mississip 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-
because I've been worried about that." Williams found "eight or nine" female cheerleaders outside his room hoping fo an autograph. He obliged, but he made "I made them Wid. "And they did. Williams hopes the fun continues Mississippi State allowed 171.9 rushin ards per game this season, whil Williams averaged a national-best 193.1 yards himself. The Cotton Bowl record o
265 yards set in 1954 by Rice's Dicky
Maegle could be within Williams' grasp. Maegle could be within Williams' grasp.
He doesn't expect it to happen, he said
"I think the way Mississippi State
 the Fiesta Bowl after a $36-33$ double-vertime Then the Wildcats weren't Invited tot the Sugar
or Orange Bowls, and the Holiday and Cotto Bowls, which are affiliated
picked Nebraska and
For the first three quarters of the Alamo Bow the Wildcats looked like a team still reeling from the snub.
of disappointment"" culmination of three weeks been a better leader for them. It was my responsibility to get them ready.
Their 21 points in the fourth quarter was the
only thing that kept Kansas State from being only thing
blown out.
Quarterback Michael Bishop lost a fumble and
threw four interceptions threw four interceptions, but also threw an Alamo Bowi-record 8 -yard touchounn pass 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 comeback
their feet.
"Im not
good team. We have no reason to hang our
heads," said Bishop heads," said Bishop, the Heisman Trophy run Pupdue coach Joe Tiller said this
rivaled last year's defeat of Notre Dame. Tiller said. "The defense played great and the Tiler 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 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 unt The offense didn't produce a touchdown until 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 wext play wit interference to grab the ball and score
untouched to pull the Wildcats to $30-27$ with $6: 23$
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 thing happen," Bishop said. "The first half was my worst since e came to Kansas state.
Brees was $25-$-f. 53
for 230 yards
"I'm thinking right now, how did we wh th game?" Brees said. "In the first half, we as an got turnovers for us all night.... All I can say is got turnovers for
that offense wins
championships.,
championships."
Bishop, who transferred to Kansas State two was only 9 -0f-24 for 182 yards with three touch downs and four interceptions.
I don't want to use the Texas A\&M game a docs not take anything away from our successes
dis season." dous not take
this season."

Miaml 46, North Carolina St. 23 MIAMI'(AP) - Edgerrin Jimes Iooked like a
first-round draft pick. Scott Covington also made some NFL scouts take notice.
And Miami's defense, so often maligned for And Miami's defense, so often maligned for
letting opposing receivers look like All
Americans, made an All-American look ordiThe pieces all fell in place for the 24th-ranked The pieces all fell in place for the 24 h-ranked
Hurricanes in Tuesday night's 46-23 win over
North Carolina State in the Micron PC Bowl, North Carolina State in the Micron PC
which is bad news for future opponents. "We went out the wiy we wanted to go out whose 80-yard touchdown pass from Covington highlighted a 594 -yard offensive performance. The Hurricanes (9-3) rolled up 269 yards rush-
ing and 325 yards passing - both school bowl ing and 325 yards passing - both school bowl
records. Their 46 points also tied a postseason standard. 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 who earned Most valuable Player honors after
completing 17 of 24 passes for 320 yards and two TDs. spring's draft, rushed for 156 yards on 20 car-
ries, his seventh consecutive 100 -yard outing. His two TDs gave him 19 for the season, 15 in that seven-game span.
down next week with coach Butch he would sit 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 . notify the NFL of his intentions by Jan. 8 .
"'There's n n o 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 difficult when you're being double-teamed, but
you have to make some adjustments during the game."
Holt produced eight 100 -yard receiving games during the regular season, including a $255-$-yard night by the Hurricanes, who had allowed eight opposing receivers to gain 100 yards.
"He's an electrifying player," Davis said. "We "He's an electrifying player," Davis said. "We
weren't going to let Torry come up with a lot of weren't going to let hirry 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 Jamie Barnette threw for 201 yards to lead the
Walfpack, 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 Coleman with
fourth quarter
When you have to score every time you touch
the football, it's tough against a team like the football, it's tough against a team like
Miami," Woifpack coach Mike O'Cain said. Rahshon Spikes led the Wolppack with 176
yards rushing, including a 30 -yard TD. Coleman yards rushing, including a 30-yard TD. Coleman
picked up some of the receiving slack with six
catches for 98 yards.


#### Abstract

ing." Emmitt Smith was the happiest about meeting Williams, and Wappiest about most excited about meeting Smith. They most excited about meeting Smith. They decided to get together Monday night. Mutual friends arranged for Williams go to Smith's house. Williams was there about four hours, spending most of the time playing video, games with Smith and his younget brother, Emory. and his younger brother, Emory. "They got mad because they couldn't beat me," Williams said. Williams said he could Williams said he and Smith mostly chitchatted, with football only coming chitchatted, with football only coming up incidentally. However, Williams said up incidentally. However, Williams said "He just told me that it's not much Williams spent Sunday night in a vacant radio booth at Texas Stadium vacant radio booth at-Texas Stadium watching the Dallas Cowboys play the Washington Redkins. But his eyes "I was looking the game whole time," he said. Late in the fourth quarter, Williams noved down to the field, standing in the Gailey After the game, coach Cha greet Williams, a players stopped "You see those guys on TV, but they're regular people just like you and me,"


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

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| over Snyder's Lady Tiger |  |
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| place trophy at the AbileneGirls Invitational Basketball |  |
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| Tournament. <br> The Bulldogettes, who suf- |  |
| fered 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' |  |
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| 12 points. |  |
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| lead in the first period of the third-place game and was able to literally cruise to the win |  |
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| from there. <br> Owning a $20-6$ lead going into |  |
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| back in the second half. |  |
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| Peoples' 14 points in the loss. The Bulldogettes suffered the |  |
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| semifinal loss to Abilene sive 24 game-high points, a performance in which she hit 14 of |  |
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| 22 free throw attempts. <br> Abilene, however, countered |  |
| with LaSharla Richardson's 22 points and nine-point contributions by Sara Laster and Shayla |  |
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| Huff. <br> The Lady Eagles dropped a 50 46 decision to crosstown rival Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars |  |
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| quarters of cold shooting in their opening-round loss to |  |
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| Breckenridge that afternoon, leading the Lady Steers with 16 points. Senior post Annie |  |
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work. You are likely to get a new car; expansion is also pos
sible at home. You could reno vate, move or increase the head
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wild swings. If you are single you will have many options a romantic tie. You'11 feel
madly in love! If attached, build mady in love! If attached, build a stronger commitment. At
times there may be a heaviness
between you. GEMINI adores The Stars Show the Kind of
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; Positive,
Difficult.
ARIES ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Wish others a happy N
Year. You could miss a call message. Don't stand on cere-
mony. Your extra effort breaks
down a barrier. Someone picks up the need for a long talk.
Discussions are fruitful.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Reach out for others.
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
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and work. It is best to get addi-
tional sleep. Friends want to
visit with you, however. Don't
forget someone who sometimes
is a bit tough on you. Tonight:

## Play it low-key** LEO (July 23-AU

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You feel let down because your plans aren't realistic. Question decisions about work or a rela
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a difficult partnet. Others seek
you out as you flow into the new year. Tonight. Enjoy the through recent chiew. Think want your life as it is? You
could be overwhelmed by what you have to do. Start sorting
through priorities. A partner
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In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establimmmen
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Reppubilics.
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 In 1947, King Michael of Romania agieed 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 In 1978, Ohfo State University fired Woody Hayes as its football coach, one day after Hayes
punched Clemson University player Charlie Bauman during the Gator Bowl after Bauman
intercepted an Ohio pass. intercepted an Ohio pass.
Ten years ago: President 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 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 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
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