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WEDNESDAY
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TONIGHT THURSDAY
Helping others. Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help othing Salvation Army Angel Trees and Salvation Army Trees and Salvation Army
kettles. kettles.
If your organization has an established program to like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivan at 263-7331, ext. 234.


Angel Tree locations: - Big Spring Herala - Beniors)

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- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union - Scenic Mountain

Medical Center

- Rip Griffin's Gift Snop

Salvation Army Kettles

- Wal-Mart
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- Bealls For Her

Toys For Tots

- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center

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days and 11 a.m. on Sunday

Long-time public servant Bill Shankles loses battle with cancer

| By MA | He was a man's man, friendly, | with the sheriff's department. | t | official. He had a good heart |
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| Staf | with qualities that we |  | as Justice of the Peace, long. time co-worker Marilyn | and was understanding of everybody's problems. This is |
|  | in every person but don't | ciation continued in that posi. | Carson was chosen to fill the | a great loss for our communi- |
| public servant | always find. He will be sorel | tion. I never heard him |  | y," Ray said. |
| Bill Shank | ed," said retired Ho | a hars | Margaret Ray, who retired | Services for Shankles are |
| died at | County Sheriff A.N. Standard | was a | from the Howard County Clerk | planned for 1 p.m. Friday at |
| Midland ho |  | long ti | positio | Baptist Temple Church, with |
| al Tuesday | beginning Jan. 1, 1977. | In 1986 Shankles was | Shankes in his caprity as | Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of |
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|  | in criminal investig |  |  | st |
|  | solved many crimes for |  |  |  |
| "Te was 63. SHANKLES | ward County citizens. <br> 'He had great insight a | s service as a sherit peputs, he had served as | and compassionate man. and this loss hurts. I really appre | Masonic Graveside Rites by Big Spring Lodge No . 1340 wil |
|  |  | lice officer in Lamesa for 12 |  |  |

## Winds, dust create dangerous conditions

By JOHN H. WALKER


## Water

 ratesCouncil says 'no to staff's request to increase rates in 4-3 decision By John h. WALKER

For the second time in less

 Horton made the motion toden.
the increase and was soined iin
 Garcia and members Chuck Cawthon and Greg Biddison.
All four said they had heard
enough from their consitutents and voted the increase down.
"Folks have said they're tired "Folks have said the reing nickled and dime City manager Gary Fuqua
said city staff had gotten the message go back to the budge and see where we can mad the
money." he said.
The rate hike was rested
tooffset a $\$ 45$ boo increase in the cost to deliver water by the
Colorado River Municipal
Water District. Water District.
CRMWI). which operates on
the same fiscal year calendar as
the city, was unable to provide the city with its new fee struc
ture early enough for the
monies to be included in the budget
The council also accepted th
resination ocity attorney Jin
Finley, who has accepted a sin
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primary chlorifier and tricklon See COUNCIL. Page 2

More than $\mathbf{2 5 0}$ city-wide fifth graders to graduate DARE program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

## More than 250 Big Spring fifth graders

 will don black t-shirts and travel toMunicipal Auditorium Thursday for Municipal Auditorium Thursday for
Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation ceremonies
"We'll be doing several different
things, and presenting several different things, and presenting several different ly invited," said Corp. Terry Hudson Gray, DARE officer.
Students in all fifth grade classes at Bauer, Marcy, Goliad, Kentwood and St Mary's Episcopal elementaries will
attend the ceremonies as their last offi cial class meeting with the DARE pro-

assignment for the the final written
class winner will read theirs. and compocition class winner will read their composition
at the program. The essays were written at the program. The essays were written
from the student's perspective on how to from the student's perspective on how to
stay drug and violence free, and how the
DARE program has DARE program has helped them make
those life long decision:, she said "And we'll also do role playing on stage, where the students act out ways to
say no to drugs and violence," Gray said Students vote to select the best role playing team from each class to be pre
sented at the graduation ceremony. And another award will be presented to a student selected by his or her peer fifth graders.
See DARE, Page 2A

## Obituaries

Patsy Darnell


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## DARE



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8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

- Narcotic Anonym -Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.
Et. Mary's.
Church.Call $268-4189$ (pageopal no.) Church.Call $268-4189$ (pager no.)
Step study.
Nurse Hospice and
Canterbury are sponsoring a
new grief support group. It will Canterbury are sponsoring a
new grief support group. It will
meet the second Wednesday of meet the second Wednesday of
each month at 3 p.m. in the
community room at Canterbury
South South, 1700 Lancaster.
THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Altles, noon open meeting, 615
-A.D.D A P T -A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit sup-
port and learning organization port and learning organization
about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslex,
ia. Meets second Thursday of ia. Meets second Thursday of
September, October, November,
January, February, March, January, February, March,
Apil and May, Cerebral Palsy
building, 802 Ventura, Mid April and May, Cerebral Palsy
building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
-Alzheimer's support group, -Alzheimer's support group,
noon, Scenic Mountain Medical
Center, third Thursday of the
Center, third Thursday of the
month. Call Janice Wagner at
263.1211.
-Grief Support related to the - Grief oupport related to the
death of a loved one. Call
Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264 -
6523 6523.
Alzheimer's Association
Support Group, last Thursday Support Group, last Thursday
of the month, Comanche Trail
Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway,
7 p.m. Call 267 -9459. 7 p.m. Call 267.9459.
© Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church. St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Call 2688 -4189 (pager no.)
$\cdot$ Al-Anon support group, p.m., 1515 Settles.
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GROUP LISTING PLEASE

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## Kid MUN



Kids eat free

 buffet!

Every Wednesday night kids 11 years old and under eat FREE with purchase of each adult buffet at regular price

Texas Lottery Pick 3:5,1,

|  | Cash $5: 19,23,25,31,33$ |
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| Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state otetery commision |  |
| transported to SMMC. |  |

## Police

The Big Spring Police
Department reported the follow ng incidents between 8 a.m - JOSEPH TURNER, 22 , was $\stackrel{\text { while intoxicated. }}{- \text { EDWARD HURRINGTON }}$ 3, was arrested on a charge of ANTHONY MARTINEZ
A. was arrested on a charge of - MICHAEL MCCORMICK - MICHAEL MCCORMICK, driving while intoxicated.

- MINOR ACCIDENT reported in the 600 block of
East 14th, near the intersec. East 14th, near the intersec-
tions of Fourth, and Johnson - THEFT MORE THAN $\$ 50$


Christmas Holiday
office Hours and Advertising Deadlines
Big Spring Herald
The Big Spring Herald offices will be closed December 24 and will reopen for business at 7:30 a.m. Monday, ${ }^{24}$ and wirlir Decerber 27.

## Advertising Deadlines

 Sunday, December 26 .......................Thursday, 12 NOON


Classified Deadlines
Friday, December 24.....................Thursday, 12 NOON Ruay, December 24.

Thursday, 12 NO
Space

## United States completes giveaway of Panama Canal on Tuesday

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP)
With President Clinton and SACretary
of State Madeleine Albright declining
to attend, the task of witnessing the
turnover of the Panama Canal fell to
former President Jimmy Carter, who
agreed to the handover 22 years ago.
Carter joined President Mireya
Moscoso, King Juan Carlos of Spain
and five Latin American presidents in
a ceremony Tuesday marking the
transfer.
In prepared comments issued shortly
fefore the ceremony, Moscoso praised
what she called "the consolidation of
our sovereignty and the recovery of
our national territory." She said the
canal will operate efficiently and
securely under Panamaian steward
ship.
cour final objective is to guarantee
safe, efficient and uninterrupted opera-
tion of the waterway to satisfy our cus.

Space shuttle countdown going well, weather looks better

pressure because of this." Leckrone. "Hubble will still be there waiting for us in January
if we have to defer to January, NASA has until Saturday to send Discovery on the 1 -week
mission, otherwise it will have to wait until January to avoid any potential Y2K problems. If Discovery takes off Saturday,
the fourth spacewalk would he fourth spacewalk would
have to be canceled to ensure
hat the shuttle is back with hat the shuttle is back with
ime to spare. If Discovery does indeed fly
this week, its crew will spend Christmas in orbit - a first in 18, years of space shuttle flight. "It's natural that everybody
would prefer to be at home with would prefer to be at home with
family and friends over the hol iday period," test director iday period," test director
Lyons said, "but we all recog.
nize we've got a job to do."
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) The Jefferson } & \text { got 'scoundreled' by a national publication. }\end{array}$
locks and a man-made lake.
About 14,000 ships pass through the
canal every year, steered by
Panamanian or U.S. pilots, and pay $\$ 540$ million in tolls. Carter signed the treaties in 197 with Panamanian strongman Gen.
Omar Torrijos, who 10 years Omar Torrijos, who 10 years earlier coup. While Carter was criticized in the United States, the treaties polished Torrijos' image internationally and
made him a national hero. Torrijos died in a plane crash in 1981. Carter's relationship with Panama
has extended beyond the signing of the has extended beyond the signing of the
treaties. In 1989, he came here as an international observer of the presiden tial elections and witnessed how mil tary strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio
Noriega nullified the election his can
didate had lost.
naneu ver and helped turn international opin The United States invaded at the end of a Miami prison Despite the ties between the Panama and the United States, Clinton decline and Albright canceled her crip at th last minute to prepare for Mideas peace talks. "We are not disappointed becaus Clinton and Albrigit are not coming," Panamanian Foreign Minister Jose
Miguel Aleman said Monday. "We are planning a big celebrati
Clinton's absence, he
example of the lack of diplomatic atten tion by the United States to Lati
America. The United States America. The Unite
chance to look good."


## While They Last! Hurry For Best Selections!



## $\overline{\mathrm{E}}$ ditorial



Hats off to Big Spring City Council member Cawthon and Oscar Garcia for listening to the citizens of Big Spring and saying enough is enough to these nickel and dime and $\$ 2$ a month here and $\$ 2$ a month there fee increases that are beating us to death
Thanks for saying 'no' a second time to the reques ed fee hike that was presented as "only about 32 cents per month.
Now, city officials will really get the opportunity to to reduce expenses - rather than what has become the perfunctory increase of fees on one hand while the perfunctory increase of fees on one hand while
exclaiming, "Look, we didn't raise taxes!" on the exclaim
other.
We will repeat ourselves on this issue.
When a business is faced with declining revenues, or when the revenues fall short of the expenses, guess what happens? The expenses are cut
And just as Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Garcia said whe he first ran for office, the city is no more than a bus it's time to do what a business does at that point - cut those expenses.
And that's the task that now faces the city staff ... to there
But there are a few suggestions we'd like to make. First, don't take it from the street fund ... the major tions as it is
Second, don't take it from the water fund ... there's still hope the wat
palatable some day
Third, don't take it from the park fund ... oh well, it's not really big enough to plunder, is it
Fourth, don't think this opens the door to an auto matic tax hike next budget cycle.
As we ve said before, citizen community expec a return on the money they spend for their municipa
services - just as do customers of a retail business or restaurant. We expect good water, we expect good streets, we expect good sanitary services, we expect to be protec
ed and to receive good emergency services and w ed and to receive good emergency services and
expect to have nice, clean, well-maintained parks. While the sale of bottled water and RO units flourish in the community, while we dodge potholes on wash-board-like streets, while we have to go out and clean up around our dumpsters after the garbage truck has gone by, while playground equipment lies broken and
scoreboards don't work, it seems the city support staff scoreboards don't
continues to grow.
Where are we now, staffing-wise, compared to the days when our city's population was above 30,000 ? How many persons sit at desks or do administrativ How many persons sit at desks or do administrative
jobs now, assisted by computers, compared to the days jobs now, assisted by computers,
when it was a job done by hand?
How many "in-the-trench" workers do we have out there fixing potholes and repairing streets and picking there fixing potholes and repairing streets
We're not attempting to point fingers, but rather make certain there are questions to ask and places to make certain there are questions to ask and places to
look rather than always wanting to dig into the pock look rather we the people.
When the folks in Boston got tired of it, they held a tea party remember?

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By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring
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Our offices are closed on weekends and holidays.

Presidential race a symptom of society's ills

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the 2000 presidential races is as the 2000 presidential races is ast mpom a
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person to one office will some person to one office will som
how magically solve the nation's conflicts and problems, though one might easil get that idea by listening to the
candidates. They tend to sound like carnival pitchme n. Come Hike carnival pitchme n. Come
one, come all, and see all your
problems solved, all problems solved, all of y
boo-boos made painless. boo-boos made painless. I
haven't seen so much of a cer-
millions to the polls and elect you president. The ga me doe In the first place, Americans have lost the consensus on major issues. Thus, one man's sensible solutions are another Furthermore, I do not believe there exists in this country at this time either a conservative majority or a liberal majority
Most Americans seem to be Most Americans seem to be
pragmatists, which is kind of nice word for opportunists. People interested in the public good are about as rare as peo-
ple who have actually read the Great Books.
People have learned that they can loot the public treasury, a
that old Englishman Thomas that old Englishman Thom
Macaulay warned that they would. Broadly speaking, American politics amounts to frenzied feeding at the public
trough, with individuals and groups shouting and el bowing each other to get what they of loot. Joining the rabble are of loot. Joining the rabble are
all those various groups with an itch to run other people's lives and that want the gov
ment to be their leg-breaker

And there are still millions Americans who are just part san voters.
No matter what kind of a no matter ideas, how bleak his hhis success are, these partisans will vote for the party nomine because that's what they've
always done. always done.
Any serious minor party
would concentrate on winning would concentrate on winning,
local and state elections. That's how one builds a political base It is absurd for a party that
holds not one single office i the entire land to put up a can didate for president. One is sion that no-chance candidate are doing it for the money and the publicity, and they themselves know full well that they ning the White House than Yasser Arafat has of being elected president of Israel. 1 am not too concerned with me is the condition of a societ that produces the kinds of elec tions and results that we
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Syndicate


Writer's Art: For a writer's Christmas

TThe Yuletide is upon us,
 Christmas? You bet. The New York Times has just
published a greatly expanded published a greatly expanded
edition of its Manual of Style and Usage. Prepare for bad news and good news. The 1976 edition contained a single suc cinct ine.
datum (sing.,
but rare)." In the 1999 edi-
tion we find, tion we find
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term: 'The
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tion of facts
and figures.

J. J.
the noun can
Kilpatrick still be plural: They tabulate the data, which wide. ' (In this sense, the singular is 'datum,' a word both
stilted and deservedly stilted and deservedly obscure.
Those Those of us who write for
newspapers are bound by the newspapers are bound by the
Stylebook of The Associated Press. Its 1993 edition says: "DATA. A plural noun, it nor
mally takes plural verbs and pronouns." Inadvisedly the AP

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 to a discrete unit, it is accept-able to write, "The data IS sound.".When the reference is to individual items, it is right
to say, "The data HAVE been carefully collected.
My own thought is to cling to
Latin and Greek formulation Latin and Greek formulations
until their usage becomes a until their usage becomes a
matter of gaudy affectation. In my book the data ARE always sound. The Supreme Court co
tinues to speak of "fora" tinues to speak of "fora"
instead of "forums," but I sus instead or "forums," but I sus
pect "fora" is a lost cause. I
would hang on to pect fora is ang on to
would cause. I
alumna/alumnae, phenomealumna/alumnae, phen
non/phenomena and non/phenomena and
criterion/criteria, but I proba-
bly would yield on "cacti" and "croci" as the plural of cactus and crocus.
The new Times manual offe The new Times manual
an ominous comment on an ominous comment on
"media." In deference to its
grammatically exacting reade ship, the Times will keep it plural "for now." In this col-
umn, "media" will remain for ever plural! " will remain for Despite its apostasy on the
matter of "data", and despite matter of "data," and despite
its simplistic advice on the its simplistic advice on the
placement of adverbs, the placement of adverbs, the
revised Times manual is a valuable reference work. The manual is also in error when
condemns "absolutely neces. condemns "absolutely neces-
sary" as a redundancy. The editors should recur to John Marshall's opinion in

## eign phrases. Nine times ou 10 the tug should be firmly

 justice had it right. Necessity resisted. When it is absolutely $\begin{array}{ll}\text { comes in degrees. } \\ \text { Back to Christmas books. } & \text { necessary to shift into another } \\ \text { language, let us be certain we }\end{array}$ Back to Christmas books.William Safire, the Times word maven, offers "Spread the his popular columns. Like its predecessors, this volume is great reading for an exception axamines such weguest. Safire phrases as "cover sp,", "d on arrival" and "tough sell." "d a typical column, he turns "
around engagingly on "maid," a medieval term that has
become unsexed. The old become unsexed. The old into "housekeeper," but a few derivatives survive: maid of honor, maiden voyage, maide
speech. A horse that has yet to speech. A horse that has y
win its first race remains a maiden.
In another column, Safire
looks at "Get a life!" "The looks at "Get a life!"' The
imperative carries a mil imperative carries a mildly
scolding connotation of "get out of a rut" or "stop being so stodgy." He traces it to teen--
aged slang in 1983 aged slang in 1983 . One of his readers dates the phrase from
Star Trek convention in 1986. It became the title of a Fox
Broadcasting Broadcasting sitcom in 1990. A a vogue phrase, Safire com-
ments, it can be derided ments, it can be derided, "but
as a waker-upper, 'Get a life!' as a waker-upper, 'Get a life' advice. Don't knock have the alien phrase o leash. Toward that end, two new dictionaries promise to useful. Oxford has put out a
softcover edition of its Dictionary of Foreign Words and Phrases." The "World Dictionary of Foreign Expressions" comes from
Bolchazy-Carducci, 1000 Brown St., Wauconda, Ill. 60084. Both compilations appear to be far more comprehensive than the Mawson-Berlitz dictionary of
1975 or the Barnes \& Noble dic tionary of 1992 .
The latter volume is the work of two African scholars, one of
them a professor of ancient his them a professor of ancient hi judge and Latinist in Botswana. Oxford's new entry
in the field was edited by in the field was edited by ennifer Speake. I checked The Africans won, $370-178$. At the top of every book list
for writers, of course is for writers, of course, is the Style." It is the "little book" that both teaches and inspires. If your writer already owns
Strunk-White give him or Strunk-White, give him or her the New Fowler's from Oxford
but hang onto the old Fowler's for the sheer fun of reading its enduring advice


## Modest weight loss shows benefits

CHICAGO (AP) -
Overweight women who lost as
little as five pounds handled
everyday activities more easily
and had fewer aches and pains,
a study found.
Gaining as little as five
pounds had the reverse effect
in normal-weight and over-
weight women, the researchers
reported in Wednesday's
Journal of the American
Medical Association.
The four-year study of more
than 40,000 nurses, ages 46 to
71, is one of the few to show
that small changes in weight
can have a big effect on quality
of life.
Most research on overweight
people has focused on dire
long-term risks diabetes,
high blood pressure, heart dis-
ease, stroke and cancer.
"The vast majority of over-
weight people don't end up get-
ting those diseases. But when

 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { that potentially affects every- } & \text { also benefit the overweight. } \\ \text { one," said Dr. Ichiro Kawachi, } & \text { But researcer }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { one,", said Dr. Ichiro Kawarhi, }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { also benentit the overweight. } \\ \text { But researchers said more }\end{array} \\ \text { a professor of medicine who } \\ \text { study is needed before such }\end{array}$ helped lead the study at
Harvard-affiliated Brigham hard Women's Hospital in Boston. A separate study in JAMA
reported that obese women are reported that obese women are
more than six times as likely more than six to have a silent inflammation in their arteries that may boost their already elevated risk of heart disease.
The study involved more than reatment can be advised by
physicians. In the nurses' study, over-
weigh women who shed some veight tended to function betcer physically and had more
vitality and less pain. Dr. Michael Steelman, past President of the American
 Physicians, specialists in med-
ical issues related to weight,
said said modest weight loss can
sat give people an emotional boost,
too too. It gives them the kind of self-confidence they need to
move ahead with their life perhaps to earn promotions, to
change jobs. to improve re Concert is teen cancer patient's dream year-old Johanna Johnson year-old at the edge of the
pincod
Lincoln Center stage, then stepped into the New York
Philharmonic and took her seat among the musicians.
night, the cancer the teen-ager had been diagnosed with in
May was the last thing on her mind.

I was about to walk into a cert and I couldn't move," she Johanna became only the " ond nonprofessional to play
with the Philharmonic first was entertainer George Plimpton, who played gong, triangle and sleigh bells
documentary in 1968 .
Through most of the spring, undergone chemotherapy and Hodgkin's Disease
A social worker from the can-
cer clinic near her home in Grass Valley, Calif., put her
family in touch with the MakeA.Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of children
who have life threatening it nesses. While most children ask to meet sports stars or fly to Disney World, Johanna told the
foundation she wanted to sit in and hear the music all around her. and switched to Oboe three years ago, and she was the
principal oboist in the Auburn principal oboist in the Auburn during her chemotherapy. After weeks of treatment, her
cancer is now in remission. cancer is now in remission. Internet for searched the players in major orchestras and chose Joseph Robinson of the New York Philharmonic. She Robinson and to sit in the middle of the orchestra. What she got was much more.
From the middle of the sym hony, next to Robinson Johanna played during the loudest parts of Aaron
Copland's "'Third Symphony." Copland's " "Third Symphony."
"My heart was going so fast it couldn't keep up at the end," maybe three-quarters of the


| Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211 |
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| scary is when everything gets | from himself, friends a |
| quiet really fast and I'm about | members of the Philh |
| to take a breath. I didn't want | - a French oboe from |
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| "She did fine," Robinson | Now I definitely |
|  | practice harder." she |
| Johanna had played in | adding that was consider |
| rehearsal on Friday. On | possible future in |
| Thursday, Robinson had taken | might like to conduct and |
| her to lunch and given her the | on the si |





## Y2K what?

In Egypt, computer bug mostly incomprehensible CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - The them to withdraw money from a result, air conditioning and
Problems of the Year 2000, as banks, bringing about a col- elevators could fail in some
the Yen the Y2K bug is known in Egypt, lapse of the financial market, hospitals, hotels and other men puffing on water pipes in a small cafe in a Cairo slum.
"Let
His job is not to make sure "Let me first solve the prob- ensure people involved but to lem of 1999," declares 50 -year- computers know what to do.
old Fat'hallah Mohran. A quick briefing about the Egypt was relatively late to omputer malady that has con- address it, the millennium bug sumed much of the Western has been eradicated in all vital
world only confuses him furwordd only confuses him fur
ther. Some computers can only energy, gas, telecommunications and aviation. Some equipment in hospital
intensive care units is not yet compliant, he admits, so hospitals are using a contingency plan-instead of programming the computers by the year, they are doing so by the week.
Elwy claims the government is 97 percent compliant and
that its 166 mainframes and 108,518 other

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## life! <br> $\qquad$

## Check your list twice for safer toys



| to the child. <br> - Suited to the child's physi- <br> cal capabilities. <br> - Suited to the child's mental and social development. <br> Always check the labels for clear instructions, age recommendations and a list of potential hazards. <br> Be safe when selecting toys for your children. The last thing we want to happen is to see another child injured. <br> For more information about toy and product hazards, $\log$ on to the TDH Product Safety Web site site <br> http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ ps.htm. <br> Gina Garza, features assistant for the Herald, writes a weekly column on family tips and information. |
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## Are you laughing enough?

Humor can be your survival kit to reduce components of stress

| and physiological response body to any situation t new, frightening, threat , or exciting. When un ess, the brain sends sign release adrenaline in yo dy. The release causes hea od pressure, and muscle n to rise quickly. <br> o help manage stress, |
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Michael Lopez poses next to the "Rising Star" bulletin board at Bauer Elementary School recentIy. His artwork, along with the writing of Jennifer DeLeon, now a sixth grader at Gollad, was published in the Rising Star magazine, "Young Texan Taless 1999." The work of Bauer students is
currently being judged in monthly contests for the 2000 year's Rising Star compettion. Three currently being judged in monthly contests for the 2000 year's Rising Star compettion. Three
winning submissions from each grade level will be sent into the statewide contest after January.




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and
will be for "Customer Appreciation Day. Office hours It is also the time for children to mail their Santa Claus etters! We will have a special letter drop just for Santa
and at 11 a.m., Saint Nick himself will visit to pick up and at 11 a.m., San
his letters in person.
A MEMORIAL TREE FROM the American Cance Society is set up at Merle Norman in Big Spring Mall
Donors can give a gift to the Big Spring Unit of ACS in memory or honor of a loved one.
When the tree is removed, the ornament marking the gift will be sent to the person honored or the family of he person memorialized. Donations can be made
hrough Dec. 25. Call Lucy Bonner at $263-6305$. Memorials can also be mailed to P.O. Box 2121, Big

Candy makes a sweet holiday gift
 ive sea trade and from this port sugar was brought and made into tasty confections.
When the use of sugar spread hroughout Europe, candy mak ing was done by the apothecaries (pharmacists or drug. gists as we know them today
Sugar-coated caraway seeds were used as pleasurable way of settling an upset stomach after a large medieval feast. On his second voyage in 1493,
Columbus brought sugar to San Domingo. Cuba was growing
sugar cane by 1511 . Sugar was one of the early imports into
our colonies where druggists would make "healing" candy drops containing hoarhound, wintermint and peppermint.
The first real candy was made in the form of a stick.
When Admiral kichard Hyrd made his expedition to the South Pole, he took two and
ne-half tons of candy to sup
quick energy.
While there is not much
While there is not much
nutritional value to candy
sheer pleasure to eat
creamy or crystalline, and amorphous or noncrystalline
The no-cook Buckeye cand recipe was given to me by my
husbands' grandmother who husided in Ohio. Ohio is the Buckeye State whose state tree
is the Buckeye, a member of is the Buckeye, a member of
the horse chestnut. Grandma Terry liked to think of her Buckeye candy as the "state
candy." It is also sot candy." It is also sometimes
known as Shoebo Candy known as Shoebox Candy,
since it makes 6 pounds and Since it makes 6 pounds and
fits nicely in a shoebox for mailing.

## Buckeye Candy

1 pound butter, room temp.
2 pounds smooth peanut but
3 (1\#) boxes confectioners
powdered
powdered sugar
Place above ingredients in
large bowl. Cut butter and
peanut butter ind
peanut butter into powdere
sugar until mixture
sugar until mixture looks
crumbly like pie dough. Then
mix together with hands. Take mix together with hands. Ta
large handful and knead on counter top until smooth.
Pinch off Pinch off small amount and rol
into ball (about the size of a large olive) and place on cook
sheet. Chill in refrigerator. sheet. Chill in refrigerator
Continue making the balls Continue making the balls
until all the mixture has bee
rolled.
These can now be stored in
the refrigerator indefinitely, either in containers or covered
with plastic wrap until you are
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 The philosooneres save ony interperead the philosophers have only the world in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.
Karl Marx I do not seek, I find
Pablo Picasso

English Toffee
Sprinkle on bottom of $9^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$
baking pan 2 cups whole chopped pecans. Combine in 3 qt. saucepan, $11 / 2$ cups brown
sugar and 2 sticks of butter (do not use oleo). not use oleo.
Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium low and cook,
stirring constantly for aprox. stirring constantly, for approxi-
mately 12 minutes or until mixnately 12 minutes or until mix
ture reaches 300 degrees on a candy thermometer. Pour and spread over pecans.
Immediately sprinkle one cup top. Wait about 5 minutes until chips soften, and spread. Allow to cool. Break into pieces.
Helpful hints: When melting hocolate for dipping or spread ing, take care not to get tem
perature, too hot as this will Qeraw the drying process. Too
slow hot a temperature canialso
cause chocolate to separate or

Food for thought: The smallest good deed is better than the
grandest intention.

Christmas Rum Cake
Before you start, sample th
rum and check for quality rum and check for quality. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc., and check
the rum again for quality. It the rum again for quality. It
must be just right. Try it again. With an electric beater, beat one cup butter in a large fluffy
bowl Add one teaspoon sugar bowl. Add one teaspoon suga and beat again. Meanwhile,
make certain the rum is of best quality. Add two large eggs and two
cups dried fruit and beat well cups dried fruit and beat well

- until bery high. If fruit gets stuck in beater, pry it out wit
a screwdriver. Sample rum a screwdriver. Sample rum
again, checking for consisten
cy. Mext cy. Mext sift in 3 cups baking
powder, add a pink of rum, 1 powder, add a pink of rum,
seaspoon toda and 2 cup of pep-
per - or is it salt? Anyway per - or is it salt? Anyway,
don't fret. Just test the rum again. Zowie....
Now, sift in half a pint of lemon juice, fold in chopped
buttermilk and add strained nuts. Shample the rum again. tugar or whatever color is
around. Mix well. Greast ove around. Mix well. Greast oven
and turn on cake pan to 350
degrees. Now degrees. Now pour the whole
mixture into the oven mixture into the oven put the mop?
On second thought, and also
third and fourth, forget the third and fourth, forget the third and fourth, forget the
oven, forget the cake, check the
rest of the rum and go to bed!


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MAKE

Continued from Page 6A Pattern
Directions 1. The pattern for the scarf is a simple Fishermans Knit. 2. With yarn double, cast on 27 stitches. 3 .
Row 1: Slip first stitch as if to purl. Knit across 26 stitches. 4. stitch as if to purl Snip first back of next stitch, purl 1. Repeat between stitches across until the scarf is 1 and 2 length End on the desire side) Turn to right side and ind off. 6 . The scarf can be all is. These stripes are 2 inches long, and the color sequence is size can vary. Cast on more make sure it is an uneven nus bier. The length can be 4 feet or Handmade Soap Project rating: Easy
Time to make: 3 hour (including 2 hours of cooling

Notes: You can buy Martha Stewart's soap-making kit from her catalog, Martha by Mail, ding; additional molds are $\$ 18$. (Call 1-800-950-7130 for a caralog.) Soap Sensations kits are
$\$ 9.97$ at Wal-Mart. Or you can get the supplies in small
amounts at craft stores M.J. Designs and Michael. Materials
Glycerin (About $\$ 8$ for a 1-lb.
block at Michael) block at Michaels) at least red, yellow and blue for mixing to create other colors; a package of three is $\$ 3$ at
Michaels.) Reusable plastic molds (About
$\$ 2$ for a sheet of 5 at Michaels) $\$ 2$ for a sheet of 5 at Michaels)
Additions to put inside, such as plastic animals or small
toys, dried flowers, seashells poppy seeds, citrus peel or
leaves (These are your personal touches that add dimension and texture to your soap designs.)
Vegetable oil spray

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { vegetable oil spray } \\
& \text { spline for coating molds }
\end{aligned}
$$ Directions coating molds glycerin for 30 seconds at a ed. Watch carefully to to me melt ${ }^{\text {i }}$ it doesnt carefully to be sure a stovetop double boiler but the microwave is much easier.) Skim any bubbles from the sured. 2. Add tiny amounts of color until you get the shade you

want. It doesnt take much. Add any natural ingredients that you want distributed through-etable-oil spray or Vaseline Wipe off the excess. 4. Pour melted mixture into molds and let stand for about 2 hours. 5 .
When completely cool, the soap should be set. Flip the mold over and push the soaps out. Additional Tips:
Make two-toned soap by fillting it cool, then adding another color on top and letting it
To add toys or solid items, fill the mold halfway and place the item in the soap. Let it stand
until the soap starts to set, then until the soap starts to set, then
finish filling the mold. finish filling the mold.
Uncolored or only slightly colord glycerin works best for
this.

Bath Salts


[^0] minutes per bracelet
Expense: $\$ 6$ and up
Notes: Prices of beads vary
greatly. Austrian crystals cost greatly. Austrian crystals cost
about $\$ 5$ for 40 beads (enough for small wrist); the black stone and agate beads used here are about $\$ 12$ per strand (make Materials
Beads (All price ranges)
Elastic string ( 20 cents a
yard)
Crimps or rings to finish off
$(10$ to 20 cents each $)$ 10 to 20 cents each)
Twisted wire needle ( 25 cents) Scissors
Pliers, preferably needle nose Awl (Optional)

## Directions 1. Make a huge

 knot at the end of a 20 inchpiece of elastic piece of elastic string to keep
beads from slid ing off. 2. Put elastic through the eye of the
needle. 2. String the crimp bead needle. 2. String the crimp bead
first. 3. Then string the number first. 3. Then string the number
of beads needed to encircle the wrist. (This depends on the wrist size and bead size, but
usually about 40 to 48 small crystal beads or 22 to 26 large beads are needed. 4 . Cut on either side of beads. Knot
the ends together tightly. (I you use an awl to make the knot against. you can pull the knot tighter so the beads are
not too loose.) 5 . Slide the crimp bead over the knot
Smash the crimp with pliers. 6


Tommy jeans a really big hit
$\times 70$

 $\begin{array}{cl}\text { Project rating: Moderately } & \text { Stitch } \\ \text { easy } & \text { the } \\ \text { Time to make: 1 hour } & \text { Roll } \\ \text { Expense: \$2 and up } & \text { Stitch } \\ \text { Notes: Use bottles that are } & \text { seal. } \\ \text { clear or light-colored, such as } & \\ \text { pale green, to display the salts } & \text { Pink } \\ \text { better. Store in a cool, dry place } & \end{array}$

Stitch Witchery cut two strips
the length of the part you cut he length of the part you cut. Roll the cut edges over the
titch Witchery and iron to

Pink Velvet Bag With Ribbon Handles and Trim
Project rating Modern Project rating: Moderate
Time to make: $21 / 2$ hours Expense: $\$ 30$ to $\$ 35$ knowles: Requires a basic knowledge of sewing. These Sen Hayler, a Dallas model who Nonsewers who want to special order original bags from Ms.
Hayler may call $214-360-1549$. Hayler may call 214-360-1549.
Materials $1 / 2$ yard of velvet (Pa
vet is about $\$ 40$ a yard.) $1 / 2$ yard of lining fabric
(Acetate satin is about $\$ 6$ to $\$ 8$ a yard.).
2 yards of ribbon (about $\$ 6$ ) $1 / 2$ yard of thin cord (about Beads (Anywhere from less apiece) to several dollar

## Thread and pin

## Sewing machi

Directions 1 . Cut 1 piece of
velvet 8 inches wide $x 17$ inches long for the body.
Cut 2 pieces of velvet 2 inches wide x 15 inches long for hanCut ribbon: 2 pieces 17 inches long, 2 pieces 15 inches long, Cut 2 pieces of lining fabric 8
inches wide $91 / 2$ inches long

## . To make the body: Pin

at Seals

seals fabric with an is tan so no sewing is necessary. Its sold yards). We used the $1 / 4$-inch width.
Scissors
Iran
Straight pin
Directions 1. Open the banmet vertically on a large table.
Find the center of the blanket by measuring or by folding the blanket in quarters. Mark the center with a straight pin. 2 .
Cut a straight line up the middie of the blanket from the bottom edge to the center. 3 . Finish the cut edges with a
hem. You could whipstitch it but the easiest way is use



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## In Brief

Buffs chalk up 10-point win over Grape Creek | Forsan's Buffaloes rode the |
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Eagles in non-district basket. ball action Monday.
In addition
 each from Logan Stanley and
David Whetsel. Whetsel als
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rebounds.

\section*{Junior high Lady Steers

sweep past Greenwood <br>  <br> over Midland
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Lady steers
team rolled to
 took a 27.10
seven-point

Brennan <br> $\qquad$ <br> YMCA sets hoops camp for Christmas holiday <br> | boys and girls has been uled for Dec. 20-23 at Spring Family YMCA. coach Kathy Loter wil duct the camp from Basic fundamental |
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Kentucky finds itself out of Top 25 for first time since 1990 The ASSOCIATED PRESS


| While Cincinnati ${ }^{\text {a }}$ was No. 1 for the fifth straight week in the AP college bas ketball poll released today, Kentucky was not in the Top 25 for the first time in over nine years. <br> The Bearcats $\left(7 y_{5} 0\right)$, who beat North Carolina and Mississippi Valley State last week, were again a runaway choice for the top spot, receiving 62 first-place votes and 1,740 points from the national media panel. <br> Stanford (6-0) beat Georgia Tech in overtime in its only game last week and moved up one place to No. 2 with eight first-place votes and 1,651 points. <br> Kentucky (4-4), which ended a three |
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Connecticut still ranked at No. 1 in poll;
Lady Longhorns return after long absence



Former Hawks rider claims world crown in NFR's bull riding


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other black cowboy to win an
most of the headlines by becom: NFR event is bull rider Charles $\sqrt{2}+5=2=2$





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lead the league in rebounding， and finding another 6－foot－$\delta$ power forward who could
rebound the way he could someone once described wat ing Barkley like watching
Porky Pig on a trampoline Porky Pig on a trampoline－－
will be tough enough．But find ing someone half as entertain－ ＂I am not a role model，＂he said in a television commercia a few years ago．
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Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The
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sense of humor comess out with
a partner you swap information (and sometimes secrets) with.
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stand what motivates a boss. In fact, you find him downright
confusing. Tonight: Take a GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
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on a long term dream; you
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 Actually, he simply might not you might not be sure what th understand what you are ask. do or exactly which way to to.
ing. Others are full of chatter powerful information helps you and are only too willing to make a a needed decision.
share their good vibe s. Tonight: In between doing
Tonight: Where the gang is. CANCER (June el.-July 22)
$* * *$ You are in the limelight a errands, join $\begin{aligned} & \text { giass of eggnog. }\end{aligned}$ Others seek you out. A partner
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** You are driven to might be very pleased and most everything done quickly and
delighted by your attention. effectively for the approaching delighted by your attention. effectively for the approaching
One-on-one relating adds a new holidays. Kick back and think
dimension to a special relation- through what remains to be ship. However, don't forget to done, rather than racing $\begin{array}{ll}\text { clear out work. Tonight: A } \\ \text { must appear ance } \\ \text { LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) } & \text { for a work-related discussion } \\ \text { fot everyone is in holiday }\end{array}$ *****Touch base with laved mode! Tonight: Think before
nness at an istance. You hear shopping,
good news. especially once you BORN TODAY good news. especially once you BORN TODAY
open up the channel of commu- TV producer Steven Bochco
nication between you and a (1943), actress Alison LaPlaca could be weaving quite a web Stahl (1941)
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