TUESDAY

December 28, 1999

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 24°-27° **WEDNESDAY** 62°-66°

Volunteers sought for income tax training assistance

Volunteers are needed for the income tax assistance program.

A training class by the Internal Revenue Service will take place at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, Monday, Jan. 10 through Friday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon each day.

Volunteers who attend the training and pass a test given by the IRS will provide free tax assistance on a volunteer basis during February and March to senior citizens and needy persons.

Call Dorothy Kennemur. 398-5522 or the senior center, 267-1628, for more informa-

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center. ☐ Big Spring Rotary

Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High **School Athletic Training** Center.

WEDNESDAY

☐ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

☐ Gideon's 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.

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

☐ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch. ☐ AMBUCS, noon,

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

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"Reflecting a Proud Community"

Howard Countians need to start thinking about paying their taxes

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

As the clock ticks away the remainder of 1999, tax season looms just behind the New Year's door, and the Jan. 31 property tax deadline approaches.

"We've been really busy right up until the holidays. And taxpavers have until Jan. 31 to pay their taxes without penalty, but if they are hoping to pay them by the end of the year, they have until Friday," said Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax assessor/collector.

Property tax bills were mailed in October, and taxpayers have an option of mailing their payments into Sayles' office, or paying them in person.

"If you haven't received your cent in March, 11 percent in manner, she said. statement, or if you have any questions, come down to the office now so that we have a month to correct any problems," Sayles said.

Once the Jan. 31 deadline has passed, penalties and interest will be added to the total tax bill, beginning at 7 percent and increasing 2 percent each month the bill remains unpaid.

"In Feb. the penalty is 7 percent. Then it goes up to 9 per-

April, 13 percent in May and in June the penalties and interest go to 15 percent," she said.

additional penalty, as well as attorney fees, she said. Sayles said many taxpayers

elect to have their taxes paid before the end of the year, while others wait until January. And her office works with the

taxpayers, to make sure that the

"We go by the postmark if they mail it in. If the postmark is Dec. 31, and we didn't receive In July, taxes are assessed an it until Jan. 3, we'll show on the receipt that it was paid Dec. 31, although there will be two dates, another for the day it was received," she said.

Those taxpayers older than 65 qualify for a senior citizen exemption, and Sayles urges

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Donations something to bark about for holidays

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The cats and dogs of the Big Spring Humane Society were not forgotten this holiday sea-

son as local residents donated to the Big. Spring Herald, KBST, and KBTS 94.3 humane society food drive.

"I estimate more than 4,000 pounds of dry food, sever-

al cases of can food, and a couple of special bags of treats were donated to us," said Nicolle Gibson, a KBST employee.

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According to Gibson, a large amount of donations to the drive were received by the radio station on Thursday and Christmas eve. Those who brought their

donations to the radio station were given a free CD for their contributions. "I gave away about 60 CD's,"

Gibson said. "Many people just dropped off their donation and did not ask for the CD. Dry food bags that contained up to 50 pounds of food were

donated by many residents, and they did not stop with just donating food. Some residents also donated doggie treats and even cat litter for the humane society animals. "One little boy around 12

vears old spent his allowance to buy food," said Gibson. "He said he wanted to buy food for the kitties and puppies who need it." "We had and eight-year old

boy whose puppy just died," said Francesca Smith an KBST employee. "He wanted to donate food to the puppies and



HERALD photo/Debble L. Jensen

Brenda Bodine, left, and Cynthia Weeks stack some of the dog and cat food that was collected at KBST AM-FM radio station in a drive to benefit the Big Spring Humane Society. The station and the Herald teamed up to hold the drive during the holidays.

donation of a 50 pound bag of dry dog food was made by a four-footed philanthropist.

A note posted to one of the donated dry dog food bags said, "donated by April, Crystal and Blacky, a black lab and proud graduate of the Big Spring Humane Society.

More than 4,300 pounds of dry food is expected to be delivered to the humane society this week.

"This year we will be deliver-

ing the donations to the Not all donations were made humane society," Gibson said. very responsive," said board by two-legged beings, and one "Because of the vandalism to member Margaret Lloyd. the humane society, they can not pick up the donations.

The humane society was recently vandalized, and an estimated \$30,000 dollars of damaged was done to three vehicles and several sections of the fencing area around the humane society.

Volunteers with the humane society are continuing with the program to collect cans from donors who can not personally donate at the shelter.

"The community has been 'People who feel compassion for the humane society but who may not be able to give money can contribute with their alu-

For those wishing to donate cans, you can donate at the humane society. To have your collected cans picked up by humane society volunteers. please call 267-7832 or 267-5646. Please call 267-7832 to learn more about collecting cans to support the shelter.

Flu, colds cause misery

through area By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Pharmacists and physicians are seeing a record number of patients suffering from upper

respiratory infections and influenza this holiday son.

"We've been really busy, all last week up u n t i Christmas and it hasn't slowed down week this

either," said Larry McLellan, a pharmacist with Professional

Pharmacy. McLellan said several factors are contributing to the upper respiratory symptoms he's see-

ing in patients this week.

A dry, dusty environment coupled with dust storms not usual this time of year, plus viral infections, seem to be taking a toll on local residents of all ages, he said.

"Lots of people want to be healthy at this time of year, so we see more people going to the doctor and taking medicine," McLellan said.

And with certain symptoms, healthy individuals who do not take contra-indicated medicasuch as antition drpressents, heart or blood pressure medications

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Local law enforcement assures that all is 10-4 with Y2K

Editor's Note: The following is the sixth in a series of articles explaining how local entities are preparing for Y2K. Coming Wednesday - how utilities are addressing the problem.

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

2000, law enforcement personal are confident they are prepared to react to problems that might

As the clock steadily ticks to

Y2K. "We have the manpower, and have arranged scheduling to make sure we are covered,'

arise out of

said Lonnie

Smith, chief of police for the Big Spring Police Department. According to Smith, the police department has canceled all vacation for New Year's week-

duty. Anyone off on those days will be on standby status. The Howard County Sheriff's Department will have extra personal on duty that weekend, according to Chief Deputy

end and will have more staff on

Kerry Fritz. Sgt. Lawrence Meadors, Department of Public Safety trooper out of Big Spring, said DPS personnel statewide will be ready to react if any problems

arise as a result of Y2K. "We don't anticipate any problems but everyone will be available if needed. Those who aren't actually on shift will be available if called.'

police department and the sheriff's department feel confident their equipment is ready for the new year. "Everything is in good shape

for the police department, all computers are Y2K compliant," said the director of finance for the City of Big Spring, Tom Ferguson. We started testing city wide

for Y2K about two years ago," he said. "Everything has been tested, and we are not anticipating any problems.'

According to Ferguson, all the computer systems including hardware and software plus other equipment that could be Y2K sensitive has been tested for compliancy.

"Anything that was not Y2K compliant, we found whatever was necessary to make it compliant," he said.

According to Fritz, no equipment was needed to be replaced in sheriff's department. All equipment was tested and found to be Y2K ready. "The new vehicles we have

purchased for the city police over the past few years have computer equipment with chips that could be Y2K sensitive," Ferguson said. "We contacted the manufactures, Ford and Chevrolet, and they said the vehicles are Y2K compliant."

of the vehicles, the police department has enough older vehicles for back up. "We have an emergency backup generator in the police sta-

kept up," Smith said. "The courthouse generator is Internally wise, both the in good shape and is tested once

tion and one in the radio tower,

so radio communication will be



required equipment is hardwired into the generator, and we will have radio communica-

minum cans."

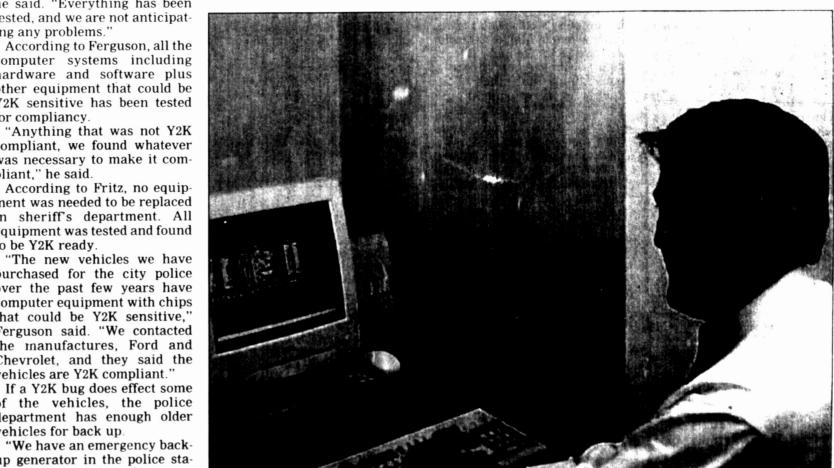
According to Fritz, the sheriff's department has continued a manual filing system. If any problems occur, they can find

hard copies by hand, if needed. Smith cautions the public not to panic and start hording supplies that could cause shortages. Shortages could in turn could

cause prices to go up. "Do not stay up to midnight See Y2K, Page 2

and immediately turn on electrical equipment such as computers to see if they are working," Smith said.

The DPS is targeting the weekend especially, but not so much from an computer-related problems that might occur, but to crack down on what is one of the worst traffic times



According to Howard County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz, the department has continued a manual filing system. If any problems occur, they can find hard copies by hand if needed. "We will be offering the same service we always do," Fritz said.

OBITUARIES

Corbin Nix

Service is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Corbin Nix, 79. He died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

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Year's celebrators who have had too much to drink.

"At this point, most of the problems we foresee is lack of electricity," Ferguson said. "We have been assured by TU Electric that everything is

"We will be offering the same service we always do," Fritz

TAXES

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those who have not applied for that exemption to do so.

"You need to come into the office. That exemption is applied to your taxes," she said. And taxpayers who are not 65 or older may apply for a homestead exemption, if their house is also their residence, she said.

Howard County tax assessor/collector is responsible for bills an collections of taxes for nine different taxing entities.

These are Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma cities, along with those school districts.

And Howard County, Howard College and Permian Basin Water District is also collected through Sayles office.

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take over-the-counter medicine to help combat the symptoms.

"What people have to realize is that viral infections may not be treated with antibiotics. We can treat the symptoms, but we have to wait for the virus to run its course," said Andra Snyder, officer manager for Dr. Michael Stephens.

Snyder said many patients have kept the office staff running and hopping, and many of these patients are referrals from Dr. Ben Allen, who is moving from Big Spring.

"If anyone is running high fever, or something like that,

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(915) 267-6331 Mrs. Victor (Viola)

Chandler, 71, died Saturday. Services were 4:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Betty Crenshaw, 77, died Saturday. Services will be 11:00 AM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Charles Moore, 39, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ila Reese, 87, died Saturday. Services will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be 2:30 PM, Wednesday at Lawnhaven Memorial Pfark in San Angelo.

-Corbin Nix, 79, died Monday. Services are pending.

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they'll need to see a doctor. But a lot of these we can't treat, we can only treat the symptoms," she said.

Neal Roberts, H-E-B Food Stores pharmacist, said consumers are more aware today than in years past about the availability and success of overthe-counter medication.

"Consumers are a lot more informed and they keep up with what they need. Sometimes they buy and take this over-thecounter medication to prevent going to the doctor. And a lot more medication that was once only available with a prescription is available over the counter, at lower strengths," Roberts said.

His pharmacy has been busy the past two weeks as well, and he said the majority of illnesses seem to be upper respiratory and cold-like symptoms.

"We're seeing colds and flu, and intestinal things. There's a lot of stuffy noses, really more than we normally see this year. We're seeing a lot of congestion and runny noses, fevers, coughs really a little of everything," Roberts said.

He said when customers come to the pharmacy complaining of certain ailments, he or his staff will help them select certain over-the-counter medicines that treat those specific symptoms.

"But if these symptoms don't go away in a few days, it may be time to see the physician," he

Post-holiday shopping not among busiest days

DALLAS (AP) - Throngs of post-Christmas shoppers are flooding stores to exchange items, use gift certificates, and take advantage of nearly ubiquitous sales.

Foley's, Dillard's, Macy's, Sears and Plano-based J.C. Penney — to name just a few offered significant discounts in the first two days after Christmas, and shoppers responded.

Duane Lowe of Fort Worth told The Dallas Morning News he went to Grapevine Mills on Sunday to trade in a knit shirt. But the sales at Big & Tall Casual Male were too much to resist, and he left with four shirts.

At Foley's in Houston's Northwest Mall, the shoe department was teeming with customers.

"It's the best Christmas I've seen in 20 years of retail, I can't complain," shoe salesman Ameen Mattar told the Houston Chronicle as he assisted post-Christmas shoppers with their reduced-price purchases.

Shoppers did about 11 percent of last year's buying after Christmas, according to International Council of Shopping Centers, a New Yorkbased trade group.

But despite the brisk activity. Dec. 26 did not rank among the top five sales days of the season, according to one sales barometer.

Houston-based TeleCheck said that Dec. 23 — the Thursday before Christmas this year — was the nation's top shopping day of the season. To come up with the winners, the company counts authorized checks at more than 27,000 of the company's 210,000 locations.

Spokewoman Marjorie Fowler said one factor keeping Dec. 26 from achieving top shopping day status is that much of the activity is in returns and gift certificates — money already spent. Those items aren't

counted as new sales. The company also reports that overall sales for the period from Nov. 26 th Jubil Dec. 26 were up significantly from the same period last year.

"This retail period is probably one of the best seasons for this decade with sales up a strong 6.2 percent over the same period last year." Fowler said. "The economy was good. Consumers were confident. The weather was good. Consumers

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were in the mood to spend."

She also said that last year Americans were distracted by impeachment proceedings and the bombing of Iraq.

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This year, she said, people could focus on their spending.

Passengers complain of long flight delay

Passengers on a Northwest Airlines flight said they were stuck on a plane at the airport for nearly four hours before the flight was canceled and they were told they couldn't retrieve their luggage.

The complaints about Sunday's incident are familiar for Northwest, which was sued after several thousand passengers were stranded on planes in Detroit during a January snowstorm because no terminal gates were available. Some passengers sat for eight hours with no food, no water and overflowing toilets.

Northwest, based in Eagan, said the delay of Sunday's Flight 1020 was caused by snow and freezing rain in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The flight was scheduled to leave at 6:40 p.m. and arrive at Washington-Dulles International Airport a little after 10 p.m. Passengers boarded the plane about 7:30 p.m. and it didn't push away from the gate until almost 8 p.m.

The plane was taken to a site away from the terminal for deicing. It sat there and later on a runway for almost three hours before crew members told-passengers at about 11:15 p.m. that the flight was canceled because of poor weather, said passenger Amber Hepp.

'As we were sitting there were tons of other planes taking off. So it was really suspicious that it was weather-related," said another passenger, Washington lawyer Matthew

Passengers finally got off the plane around 17:45 p.m., Ms. Hepp and Stennes said. They said people hoping to retrieve luggage were told there was no one available to unload it. Ms. Hepp and Stennes were still waiting for their luggage Monday afternoon.

Clinton aims to crack down on illegal online drug sales

WASHINGTON (AP) Moving to tame the Wild West TODAY nature of cyberspace medicine, President Clinton is set to crack down on illegal sales of prescription drugs over the Internet, requiring sites to get federal approval of face stiff

His plan, if approved by Congress, would give the Food and Drug; Administration unprecedented new powers to review and certify hundreds of drug-dispensing Web sites. Violators would face half-million dollar fines for each infrac-

The move would mark a significant shift in the regulation of both the Internet and pharmaceuticals. The Internet has been largely unregulated, with policy-makers loathe to stifle its adolescent development. And the regulation of drug sales is largely the province of state government.

In fact, the only pertinent federal law on the books is a misdemeanor which carries a fine

of just \$1,000. Several states have moved against Web operators. Just this month, Michigan ordered 10 nline pharmacies to stop selling or face legal action. And Illinois filed suit against four

operators in October. But they are hampered when the patient lives in one state, the pharmacist in another and the operator in a third, said Dr.

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BIG SPRING Around the Town

Jane Henney, FDA commission-

"Many of the traditional safeguards that have been in place down," she said. "We have to have a way to keep some sem-

initiative, announced by the White House dency, available for clients in today, also includes a request Midland. Appointments for for \$10 million next year to hire, counseling services are made about 100 investigators and by calling 1-800-329-4144. upgrade computers. Like the . Narcotics Anonymous, 6 new laws, new money would p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal have to be approved by Church. Call 268-4189 (pager Congress.

ble leaving their homes.

MARKETS

March cotton 49.08, up 22 points; Feb. crude 26.72, up 39 points; cash hogs steady at 36 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 55.17, down 65 points; Feb. live cattle futures 69.32, down 5 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones &

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Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	290.00-291.0
Silver	5.15 - 5.23

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. ·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 pm., 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.

·Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610

Dixon, call 264-9900. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and

8 p.m. closed meeting. Counseling •Samaritan Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in Big individual and marriage coun-

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WEDNESDAY

·Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study. ·Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.

Mary's Episcopal Church.Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

 Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

BRIEFS

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD FEL-LOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to

come. For more information

call 267-5936.

information.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging Ombudsman Program will begin a new training session to train volunteer ombudsmen to visit residents in Big Spring nursing homes. The training will begin after Jan. 1.

Please call 800-491-4636 for more

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

THE TEXAS DEPART-MENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday through the winter months to those persons 18 years and older, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are on Medicare we will file. The cost to others will be \$5. For more information call 263-9775.

FIRE/EMS

Spring Department/EMS reports:

Following is a summary of

2:42 a.m. - 500 block Todd Road, traffic accident, service refused

9:32 a.m. - 1900 E. 25th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:57 a.m. — 1500 E. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2400 block 4:04 p.m. Merrily, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

 2000 block 4:32 p.m. Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 7:50 p.m. — 300 block NE

10th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:02 p.m. - SMMC, transfer

patient to Lubbock. 10:18 p.m. — Hearn and Hwy. 87, automobile fire, extin-

guished by responding units. 11:47 p.m. — 700 block West I-20, trauma call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

 THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of East Marcy, the 1300 block of Lincoln, the 1100 block of North Lamesa, the 1700 block of East Marcy DRAG RACING/RECK-

in the area of Highway 87 and · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Settles and the 1000 block of

LESS DRIVING was reported

 DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1800 block

· ASSAULT was reported at

the police department and the 1000 block of North Main. INTOXICATED SUB-JECT/DRIVER was reported in

the area of 11 and Settles.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:

· RANDY DELION CAR-**RENO**, 37, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid and no liability insurance. (BSPD) SHAJARKEI HAMMOCK,

22, was arrested on a district clerk warrant for revocation of probation of forgery. (HCSO) IRMA LINDA DESSIVIA, 20, was arrested on a Haskell

County warrant for permitting

an unlicensed person to drive.

and failure to appear. (DPS) CHARLES JEFFERY KILLCREASE, 33, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear, for two counts of burglary of a building, for theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500, and for bur-

glary of a building. (HCSO) • EDWARD LEE HURRING-TION, 45, was arrested on an charge of possession of a controlled substance analog (manmade drug) of less than one gram. (BSPD)

JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK, 27, was arrested on a warrant for driving while license is suspended/invalid and driving while intoxicated second offense. (BSPD)

 CATHERINE SALAZAR, 33. was arrested on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive from justice. (HCSO)

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Weapons, explosives material found at home of American Airlines employee GRAPEVINE (AP) - An 50-pound bag of ammonium they pulled him over in his car they saw "contraband that was

American Airlines employee was behind bars in North Texas after police said they found a cache of assault rifles and bomb-making material at his home — along with white supremacist and anti-government literature.

Jere Wayne Haney, 42, of Grapevine, was arrested late Monday on suspicion of having components of explosives, a

third-degree felony, police said. Using a search warrant, investigators spent several hours going through Haney's one bedroom apartment. They found a bomb making book, Murphy

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nitrate, which has the potential to fuel an explosion equal to a box of dynamite, said Grapevine police spokesman Bob Murphy.

"That would be the big-bang component," Murphy told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Police also found a dozen weapons, including four assault-style rifles, and 62 boxes of ammunition. There was also a "fairly large quantity" of white supremacist and anti-government literature in the apartment, including a "how-to"

No bombs were completed or were in the process of being completed in the apartment, according to the newspaper.

Haney was expected to be arraigned today.

The FBI has been called in to help with the investigation, in part, because Haney is an airline employee, and also because of heightened awareness about possible Year 2000-related acts of terrorism.

Investigators were notified about Haney after police at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Dallas-Fort Airport said

Monday morning for running a stop sign

After he was then arrested on suspicion of driving with a suspended license, Haney was found to be carrying 67 small bottles of alcohol, the type used by airlines, officials said.

Haney was taken to the airport Department of Public Safety headquarters, and during an interview with investigators, consented to let them search his home for other bottles that possibly were stolen.

When they arrived at his home, the airport officers said

not part of the case they were working," according to Capt. Steve Deel of the airport DPS.

The officers called Grapevine police, who obtained a searchand-arrest warrant for Haney's home.

American Airlines officials said that they do employment background checks routinely if a person's position gives them access to a secured area. Criminal background checks were not started until about five years ago when the laws were changed to allow the airline industry to do them, said Laura Mayo, a spokeswoman for American.

Information was unavailable as to how long Haney has worked for the airline and whether a criminal background check was done on him.

Tarrant County criminal court records show that Haney has been arrested several times since 1995, including suspicion of two counts carrying of a weapon unlawfully and one count of assault with bodily injury

There were also two counts of driving while intoxicated, one of which is pending.

Texans taking 2000 changeover in stride so far

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

According to stores and banks statewide, Texans like Ben Brosch appear to be in the majority, counting down to 2000 eve without hoarding much in the way of food, supplies or

"Nope, not in the least bit," Brosch said as he ate lunch with his teen-age son, Philip. Brosch's itinerary Monday included a north Houston mall stop and a trip to the doctor's office with his daughter. Squirreling away staples are not on his to-do list.

"I can't see where (the Y2K bug) is going to affect me to where I have to go down and buy extra water," Brosch said.

Supermarkets, banks and gas stations across Texas have not reported many spikes in business this month. The lack of activity suggests Texans are

caused by changeover to 2000 which some computers may emergencies. read as 1900 and malfunction —

won't be major. Business is up at grocer HEB, which has stores from the Louisiana border to Midland and from Waco down to Brownsville, but spokesman Mike de la Garza said Y2K fears appear to have little to do with

"It seems to us a great many people are staying home this (New Year's Eve), so we're gearing up for another heavy week of sales," de la Garza said, referring to the Christmas rush last week for the largest Texas-based store chain.

"There has been a mild run on water, and we're seeing that occur across the company, but nothing in terms of panic buying." de la Garza added, saying that increased water sales pale

confident that any problems in comparison to those during Texas advises customers to hurricane warnings or other

> Big State bottled water has not seen business pick up as 1999 winds down, general manager Don Camp said in Houston.

"I think it's all a joke," Camp

Banks also were reporting business as usual Monday.

"I've just been talking to three of our busiest branches here in Amarillo, and business actually has been a little slower," said Stan Callahan, executive vice president for Amarillo National Bank

"We're making sure our ATMs have plenty of cash in them. So far, it's been a total non-event."

Banks have assured depositors there is no need to withdraw excessive sums of cash. On its Web site, Chase Bank of

withdraw only what they nor mally would for a holiday weekend.

For those who want their greenbacks on hand, Chase spokesman David Byford said his branches across Texas are ready to comply.

"We will monitor usage, and we'll have stocks of things like paper (money)," Byford said.

For those who aren't convinced their power service will be Y2-OK, generators are the ticket. Will Dierks, owner of Small Engine Supply in Humble, said he sold generators in bunches a year ago amid news reports about the computer bug.

"I have an ample supply, but I'm getting a number of phone calls as we get down to the wire," Dierks said. "I've got a dozen, and I fully expect to sell them by week's end.'

Passengers in bus crash warned driver to slow down, says chaperone

HOUSTON (AP) — The driver in a bus crash that killed three people was warned by passengers to slow down, according to a church group chaperone who, along with his family, survived the

David Sumlin, 34, of Houston, said 72-year-old Robert Gene. Hawthorn was driving the charter bus confidently and had both hands on the steering wheel when he hit a patch of ice west of

Canon City, Colo. "The back end of the bus fishtailed first, and it alarmed pretty much everyone on the bus," said Sumlin, who talked to reporters Monday at a Houston hospital, where he is being treated for

iniuries suffered in the Dec. 21 crash. Moments later, after a second fishtail, Sumlin said the entire busload of teens "was yelling at the driver, 'Slow down," according to the Houston Chronicle.

His comments coincide with a preliminary report on the accident — released Monday by the National Transportation Safety Board — that said several passengers indicated the bus was going too fast just before it rolled down the Colorado mountainside.

Hawthorn, who died in the crash, was driving one bus in a caravan of vehicles taking teen-agers from two Houston churches home to Texas after a ski holiday at Crested Butte.

Christopher Scarberry, 17, and Matthew Donat, 16, also were also

Investigators and witnesses said Hawthorn, an experienced driver who has driven the mountainous route several times before, lost control of the bus while descending a steep, icy hill.

Report: Medicaid transport scheme thrives in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston has become a hub for van operators who illegally cruise lowrent apartment complexes soliciting Medicaid-eligible patients for doctors and dentists, the Houston Chronicle reported

There is nothing wrong with transport services that take indigent patients to appoint ments with Medicaid providers. But those who solicit patients for doctors, dentists and optometrists - in return for a per-patient fee — are breaking

"I would have expected this to be an urban problem in other areas such as Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin," said Aurora LeBrun, head of Medicaid fraud investigations for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. "But the problem appears to be almost exclusively centered in Harris County."

More than 100 such cases have been investigated in Harris County the past few years, the Chronicle reported, while only a handful have shown up in other Texas cities, records show.

Medicaid allows medical providers to pay for patients' transportation to clinics, but state and federal laws prohibit fees based on the number of patients delivered.

Ms. LeBrun recounted a case in which four siblings received Medicaid-funded glasses with identical prescriptions. "I seriously doubt all four children required the same lens prescription," she told the newspaper.

But officials haven't filed any criminal cases involving Medicaid "headhunting" in recent years, explaining that they are difficult to prosecute because the cash-only deals come with little documentation.

One Houston-area driver acknowledged that she regularly delivers youngsters — some as young as 3 — to dental clinics for \$10-\$30 per patient. She said she receives additional fees for delivering the children for eye and medical exams.

"It's just a regular job, like everybody else's job, except you have to be picking up people and dropping them off," said the headhunter, who was not named by the Chronicle.

The woman added that she offers a fast-food meal as an incentive to their parents.

A Medicaid provider who paid to solicit patients in the past said he discontinued the practice after being warned it was illegal

"I knew there were others out there doing it, and if you don't go along with the pack you won't get any business," said E.B. Denton, a Houston optometrist.

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Over 100 years, some things just never do change

hen we think back over the past 100 years in Howard County, and in fact, across the nation, we're amazed at how much things have changed, and vet how much they

Most noticeable is probably the change in speed of things, brought about, of course, by rapid development of technology. The Wright brothers developed the airplane in the first decade of the century. Not so many years later, the airplane would have a major impact on Big Spring. Today, seems that every time we pick up the newspaper, the space shuttle is blasting off into space. My, how times have changed.

Telephones were a luxury early in the century. Now, of course, every household has one or more, and many people consider it vital to have a digital phone in their pocket or purse.

Almost gone are typewriters — even word processors are almost obsolete. All have given way to the computer, which is becoming more powerful and versatile

A photograph in a 1913 newspaper declared Big Springs' first traffic accident. Now it's not unusual for our city to have several in a single day.

Many of us can remember huddling near a bulky radio, or looking through the neighbor's window to catch a glimpse of a snowy picture on a black and white television set. Remember changing those tubes? Now there are no tubes to change. We can wear radio headphones or watch color television on screens ranging from three inches to three feet. And just about anything today can be portable.

So what hasn't changed? The weather, of course. We can produce better machinery, develop strains to grow bigger, better and disease resistant crops — we can even eradicate the boll weevil. But none of it matters without rain.

One other thing we've noticed in looking back at the past. It wasn't unusual for the people of Howard County in the early and mid 1900s to pitch in to help the less fortunate. They built parks and schools and formed organizations with the idea in mind of helping others and of making their city and county great.

We still do those things today, thank goodness. For all our computers, digital phones and fast travel, we still rely on each other.

We aren't sure what the next 100 years will bring. Certainly more changes in technology. Certainly, in only a few years, we'll have the option of seeing who that person is we are talking to on our portable, digital phones. Computers will be more compact. Our banking, buying and voting will be done from home, if we so choose. That technology is already upon us. We may fly to the convenience store someday instead of drive in the car. Hopefully, we'll find a cure for can cer, and, sigh, the common cold.

One thing we are sure of, however, is that the people of Big Spring and Howard County will always be will ing to help their neighbor. That's the way it's been for 100 years and that is the way it will always be.

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A root beer toast to you, Sparky Schulz

first met Charles Schulz on Easter Sunday 1988, when he told me he didn't relish the idea of talking about himself hours on end for any reason, including a book.

The creator of "Peanuts" was, as always, exceedingly polite, but for about a week his guarded Minnesota nature allowed few glimpses into a complex personality (He did warm up consider-

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er we talked about female Southern fiction writers; he enjoys the lyrical quality of the work, especially Eudora Welty's.)

By the end of our first powhis syndicate's idea – the cartoonist could have written a book about me. I still didn't know much about Sparky.

Yet I was convinced that whether or not there would be a Schulz biography was not really his decision. The American genius had, however quietly, already given himself to the world. He had revealed himself in daily installments, four panels at a time, since Oct. 2, 1950. Somebody would write his story. The first time it would be me.

Schulz, 77, announced Tuesday that his last new daily installment will appear Monday, Jan. 3, and his last new Sunday strip will be pub-

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lished Feb. 13.

"Although I feel better following my recent surgery, I want to focus on my health and my family without the worry of a daily deadline," said Schulz. who was diagnosed with colon cancer last month.

The news of his retirement will shock many, including some of his closest friends. Those who know him best once swore he would never retire.

"What would he do?" his daughter Amy Schulz Johnson said to me in '88. "The strip is his life. His life is the strip.'

His children knew, however, that in the event of Schulz's retirement, the production of "Peanuts" would cease forever. If death had come first, the same would have been true. It's in writing.

No one but Charles Monroe Schulz will ever draw

"Peanuts." His children took it upon themselves to call a meeting with the syndicate lawvers as far back as 1979. They decided, first between themselves. then officially with the lawyers, that the strip should

never be drawn by another. Schulz, who took no active part in the discussions, was immensely pleased with their initiative.

Schulz created a commercial success while pursuing an aesthetic end. He drew every picture and wrote every word.

"I have been dismayed at the many people who, meeting me for the first time, express amazement that I am still drawing the strip," Schulz told me. "They remark that they were sure I had others doing all the work by this time. Why, I ask myself, work so hard when they can't tell the difference?"

(Schulz tried comic collaboration only once, on a sports cartoon; the feature was shortlived, and he swore never again.)

It makes sense that nobody but Sparky could produce "Peanuts." For Schulz created more than a comic strip when he first dipped his 914 Radio penpoint and circumscribed the head of Charlie Brown. Never have so many little failures added up to such a big success. For faithfully cataloging life's essential hopeless ness, Charles Schulz drives Mercedes cars and gets his name in the dictionary. But he never was the type to laugh all the way to the bank. To Schulz, life more closely resembles "Peanuts" than his own existence. To explain why is to get into the murky realm of the human psyche.

The more miserable Schulz felt, the more heart he poured into his work. The more heart he poured into his work, the more readers loved it. The more readers loved it, the more successful he became.

Cartoonists who quit after a few years (or fewer than 50 years) often say it is because they refuse to let their material grow stale.

A more honest reason might be that the cartoonist has grown not stale, but rich. Much would be lost if every successful artist quit when he or she hit a commercial peak or a creative valley. What if Picasso had stopped with the Red Rose Period, or Faulkner

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with "Soldiers' Pay"?

Schulz didn't stop earlier because he never quit feeling the excitement of drawing that wonderful strip. He might have groused and grumbled about climbing the "glass hill" of deadlines.

But he never quit trying new things. More than any other living cartoonist, Schulz has broken unspoken comic barriers, pushed the envelope in both content and form: for instance, deftly lifting the taboo against any religious reference in the comics. He ignored the notion that highfalutin allusions to classical music or literature, psychology and philosophy would not be understood by a comic strip audience.

With Snoopy, he introduced the "strip within a strip," the adventure serial within the gag strip. And his simple drawing style fostered a whole new generation of cartoonists.

I still don't claim to know all that much about his marvelous

But I know him well enough to say with some confidence that Sparky Schulz still doesn't believe his own life is the stuff of riveting biography.

He has, after all, spent most of it at his desk, thinking and drawing.

Some 90 million people enjoy his work daily; but the one person he most wanted to please with his drawing — his mother did not live to see her son published.

That is just the kind of sad fact of life that Charles Schulz could work into a gag and render funny.

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Western Democracies: Not world saviors

of the people in this world are looking to the socalled Western democracies for secular salvation. I'm afraid they've gone to the henhouse looking for wool. The latest bit of insane and

cruel claptrap from these socalled enlightened democracies is the decision to let children and old people in Yugoslavia freeze if their local politicians happen to be in Slobodan Milosevic's party. Yes,



dearly beloved, the mighty NATO countries are offering fuel oil only to those cities whose politicians are in opposition to

Milosevic. Now that's stupid, as well as cruel and arrogant. For all that these brilliant NATO leaders know, more than half the people in a town may support Milosevic even though their local politicians don't. And, conversely, people who NATO says can freeze may in fact be

their local pols support him. Apparently, however, it is now Western policy to make war on civilians and to impose cruel economic sanctions on them if our politicians don't like their politicians:

But what gives NATO the right to decide who will be warm and who will be cold in anybody's country? The depth of corruption in the Western democracies is truly astounding. The leaders have become arrogant and cruel, an especially poor characteristic when combined with a lying mouth and a sanctimonious attitude.

If there were any such thing as a crime against humanity, the Western countries would be guilty for what they've done to the innocent people in Yugoslavia and Iraq, not to mention other miscellaneous countries they decide to bomb and rocket on occasions.

You do understand that all this gibberish about rule of law is just that: gibberish. The great violators of international law are the United States, Great Britain and their NATO allies. It is against the law to make war on a sovereign nation that is not threatening or attacking you. It is against

with force in the internal affairs of nations. It is the apex of hypocrisy to apply the law based on double, triple and quadruple standards. Nothing illustrates better

why the principle that nations may intervene in another nation's affairs in the name of humanitarianism is bunk than the fiasco in Yugoslavia. Here a sovereign nation that was engaged lawfully in putting down an armed insurgency and was attacked on the grounds that Serbs were slaughtering Albanians by the tens of thousands. The word genocide was slung about, and references to the Holocaust fell easily off lying lips

But what are the facts? After five months of digging up graves, NATO is embarrassingly short of bodies. So far, NATO officials say they've found only 2,100 bodies in Kosovo. That number is probably exaggerated. After all, NATO's credibility is on par with Bill Clinton's, which is to say that blockheads and children may believe them, but no one with any experience will. If there were prizes for frequent liars, then this crowd would need to Fort Knox to

Americans had better wake up. If the borders of Yugoslavia and Iraq can be violated by international gangs, then our own borders become meaningless. If we want to protect our sovereignty, then we must demand respect for the sovereignty of others and not listen to the lies of the international gangsters, which is about what the Western leaders have become

It seems to me that the only logical explanation for the West's determination to destroy Yugoslavia is oil. The West has cut a deal with the former countries of the Soviet Union to transport Caspian Sea oil by pipeline that bypasses

Once in Turkey, a logical way to move some of this oil to Europe is up the Danube, which runs through Yugoslavia. Apparently, the West doesn't want any independent-minded countries along its oil route, more especially if those countries have ties to Russ ia. Otherwise, the only logical explanation for the NATO attack on Yugoslavia is just wanton cruelty and viciousness. May God forgive them.



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There's no all-clear for Y2K bugs after Jan. 1 passes, experts warn

NEW YORK (AP) — Y2K com- that Jan. 1 is no magic date, but puter worries won't go away this weekend, even if nothing goes wrong. Glitches are likely weeks, even months, into the new year. And a few may linger until 2001 and beyond.

The Gartner Group, a technology consulting firm, estimates only 10 percent of all Y2K failures will occur during the first two weeks of January.

Yet an Associated Press poll taken earlier this month found that only 16 percent of respondents think Y2K problems will last more than two weeks. And the number who think the problems will be confined to less than a few days has increased from 22 percent to 36 percent.

Most Y2K planners are aware

they fear a quiet weekend might leave the public with a false sense of security

"There is too much focus on New Year's weekend," said Bruce McConnell, director of International Y2K Cooperation Center. "If you think that the only time to worry about the Y2K bug is on Jan. 1, then you're underestimating the problem.'

Besides having new problems appear later in the year, glitches that strike on Jan. 1 might go unnoticed initially, even after employees return to work and restart computers. The full effects might not be felt until smaller glitches compound and disrupt business supply chains.

Several weeks must pass. McConnell said, "to have a good idea just how big an event Y2K

Ron Weikers, a Philadelphia attorney specializing in Y2K litigation, warned companies not to declare victory right away. Such statements, he said, could come back to haunt them.

Still, New Year's Day weekend will be a peak period for Y2K problems, and most major companies and government agencies will be watching their systems closely. John Koskinen, President Clinton's top Y2K adviser, will preside over a \$50 million crisis center built for this weekend.

If there are any problems involving embedded chips that

control power plants and other major equipment, Koskinen said, they would most likely strike around Jan. 1.

Beyond that, most glitches will probably be administrative. causing inconveniences such as incorrect billing — but no catastrophe. And they'll be more manageable because they won't hit all at once.

The government has identified three crucial time periods: Dec. 31, when the rest of the world celebrates the new

Jan. 1, when the new year arrives in the United States; and — Jan. 3, the first business day, when systems experience peak usage.

Koskinen's group will also

look for trouble on Feb. 29, vices, the transportation sys because some computers might tem, phone systems and food not recognize 2000 as a leap year. Even Dec. 31, 2000, could be problematic because some computers might not be expecting 366 days next year.

The Y2K problem stems from a long-standing practice of using only two digits to represent a year in computer programs and embedded chips. Left uncorrected, "00" might appear as 1900, throwing off systems that control power, phones and billing.

In an AP telephone poll of 1,010 people, taken Dec. 15-19, the most frequently mentioned concern was the power supply, mentioned by a third, followed by banking and financial ser-

distribution. The poll's margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Jan. 1 is not necessarily the first time a computer will encounter 2000, and some problems already have appeared.

A few years ago, some merchants began having trouble with credit cards expiring in 2000. In early October, some federal computers needed repair because Oct. 1 starts the federal fiscal year.

And in a twist from Maine, model 2000 cars were incorrectly marked horseless carriages the designation that the state uses for pre-1916 vintage vehi-

Cigarette makers ask federal court to dismiss government's lawsuit

Cigarette makers asked a federal court Monday to dismiss the federal government's lawsuit seeking billions of dollars for the cost of treating smoking-

The government has no claim under federal law and is trying to ignore settlements the industry reached with all 50 states, tobacco industry lawyers said in papers filed in U.S. District

"The government is asserting causes of action for Medicare recovery that have never been recognized by any court before,

that it has never asserted before, that it has publicly stated it does not have, and that it has to this date never asserted against anyone other than this group of defendants," the industry's lawyers said.

The Justice Department's lawsuit alleges the companies conspired since the 1950s to defraud and mislead the public about the dangers of smoking.

When the lawsuit was filed in September, Attorney General Janet Reno said federal health plans spend more than \$20 billion a year treating smokingrelated illnesses, which take

400,000 lives a year in this coun-

Asked for reaction to the industry's motion Monday, Justice Department spokeswoman Kara Peterman said, 'We will respond in court." The government's response is due Feb. 25.

The tobacco industry's filing said Reno acknowledged in April 1997 that the government lacked authority to sue the companies. Reno has said she was talking only about the stateadministered Medicaid pro-

The state lawsuits involved

Medicaid payments the states made for health care for the poor. The federal suit involves Medicare for the elderly and military and veterans' health insurance paid directly by the federal government.

When the Justice Department sued the industry in September. it also closed, without bringing charges, a nearly 5-year-old investigation of whether tobacco companies lied to Congress or regulatory agencies about the addictiveness of nicotine.

The industry's lawyers said Monday the civil lawsuit was "based on precisely the same allegations that the government that the Justice Department is has determined do not permit it simply ignoring." to maintain a criminal ...

action. Much of the non-financial relief the federal government seeks already is required by the industry's settlements with the 50 states, the companies'

lawvers said "The tobacco industry of today is much, much different from the one portrayed in the government's lawsuit," said an industry news release. "The settlements with the states in 1997 and 1998 established a comprehensive regulatory framework

The industry's legal papers

said the government's lawsuit did not show a likelihood of future violations, as required under the federal anti-racketeering law that is the basis for part of the lawsuit.

The papers were filed by lawyers for Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co., British American Tobacco Ltd., the Council for Tobacco Research-USA and the Tobacco

Scientist weaved around security, Los Alamos expert says in hearing

 A computer security expert says a fired Los Alamos lab scientist accused of transferring classified weapons data engaged in a concerted effort to bypass the facility's safeguards.

In testimony on Monday at a bail hearing for Wen Ho Lee, Cheryl L. Wampler said Lee had transmitted unclassified information to foreign countries that revealed two lab computer logins and passwords that could be viewed by any hacker on the Internet.

Lee is scheduled to be back in court today in a continued effort to ask a federal judge to reconsider whether he should remain behind bars without bail until trial.

Lee is charged with 59 counts under the Atomic Energy and Espionage Acts.

The charges allege transfer of classified material from secure to unsecure computers and to computer tapes, seven of which remain missing. The defense contends the tapes were destroyed.

The indictment does not accuse Lee of passing classified information to any foreign government

A magistrate denied bond two weeks ago for Taiwanese-born Lee, 60, a naturalized U.S. citi-

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) zen, who has pleaded innocent. It could be up to a year before Lee's trial begins.

> Outside the federal courthouse Monday, supporters rallied with signs reading "Free Wen Ho Lee" and "Justice for All." They say the government is trying to make him a scapegoat for the government's security shortcomings.

Wampler also testified that, in 1993, a security program that looks for suspicious activity flagged Lee for moving information from secure areas to unsecure areas. She said that the woman who reviews such flags incorrectly decided the actions were a necessary part of the changeover to a new computer system and ignored the warn-

It took Lee 40 hours over several months in 1993 and 1994 to download the files, which he declassified by putting in areas that could be reached by people inside the lab without property security clearance or hackers, Wampler said.

Her testimony was similar to that of a lab official who testified at Lee's arraignment.

Since Lee's firing, lab personnel have twice shut down the unsecured computer system to erase classified files Lee transferred, Wampler said.

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'Puffy' Combs faces weapons possession charge after shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapperproducer Sean "Puffy" Combs has been released on bail after spending a day behind bars for weapons possession in the wake of a shooting at a Times Square dance club.

Combs was arrested Monday after police allegedly found a stolen pistol in his car as he and actress-singer Jennifer Lopez left Club NY where two men and a woman were wounded in the 2 a.m. shooting.

"I do not own a gun," a weary Combs told reporters after being arraigned on weapons charges late Monday. "I do not carry a gun. The charges and allegations against me are 100 percent false.

Combs was released on \$10,000 bail and ordered back in court on Feb. 14.

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Lopez was also arrested, but prosecutors dropped charges against her "based on the evaluation of the evidence," said Wayne Brison, a spokesman for the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Two of the victims were in stable condition Monday, and the third refused medical attention.

Police said the shots were fired by 19-year-old Jamal Barrow, a fellow rapper who was found outside the club with a pistol. He was charged with three counts of attempted murder and was being held pending arraignment.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Bogdanos said a witness reported that both Barrow and Combs pulled out guns during a dispute inside the club.

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IN BRIEF

High school tournaments getting under way today

All eight high schools in the Herald's Crossroads Area take to the hardwoods today in basketball tournament action.

In girl's play, Class 4A Big Spring will be in the Abilkene Invitational while Class 2A's Coahoma is in the Caprock Classic in Lubbock, Stanton is in the Midland Christian Invitational and Forsan is in the Sterling City Invitational.

Class A's Garden City, Grady and Sands are also in the Sterling City tournament, while Borden County will play in the always-tough Slaton Invitational

In boy's play, Big Spring is in the Caprock Classic in Lubbock while Coahoma is in the 67th Reagan County Invitational, Stanton is in the Midland Christian tourney and Forsan is at Sterling City.

Other schools in the Sterling City tournament include Garden City, Grady and Sands, while Borden County is in the Sundown Invitational.

All tournaments are scheduled to continue through Thursday

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

The Comanche Trail Golf Course, Big Spring Country Club and Stanton Country Club are participating in the program

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS 2345 or online at www.acs-tx.org. Details are available at the local courses.

YMCA registering players for basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in grades K-6 for its youth basketball program

The fee includes a T-shirt ndividual əward and a full YMCA youth membership for January and February.

YMCA full members may register for the program for \$15. Basic program members will pay \$25 and non-members will pay \$32.

For more info, call 267-8234.

TP&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations, for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan 2 in Howard

The legal bag limit for Howard County is four deer with no more than two of them being bucks.

No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, but both anterless deer and bucks must be tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

Wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty suggests landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres. For more info, call (915) 795

Clinton may attent Cotton Bowl game

DALLAS (AP) - President Clinton may attend the Cotton Bowl clash Saturday in Dallas between Texas and Arkansas.

The Dallas Morning News reports Clinton's staff was making inquiries last week about the possibility.

Cotton Bowl officials said they don't know when they'll learn of the president's decision, but they say it could come at the last minute because of security concerns.

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6:30 p.m. -- Alamo Bowl, Penn State vs. Texas A&M, ESPN, Ch.

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Boston Celtics at Sacramento Kings, TNT, Ch. 28.

Arkansas fortunate to get another New Year's Day chance

DALLAS (AP) - Arkansas coaches and players know they are fortunate to be preparing for a second straight New Year's Day bowl game

After losing two games in November, including a 35-10 loss to underdog LSU in their regular-season finale, the Razorbacks (7-4) appeared to have blown their chances of playing in the Cotton

"Yes, we do feel really lucky to be here," senior receiver Anthony Lucas said Monday after Arkansas held its first workout in Texas. "I can't stop thanking the Cotton Bowl people for inviting us here. It's unbelievable.'

With the possibility of a New Year's Day renewal of an old Southwest Conference rivalry, the Cotton Bowl selection committee was able to look past that final game and place Arkansas opposite No. 14 Texas (9-4).

"We are just so thankful that we got another opportunity to play Jan. 1,' Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. 'There's nothing wrong with being a little bit lucky sometimes.

"I also know there are a lot of people that'd like to be lucky like the University of Arkansas this year. There are a lot of great teams in college football that are at home, Notre Dame and Ohio State.'

The Razorbacks were also helped out by Georgia (7-4) losing to Georgia Tech and Mississippi State (9-2) beating Ole Miss (7-4) in other regular-season finales that shook up the Southeastern Conference bowl pairings.

Arkansas and Texas haven't played since 1991, the year before the Razorbacks jumped to the SEC. That ended the series after 60 straight years and 73 overall meetings dating back to

Texas carries a two-game losing streak into the Cotton Bowl, but those losses were 20-16 to Texas A&M in an emotional finale after the bonfire tragedy and 22-6 to third-ranked Nebraska in the Big 12 title game.

The Longhorns, who beat Mississippi State 38-11 in the last Cotton Bowl, held their first workout in Dallas on Sunday after arriving on Christmas night.

Basically what you have to do is appreciate where you are and move on. I appreciate what this team has done,' Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I told them that we'd done a great job of getting back here because nobody thought we'd be back here. No one thought we'd play in the championship game.'

Arkansas lost 45-31 to Michigan in the Florida Citrus Bowl last New Year's Day, extending its bowl losing streak to seven

in a row. Their last postseason victory was 18-17 over Arizona State in the 1985 Holiday Bowl.

'We're obviously and definitely thankful that we're here, but I don't think there's any added pressure. We're here now," senior quarterback Clint Stoerner said. "We've got a little extra pressure because Arkansas hasn't won a bowl game in a while, so we've got something to prove there.

Lucas, the school's career receiving yardage leader, worked out Monday for the first time since arthroscopic knee surgery Dec. 10. He should start Saturday.

"It feels pretty good, I'm about 90 percent," Lucas said after working out at full speed. "It's just hurting on the outside a little bit. It kind of hurts me a little bit, but not much. It's more of a mind

Goodbye, Miami? Marino walks off with wave following 38-31 loss to Jets

MIAMI (AP) — By the end of the night, Dan Marino looked ready for retirement, and he walked off the field with a

wave to the stands. Goodbye, Miami? Not neces-

"My kids asked me to wave to them after the game," Marino explained.

Marino had another erratic performance Monday night, throwing three touchdown passes and two costly interceptions that helped the New York Jets beat the Dolphins 38-31.

The game was hyped as perhaps the final performance in Miami by Marino, 38, who hasn't said whether he wants to play next season. He showed flashes of the talent that has made him the most prolific passer in NFL history, but at times he just looked old.

His season could be over as soon as Sunday, but the Dolphins' game at Washington will have no impact on whether they make the playoffs. Win or lose, Miami (9-6) backs into a wild-card berth only if Seattle or Kansas City

"I don't even know what the scenarios are," Marino said. "I didn't look at them before this game, and I probably won't look at them. We'll just go out and play to win."

Ray Lucas threw two fourthquarter touchdown bombs to help New York (7-8) beat Miami for the second time in 15 days.

"It makes a big difference when you're playing a team you know you can beat, and they're still wondering if they can beat you," center Kevin Mawae said in the Jets' jubilant locker room

New York, playing only for pride, came from behind twice in the second half. Lucas' 50yard scoring pass to Wayne Chrebet put New York ahead 31-28 with 10:41 left, and his next pass' less than two minutes later went to Dedric Ward for a 56-yard touchdown and a 38-28 lead.

The Dolphins lost for the fifth time in seven games.

"If we can't make it to the playoffs, we might as well have them join us," Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson said.

Marino went 29-for-52 for 322 yards, but his interceptions gave New York 14 points. Marcus Coleman scored on a 98-yard return, and linebacker Roman Phifer's interception at the Miami 5 set up another



Miami quarterback Dan Marine, pictured here during a 1995 game with the San Francisco 49ers, seemed ready to retire Monday night after throwing crucial interceptions that made the difference in the Dolphins' 38-31 loss to the New York Jets.

touchdown.

"We just didn't make enough plays and had too many mistakes to win," Marino said. "I gave them some points.'

"He hurt us bad, but we hurt them too," Jets coach Bill Parcells said. "It's the best win of the year for us.

Marino's scoring passes covered 1 yard to Ed Perry, 3 yards to Stanley Pritchett and 32 yards on a flea-flicker to Tony Martin. But his arm seemed to tire, and in the fourth quarter he was just 6-for-19 for 79

As for his future, Marino said: "I'm not thinking about that much right now. I've got all I can do trying to win games. You never know what life brings.'

Lucas led the Jets to their fourth win in a row, complet-

ing 11 of 23 passes for 190 yards and three touchdowns. The scoring throws in the fourth quarter were the longest completions of his three-year career.

"Everybody is pulling together," Lucas said. "It's been like a family, getting tighter with all the adversity we've been going through.'

Two bad throws by Marino kept the Jets ahead most of the night.

With New York leading 10-7 in the second quarter, Coleman stepped in front of intended receiver O.J. McDuffie for an interception, easily juked past a flailing Marino and sprinted the rest of the way untouched.

The interception was the seventh returned for a score against Miami this season, tying an NFL record.

Aggies, Lions both eyeing Alamo Bowl while looking ahead SAN ANTONIO (AP) — On Paterno said. "You wonder how

the practice field, Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum is thinking ahead to next season. At gametime tonight in the Alamo Bowl, it's still 1999.

The No. 18 Aggies meet No. 13 Penn State at the Alamodome in a game neither team envisioned early this season. Each had high expectations dashed by disappointing losses.

But each team insists it's happy to be in San Antonio.

This is still a continuation of this season," Slocum said. "It's another additional opportunity to play against a very good football team. We're going to do everything we can to try to win this game.'

Some Texas A&M workouts recently have been extended and geared toward looking at younger players and plans for next year, Slocum said.

Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno acknowledged he's done the same.

Neither coach, expects to glide through the Alamo Bowl, which is sponsored by Sylvania.

Paterno hopes his players can have enough stamina late in the game to face the two big Texas **A&M running backs**, Ja'Mar Toombs and D'Andre Hardeman, who weigh more than 500 pounds combined.

"They're going to wear on us," Paterno said, adding that those players remind him of running back T.J. Duckett of Michigan State.

Penn State (9-3, 5-3 Big Ten) started the season 9-0 and reached a No. 2 ranking before losing its last three games, to Minnesota, Michigan and Michigan State. It had been 85 years since a Penn State team lost the last three regular-season games.

"I don't like the term 'slump," Paterno said Monday. "I thought our kids played hard, they played tough. Some things didn't go that well.

Paterno praised Penn State's opponents and said tonight's game provided an opportunity for the Lions to recover. "We have a lot of fine seniors

who have had great careers at Penn State and certainly don't want to go out with four losses in a row," Paterno said. In his 34 years as Penn State's

coach, Paterno has never had a four-game losing streak. And with a record of 19-9-1, Paterno has won more bowl games than any other coach. "We, obviously, didn't get to

do some things (this season),"

you can kind of end it up with something that's very positive.'

Once the Lions realized they would face Texas A&M, and not a lesser opponent, they became excited about the Alamo Bowl and wanted to come to town 10 days early, Paterno said.

Slocum is not fooled by the Lions' three-game losing streak.

"They won nine straight games, and then, as Joe said, the three teams they played were all very good teams,' Slocum said. "It wasn't like they were blown away. Those were good teams that are as good as any in college football.'

Slocum is impressed with Penn State's defense. Penn State, like Texas A&M, has been referred to as "Linebacker

"They are athletic. They move to the ball well. They create a lot of problems," Slocum said. "For us to have any success, I think we'll have to have a halanced attack and try to get a few yards here and there.

Penn State has three All America defensive players linebackers Brandon Short and LaVar Arrington and defensive

end Courtney Brown. Arrington takes issue with the notion that Texas A&M is the premier school for lineback-

"I was kind of upset when I got here and heard it,' Arrington said. "Penn State is Linebacker U. I will defend it on the field. I will defend it off the field until the day I die.'

For both Texas A&M and Penn State, it's no mystery what it'll take to win.

"We've got to play the kicking game, we've got to minimize turnovers and not give up big plays on defense," Slocum said. "Amen," Paterno said.

Texas A&M (8-3, 5-3 in Big 12) has had its own disappointments, with losses to Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Nebraska. But the Aggies capped the season with two victories, closing with a defeat of Texas a week after the Texas A&M bonfire log collapse left 12 dead and 27 injured.

The Aggies will have the home crowd in the Alamodome. Texas A&M senior quarterback Randy McCown noted that the Aggies haven't won a bowl game the past two years. Their last postseason victory was in the Alamo Bowl over Michigan in 1995.

"Practices have been real intense," he said. "We want to win a bowl for the seniors.'

Jones reiterates importance of winning to Cowboys players

veteran players a little reminder of how much winning means to him.

The Dallas Cowboys owner called a group of players into his office Monday and spoke for about 20 minutes. With the team needing a victory Sunday to make the playoffs, it's easy to guess what he

"I don't think anyone has ever questioned how passionate Jerry is about the Cowbeys and how passionate he is about winning," quarterback Troy Aikman said. 'It was reiterated for those that maybe didn't know that."

Aikman — who joined Dallas in 1989, the same year Jones bought the team said he doesn't remember the owner ever holding such a gathering.

"Jerry got his point across," safety

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones gave his Darren Woodson said, smiling. "It was his meeting.'

"It was needed," defensive lineman Alonzo Spellman said. "It starts at the top. Jerry is unbelievable in how he takes care of business. It was a good

Despite consecutive losses to teams long ago eliminated from the playoffs, Dallas (7-8) can earn the NFC's last wildcard spot with a victory Sunday over the

New York Giants. The Cowboys assumed all weekend their offseason had begun following a loss to New Orleans on Friday. After the game, everyone spoke about this season in the past tense, including Jones, who said he felt "a little foolish and stupid" for having spent \$41 million in bonuses for this team.

Yet a stunning series of losses over the weekend kept the Cowboys' playoff hopes alive and well. Although New York, Carolina and Green Bay also are 7-8, Dallas is the only team that can win and be certain of making the playoffs. "We've had second chances out the

gazoo," said Cowboys coach Chan Gailey, as much relieved as he is frustrated. "Let's see if we can do something with this game in order to take advantage of it." The Giants would be eliminated by los-

ing to the Cowboys. Even if the Panthers and Packers win, Dallas has tiebreaker advantages over them. This will be only the fourth time an 8-8 team makes the playoffs, the first since 1991.

up with the No. 5 seed.

Gailey explained the formulas to players at a team meeting so they would understand how drastically their outlook has improved since the Saints game.

"I hope it's a great lift," Gailey said. "You went through the weekend thinking there was no chance, and now you do have a chance. We can't lay in that Friday stupor."

Gailey said he doesn't want players focusing on the if-then playoff scenarios. If anything, they should see this as a playoff game because if they win, they go on and if they lose, they go home.

"Just go out and play one game," Gailey said. "You don't have to worry about a game after it, what's happened There could be two .500 teams if in the past — nothing. Just worry about Detroit (8-7) loses. If so, Dallas would end

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NBA—Suspended New York Knicks F
Kurt Thomas for two games and fined him
\$10,000 for throwing a punch in a Dec. 25
game against the Indiana Pacers.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F
Mark Hamfrideson

Mark Hendrickson.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Fired P.J. GULDEN STATE WARRIORS—Fired P.J. Carlesimo, coach, and Bob Staak, assistant coach. Reassigned Paul Westhead, assistant coach. Named general manager Garry St. Jean coach and Brian Winters assistant coach.

assistant coach.

'ANCOUVER' QANUCKS—Activated F.
Grant Long from the injured list. Placed G.
Doug West on the injured list.

WASHINGTON WZARDS—Placed ...G.
Laron Profit on the injured list. Activated G.
Richard Hamilton from the injured list.

rtional Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed DB Michael Swift on injured reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS—Waived K Chris NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Placed DE

Jared Tomich and TE Scott Slutzker on injured reserve. Signed LB Joe Tuipela and G Robert Hunt from the practice squad. National Hockey League
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned RW Bill Huard to Lowell of the AHL.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled RW

Trent McCleary from Quebec of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F David

Oliver from Houston of the IHL and F Tavis Hansen from Springfield of the AHL.

NBAMonday's Games Minnesota 107, Orlando 105 Philadelphia 100, Vancouver 93
San Antonio 105, Golden State 83
L.A. Lakers 108, Dallas 108

Fordham 99, Siena 91 Piret Round ; Colorado 79, Villanova 56 Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

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American-Int, 81, Philadelphia 69
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Rollinis 87, Delewere Valley 60
Virginis 83, Siena 43
MIDWEST
Notre Deme 74, Southern Cal 59
Rio Grande 67, Tri-State 42
Shawnee St. 86, Alderson-Broaddus 48
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MCMUNT 73, Lubbock Christian 64 McMurry 73, Lubbock Christian 64 FAR WEST

FAR WEST Starriford 77, St. Mary's, Cel. 65 TOURNAMENTS Clark College Holiday Tournament First Round Lakeland 63, Mount Mercy 36 Doubletree Classic Deubletree Classic First Round Lehigh 89, West Virginia 73 Tulane 81, Providence 57 Holiday Inn Express Invitational First Round

Norfolk St. 59, Jacksonville 53 Story Brook 62, Bethune-Cookman 54

Tor 25 - Mix

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketbell poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 26:

1. Stanford (60) 2. Connecticut (7) 3. Cincinneti (2) 4. Aubum 5. Arizona (1) 6. Florida 6. Florida
7. Syracuse
8. Michigan St.
9. Duke
10. Kansas
11. Oklatioma St.
12. Indiana
13. North Carolina
14. Maryfand
15. Ohio St.
16. Tennessee
17. Temple
18. Texas
19. Wake Forest
20. Illinois
21. Utah
22. Oklahoma
23. UCLA
24. DePaul
25. Tulsa

Sunday, Jan. 2
Arisona at Green Bay, Noon
Baltimore at New England, Noon
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, Noon
Detroit at Minnesota, Noon

Indianapolis at Buffalo, Noon Indianapolis at Buffalo, Noon New Orleans at Carolina, Noon Oakland at Kanses City, Noon St. Louis at Philadelphia, Noon Seattle at New York Jets, Noon Tanna Busses City, Noon Carona Busses

Monday, Jan. 3 San Francisco at Atlanta, 8 p.m. End Regular Season

Spattle at twew York Jets, Noon Tampe Bay at Chicago, Noon New York Giants at Dallas, 3:05 p.m. Miami at Washington, 3:15 p.m. San Diego at Deriver, 3:15 p.m. Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 3:15 p.m. OPEN: Cleiveland

Toronto at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.
Fednesday's Games
Indiana at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Miemi at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

ionday's Games
Montreal 4, Ottawa 4, tie
Chicago 2, Washington 2, tie
Phitadelphia 5, Calgary 1
New Jersey 4, Buffalo 1
Islanders 3, Boston 0
Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 3, Atlanta 2, OT
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1
San Jose 3, Delias 1
Colorado 5, St. Louis 1
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Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
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Ottawa at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
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N.Y. Rangers at Dellas, 7:30 p.m.
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dence 79, Long Island U. 63

ROUTH
18. International 76, Akron 74
Kentucky 62, Alaska-Anchorage 42
LSU 81, Howard 55
Maryland 69, George Mason 66
Miami 89, Floride Atlantic 52
Southern Miss. 73, Jackson St. 65
MINDWEST

Cincinnati 93, Wis.-Milwaukee 60
Ohio St. 76, Oakland, Mich. 50
Temple 79, Cleveland St. 66
Xavier 58, Princeton 54
SOUTHWEST

Ball St. 82, San Diego St. 65 Colorado St. 69, Sacramento

Purdue 70, Santa Clara 55

Butler 86, TCU 78

MIN'S SCORIS

NHL

Others receiving votes: Kentucky 164. Gonzaga 113, Xavier 45, LSU 40, St. John's 40, N.C. State 34, Tulane 29, Mississippl 23, Bell St. 17, Dayton 9, Marshall 9, Colorado St. 7, Louisville 7, Creighton 6, Iowa St. 6, San Francisco 6, Oregon 5, Purdue 4, SMU 4, Delaware 2, Murray \$t. 2, California 1, Iowa 1, Pepperdine 1, St. Bonaventure 1.

Tor 25 - Womin

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 26:

1. Connecticut (40) 5. Georgia
6. Texas Tech
7. Auburn
8. Penn St.
9. North Carolina
10. Notre Dame
11. LSU 12. Rutgers
13. Purdue
14. lowa St.
15. Duke
16. UCLA
17. Illinois 18 Cld Committee

Others receiving votes: Marquette 45, Boston College 24, Arkansas 16, George Washington 11, Colorado St. 10, Texas A&M 9, Alabama 8, Missouri 7, Florida 6, Drake 5, Virginia 5, Tulsa 4, SW Missour St. 3, Hawaii 2, Santa Clara 2, Stanford 2, Georgia Tech 1, St. Joseph's 1, Virginia Tech 1, Xavier 1.

LOCAL BOWLING

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RESULTS-Tough As Nails over Bowi-a-Rama 6-2, Allen's Furniture split with Burgess Auto 4-4, Four Way Gin over A&B Poteline 8-0, Glickman Armory over WGAS 6-2, Partee Drilling over Santa Fe Sandwiches 8-0; hi sc game Ray Gutierrez 236, hi sc series Ray Gutierrez 638, hi hdcp game Milke Spivey 253, hi hdcp series Huey Harris 682; hi sc team game Burgess Auto and Partee Drilling 780; hi hdcp team game Glickman Armory 832; hi sc team series Burgess Auto 2276; hi hdcp team series Tough As Nails 2349.

STANDINGS-Burgess Auto 77-43, Santa Fe Sandwiches 74-46, Partee Drilling 71-49, Allan's Funiture 68-52, Bowl-A-Rama 68-52, Glickman Armory 67-53, Four Way Gin 56-64, A&B Poleline 54-66, Tough As

Nails 47-73, WGAS 18-102.

GUYS & DOLLS
WEEK 18
RESULTS-Jim's Again over Deti's Cafe
8-0, Hester's Mechanical over Big Spring
State Park 6-2, Greenhouse Photography
over Hyden's Auto Repairs 6-2; hi sc game
men Ben Sparks 220; hi sc game women
Nell Clark 197; hi sc series women Nem
Soarks 602; hi sc series women Velma Nell Clark 197; hi sc series men Ban Sparks 602; hi sc series women Veima Campbell 484; hi hdcp game men Robert Beaty 245; hi hdcp game women Nell Clark 253; hi hdcp series men Ben sparks 667; hi hdcp series women Nell Clark 631; hi sc team game Jim's Again 835; hi sc team series Jim's Again 392; hi sc team series Jim's Again 1921; hi hdcp team series Jim's Again 1926; him's Again 79-49, Hester's Mechanical 72-56; Big Sping State Park 68-60, Greenhouse Photography 62-66; Dell's Cafe 52-76, Hyden's Auto Repairs 51-77.

Hyden's Auto Repairs 51-77.

VA COUPLES
WEEK 15
RESULTS-Misfits over Untouchable
Dogs 8-0, Fourteen over Bette's Bandits 80. Eight over Winners 6-2, Sex Pistols over
Hoot Owls 6-2, BSI over Seven 7-1, NFS
over The Dreamers 8-0, Lighthouse tied
Thirteen 4-4, Fifteen tied Undecided 0-0,
Three over Do's and Don'ts 6-2; hi sc team
series Undecided 1996, Eight 1914,
Bette's Bandits 1903; hi sc team game
Undecided 681, Do's and Don'ts 6-79,
Bette's Bandits 664; hi sc series men Joe
Krug 612, Jerry Bacon 599, Kyle Lacey
595; hi sc game men Kyle Lacey 228, Joe
Krug 219, Abe Vanez 216; hi sc series
women Irene Jackson 527, Brenda
McCright 500, Roselita Lozano 497; hi sc
game women Sam Horton 189, Irene
Jackson 186, Roselita Lozano 179; hi
hdcp team series Thirteen 2642, Three
2630, Fourteen 2620; hi hdcp team game
Thirteen 925, Three 911, BSI 907; hi hdcp
series men Kyle Lacey 751, Joe Krug 750,
Bobby Cordova 711; hi hdcp game men
Kyle Lacey 280, Joe Krug 265, Abe Yanez
252; hi hdcp series women Licia
Robertson 686; hi hdcp game women Sam
Horton 270, Cyndi Jones 258, Alma Yanez
256.
STANDINGS-NFS 80-40, Eight 75-45,

256. STANDINGS-NFS 80-40, Eight 75-45 Lighthouse 68-52, BSI 67-53, Fourteen 66 54. The Dreamers 64-56, Winners 63-57, Untouchable Dogs 62-58, Do's and Don'ts 60-60, Bette's Bandits 60-60, Hoot Owls 60-60. Three 58-54, Seven 53-67, Thirteen 51-69, Misfits 50-70, Undecided 48-64, Sex Pistols 47-73, Fifteen 32-72.

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MENS MAJOR
WEEK 16

RESULTS-BSI over Burgess Automotive
6-2. Mason's Collectables tied O'Daniel
Trucking 4-4. Bob Brock Ford over Collums
Restaurant 6-2. Trio Fuels over Parks
Agency 6-2; h sc senes Pat Carter 672.
John Gibson 672. Doug Greer 639; hi sc
game John Gibson 275. Doug Greer 261.
Pat Carter 257; hi sc team series Trio
Fuels 2822. O'Daniel Trucking 2798,
Parks Agency 2728; hi sc team game Trio
Fuels 1009, Parks Agency 995. O'Daniel
Trucking 990; hi hdcp series Pat Carter
780, John Gibson 771, Doug Greer 711; hi
hdcp game John Gibson 308, Pat Carter,
Doug Greer 285; hi hdcp team series BSI
3285, Burgess Automotive 3272, Mason's
Collectables 3244; hi hdcp team game BSI
1141, O'Daniel Trucking 1138, Bob Brock
Ford 1132.

STANDINGS-Trio Fuels 92-36, Collums
Restaurant 76-52, Parks Agency 75-53,
Bob Brock Ford 74-54, BSI 58-70, O'Daniel
Trucking 52-76, Mason's Collectables 4583, Burgess Automotive 40-88.

PIN POPPERS

PIN POPPERS
WEEK 16
RESULTS-Hair Designs by Randy over Proc Care Center 6-2, L&M Properties over Dixie Chicks 6-2, Guy's Restaurant over Rose Barber Shop 6-2, Gas "N" Grub tied Bowl-a-Rama 4-4, Kuykendall tied Health Food Store 4-4; hi sc series Bernadine Sealy 567, Betty Gibson 527; hi sc game Bernadine Sealy 213, Jerry Burchell 205; hi sc team series Hair Designs by Randy 1954, Rose Barber Shop 1872; hi sc team game Hair Designs by Randy 721, Rose Barber Shop 666; hi hdcp series Betty Boson 647, Wany Ellis 6-6; hi hdc parties betty Mulkey 3-45, carry Gibsen 1974; heir Designs by Randy 283, hi game Hair Designs by Randy 864, Guy's Restaurant 829.

STANDINGS Rose Barber Shop 82-46, Hair Designs by Randy 76-52, Gas "N" Grub 68-60, Guy's Restaurant 65-63, L&M Properties 64-64, Perco Care Center 62-66, Kuykendall 57-71, Dixie Chicks 56-72, Bowl-A-Rama 56-72, Health Food Store 54

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

MEEN 16
RESULTS-Alians' Furniture over
Monistat 5 6-2, Dust Devils over Looney
Tunes 6-2, Metal Mart over Eye Ball
Records 8-0, Spades over SWCID 6-2,
Scaltech over Ghost 6-0; hi sc series Jerald Burgess 665, Tom Cruz 664, Joey Gutierrez 645; hi sc game Jerald Burgess 258, Joey Gutierrez 244, John Oliva 241 hi sc team series Allans Furniture 2791, Dust Devils 2771, Scaltech 2527; hi sc team game Allans Furniture 984, Dust Devils 966, Dust Devils 960; hi hdcp series Robert Sullivan 725, Joey Gutierre 690, Sean A. Massengill 665; hi hdcp game Joey Gutierrez 259, Jerald Burgess 258, John Oliva 253; hi hdcp team series Allans Furniture 3136, Dust Devils 2993, Spades 2931; hi hdcp team game Alians Furniture 1099, Dust Devils 1040, Dust Devils 1034. STANDINGS-Spades 90-38, Dust Devils

88-40, Allans Furniture 76-52, Metal Mart 76-52, Scaltech 70-58, Monistat 5 64-64, Looney Tunes 62-66, Eye Ball Records 56-72, SWCID 52-76, Ghost 0-128.

Motor City Bowl win gives Marshall undefeated season

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) -Doug Chapman and his Marshall teammates were playing for an undefeated season and to earn some respect.

They got the perfect record, and the Thundering Herd might get the respect.

Chapman scored three touchdowns and Marshall's defense did the rest as the No. 11 Thundering Herd beat BYU 21-3 in the Motor City Bowl on Monday.

Chapman rushed for 133 yards, ran for two TDs and hooked up on a pass play with Chad Pennington for another as Marshall (13-0) remained one of three unbeaten Division I teams in the country.

But this is nothing new.

During Chapman's four years, Marshall has a 50-4 record. The Herd went 15-0 in 1996, winning the Division I-AA championship. The school moved up to Division I the following season, and the Herd is 35-4 since then.

"Fifty is a nice round number," Chapman said. "It doesn't always work out like that. Fifty wins! No matter what happens, nobody will ever be able to take

that away from this group." The winning tends to go unnoticed because Marshall plays in the Mid-American Conference. But coach Bob Pruett feels nonconference wins over teams like Clemson and bowl wins over Louisville and BYU will begin to pay dividends

Marshall has played in the Motor City Bowl for three years. It lost the inaugural game to Mississippi by three points, but won the last two.

"People probably took things away from our team all season long, but I think we played a good football team today," Pruett said. "We proved we are a good football team."

This was the third straight loss for BYU (8-4) co-champions of the Mountain West Conference. The Cougars were hampered by their inability to run against Marshall's quick defense. As a result, Kevin Feterik was never able to get the BYU passing game in gear.

And each time it looked like the Cougars might get something started, Marshall seemed to come up with a big play.

Marshall linebacker Rogers Beckett intercepted two passes, one of which set up the Herd's final touchdown. Chapman made nifty moves to spring himself on two of his touch-"You can't argue with big

plays," Chapman said. BYU got its lone score on

Owen Pochman's 28-yard field goal in the first quarter. It was all Marshall after that, and the Herd broke the game open with two touchdowns in a 1:44 span during the second half. "We just kept believing some-

thing would happen," BYU defensive end Setema Gali said. "There's miracles that happen in

Unfortunately, not for us today."

The game was billed as a shootout between the two quarterbacks, who had combined to pass for over four miles during the season. Pennington came in with 3,799 yards passing and 37 TD tosses. Kevin Feterik passed for 3,554 yards and 25 TDs during the season for BYU.,

On Monday, Pennington completed 17 of 28 passes for 207 yards with one interception. Feterik, under constant pressure, was 6-of-11 for 125 yards before being forced from the game early in the third quarter with a fractured clavicle.

"They had a good pass rush," Feterik said.

Freshman Bret Engemann and Charlie Peterson finished up for the Cougars, but they were no more successful than Feterik.

Marshall finished with 354 yards while holding BYU to 204 yards. The Cougars had minus-16 yards rushing.

"No. 1, we were unable to make plays," BYU coach LaVell Edwards said. "They made a couple. That was the difference in the ballgame."

The Cougars drove 57 yards in 10 plays on their second possession and took a 3-0 lead on Pochman's field goal.

It looked like it might be BYU's day when Billy Malashevich missed a field goal early in the second quarter for Marshall, but the Cougars' luck soon went sour.

Pennington's underthrown pass was intercepted by Jared Lee at the BYU 30 shortly after the first of Malashevich's three misses, but Marshall's Nate Poole forced Lee to fumble on the return attempt, and Lanier Washington recovered for Marshall.

Given new life, Pennington and Chapman hooked up on a 30-yard touchdown pass play on the next snap, giving the Herd a 7-3 **lead**.

"Credit Marshall. They did a nice job," Edwards said. "We get the interception, fumble it right back. Next play, they score."

Chapman caught the ball in traffic at the 25, made a nice move at the 10 and angled across the goal line.

''Unbelievable,' Pennington, certain to be a high NFL draft pick. "And it couldn't happen to a better guy, because Doug's faced a lot of adversity with injuries this year.'

Chapman, the game's most valuable player, broke a tackle near the line of scrimmage, springing himself for an 87-yard TD run with 51 seconds left in the third quarter. It was the longest play in the

three-year history of the bowl. The previous high was an 80yard pass from Pennington to Randy Moss in 1997. A 16-yard interception return

by Beckett set Marshall up at the BYU 1, and Chapman dived in for the score two plays later.

Woods AP's Athlete of Year for second time in three years On Monday, Woods was and Heisman Trophy winner Thursday, figures to have at

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

The next time Tiger Woods says that he only plays to win, pay close attention.

After working for nearly 18 months to get comfortable with Woods his new swing, unleashed one of the most dominant golf seasons in the second half of the 20th century and left his peers wondering how much

better he can get. He won nine of his last 13 tournaments and earned \$7.6 million worldwide. Perhaps the best statement of his supremacy is this: Woods won more PGA Tour events in the final five months of the season (6) than any other player won in an entire season this decade.

named The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year in a close vote over Lance Armstrong.

"It's great to be selected, very humbling to be part of that," said Woods, who won the award for the second time in three years. "A lot of great athletes have won this award.' Woods received 29 first-place

votes and 144 points from AP member newspapers and broadcast outlets. Armstrong, who overcame testicular cancer to win the Tour de France, had 31 first-place votes and finished with 130 points. Cy Young award winner Pedro Martinez of the Boston

Ron Dayne.

Rounding out the top 10 were: Andre Agassi, Tim Duncan, Payne Stewart, Sammy Sosa quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Kurt Warner, who tied for 10th.

The U.S. women's World Cup soccer team was named the AP Female Athletes of the Year last week and also won for story of the year.

Woods became only the seventh man - and second golfer - to win AP Athlete of the Year twice since it began in 1931. The others were Don Budge, Byron Nelson, Sandy Koufax, Carl Lewis, Joe Montana and

Michael Jordan. Jordan is the only three-time

least 20 more years to match or surpass Jordan. At this rate, the only thing capable of stopping him is a career-threatening injury or loss of desire. "He's not even close to how

good he can get," Davis Love III said after finishing second to in the Championship. "He's going to be good for a long, long time."

Woods won this award for what he did in a short period of

Heading into the PGA Championship, the final major of the year, David Duval was still No. 1 in the world rankings. But Woods won at Medinah for his second major, then really separated himself

Friday, December 31......Wednesday, 12 NOON

January 3.

to 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 2.....Thursday, 12 NOON Monday, January 3......Thursday, 3 p.m. Classified Deadlines Friday, December 31.....Thursday, 12 NOON

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Red Sox finished third with 45 winner. Woods, who turns 24 on from the rest of the sport. points, followed by John Elway

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your judgment. If you are single, your career could take precedence over your love life. Nevertheless, someone quite important might squeeze his way through your door during the next few months. If attached, your relationship needs time and attenti on to chair. flourish. LIBRA pushes you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Defer to others, who could be uncomfortable about an important decision where vou have been instrumental. Be detached. Reconsider holiday arrangements. A change might be necessary. A friend surprises you with a solution. Tonight:

Go along with anoth er's plans. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Get into work and clear

your desk. News could be discomforting and might even send you back to square one. Though you cannot resolve a matter immediately, you will intime. Discussions with a partner help clear the air and give you needed support. To night: Get some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

HOROSCOPE

**** Another can be difficult when money talks come up. Work through a problem rather than throwing a tantrum or slamming a door. Opt for an unusual solution. You'll surprise others and delight yourself as you revise your opinion of another. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Reach out for family. Listen to another's point of view, even if it makes you uncomfortable. You'll relax through working. Let go of a difficult situation. Allow others to think and regroup. Everything will work out. Tonight: Relax in your easy

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Lighten up about what Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4- you need to do and just keep plugging away. Ask for help if necessary. Brainstorm, and problems will quickly dissolve. A flirtation could become more if you want, but be realistic about your needs. Be open to suggestions. Tonig ht: It's all in how you say it!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Deal with a money matter first thing this morning. There is no sense in taking a risk that makes you uncomfortable. Your better judgment supports a strong decision. Follow through. Be innovative about work and your schedule. Tonight: Balance your che ckbook

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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message.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Words will not adequately convey the ideas you have on vour mind. Remain in control,

knowing what you expect and need. A family member's choices could stun you. Be willing to invest more in your home. Tonight: Take a night off from all the goings-on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

**** Aim for what you want. Be willing to network, touch base with associates and contact a friend if possible. Calls and news bounce you in another direction. Don't combine personal finances with a friendship. Tonight: Where the gang 7

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

*** Take the lead but use your instincts. Don't react on impulse. You could be quite tense. Keep your professional

image and direction in mind You know where you are head ing. Another has a different idea than you. Still, be cautious about time and funds. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Choose to take an overview rather than triggering on individual issues. You gain because of your spontaneity and ability to refrain from obsessing. If you are looking for a new path to the same place, you'll find it. Tonight: Do something very diffe rent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Close relating takes you to a new level. Recognize that what is important to you might not be to one close to you. Do not listen to gossip. A trusted friend comes through for you in a big way. Your ability to support confidentiality makes you the bo ss's favorite. Tonight: Could be cozy.

BORN TODAY

Actor Ted Danson (1947), actor Jon Voight (1938), actress Mary Tyler Moore (1936)

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Overeaters find support they need from peers

DEAR ABBY: The rules for dieting during the holidays you printed prompts this letter. I want to tell you and your readers about my weight loss and recovery from compulsive overeating through Overeaters Anonymous.

*Before I found OA at age 19, I had failed at every diet I tried. I wasn't able to stop shoving food down my throat. Back then, I could easily

consume eight candy bars, a pint. of ice cream

and half a pizza in one sitting -Careton, \$475/mo. + dep. then wait for the food to digest an culty finding one near you, call 263-4367 or 263-6997 so I could go back for more. My visit the Web site: so I could go back for more. My emotional state, as you might imagine, was equally tortured. I had suicidal thoughts.

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Luckily I found OA which, as many know, is based on Alcoholics Anonymous and has a spiritual component. I walked into my first meeting a confirmed atheist, but I was so desperate that I was ready to try

anything. And it worked! I lost 45 pounds, Abby, but more important, I have kept it off for more than 18 years. One of my closest friends lost 102 pounds through OA and has kept it off for nearly two years. My sponsor, who guides me through the program, lost 250 pounds and has kept it off for 27 years. I'm not making that

Incredibly, I don't miss the foods I used to wolf down. I eat nothing sweeter than fresh fruit, and I haven't been plagued by the relentless cravings Lused to suffer. OA changed the way I relate emotionally to food. I love life now, and often can't wait to get up in the morning.

Please tell your readers they can find OA in the phone book under Overeaters Anonymous or through directory assis-

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"In a century that will be remembered foremost for its science and technology... one person clearly stands out as both the greatest mind and paramount icon of our age," the magazine said.

It called Einstein the "kindly. absent-minded professor whose wild halo of hair, piercing eyes, engaging humanity and extraordinary brilliance made his face a symbol and his name a syn-

Einstein, born in Germany in 1879, developed the theory of relativity, which rejects the concept of absolute motion and explains why motion, speed and mass appear different depending on the observer's frame of

Prize in physics. In 1933, he immigrated to the United States to take a post at Princeton University. A year later, the property he left behind in Germany was confiscated by the Nazi government because he was Jewish.

remembered foremost for its science and technology — in particular for our ability to understand and then harness the forces of the atom and universe — one person clearly stands out as both the greatest mind and paramount icon of our age: The kindly, absentminded professor whose wild halo of hair, piercing eyes, engaging humanity and extraordinary brilliance made his face a symbol and his name a synonym for genius, Albert Einstein," the magazine said.

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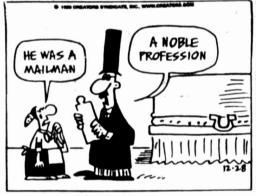
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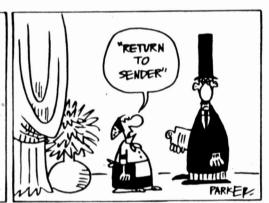




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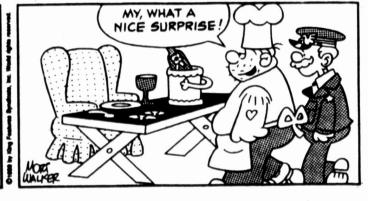
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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 1999. There are three days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1917, the New York Evening Mail published a facetious essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of the bathtub in America. Mencken claimed, for example, that

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Millard Fillmore was the first president to have a bathtub installed in the White House. On this date:

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

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first U.S. vice president to resign, leaving over differences with President Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th

state in the Union. In 1856, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, the 28th U.S. president, was born in Staunton, Va.

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

In 1937, composer Maurice

Ravel died in Paris. In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, Congress officially. recognized the "Pledge of Allegiance.' In 1973. Alexander

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

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "testtube baby," was born in Norfolk, Va.

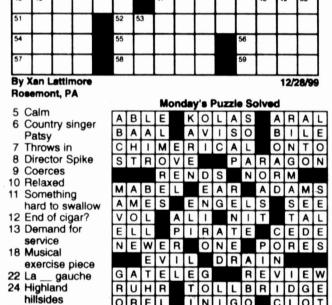
Ten years ago: Alexander Dubcek, former Czechoslovak Communist leader deposed in 1968 in a Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion, was named chairman of the country's parliament.

Five years ago: CIA Director R. James Woolsey resigned, ending a tenure shadowed by the Aldrich Ames spy scandal. President Clinton nominated Dan Glickman as agriculture secretary, succeeding Mike Espy.

One year ago: American warplanes exchanged missile fire with Iraqi air defenses, and President Clinton said there would be no letup in American and British pressure on Saddam Hussein. Four people were killed, two missing and presumed dead, when fierce gales struck during an Australian yacht race.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lou Jacobi is 86. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pop Staples is 85. Bandleader Johnny Otis is 78. Former UAW union president Owen Bieber is 70. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 65. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 61. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 53. Rock singer-musician Alex Chilton (The Box Tops; Big Star) is 49. Actor Denzel Washington is 45. Country singer Joe Diffie is 41. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 41. Actor Chad McQueen is 39.

Thought for Today: "When you are right, no one remembers; when you are wrong, no one forgets." — Irish proverb.



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