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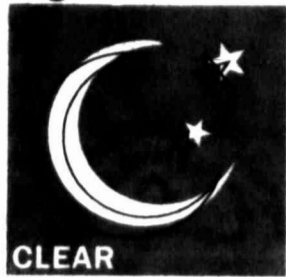
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MONDAY
January 4, 1999

Tonight:



TONIGHT 25°-28°
TUESDAY 65°-68°

Birthright still needing items

Birthright is still in need of layette items for newborns. Suggested items include sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags and flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.
□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY
□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
□ 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.

WEDNESDAY
□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY
□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.
□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
Spring City Senior Citizens dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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Firefighters kept busy on weekend; family escapes injury

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Fire Department responded to three separate fires during the New Year weekend. On Jan. 1 at about 10:42 a.m. firefighters were called to a duplex in the 1500 block of Lincoln, where they found flames and smoke pouring out of the front door and windows, according to Burr Lea Settles, fire marshal. "No one was hurt, but this sure scared them. When they became ready to get out, the fire had spread so that they could not get out the front door at all,"

Settles said. Unconfirmed reports indicate four adults and seven children were residing in the two-bedroom duplex at the time of the fire. The individuals were able to escape the home through the back door, he said. The cause of the blaze was a real Christmas tree, Settles said. "The Christmas tree was still up and by all indications, and from what these people said, the fire started at the tree. I can only presume it was wiring in the tree, because I can't find any other reason," Settles said. Damage to the front living area and kitchen were extensive, he said, totaling

about \$6,000 damage. The structure itself is sound, however. "It didn't get to the roof, so they will have to re-sheet rock the walls," he said. Two smoke detectors were found within the home, with batteries. Settles said perhaps the batteries were dead, since the detectors did not alert the family. "It didn't take us long to put out the fire, maybe 15 or 20 minutes. The rest of the time the men worked looking for hot embers and making sure there were no further fires," Settles said. A medical unit and three fire engines responded to the call, as well as the deputy chief. In all, about 10 firefighters worked to squelch the fire, he said.

A second small structure fire was reported about 4:54 p.m. Sunday, when fire fighters responded to a call in the 700 block of Douglas. A storage building caught fire, and the owner had the fire extinguished when fire fighters arrived at the scene, he said. "The mother said her two small boys had been playing in the area, and we're presuming they were playing with matches. This is an accidental fire," Settles said. Also, a smoke scare resulted in another response to a scene in the 500 block of

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Ryan Gannaway, like many others, spent the first weekend of the new year shopping at the Big Spring Mall with money he got for Christmas.

New visions

State hospital planning for growth locally and increase in service area

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital has a wide range of plans of positive changes and the opportunity for growth into new services and markets for the facility and its patient care for 1999. According to Jok Simons, director of operations and marketing, a new animal assisted therapy building will be constructed in the new year, and the service area may increase 21 counties to include areas in the Texas Panhandle.



SIMONS

"The BSSH volunteer council raised monies during 1998 for the animal assisted therapy building, designed to house the certified animals being used in hospital-wide programs," Simons said. Efforts by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation may see a larger coverage area for the hospital, which will mean shorter travel distances for those clients living in the Panhandle, he said. Many remodeling projects are included in the scope of the new year plan, Simons said. Roofs that "tie-in" a central appearance and color scheme will beautify the campus, he said. "BSSH will receive a face lift in the form of a planned project to replace the aging roofs on

many of its structures," he said. Elevators will be installed in one of the patient care buildings, as well as in the Professional Building. This should improve access to patient living areas and other service locations, he said. "The hospital will also complete the addition of semi-private bathrooms to its two main patient care buildings, to complete the re-design of these areas, enhancing a more home-like appearance and providing additional privacy for patients," Simons said.

The hospital's forensic program will be expanded to include evaluation service to local and regional courts, he said. "When completed, this will allow judges to order and purchase psychiatric evaluations to establish facts about ability to proceed, based on clinical findings and recommendations," he said.

In the area of management and administration, superintendent Ed Moughon is expected to facilitate strategic planning meetings between all MHMR centers within the service area. This will allow networking and sharing of information, as well help each center outline service needs to be submitted to regional and state TDMHMR administrators. Moughon will also offer a regional training event for county judges, to update these elected officials on the mental health law, Simons said.

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Emphasis on improved patient care is focus for Scenic Mountain in 1999

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center offers new equipment, more doctors, remodeled floors and restructured patient care programs to the local community in the new year. "Our vision is to show the community what kind of quality care we can provide," said Amber Rich, human resources and community development for



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SMCC. Now that the \$500,000 renovation to the third floor medical and surgical wards, as well as the intensive care unit has been completed, Rich said the focus of the hospital will be to improve patient care. This goal will be accomplished by implementing a new patient care program, which was made possible with the input of a team of nurses. "This team of nurses identified small and large problems, and there will be a big difference come mid January," Rich said. One area the team identified is the need to group patients on the floor according to their spe-

cific medical condition. For instance, surgical patients will be grouped together, as will medical care patients and pediatrics, she said. In-depth training for all hospital staff, round the clock, will be initiated at year's beginning, for a grand opening of the change and the new remodel by mid January, she said. "There has been substantial cost involved in the undertaking of the redesign program," Rich said. Community Health Systems in Tennessee, which purchased SMCC in 1994, has devoted large sums of money toward

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Early DPS report shows 21 died on roads last weekend

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Traffic fatalities on Texas highways may be slightly under Department of Public Safety estimates for the New Year's holiday weekend that just ended. Though the final report wasn't to be released until 3 p.m. today, a preliminary DPS notice indicated that 21 people lost their lives on Texas roads in 19 accidents between 6 p.m. Thursday and midnight Sunday. None of the fatalities were in the Howard County area. The DPS had estimated as many as 24 people would lose their lives. The number of deaths is far less than the 1997-98 New Year's holiday period, when 41 people died on the state's highways. According to the DPS, nearly 23 percent of those fatalities and one-fourth of the crashes were alcohol-related. Forty-one per-

cent of those who died were not wearing safety belts. Seat belt statistics were not available this morning for the most recent holiday period, but DPS officials did report that at least eight of the 19 accidents were alcohol-related and two others are being investigated as possibly being alcohol-related. Still, the number of alcohol-related accidents has dropped, due, officials say, to an intense don't drink and drive campaign. "A lot more people are not getting behind the wheel after they have been drinking," said Corp. Kathy Briggs, safety education trooper with the DPS in Midland. The 21 deaths reported so far over the New Year's holiday brings to 51 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays combined. Thirty fatalities occurred during the Christmas holiday, according to a final count by the DPS. It had been estimated that 36 people would die in accidents over the Christmas holidays.



Solid waste superintendent Howard Shivers arranges some of the Christmas trees that have been brought to the Big Spring landfill for recycling. Area residents are encouraged to drop their trees at the landfill or at the compost facility where they will be turned into mulch.

JAN 4 1999

OBITUARIES

John Thomas
Dunnam

John Thomas Dunnam, 75, Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999, at the VA Medical Center. Graveside service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, at Tuscola Cemetery, Tuscola.

Mr. Dunnam was born Sept. 23, 1923, to Joseph Lee Dunnam and Ola Swindle Dunnam in Hylton, Nolan County. On June 20, 1942, he married Annie B. Graham in Ballinger. She preceded him in death Aug. 17, 1994, after 52 years of marriage.

He joined the Navy and served proudly aboard the S.S. Hughes and the S.S. St. Mary's in the Pacific. When the war ended, he returned to Texas and, with his wife, operated the Gulf Service Station in Tuscola. In 1949, Mr. Dunnam and his brother, Grady W. Dunnam, opened and operated the Dunnam Brothers Humble Station in Winters.

In 1950, the Dunnam family moved to Big Spring and went to work at the newly built Cabot Corporation plant. Mr. Dunnam worked at Cabot until the plant closed in 1980.

Mr. Dunnam was a Mason and Shriner, and will be buried beside his wife in the Tuscola Cemetery.

Survivors include: two sons, Gary Dunnam (and his wife, Sharon), of Victoria, and Barry Dunnam (and his wife, Marie), of Big Spring; three sisters, Evalena Louise Sturdivar of Orange Grove, Alvis Lee (and her husband, S.L.) of Odessa, and Joanna Marshall (and her husband, Buddy) of Sand Springs.

Along with his loving wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, J.L. Dunnam and Ola Swindle Dunnam, his only brother, Grady Wesley Dunnam and one sister, Thelma (Mrs. T.P.) Musgrove.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends may send donations to Living Water Ministries, Big Spring, or Victoria Preservation, Inc.; Courthouse Restoration Fund; Victoria.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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Arnulfo F.
Hernandez, Jr.

Rosary for Arnulfo F. Hernandez, Jr., 68, will be 7 p.m. tonight in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Service will be Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating.

Mr. Hernandez died Saturday.

NALLEY-PICKLE
& WELCH
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Lydia Esther West, 93, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Louisa Schoch, 89, died Friday. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM, Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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John T. Dunham, 75, died Sunday. Graveside services are 10:30 AM Tuesday at Tuscola Cemetery, Tuscola, Tx.

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Jan. 2, at his residence in Austin after a long illness.

He was born on July 9, 1930, in Big Spring. He married Lucy Ramirez on May 23, 1966. He had lived in Austin since 1991, having moved from Big Spring, where he lived most of his life. He was a retired plumber and a veteran of the Army Air Corps. Mr. Hernandez had been a part of the Berlin Airlift.

Survivors include: his wife, Lucy G. Hernandez of Austin; four sons, Arnulfo "Shorty" Hernandez, Ricardo Hernandez, both of Weatherford, Gerald Hernandez of Long Beach, Calif., and Arthur Hernandez of Austin; six daughters, Teresa Macadory, Barbara Dominguez, both of Escondido, Calif., Loretta Hernandez of Fort Worth, Melizza Martinez, Marnie Ortega and Ammi Hernandez, all of Austin; one step-son, Jesse Ramirez III of Austin; two step-daughters, Julie Ann Hernandez and Alicia Hernandez, both of Austin; three brothers, Jesse F. Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, both of Big Spring, and Humberto F. Hernandez of Phoenix, Ariz.; one uncle, Martin Fierro of Odessa; 38 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Survivors include: four daughters, Berneice Coats and Shirley Davis, both of Big Spring, Esther Davis of Comanche, and Patricia Hodges of Midland; two sons, James West of Dublin, and George West of Coahoma; one sister, Fern Christian of Napa, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, John Sterling Williams.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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And Moughon is also expected to consider and research new programs that will improve patient life at the hospital.

Some of these are extended-day geriatric service and long-term residential programs for adults and adolescents, he said.

"1998 was a very productive year for Big Spring State Hospital," Simons said.

He said staff and administrators at BSSH are anticipating another good year in 1999.

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Westover early Sunday. About 12:06 a.m., fire fighters were called to Barcelona Apartments when a large amount of smoke was reported.

"They discovered a heater motor had shorted out, which created a lot of smoke," Settles said.

No injuries were reported in any of the calls, Settles said.

SMMC

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improving the hospital here, she said.

A new CAT scanner, a new mammography unit, new computer systems in the emergency room and a new telephone system compliment the nearly \$2 million invested in the remodeling and patient care redesign,

she said.

"The new computer system in the ER helps us to better track our patients and provide more efficient services.

"Community Health Systems has given us extremely large amounts of capital money to spend on this place from 1995 through the end of 1998," she said.

Also, the hospital has recruited eight new doctors to Big Spring with SMMC privileges, and more are planned to sign on in the new year.

"These physicians supplement the existing medical staff that was already available. We want the community to shop Big Spring for their health care, and if they go to elsewhere, we've all lost, the pharmacies, the providers, everyone in the industry," Rich said.

The company behind SMMC considers these and other improvements a responsibility to local residents, she said.

"They are renewing their commitment to the community and these improvements will make it a lot easier for us to provide the care our clients expect," Rich said.

BRIEFS

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 268-4960 for an appointment.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group. "There have been some new bills past and we want to get veterans educated on those and get them going back to the Veterans Administration."

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

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

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

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

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big

A BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

The Dec. 7 meeting will be at the Spanish Inn for dinner, and the Dec. 21 meeting will be a Christmas dinner. Bring a covered dish of salad, vegetables, desserts, etc. Also bring a gift not exceeding \$10 for a fun gift exchange.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

"The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will meet Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at 1700 Lancaster. The topic will be on "Intimacy and sexuality. Maintaining the relationship in spite of the disease."

TUESDAY

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

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

MARKETS

March cotton 59.70 cents, down 66 points; Feb. crude 12.23, up

18 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 higher 19; cash steers steady at 60 even; Feb. lean hog futures 32.25, down 40 points; Feb. live cattle futures 60.32, down 20 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Other markets were unavailable by press time.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY

6:04 a.m. - 1900 block E. 25th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:19 a.m. - 1900 block N 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:38 a.m. - 300 block E Ninth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:26 a.m. - 2300 block S. Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:17 a.m. - 1300 block Pennsylvania, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:06 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:42 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.

5:26 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.

6:54 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial

7:39 p.m. - 1000 block Runnels, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

FRIDAY

2:32 a.m. - 700 block N. Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:57 a.m. - 300 block Tulane, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:29 a.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to the VAMC.

3:34 p.m. - 1100 block E. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:31 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:21 p.m. - VAMC, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:45 p.m. - 1900 block N. 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:14 p.m. - 200 block NE Seventh, medical call, service refused.

10:41 p.m. - 2800 block Crestline, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SATURDAY

4:53 a.m. - 2200 block Gatesville Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:13 a.m. - 300 block W. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:06 p.m. - 500 block Westover, structure fire, smoke scare.

1:39 p.m. - 1900 block N. 87, medical call, patient transported to the VA.

2:10 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.

4:12 p.m. - 1900 block Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:43 p.m. - 1600 block Cardinal, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:35 p.m. - 700 block E. 11th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:42 p.m. - 1600 block MLK, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.

SUNDAY

9:25 a.m. - 3300 block Cornell, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:23 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:54 p.m. - 700 block Douglass, structure fire, extinguished.

POLICE

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

• ARTHUR MOFFETT, 55, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• ANDREW AGUILAR, 29, was arrested for assault/family

violence.

• ANTONIO ARMIJO, 20, was arrested for no driver's license.

• ENRIQUE CALDERON, 21, was arrested for public intoxication and local warrants.

• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 400 block of Gregg. U.S. currency worth \$711 was reported stolen in a crime that included force and display of a weapon.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of Scurry. More than \$400 was reported stolen.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at Goliad and Marcy, 4100 block of Dixon and 1400 block of Austin.

• MANUEL ARMENDARIZ, 25, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• CLASS C ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported for two separate incidents at 400 E. Fourth.

• FODNEY HAVLICEK, 37, was arrested for public intoxication.

• DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported at Third and Nolan, and 1800 block of Gregg.

• THEFT CLASS C was reported in the 1000 block of North Lamesa.

• TOMMY CAMPBELL, 43, was arrested for public intoxication.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1100 block of Marjo Ave.

• MICHAEL COGBURN, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.

• DAVID ADWELL, 22, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JAMES COGBURN, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of West 15th. Unknown amounts of change, along with \$100 currency, was reported stolen.

• DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS were reported in the 800 block of East 18th and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• RICHARD BAXTER, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at I-20 and Hwy 87.

• RANDY JOHNSON, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.

• CHRISTINE KOHANEK, 36, was arrested for driving while license invalid/suspended.

• HECTOR MEMELDEZ, 19, was arrested for driving while license invalid/suspended.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of West Fifth.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. Currency worth \$150, a cellular telephone valued at \$280, and \$6,400 worth of jewelry and rings were reported stolen from a purse.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 33

Sunday's low 20

Average high 55

Average low 26

Record high 83 in 1997

Record low 0 in 1947

Precip. Sunday 0.00

Month to date 0.00

Month's normal 0.04

Year to date 0.00

Normal for the year 0.04

Storm buries upper Midwest, moves east

CHICAGO (AP) — The massive winter storm that buried the Midwest in snow has spread its misery along the Atlantic seaboard, glazing highways with ice, filling airports with frustrated travelers and plunging thousands into the dark.

From Maine to South Carolina, highway officials counted dozens of accidents Sunday as drivers tried to maneuver on frozen roads. Lingering hazards in the upper Midwest prompted hundreds of school districts to cancel classes today in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

"It's kind of desolate out there," said Jeff Schneider, a road commissioner for Hittle

Township in central Illinois. "I don't see anybody but me, and I'm wondering why I'm here."

At least 39 deaths have been blamed on the storm in the eastern half of the nation since Friday, many due to heart attacks brought on by shoveling snow.

Another seven deaths were reported in Ontario, Canada, also from the exertion of shoveling.

"I think Old Man Winter can just go away now and give us 80-degree weather," said Karen Erickson, who found her car covered by a snow drift in Fond du Lac, Wis. "He made his point."

In Illinois, where 12 people

died, 21.6 inches of snow fell at O'Hare International Airport from Friday through early Sunday, the biggest total for a single storm since 23 inches fell during a blizzard in 1967.

Chicago residents waded through knee- and waist-deep snow to clear sidewalks and free cars. Stranded travelers at O'Hare formed lines hundreds of yards long to get onto flights.

The snowfall brought air travel to a near standstill Saturday after most major carriers canceled the bulk of their flights in and out of Midwest hubs. That made Sunday — already expected to be one of the busiest travel days of the year — frustrating for even the most patient travelers.

United Airlines ended up canceling 60 percent of its flights out of Chicago on Sunday, and American Airlines canceled at least half.

In Detroit, Northwest Airlines' largest hub, the company managed only a handful of flights Sunday. So many travelers were left waiting that Northwest advised those not already at the airport to stay home and re-book their flights today.

The airline said Sunday night that none of its flights would land at Detroit before noon today and expected continued cancellations and disruption throughout the day.

Survivalists bracing for the worst: Y2K bug

AUSTIN (AP) — Some Texans are treating the Y2K computer bug threat as seriously as they once took the threat of imminent nuclear war.

Kerry and Prisca Wooster own 15 goats on a 27-acre Hill Country ranch littered with rusting hulks of old cars and scrap metal. A wall calendar in their cottage says March 1972, but they're thinking about Jan. 1, 2000.

They believe that computers, unable to process any year that doesn't begin with 19, will cause so much disruption that only the well-prepared will survive.

"There's virtually no doubt we're going to be dropping back to pre-1800s lifestyle," Wooster told the Austin American-Statesman as he sat in his cluttered cottage.

His wife believes that massive computer failures will lead to a social breakdown, unleashing "the advancing Twinkie-starved hordes" who will scavenge for food next year — presumably because grocery stores won't be able to function.

The Woosters are stocking up on whole grain, seeds, kerosene, medicinal herbs and other necessities.

They're not alone.

Sam Loy, a software engineer at Interphase in Austin, plans to spend about \$1,500 laying in a year's worth of emergency supplies for himself, his wife and their two teen-age daughters. He said he'll stockpile 400 pounds of whole grain that can be milled by hand, 3,000 gallons of water, plus canned food, candles and other essentials.

"We're basically preparing as reasonably as we can for a worst-case scenario," Loy told

the newspaper. "My gut feeling is it's going to be pretty bad."

Government officials and many computer experts would regard such assessments as excessively dire, but they are beginning to warn the public that some contingency planning might be wise. Experts say there could be disruptions in electricity, telephones and public transportation, but say they will probably amount to inconvenience, not social meltdown.

"Prudent precautions are really all that's necessary," said Gary Chapman, director of the 21st Century Project at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. He said people should store supplies for a week, including food, water, cash and flashlights or candles.

Less than two-thirds of critical government computer systems have been fixed and tested for the year 2000, officials report. The nation's largest companies are in good shape, but smaller companies and local governments might not be as well-prepared.

The cost of all the work will be staggering. The Federal Reserve estimates companies will spend up to \$50 billion rewriting computer code, and Texas officials believe they'll spend at least \$343 million.

Meanwhile, the Woosters are frustrated that people aren't listening to their dark prophecies.

"We cannot even get our friends and families to listen to us and begin to prepare for the disaster that we fear is about to happen," Kerry Wooster said.

"It's heartbreaking that we are having to leave them behind, when it could all be so easy if they would just help."

Senate returns to tough decision on impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress convenes this week with Senate leaders still looking for a middle-ground approach that ends President Clinton's impeachment trial quickly while satisfying conservatives' demands for full presentation of his alleged crimes.

The 106th Congress goes into session Wednesday and senators will immediately huddle to consider a plan that could end the impeachment process within four days.

Senate Republicans will meet Thursday, and "my assumption is that this will be the sole topic of the conversation," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Under a bipartisan proposal crafted by Sens. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., the House "managers," or prosecutors, would present their case on Jan. 11.

Clinton's defense team would have the next day to rebut;

questions and answers would occupy the third day and senators would vote on the fourth day whether the House's accusations of perjury and obstruction of justice against the president, even if true, warranted removal from office.

If, as expected, a two-thirds majority is not reached, the Senate could then, with a simple majority vote, adjourn the trial and consider a censure resolution against Clinton.

Senate Majority Leader Trent

Lott, R-Miss., told Time magazine that the Gorton-Lieberman plan was a "fair start" but that the situation was fluid and "it could be blown away by any number of people or events."

Lott is under strong pressure from House Republicans and fellow conservatives to allow a full trial, including the calling of witnesses.

Whatever is done, he said, he would be "bashed by the left" or "criticized by people on the right."

Clinton proposes tax break for elderly, disabled care

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is proposing an unprecedented \$1,000 tax credit, at a cost of billions, to compensate 2 million American families struggling to provide long-term care for elderly or disabled relatives.

The tax credit, meant to compensate caregivers for a wide range of activities that tending to others requires, is part of a five-year, \$6.2 billion package that the president and first lady

Hillary Rodham Clinton will announce Monday.

None of it becomes reality without Congress, which last year rejected the president's attempt at HMO reform through a "Patients Bill of Rights."

According to a draft proposal obtained by The Associated Press over the weekend, Clinton's four-part initiative also proposes that the government offer federal workers and retirees private long-term care

insurance, in the hope that other employers would do the same. The White House estimates that 300,000 government employees would participate in a model program.

Clinton will ask Congress for \$625 million in grants, over a five-year period, to state and local "agencies on aging," created by the 1965 Older Americans Act.

The money would be used to set up information and referral

programs and to provide direct services to millions of daughters and sons coping with elderly parents at home. Services would include the same kinds meant to be compensated for by the proposed new tax credit: counseling and training for extraordinary care needs, such as feeding tubes; adult day care for dependents of working caregivers; and respite care, to fill in when a caregiver goes on vacation or just needs a break.

State of Texas clemency process about to go under the microscope again

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's clemency process will be under the microscope of another judge today as an Austin attorney challenges the way the state Board of Pardons and Paroles decides whether to spare the lives of death-row inmates.

"Not only the inmates but the people of Texas deserve to know why the parole board is granting some people clemency and not for others," said attorney Curt Sauer.

The hearing is scheduled today in Travis County district court.

Two state district judges already have found the clemency process unconstitutional. A federal judge last week called it "extremely poor and certainly minimal."

The judge at this hearing, who has not been named, may order the 18-member board to change its ways, Sauer said.

After U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks criticized the process last week, board chairman Victor Rodriguez said he would consider some changes.

Sparks ruled that while the process was poor, it provided

reasons why they grant or deny clemency," Sauer said. "It also requires the board to give the governor advice in addition to a recommendation on whether to grant a clemency request."

Ward Tisdale, spokesman for the attorney general's office, said that despite the criticism the state would defend the process in which the board either rejects or grants an inmate's request for a clemency recommendation. Such a recommendation is necessary before the governor can commute a death sentence to life imprisonment.

The parole board members are gubernatorial appointees confirmed by the state Senate. They live and work in various locations around the state. When considering a clemency request, board members individually review the application and related information, then cast votes by phone, fax or mail.

"Our position is that the board is not required to hold open meetings," Tisdale said.

The board also isn't in violation of the Constitution, he said. "It says that the Legislature

INS downplays jailed immigrant's fears of torture in her native land

DALLAS (AP) — A widowed mother of five is fighting an effort by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to deport her to her homeland in West Africa.

Ablavi Haden believes that if she returns to the Republic of Togo, a small impoverished nation of nearly 5 million people, she will most certainly face torture and possibly death. She is seeking protection under an international treaty known as the Convention Against Torture.

But INS officials view the 47-year-old woman's fears as unfounded and have kept her locked up since March in a Dallas County jail because they believe she will go into hiding if released while her case is being reviewed.

Mrs. Haden, a leader in the fledgling women's rights and democracy movements in Togo, told The Dallas Morning News from her jail cell that she has been placed on a "dark list" of wanted people by the African nation. She claims Togo officials in 1991 killed her husband, Mensah Haden, a Togolese official who believed certain officials were siphoning public money for private use.

Mrs. Haden, who came to the United States in 1989 to work on a second master's degree, said family members told her that her husband was taken from his home by men in uniforms, beaten and abandoned outside a hospital. He later died from his injuries.

Mrs. Haden said she is afraid of a similar fate.

"I am afraid they will take me and imprison me, and the next thing my body will be found somewhere," she said. "I'm afraid of being tortured to death."

The Convention Against Torture allows people who have been ordered out of the country to halt proceedings if they can demonstrate a credible fear of government-sanctioned torture in their native lands.

Out of the several hundred people who try to halt deportation through the international pact, only one — an Iraqi — has been granted protection.

Mrs. Haden has avoided deportation by seeking protection under the convention, but she remains jailed.

Mrs. Haden was waiting for a response concerning an application to

extend her student visa when INS officials moved to deport her in 1996. INS officials asserted that had overstayed her visa. She filed a claim of political asylum, but Dallas immigration Judge Cary H. Copeland said he believed Mrs. Haden was motivated primarily by economics and ruled that she was not eligible for asylum. Her attorney filed an appeal and Mrs. Haden was permitted to remain free while her case was being reviewed.

But in September 1997, she was ordered to show up for deportation. Immigration officials say they sent her a letter about her deportation but concluded that she had changed addresses and began to view her as a fugitive.

Mrs. Haden had indeed moved, but says she wasn't hiding and noted that

she kept working at the same Dallas company. She also points out that in October 1997, she received a one-year work visa from the INS.

Spokesman Lynn Ligon of the INS' Dallas office said the office that handled Mrs. Haden's deportation case is separate from the office that issued her work authorization. "The Dallas office had never been notified" of her address change, Ligon said.

In March, INS agents went to her office and arrested her.

Her lawyer, Obinna Duruji, said the INS made a mistake. "They arrested her in error and tried to find a rationalization for holding her," he said.

The INS' Ligon told The Morning News Mrs. Haden is considered a "flight risk."

can pass laws to require them to give reason, but it never has," Tisdale said.

Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, has filed such legislation.

The controversy surrounding the state's clemency process has gathered international attention.

"They work in secrecy. They meet by telephone and fax. We don't know which petitions have been studied by the board. We don't even know how the board works," said Sam Jordan, a death penalty critic.

Texas man wanted on murder charges has been arrested in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Authorities say a man arrested in Charleston on domestic violence charges will be extradited to Texas to be tried on a murder charge.

Robert Lee Martins, 49, was indicted in March in the 1995 death of Brendolyn Gayle Williams, Travis County, Texas, sheriff's spokesman Curtis Weeks said Sunday.

"We got a call about midnight Saturday from the Charleston police department asking us to verify four warrants, three for sexual assault and one murder," Weeks said.

Charleston Police discovered the Texas charges when they ran Martins' name through a national crime computer after his arrest Friday on domestic battery and brandishing

charges, said police Lt. Randy Young.

Martins was held at the South Central Regional Jail on \$660,000 bond.

Austin police spokeswoman Tony Chovanetz said Sunday her department was unaware of the arrest.

"We're unable to comment until we've been formally notified it's the right person," Chovanetz said.

Weeks said Martins also was accused of three 1995 incidents in which he allegedly attacked women he met at night near public parks.

In one case, police believe he forced a woman at knifepoint to a secluded area, where he attacked her, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. Austin police have called Martins a sus-

pect in at least six sexual assaults.

Williams, 41, was found raped and strangled in her apartment on March 10, 1995. Austin police said Martins had stayed at some point with a woman who lived near Williams.

Her death was initially ruled an accidental overdose by Travis County Medical Examiner Roberto Bayardo. He

ruled in 1995 that Williams had injured her neck falling against furniture while high on cocaine.

But DNA results obtained in 1996 linked Martins to the case, a Texas court record showed. Weeks said authorities did not publicize the results linking Martins to the crime because they did not want him to flee the Austin area, Weeks said.

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Suspect in child-battery case dies while being restrained

FORT WORTH (AP) — Relatives of a 30-year-old man who apparently suffered a fatal heart attack while being arrested are accusing police of using excessive force.

Luis Enrique Hernandez, suspected of striking a child, was handcuffed on one arm when he began resisting and dragged an officer into his house Friday before suffering a heart attack, a police spokesman said.

Paramedics performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation but could not revive him. Hernandez was pronounced dead at John Peter Smith

Hospital.

"They killed somebody. We demand justice," said Hernandez's 28-year-old brother, Daniel. "The excess force that they used caused him to die."

He told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the family has hired a lawyer to look into the incident.

Spokesman Lt. Mark Krey said it appears proper restraining techniques were used, but the police department is conducting an internal investigation.

He said Hernandez was resisting arrest — requiring six off-

icers to subdue him — had been known to be violent and had not taken his medication. Family members said Hernandez had been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

"There's no way an officer can cause someone to have a heart attack," Krey said. "They attempted to arrest a felony suspect on an injury to a child case, the suspect resisted, and, unfortunately, that suspect's health is such that due to his resistance, he suffered a heart attack."

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OUR VIEWS

Beals Creek Project, despite lack of rain, is one much-needed

Newcomers to Big Spring and Howard County, especially those who have moved here during the current ongoing drought, don't understand the significance of the Beals Creek Flood Control Project.

Why build a flood control project on the northeastern edge of the Chihuahuan Desert when there's never any rain any way?

But that's not always been the case and, because of the scarcity of water and the narrow nature of Beals Creek, the problems have been multiple when the rains have come over the years.

Any doubts? Just ask the folks who live in Jones Valley or operate businesses along the area subject to Beaks Creek flooding, such as Chuck or Patsy Cawthon or Howard or Marijo Walker or Jimmy Johnson — they'll tell you.

Since voters approved a three cents per \$100 valuation bond election in the fall of 1992 to fund the project, we haven't had one of the kinds of rains it was designed to handle — but that time will come ... and we'll be ready.

No, the project isn't what was first envisioned in that it won't have the capacity to handle a 100-year flood and its appearance doesn't include an elevated levee with walking and biking trails that were discussed at one time.

But the best designs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should allow the project to handle a crush of water like the one that moved through in 1987, when there were fears that the dam on Natural Dam Lake would break.

As it was, the rush of salt water moving down Beals Creek from Natural Dam Lake to the Colorado River so contaminated Lake E. V. Spence that 11 years later, the Colorado River Municipal Water District is still working to reduce the salinity in the lake.

Our concern — one shared by those such as former CRMWD General Manager Owen Ivie — is that the project stops several thousand yards short of where it should.

The real bottleneck along Beals Creek lies at the Birdwell Lane crossing, where the channel narrows to 10-feet and has difficulty handling flows that are above the normal trickle.

It remains to be seen if the Corps of Engineers and all their knowledge — and money poured into the project — can outsmart Mother Nature when the water starts to fall from the heavens, as we all know it surely must again at some point.

Still, as the developed project comes to a close, there are many who should be saluted — especially the voters who overwhelmingly approved a tax increase that, on the surface, benefited but a few. Those who looked at the project, however, understood the benefits for the entire community when they gave the city and the Corps the go-ahead.

The Beals Creek Flood Control Project now sits ready — an insurance policy, if you will, for the rise on Beals Creek that any resident with any time here knows is on the way.

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America's superpower role may be ending

The Russians are talking to India and China about a new strategic alliance — the three of them to offset the United States.

Got to admit that would be a formidable alliance — three nuclear powers with 2 billion of the world's 6 billion people and a huge, huge chunk of its natural resources.

It may not be easy to put together, but at least it shows that the Russian leaders are thinking about more than the stock market, the anatomy of interns and the latest public opinion polls.

One should always keep in mind that just because America's politicians may at some point be shallow-minded fools, it doesn't mean the rest of the world's leaders are.

It's true the Soviet Union and

China had their problems, but there is no Soviet Union anymore and the new relationship between Russia and China appears to be friendly. Russia and India have long been on a friendly basis. India and China have had difficulties but, hey, whether they teach it at Georgetown or not, it's true, that old saying, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

What Russia, India and China all have in common, besides nuclear weapons, is that they don't like the idea of American hegemony, especially the way the United States has been acting — bullying and bombing small countries, expanding military alliances, lecturing everyone on their internal affairs and going its own way without so much as the courtesy of a phone call to Russia or China.

As one Russian military intelligence official put it, "The U.S. has become unpredictable." And the future has become more so.

I strongly suspect America's starring role as the world's only super power will close soon to bad reviews. Bill Clinton and his baby boomer

gang have swaggered about, neglected important affairs, meddled in trivial ones, and given the world an almost comic opera picture of a sanctimonious, bombastic, ineffective and incompetent superpower.

For practically his whole term, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ignored the Clinton administration or insulted it.

The significance of that is simply that Clinton cannot even influence a democratic leader of what is as close to a client state as the United States has.

Saddam Hussein has outmaneuvered Clinton, as have the Balkan politicians. About the only politician Clinton seems to have impressed is the effete little prime minister of Britain, Tony Blair.

While American politicians boasted about the alleged success of bombing Iraq, the Russian military intelligence noted that a half billion dollars worth of missiles killed 67 soldiers, blew up some empty buildings, and even wandered off into Iran.

Apparently, under the Clinton administration, even

the smart bombs have been dumbed down. Clinton, his secretary of defense and his secretary of state couldn't scrape up two hours of military experience among them. And they have even less interest in the subject.

I suppose it was OK if we common folks didn't pay much attention to international affairs as long as the American elite was smart and on its toes. Alas, the American elite has dumbed down, too, and the effect is we are now a sort of Mr. Magoo of nations blundering around in the world. Because of our size, that makes a lot of foreign nations mighty nervous.

I'd swap the Russian prime minister, old KGB man that he is, for Madeline Albright in a New York minute. Albright will have to wait to read her own biography before she'll ever figure out what's been going on around her as secretary of state.

It's dangerous to run foreign affairs like a domestic political campaign.

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Another year full of memories

The Narcissuses I force to bloom inside for the holidays perfume the air and lift my spirits.

The year about to be past could use some air freshener.

I grew up with dirty politics. I grew up watching George Wallace trash poor old Albert Brewer with sly innuendo and slick flinders.

So it does not surprise me exactly when the civil war we call domestic politics erupts in ugly skirmishes. But my tolerance is lower, the older I get, and the attendant noise sounds much louder.

To me it seems quite natural that professional wrestlers are entering the political game. Wrestlers, just like politicians, can make a rough, contrived tussle look so real that the onlookers forget it has no application whatsoever to their lives.

Except for the relentless politics, it was a banner year. I met some amazing people. My life was a box of Forrest Gump chocolates.

In the spring I visited Alberta Martin, now 92, the last Confederate widow. She came outside to greet me, using a cane to negotiate the steps of her little house at the

end of the road in Elba, Ala.

I have never seen a person who enjoyed a distinction more than Mrs. Martin seemed to enjoy being the last Confederate widow. Last I heard, she rode in a peanut parade in nearby Dothan. I'll bet she got her hair fixed nice and looked as regal as Queen Elizabeth tooling up to Windsor.

This year, I also met one of the brave pioneers called Tuskegee Airmen, the first black military pilots. During World War II, Herbert E. Carter flew 77 missions over North Africa, Sicily and Italy and supervised a 300-man maintenance crew.

Then Carter came home to a nation where segregation was "just as strong, just as mean, as ever," he said.

Now there's an instance of politics affecting real life.

After Hurricane Georges pummeled Key West and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I sat and talked with a determined Don Glennon in Bayou Cumbest near Pascagoula, Miss. He had been fishing some chairs from the bayou when he encountered an alligator.

"Me and this alligator got to part ways," he said to himself. The humor and pluck in the wake of natural disasters always amazes me. And it's always there.

In Albany not long ago, I heard Rutha Harris, one of the original Freedom Singers. Her voice was like the first day of spring after a hard winter. She

led a group of former civil rights workers in singing "This Little Light of Mine." The old depot where we were seemed to sway on its foundation.

I also met Mose Tolliver, a self-taught artist in Montgomery, whose work I've admired for a long time. Mose took up painting after 1,000 pounds of marble fell on him in a warehouse where he once worked. Now, from his bed, he paints strange but beguiling pictures that collectors clamor for.

Myrtle Thompson Cagle of Macon might have been one of the first astronauts if NASA hadn't bowed to predictable politics. She was one of a group of 13 women pilots who went through the same tests as John Glenn and his Mercury buddies back when the space race started. The program was abruptly disbanded, and it would be three decades before a woman pilot went into space.

The obituaries of 1998 included a lot of people I wish I'd met — Roy Rogers, Jerry Clower and Frank Sinatra. I spoke to Clower once in a Mississippi airport; we were both waiting for our suitcases at the baggage corral. But he was in a hurry, and there was only time for a quick hello.

Also gone is Ray Johnson of Huntsville, Ala., not a celebrity but a prince. He would be spending this season as always, helping the rural elderly by tacking plastic over their windows while winter winds howled.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks fall to No. 4-rated Utah Valley at Shootout

Howard College's Hawks saw a 12-point lead evaporate late in the first half Saturday, as they suffered an 87-75 loss to No. 4-ranked Utah Valley during their final game at the Las Vegas Shootout.

"We let the game get away from us in the last three minutes of the first half and the first five minutes of the second half," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said after having seen his team take a 41-29 lead in the first half.

"They're a big team," the Hawks boss added. "Their inside players were 6-9 and 6-10 and they didn't allow us to make any physical or mental mistakes.

"Still, we played pretty well against the nation's No. 4-ranked team and our defense is going to improve this week."

The Hawks, now 10-5 on the season, will open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on Monday, Jan. 11, playing host to Odessa College's Wranglers.

Parents of BSBS frosh baseballers to gather

A meeting for parents of all prospective freshman baseball players at Big Spring High School has been scheduled for 7 tonight at the BSBS 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 267-1069.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

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

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

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

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

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

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

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

Brain-damaged boxer Jerry Quarry dies at 53

Jerry Quarry fought Muhammad Ali and Floyd Patterson as a hard-punching heavyweight before too many shots to the head blurred his mind and twisted his memories, making him a confused, childlike man whose family had to dress and feed him.

Quarry, 53, died Sunday in Tempton, Calif., after being taken off life support. He was hospitalized Dec. 28 with pneumonia and then suffered cardiac arrest.

Family members directed doctors to remove life support after being told that Quarry would be bedridden and have to be fed through a tube, according to Claude Sutherland, a family friend.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11:30 p.m. — New Mexico at Fresno State, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Fiesta Bowl, Tennessee vs. Florida State, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

BOXING
8 p.m. — USA vs. Canada, FXS, Ch. 29.

Tennessee on verge of joining college football's elite

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Tennessee can feel it. One more win. A perfect season. The national championship. At long last. The top-ranked Volunteers play No. 2 Florida State for the national title tonight in the Fiesta Bowl, well aware of the game's significance.

"Tennessee was not a program that you could ignore the last couple of years, but this is the next step, a key hump for us," Vols coach Phillip Fulmer said. "We like being at this level."

In Fulmer's six full seasons as coach, the Vols have steadily climbed to the top of the college football elite. Beating Florida State, firmly entrenched as one of the top teams in the game today, would lift the Volunteers into the same stratosphere.

"A lot of people haven't looked at this Tennessee program as playing for the

national title," linebacker Raynoch Thompson said. "But I feel if we win it, we will be up there with Florida State, Nebraska and Florida."

Florida State's Bobby Bowden has been where Fulmer is now. It took Bowden nearly 40 years of coaching to win a national title, and he knows a championship team when he sees one.

"He'll get it, he's got too good a program," Bowden said, "but I hope he doesn't do it Monday night."

The Vols just might. Even though Tennessee is a 5-point underdog, the Vols turned aside every challenge — a one-point win over Syracuse, an overtime thriller against Florida, a lucky break-win over Arkansas, a come-from-behind win over Mississippi State in the SEC title game — to finish 12-0.

And they did it with versatile Tee

Martin at quarterback, not folk-hero Peyton Manning, who in four years set many records but couldn't get the Vols into the title game.

Florida State, meanwhile, lost to North Carolina State 24-7 in its second game, but odds-makers still like the Seminoles based on big-game experience and a big-time defense.

"We don't get a whole lot of respect," Vols defensive tackle Darwin Walker said. "People said this team was lucky, but we've earned everything we've gotten. There's not one speck of luck. Everything you see, we deserve."

There's a lot to see on Fulmer's resume. Since replacing Johnny Majors, the Vols have won 85.7 percent of their games (66-11) — the best career winning percentage among active coaches.

There have also been four straight Top

10 finishes in The Associated Press poll, a 44-5 record the past four years and consecutive Southeastern Conference titles. Not bad for a team rich in tradition but looking for its first national title since 1951.

Bowden spent 18 seasons in Tallahassee before winning a national title, and he often talks about his sense of relief after finally reaching the top. Fulmer hopes he can do it in one-third the time it took Bowden.

"If we win, then early in my career I'd have that weight lifted off my back," Fulmer said. "We expect at some point to win a national championship, hopefully this year."

It better not take 18 years. "We won't last 18 years," Fulmer added. "We've got to get it quicker than that."

Another 49ers 'catch' dooms Packers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A backpedaling quarterback, a desperate throw into the end zone with time running out and an incredible leaping catch.

Joe Montana and Dwight Clark teamed up 17 years ago to make that enduring image. Steve Young and Terrell Owens brought it to life again.

Young tripped after taking the snap and nearly went down, but recovered to throw a 25-yard pass to Owens with three seconds left. Owens soared over traffic at the goal line to make the grab, and the San Francisco 49ers emerged from with a 30-27 NFC wild-card victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

"The whole sidelines just erupted," said San Francisco tight end Greg Clark, who had two TD receptions earlier.

"It's a great thing, an emotional thing," Young said after beating the Packers for the first time in nine tries. "That play will be attached to 49ers' lore for a long time. I'll always remember it."

The 49ers (13-4) travel to Atlanta next Saturday. The Falcons displaced the 49ers as NFC West champions.

In heart-stopping fashion reminiscent of Montana's drive and "The Catch" by Clark that beat Dallas in the 1981 NFC championship game and sent the 49ers to the first of five Super Bowls, Young and Owens collaborated to reverse San Francisco's discouraging run against the Packers.

Green Bay had ended San Francisco's season in the playoffs in the previous three years. "They certainly felt they had our number but we battled

them," said 49ers defensive end Chris Doleman. "It took us 59 minutes, 57 seconds into the game to figure out who wins this thing. That's about as tight as you can get it."

And it was also a moment of redemption for Owens, who had a fumble and four drops earlier. Somehow, he hung on to make the game-winning catch despite being decked by three defenders the instant the ball hit his hands.

"I just looked at the clock and it was ticking, ticking, ticking," said Owens, who was in tears on the sideline hugging San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci after the catch.

"I wanted to beat Green Bay so bad. Any time there's a chance for me to get the ball over the middle, I'm tough enough to take it. I was just happy that I caught the ball. I had a rough day. I let the team down in the beginning, but they all encouraged me to keep my head up."

Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, a former 49ers offensive coordinator whose success against his old team led to rumors he might be lured to San Francisco to replace Mariucci, declined to address his future with the Packers. He has said he might leave to become a coach-general manager elsewhere.

If it was Holmgren's final game as Packers coach, he'll remember it as one of his most difficult defeats. It also cost Green Bay a chance at becoming the first NFC team to reach the Super Bowl in three straight years.

"The Super Bowl loss (to Denver) last year was very difficult but the way this one ended was startling," Holmgren said. "I don't know how they scored. I guess I'll look at the film some day. The ball goes down the middle and you don't think that ball is going to be caught, ever."

The score capped a nine-play, 76-yard drive after Brett Favre put the Packers (11-6) up 27-23 on a 15-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman with 1:56 left.

"I felt we had them," Favre said. Even before then, the Packers thought they had them.

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AP Photo
It wasn't Jerry Rice (80), shown here celebrating a touchdown pass with San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young during Super Bowl XXIX, who provided the big catch that provided a come-from-behind win over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. Instead, Terrell Owens was Young's touchdown target.

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Ailing Brunell leads Jaguars to 25-10 win over Patriots

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Although the ankle is ailing, Mark Brunell's instinct remains perfectly intact.

He knows how important guys like Fred Taylor and Jimmy Smith are as the Jacksonville Jaguars try to continue their playoff run.

Taylor rushed for 182 yards, and Smith beat Ty Law for a 37-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday as the Jaguars defeated the New England Patriots 25-10 in a wild-card game.

Those performances helped mask a rusty day for Brunell, who played for the first time in five weeks. They also gave him another week to get better as the Jaguars (12-5) prepare for a second-round game against the New York Jets.

"I don't anticipate any setbacks right now," Brunell said of his high ankle sprain. "I don't think there will be any problems for next week. But the whole team will have to be sharper. Each week we have to get better and better."

He finished 14-for-34 for 161 yards and one touchdown. Scott Zolak, playing for the injured Drew Bledsoe, finished with just 190 yards and an interception for the Patriots (9-8), who left wondering if they're not the most unlucky team in the league.

In the past month, they've lost Bledsoe, receiver Terry Glenn and middle linebacker Ted Johnson to season-ending injuries.

Against the Jaguars, the Patriots battled back from a 12-0 deficit to pull within 12-10, only to see the gamebreaker

made against Law, a Pro Bowl cornerback who is arguably their best defender.

"He's a great player and he had an extraordinarily good year, from the beginning of preseason all the way through," said Patriots coach Pete Carroll. "It was a great throw and a great play by two great players on the other side."

Both Brunell and Smith said it was a perfect read on a fade pattern they've practiced hundreds of times over the last four years.

"It changed momentum for us," Brunell said. "It was a simple hand signal to Jimmy to give him the go route. It was just a check at the line of scrimmage. Anytime we get press with Jimmy Smith, we feel it's to our advantage."

Brunell had equal praise for Taylor, the 1,000-yard rookie who has taken a big load off the passing game all season.

"He's a fine running back who has a bright future," Brunell said. "We're not a complete offense without Fred, without the running game he's provided."

The victory was the first in the postseason for the Jaguars since their 30-27 upset over the Denver Broncos in 1996. The next week, they traveled to New England and lost 20-6 to a team coached by Bill Parcells.

Next Sunday's matchup will be the first meeting since between Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin and Parcells.

Coughlin was an assistant to Parcells from 1988-90 with the New York Giants, who won the Super Bowl in their final season together.

"The New York Jets are an outstanding team and they're playing very well right now," Coughlin said. "But I'm going to try to enjoy this for a couple of days — or at least until tomorrow — before I get started on that."

When he does, his players expect him to install a game plan centered on running the ball and stopping the run — playoff football in the true Parcells fashion.

Taylor said that's the kind of game he likes — and the kind the Jaguars need with their quarterback at less than full strength.

"I always come into the game wanting the ball," Taylor said. "Whatever it takes, I want the ball in my hands to make a few plays."

Mediocrity equals competitiveness in Big 12 hoops chase

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's fashionable around the Big 12 to talk about how this is a down year for the league. Maybe so.

Certainly no superstar has emerged like those two guys Kansas put on the floor in winning the first two Big 12 titles.

But if the first weekend of league play is any indication, mediocrity maybe means balance. And that maybe works out best for fans who should be treated to competitive games.

Like an overtime game in Stillwater where Kansas State, picked to finish in the middle of the pack, takes preseason favorite Oklahoma State to the wire before losing.

It was, as Wildcats coach Tom Asbury said ruefully, a winnable game. "I have the feeling there's going to be a lot of games like this this year," said Cowboys coach Eddie Sutton. "There are

a lot of teams that are probably all about the same."

Texas, also picked to end up in the middle, did win on the road, edging a Kenny Price-less Colorado team in Boulder.

Missouri, always an enigma under the sly Norm Stewart, saw Monte Hardge rise to the occasion of an infrequent start and clobber a fatigued Nebraska team in Columbia.

"These games are what it's about," said Hardge as the Tigers won their first conference opener since 1996. "We're trying to win our league."

Only Baylor and Texas A&M played true to form. They were picked to tie for last, and each got off to a quick start to fall to the forecast.

A&M was hopelessly outclassed by a Kansas team that had struggled through the first half of its season, finishing out by losing to Saint Louis just before the holidays.

Suddenly, everything was back to normal in Lawrence. The Jayhawks ran their fast-break offense with Eric Chenoweth dominating the middle and the defense forcing the Aggies into 24 turnovers.

Freshman Jeff Boschee came back from vacation cured of turnoveritis, and Kenny Gregory was his slam-dunking old self.

Point taken. "We need to be ready to play, but the Big 12 championship runs through Allen Fieldhouse," senior guard Ryan Robertson said. "You're going to have to come in here and take it away from us."

Oklahoma, figured to be one of the league's best, finished out the first weekend by struggling to beat Iowa State, picked eighth, in Ames.

That caused Larry Eustachy, coaching his first Big 12 game for the Cyclones, to express a sentiment that may be heard often this season.

"I'm very disappointed," he said. "I'm not discouraged. I will never be discouraged, but it's a disappointing moment right now."

Scores from the first weekend were No. 25 Oklahoma State over Kansas State 75-69; Texas 73-68 at Colorado; Kansas 95-57 against A&M; Missouri over Nebraska 80-57; Tech 93-62 against Baylor; and Oklahoma 56-52 over Iowa State.

Kansas State (11-3, 0-1) blew a 15-point lead to Oklahoma State (9-3, 1-0), rallied from six behind to tie and force overtime and then finally folded.

"We had them beat," said Asbury, leader of a remarkably deep Wildcats team that has to be the surprise of the conference so far.

Texas (5-8, 1-0) had not played at home and stopped off to play Colorado (9-5, 0-1) on its way back from Hawaii.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 5:

You discover how strong your
hunches are. Follow through on
what you know to be right.
Others respond. Learn to
detach and take a complete
overview. Your popularity and
potential increase. Broaden
your horizons through a new
exotic friend or go back to
school. You demands growth
and expansion. Use care with
finances; money tends to slip
through your fingers. If you are
single, you will enjoy your
home life much more. A new
neighbor or roommate delights
you or could change your day-
to-day life. If attached, emo-
tions run deep, especially after
February. Deepen your commit-
ment. VIRGO broadens your
view.

The Stars Show the Kind of
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-
Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Plunge into work.
Discussions and concepts are
idealistic, but with some plan-
ning they could become work-
able. Use logic, make headway
and stay on top of work. You
might need to change your per-
spective on a critical matter.
Tonight: Start an exercise pro-
gram.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Family pressures you, but
your ingenious thinking and
diplomatic manner brings
peace where they could be war!
Creativity charges your work
with a special quality. Be
inspired, follow through on
what you want. Confusion pre-
vents someone from being defi-
nite. Tonight: Be a flirt!***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Despite a good start, you
could get bogged down in your
thoughts. Get someone's point
of view on a personal matter.
News from a distance is most
exciting and adds a new per-
spective. Honor what is going
on, allow your imagination to
room. Tonight: A good
book.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Deal with money matters first
thing. You will be unusually
busy, returning messages and
getting work done. A partner
allows you more input into his
decisions and actions. You feel
as if finally your communica-
tions make a difference, and
they do! Tonight: Drop in at a
favorite spot.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Handling finances puts you
in the limelight. A partner
doesn't agree with you.
Consider different ways of get-
ting through to him. And take
charge of your funds.
Someone's great idea could be
your disaster. Be a free
thinker. Don't let someone
push you. Tonight: Work
late.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Though you are slow to get
started, once up and running, it
will be difficult to stop you.
Listen to feedback, but know
clearly what you want. Work
proves challenging, especially

making someone else's idea
realistic. Teamwork enhances
your potential. Tonight:
Exercise.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Take a back seat. Think
through a love relationship,
and determine what you want.
A child is delightful but also
deceptive. Be realistic about
what is going on. Listen to
your instincts; don't let others
talk you into something even if
it is logical. Tonight: A good
night's sleep.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Let your dreams have free
rein. Attend a mandatory meet-
ing. Don't pull back when
someone presents his case.
Team effort strengthens a work
project. Intuition is right on
concerning a family member or
real-estate investment. Trust
yourself. Tonight: Join a
friend.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)
Take responsibility, and dis-
play your administrative skills.
Make and return calls as soon
as you get into the office. You
will be pushed to accomplish a
lot, and quickly at that. You
intuitively know what is about
to happen next. Follow through
on instincts. Tonight: All eyes
turn to you.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)
Be concerned with finances,
but keep the big picture in
mind. Enhance your job perfor-
mance skills. Seriously consid-
er a course or seminar. Express
your willingness to grow and
expand. Others are there for
you. Calls brings another point
of view. Tonight: Rent a
movie.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your ability to visualize
comes through for you in a
pinch. Others appreciate your
efforts. Close relating builds
confidence. You get past an
immediate problem because of
a keen sense of direction. Don't
kid yourself about choices. A
partner needs to be consulted.
Tonight: Talk over dinner.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Defer to others. They will
dominate anyway right now.
You might not be certain about
which way to go. Listen to a
child or loved one carefully. A
premonition is strong. Follow
through and honor it. Others
become testy right now if they
don't have their way. Tonight:
Say yes!***

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sons. I love him with all my
heart.

For the past few months, I've
been accus-
ing him of
cheating on
me. He leaves
for work
early, has
been taking
showers,
shaving and
dressing nicely
to go to
work in a fac-
tory. In the
past, he has-
n't worried
about his
looks so much.

Every time I say something
like, "Lookin' good for her,
huh?" he gets mad. He insists
he's not fooling around and
never would. I have a hard
time believing him.

He says I'm pushing him
away by accusing him of cheat-
ing, but I can't help it. I'm so
scared that I'm giving this man
my heart and soul, and I'm
afraid of the power he holds in
his hands to break me.

My self-esteem is on the low
side. I've gained some weight
and am feeling old. Our sex life
is so-so. I'm not very satisfied,
and I have been open and
direct about telling him what I

like. He acts like he doesn't
hear me, which also makes me
believe he has someone else.

I've never loved any other
man like this and would be
devastated if there is another
woman. Is it me? Please tell me
how to get help for this insecurity.
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MONDAY

JAN. 4

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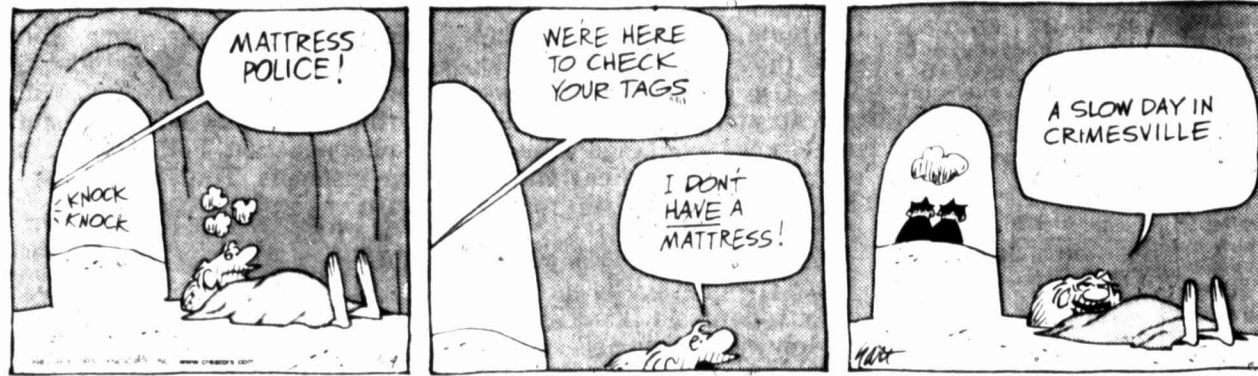
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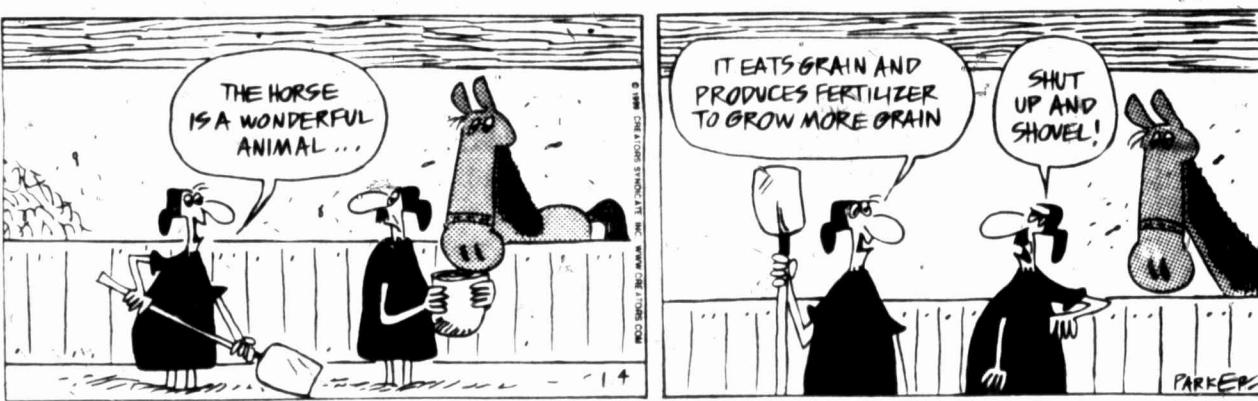
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 1999. There are 361 days left in the year.

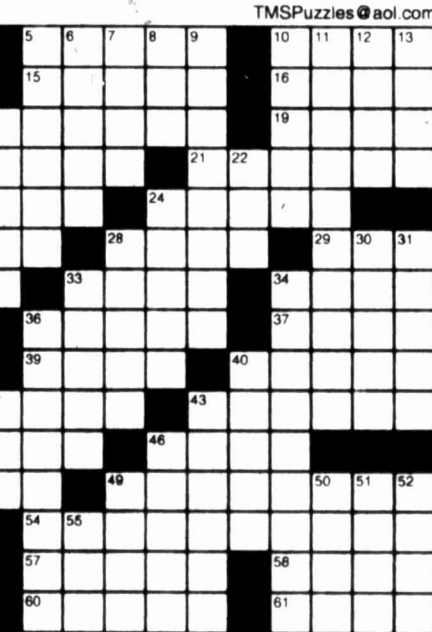
Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 4, 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state. On this date: In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of a reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France. In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what's believed to have been the first appendectomy on 22-year-old Mary Gartside. In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma. In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul. In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46. In 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address. In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76. In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee. In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Chase, Md.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS 1 Swimming hole 5 Britain's Derby Downs 10 Glance over 14 Follow orders 15 Barter 16 Manner of speaking 17 Revenuer's quarry 19 Martial 20 Impose a punishment 21 Metal lure 23 Nutmeg spice 24 Tripod for art 25 Behavior patterns 28 Rotation line 29 Not up to snuff 32 Fill with high spirits 33 Crisscross framework 34 Turquoise 35 Sacred ceremony 36 Sleeveless garments 37 Good fortune 38 Cries of contempt 39 Son of Seth 40 Shop 41 Fast airplane, briefly 42 Architect of St. Paul's 43 "Poppa?" 44 Modular elements 46 Laugh heartily 47 Texas border river 49 Pass through 53 Very large 54 Revenuer's quarry 56 Actor Roberts 57 Unbending 58 Belonging to us 59 Hamlet, e.g. 60 Lotion additives 61 E-mailed



By James E. Buel Fort Washington, MD

Saturday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN 1 Magnificence 2 Double-reed instrument 26 Also known as 27 Illegal spirits 28 Pyromanic's crime 30 Money 31 Huron and Erie 33 Tierney and Autry 34 Second selves 36 Spinal-column bone 40 Dishonor 42 Triumph 43 Planets 45 Sister's daughter 46 Blind anew 47 Cast off 48 Saintry glow 49 Okafeneke resident 50 Chills and fever 51 Sea swallow 52 In the past, in the past 55 Lubricate

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Ten years ago: Two U.S. Navy F-14 fighters shot down a pair of Libyan MiG-23 fighters in a clash over international waters off the Libyan coast. Five years ago: Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen announced a plan to drive most gun dealers out of business by increasing the licensing fee and imposing stricter controls on those who buy and sell weapons. One year ago: Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy resigned, accusing the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of abandoning the peace process with the Arabs. Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 85. Actress Barbara Rush is 72. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 69. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 64. Actress Dyan Cannon is 62. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 62. Maureen Reagan is 58. Actress Ann Magnuson is 43. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order) is 43. Country singer Patty Loveless is 42. Rock singer Michael Stipe (R.F.M.) is 39. Actor Dave Foley ("NewsRadio") is 36. Actress Julia Ormond is 34. Tennis player Guy Forget is 34. Country singer Deana Carter is 33. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 32. Actor Jeremy Light ("Valerie") is 28. Thought for Today: "The more people are reached by mass communication, the less they communicate with each other." - Marya Mannes, American author-journalist (1904-1990).