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WEATHER

Tonight:



CLEAR

TONIGHT 30°-33°

FRIDAY 60°-65°

Early delivery for Friday paper

Friday's edition of the Big Spring Herald will be published tonight and will be delivered by 7 a.m. Friday. If you have a problem with your delivery Friday morning, call our circulation department at 263-7335 between the hours of 7 and 11 a.m. All other Herald offices will be closed Friday.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ 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.

MONDAY
 □ Texas Tech Ex-Student Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.
 □ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
 □ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

TUESDAY
 □ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
 □ Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
 □ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room
 □ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
 □ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
 □ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY
 □ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
 □ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
 □ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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Area churches planning services to celebrate coming of 2000

LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Several community churches will hold special services on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day to celebrate the dawning of 2000.



BASKIN

every year, we have a 'watch night,'" said the Rev. R.T. Havener of First Assembly of God. "Because the end of this year is the end of the millennium, we wanted to make it extra special this year." First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, will begin the service at 9 p.m. Friday. The service will include praise for the past century, interspersed with personal sharing and praise reports from

the past years. There will also be a time of refreshments and fellowship. At midnight, those present will use noisemakers they have brought and begin praising God, continuing outside to the parking lot. "On a watch night, we thank God for the year He has given us and look for guidance for the next year," Havener said. First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, will have a

special service that will begin at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, titled "Welcome the Third Thousand Years of Christianity." A community prayer meeting is also planned at 7 p.m. Saturday at Living Water Ministries, 1008 Birdwell lane. "We want to give the community an opportunity to come together on the first day of the millennium to pray for Big Spring," said the Rev. Paul Baskin, coordinator of the

event. According to Baskin, a number of churches in town are participating in the event, including area pastors and church leaders. "Everyone is invited, and the event should last from one and half to two hours," Baskin said. "It will mostly be in prayer, leading to specific areas and needs of the community such as schools, leadership, and building relationships."

Fireworks merchants promoting safety first

LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

As Howard County residents begin to prepare for the New Year's Eve festivities, they need to consider the Howard County burn ban and aerial fireworks ban.

"The aerial fireworks ban only prohibits rockets on a stick and missiles with fins and rudders," said Jim Harris, president of Truckload Fireworks, Inc. "We will not be selling those items this year in Big Spring."

The use of fireworks of any type is illegal inside the city limits of Big Spring.

Harris said the prohibited rockets and missiles will expend all the gun powder quickly. Then the weight of the stick, fins, or rudders will cause the firework to arc, and it is still hot when it reaches the ground.

Along with low humidity, the lack of rain has caused high grass and bush to be extremely dry that can ignite quickly and spread rapidly.

According to Harris, tubes with one-shot or multi-shots are the safest items to purchase. The tubes have a range from 250 to 300 feet before breaking into a display.

The sparks disperse in the air and the firework is extinguished before it falls back to earth.

"We are recommending fireworks that go up high and have plenty of time to extinguish," said Kristina Hembree, Truckload stand manager on South Highway 87.

"We recommend something with a heavy base that will not be knocked over and will go far



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Kristina Hembree, Big Spring Truckload stand manager on S. Highway 87, shows Daniel Hembree the type of fireworks Truckload recommends the public to purchase.

up in the air. Pam Hembree, of Mr. W fireworks stand, recommends using punk sticks to light fireworks instead of matches or cigarette lighters, so the person will be farther away when he lights the firecracker. "The most common error the general public makes when setting off fireworks is to hold a

Roman Candle in their hands while setting it off," Harris said. Handling Roman Candles increases the chance the candle will shoot at an arc, according to Harris. Roman Candles are meant to be placed in a container, according to Harris. Although business has not

been booming, according to Kristina Hembree, she expect it to rapidly pick up in the next few days. "We have had a lot of people traveling through to places such as Oklahoma, California and Colorado stop by and purchase fireworks from Mr. W fireworks stand," Pam Hembree said.

Local bingo players take in \$509,342 for third quarter

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County bingo players who frequented licensed Bingo charities here during the third quarter took home \$509,342, according to the Texas Lottery Commission.

"Players in Howard County not only won big prizes, they also helped local charities continue their work on behalf of the less fortunate," said Billy

Atkins, charitable bingo director.

The five busiest charitable organizations in the county with an annual license to conduct the games reported the following attendance:

- FOE Aerie 3188 - 6,568
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club 6,099
- Howard County ARC - 6,034
- Big Spring Christmas In April 5,555

• St. Thomas Catholic Church 2,859

The \$509,342 won locally is part of the \$108.5 million in prizes that bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$84.9 million for regular bingo prizes and \$15.3 million in prizes for pull tab games.

The City of Big Spring received \$12,672.08 in bingo prize fees covering the third

quarter, Atkins said. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipt tax on a local-option basis prior to Jan. 1, 1993, receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The state also receives a 2.5 percent share of the prize fees.

The third quarter covers the months of July, August and September.

County's financial institutions banking on no Y2K woes

Editor's Note: The following is the seventh in a series of articles explaining how local entities are preparing for Y2K. Coming Friday - an overview, plus, local citizens' thoughts.

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Local financial institutions aren't anticipating any problems with Y2K, but they'll have hardcopy back-ups of all records just in case, experts in the industry said this week.

Don't be surprised to see employees of local banks working late Friday night. It's not so much from concern about the millennium bug as it is a banking tradition - closing out records for the year.



STEEL



ANDERSON

"We have to process year-end every year. Every year we stay here the last day of the year and close out the year. We always do it," said John Scott, president of First Bank of West Texas. "This year we're going to have a Y2K party while we're here. We run additional reports and all, and we'll just make a party out of it for family and friends."

Scott is considered by many to be one of the area's most knowledgeable individuals on the Y2K computer "bug." He began working on the problem years ago.

"We first started working seriously on Y2K in 1994 when we realized we were coming up on 1995 and would be issuing 5-year CDs (certificates of deposit)." "We realized we were going to issue a CD that had a maturity date of 2000."

The processor was notified, and work began on software to handle the problem.

"We started working on Y2K about two years before regulators realized the need to do it."

Scott said most of the fears about Y2K and the banking industry are groundless.

"Contrary to some public belief that things are going to go



bad because banks' computers are all interconnected, banks' computers are not hooked in to anyone else," he said. "I've heard it said that if one goes down, all go down because they are interconnected. And they are not."

Systems are kept separate, specifically so that problems won't be passed on from one to another, Scott said.

American State Bank checked out for Y2K compliance about six months ago through its main bank in Lubbock, said Robert Fry, branch president.

"We're all prepared for it. As far as this weekend, there's not anything to do. We're going to shut the system down Friday night and bring it back up it Saturday morning and hopefully go about our business," said Fry. "We certainly don't expect any problems at all."

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Crime

BSPD looking for suspects in multiple tire slashings

LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department has arrested a 16-year-old male in connection with a rash of tire slashings around Big Spring, and is currently seeking at least three other juveniles.

"The incidents have been widespread around town," said Roger Sweatt, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department. "We are currently looking at up to 26 cases with an estimated \$2,000 to \$3,000 in damages."

During the past two weeks, the police department has received and been investigating reports of criminal mischief involving slashed tires in the area of the Coronado addition, the airport, Howard College, and Parkway streets.

The investigation has been on-going and the police have interviewed suspects in connection with the incidents.

"We do not believe more than five individuals were involved with the offenses," he said.

Last Thursday, police arrested a 16-year-old male suspect for all the offenses. According to Sweatt, the juvenile has made a statement indicating his involvement in the incidents.

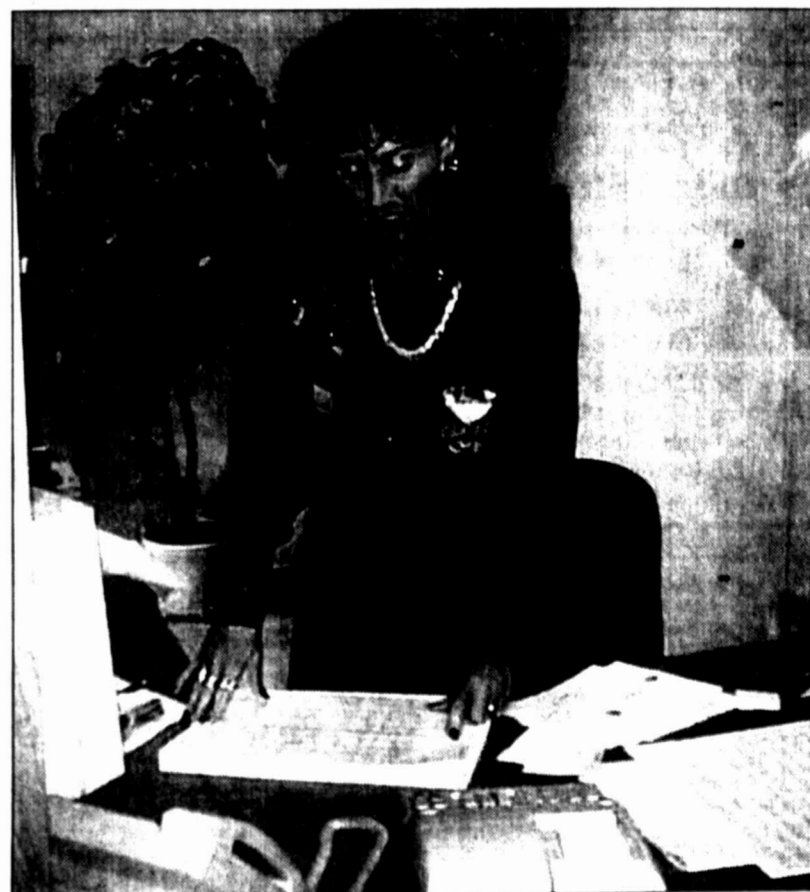
According to Sweatt, the police department currently has leads on at least two other individuals.

They are looking for suspects around the same age as the juvenile who was arrested.

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SWEATT



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Carlton Baker, teller supervisor at Government Employees Credit Union, anticipates no problems associated with Y2K. In fact, the credit union is having a Y2K celebration party Monday.

OBITUARIES

Janie Martinez

Funeral service for Janie Martinez, 37, was 10 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial was to follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at a local hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Martinez was born Jan. 13, 1962, in Big Spring. She married Joe Martinez in March 1982 in Big Spring at St. Thomas Catholic Church. She was a resident of Big Spring for 17 years and a cook for Big Spring ISD for eight years.

Survivors include: her husband, Joe Martinez of Big Spring; three daughters, Jennifer Martinez, Donna Martinez and Cindy Martinez, all of Big Spring; her parents, Pedro and Juanita Avalos of Stanton; a brother, Peter Avalos of Midland; two sisters, Jesusa Valenzuela and Anita Sanchez, both of Midland.

Arrangements are with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Walt Moore

Funeral service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for Walt Moore, 48, Big Spring. He died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at a local hospital.

Y2K

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At Government Employees Federal Credit Union, where systems were also tested earlier, no problems are anticipated.

"We've done all kinds of computer testing. We tested all of our systems way back in July," said Carlton Baker, teller supervisor.

"We're keeping a little extra cash on hand in case our customers get a little panicky, but we've tried to answer any questions they may have," Baker said. "We've had several customers who have taken out about \$500, but that's not a problem."

Baker said when they were left without electricity during the recent windstorm for several hours, employees were able to handle all customers' needs regardless.

"If we have to go back to the old manual way of posting it all, we're prepared for that," she said.

Baker also added that customer information has been backed up, so that if the out-of-state processor goes down temporarily, the information can be quickly reloaded.

Cleo Young, president of the Government Employees Credit Union, said they are so confident everything will go smoothly, they are planning a Y2K celebration party Monday.

"We'll have refreshments and we're going to dress for the

occasion. We have Y2K shirts and we'll decorate and it's just going to be a big celebration for our customers and anyone else who drops by," said Young.

State National Bank has been making Y2K preparations for about three years and even has information on its website educating the public about the event, said Richard Steel, vice president.

"Our testing has turned out absolutely fine, no problems whatsoever," Steel said. "We have information posted on our website about the steps we've gone through, as well as a Y2K study course on there for the public. Plus, we issued a direct mail to all of our customers, basically saying 'Here's what we've done and we've tested out fine.'"

Other than the testing, State National Bank won't be doing anything out of the ordinary this weekend, primarily because the end of the year involves an extensive process anyway.

"We have hard copies of everything and we typically do that at year-end anyway. The only difference this year is we'll make multiple copies so that we can have them in various places if we need them," said Steel.

"We're confident it will be business as usual. We're not looking for any problems at all. We think everything will go real well," he added.

Employees will be on hand Friday night at Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, just to make sure there are no glitches. None are expected.

"We're not anticipating any problems," said Cary Anderson, president. "We've been planning for this for about two years, so it seems kind of anticlimactic right now."

"We plan to be here for New Year's Eve, just to be on the safe side. We'll have copies and copies of everybody's records, so everyone can feel sure that if something were to happen, we'll have records of everything. We'll be here on Jan. 1, testing, too, so we'll be ready to open for business again on Jan. 3."

One important fact Anderson noted is that financial institutions have already received Social Security direct deposits for January.

"They can't be deposited until next year, but it may comfort some people to know they have been received."

SUSPECTS

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"We believe only three suspects did the actual damage, and the other two were just there," Sweatt said.

The suspects could be facing a third class felony with a punishment of two to 10 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Big Spring Police Department Detective Lupe Liedcke is handling the case.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit sup-

port and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

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

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

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

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY
•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

Former Beatle George Harrison hospitalized after stabbing

LONDON (AP) — An intruder broke into George Harrison's mansion today, stabbing the former Beatle in the chest and attacking his wife, authorities said. The reclusive guitarist was hospitalized with minor injuries.

Harrison, 56, and his wife, Olivia, fought with the intruder, who broke into their palatial estate in Henley on Thames, about 25 miles west of London, about 3:30 a.m., police said.

The attack came 19 years after fellow Beatle John Lennon was shot to death in New York City by an obsessive fan.

Harrison suffered a one-inch stab wound that was deep enough to penetrate his chest wall but missed any major organs, said Andrew Pengelly, medical director of the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Olivia Harrison received only superficial injuries and was not hospitalized.

"I don't think they were ever seriously worried," Pengelly said. "It could have been an awful lot worse."

Harrison later was transferred to Harefield Hospital in west London, which has a special chest unit.

"Generally, they are very happy and concerned to let the world know they are recovering well," said Mark Gritten, Royal Berkshire's chief executive. "Certainly, to have struggled with an intruder and come off with the injuries they have, I think they've been very lucky."

Thames Valley police said they were questioning a 33-

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AROUND THE TOWN

year-old Liverpool man in connection with the attack at Friar Park, a Gothic house set on 20 acres.

Harrison and his wife grappled with the intruder and were able to detain him until police arrived.

The man was treated at a nearby hospital for minor injuries and then discharged into police custody, authorities said.

Harrison's spokesman, Geoff Baker, said he was not aware of the suspect being previously known to the family, but SKY-TV reported that he may have been an obsessive fan known to Liverpool police.

Harrison's former bandmate Paul McCartney issued a statement today saying he was shocked by the attack.

"Thank God that both George and Olivia are all right," McCartney said. "I send them all my love."

The Harrisons have lived at Friar Park, a former nunnery close to the center of historic Henley, for more than 20 years. Security at the walled estate is tight, and it was unclear how the intruder managed to enter the house.

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 8,5,7

Lotto: 1,14,16,21,26,44

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Compaq Computer	26% + 1/2
Cornell Correc.	8%
Dell	52% + 1/2
DuPont	66% +
Exxon	80% + 1/2
Halliburton	39% + 1/2
IMB	11%
Intel Corp	84% + 1
Mid Amer Energy	33% + 1/2
NUV	7% + 1/2
Palex Inc.	6% + 1/2
Patterson Ener	12% + 1/2
Pepsi Cola	35% + 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	46% + 1/8
SBC Com.	47% + 1/2
Sears	30%
Texasco	53% - 1
Texas Instruments	104% - 1 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	34% + 1/2
Total Fina SA	66% + 1/2
Unocal Corp	33% + 1/2
Wal-Mart	68% + 1 1/2
Amcap	18.62-19.76
Europacific	42.26-44.84
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	289.80-291.30
Silver	5.30-5.42

block of Pennsylvania.
• DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the area of 15th and Parkway.
• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1600 block of Settles.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

12:09 a.m. — 1600 Block Vines, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
4:31 a.m. — 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
7:33 a.m. — 2500 block Cheyenne, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
8:44 a.m. — 1500 block Vines, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
7:24 p.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
8:30 a.m. — 1900 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported at 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard and the 1200 block of East 11th.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of Lynn.

• THEFT was reported in the 600 block of East 16th.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2300 block of Grace.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100

MARKETS

March cotton 49.70, up 9 points; Feb. crude 26.39, down 8 points; cash hogs steady at 36 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 54.22, up 15 points; Feb. live cattle futures 69.25, down 17 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

ATT	50% + 3/16
Atlantic Richfield	85% + 1/2
Atmos Energy	20% + 1/2
BP Amoco	59% + 1/2
Chevron	86% + 1/2
Cifra	20 to 20 1/2

Howard County Junior College District
STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND OTHER CHANGES

Year ended August 31, 1999
(with memorandum totals for the year ended August 31, 1998)

	Unrestricted	Auxiliary Enterprises	Restricted	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
				1999	1998
Revenues					
State appropriations -					
General revenue	\$ 7,703,725	\$ -	\$ 1,293,280	\$ 8,997,005	\$ 8,702,800
Tuition & fees	2,315,819	338,521	-	2,654,340	2,466,719
Taxes for current operations	2,394,943	-	-	2,394,943	2,472,026
Federal grants and contracts	49,885	-	2,430,474	2,480,359	2,532,152
State grants and contracts	63,023	-	695,876	758,899	750,994
Private gifts, grants and contracts	173,510	-	245,916	419,426	549,584
Interest/endowment income	213,362	41,647	48,752	303,761	308,529
Sales and services of educational activities	125,620	-	-	125,620	147,415
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	-	838,500	-	838,500	682,322
Other miscellaneous income	528,072	-	70,951	599,023	378,030
Total Current Funds Revenues	13,567,959	1,218,668	4,785,249	19,571,876	18,990,571
Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers					
Educational and general					
Instruction	6,302,576	-	1,411,509	7,714,085	6,903,798
Research	120,549	-	11,834	132,383	126,327
Academic support	947,862	-	112,196	1,060,058	1,632,720
Student services	1,203,708	-	387,415	1,591,123	1,585,630
Institutional support	1,529,271	-	372,372	1,901,643	2,038,988
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,139,432	-	88,002	2,227,434	2,220,078
Scholarships and fellowships	497,698	-	2,467,684	2,965,382	2,526,129
Total Educational and General Expenditures	12,741,096	-	4,851,012	17,592,108	17,033,670
Auxiliary Enterprises Expenditures	-	1,191,627	-	1,191,627	994,728
Mandatory transfers for:					
Retirement of indebtedness	(267,313)	(198,000)	-	(465,313)	(336,885)
TPEG to restricted and loan funds	(65,763)	-	65,763	-	-
Total expenditures and mandatory transfers	13,074,172	1,389,627	4,785,249	19,249,048	18,365,283
Other transfers and additions (deductions):					
Non-mandatory transfers	(377,086)	360,915	3,171	(13,000)	(10,500)
Excess of restricted receipts over transfer to revenues	-	-	74,665	74,665	175,215
Excess TPEG transfer over grant award	-	-	-	28,376	28,376
Indirect cost recovered	-	-	(112,908)	(112,908)	(15,380)
Net increase (decrease) in fund balances	\$ 116,701	\$ 189,956	\$ (6,696)	\$ 299,961	\$ 774,623

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Corbin Nix, 79, died Monday. Memorial services are 2:30 PM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

NALEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Walter B. Moore, 48, died Thursday, December 30, 1999. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Federal officials stand ready in case disaster strikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of federal emergency officials have fanned out across the country and will await the stroke of midnight in each U.S. time zone Friday with an eye toward Y2K disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established 10 regional centers to monitor potential catastrophes in the United States and its territories.

Beginning today, FEMA will have its emergency support team in full gear around the clock through Sunday. More than 800 personnel will be working through the weekend.

The agency can draw on resources from as many as 26 federal agencies and the Red Cross if Y2K emergencies arise.

"FEMA is confident that nothing serious will happen, but we

are prepared to respond just like we would for any other natural disaster or any other emergency situation," said Robert Adamcik, associate director for FEMA response and recovery.

Preparing for 18 months, the agency's officials have rehearsed a multitude of scenarios, including explosions, power outages and nuclear disaster.

FEMA officials said they will constantly gather information from state and local governments throughout the weekend, monitoring them with an automated system that assigns a green light to communities that are OK, a yellow light to those where an emergency is suspected but information is incomplete, and a red light for a confirmed disaster.

FEMA would be called in only after a state's governor asked

President Clinton to declare a federal disaster area.

"Some of the things that we can provide under the plan range from mass care that Red Cross can provide, food through the Department of Agriculture, transportation, communications, search and rescue or emergency medical and pharmaceuticals, should those be needed by state and local government," said Bruce Baughman, chief of operations for FEMA response and recovery.

The Health and Human Services Department, Centers for Disease Control and Defense Department have gas masks and antidotes in the event of chemical or biological terrorism, FEMA spokesman Marc Wolfson said.

Officials emphasized that they had not received any specific

threats, but extra security measures were introduced at federal buildings across the country this week, said Bob Dunfee, the regional administrator of the General Services Administration in New England.

At the federal courthouse in Boston, visitors and courthouse employees were asked to produce photo identification to enter the building.

In Scranton, Pa., officials told visitors to the federal courthouse to park in nearby lots rather than on the street right outside, allowing the building to have a buffer, said Dave Branham, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals.

Even if a significant disaster arises that is not related to Y2K, such as an unexpected weather phenomenon, FEMA would respond, Adamcik said.

Texas population pushes past the 20 million mark

AUSTIN (AP) — Births along the border and an influx of people from other states to Texas cities has pushed the Lone Star State's population past 20 million, according to a report released Wednesday.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Texas' population on July 1 was 20.04 million, an 18 percent increase since the 1990 census.

The new figures make Texas the second most populous state in the nation, after California with 33.14 million residents. New York is third with 18.20 million.

Texas was the sixth fastest growing state. Nevada was first, a designation it has held for the past 14 years. Arizona, Colorado, Georgia and Idaho followed behind, records show.

Texas added 3.57 million residents in the 1990s, a population larger than 21 of the 50 states. It's like adding another Houston and San Antonio to the state since 1990, one demographer said.

The bulk of the population increase in Texas came from births, 3.02 million, while migrations from other states, 570,000, and other nations, 715,000.

Conversely, 1.25 million people died since 1990.

The new Texans say a lot about the strong economies in the state's major cities, but present challenges for the future, demographers with the census and the state said.

"Not all population increases are the same and have the

same implications for an area," said Marc Perry, a demographer with the census.

For example, people have moved from other states to Texas to take advantage of the booming economy, he said.

Those new residents tend to be well-educated, at the top of their earning potential and invest their money in new houses.

Figures show they have also moved almost exclusively to the suburbs of Houston, Dallas and Austin in the past decade.

"Rapid population growth alone is not enough to prop up the economy, but it helps," Perry said.

On the other hand, says Steve Murdoch, director of the Texas State Data Center, three quarters of the new births this decade were to minorities, particularly along the border.

He said that historically, many of the people in the area were poor and did not attend college.

More recent educational and economic statistics suggest the trend continues today, he said.

The new population figures from the census suggest the state needs to find ways to improve education, and expand the strong economies of the cities to the Texas-Mexico border.

"The forms of growth present some very sobering challenges," he said.

"If we do not change these differentials a lot, we are going to be a poorer, less competitive state."

State abortion licensing law blocked by federal judge

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge Wednesday blocked the state from enforcing a new law that expands licensing requirements for abortion doctors, saying the law is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge John Rainey said the 1999 amendments to the Abortion Facility Reporting and Licensing Act violate the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution and are unconstitutionally vague.

Rainey granted a temporary injunction after a two-day hearing on the new law's background and effects.

The law, which took effect Sept. 1, requires doctors' offices to be licensed if the physician

performs more than 300 abortions a year. It also increases the criminal liability of doctors who operate abortion clinics without a license.

If Texas Attorney General John Cornyn appeals the order, a trial likely will take place.

An attorney for the group of physicians who filed the lawsuit told the Houston Chronicle that the judge's decision removes a roadblock for women seeking abortions in Texas.

"It's a great victory for physicians" and their patients, attorney Craig Smyser said in the newspaper's Thursday editions. "Come Jan. 1, 2000, they can continue to practice medicine as they always have."

Medical clinics in Houston, Denton and Austin and five doctors challenged the law in October.

Rainey said the law is unconstitutional because it sets physicians who perform abortions apart from those who perform other outpatient surgeries, violating their right to equal protection under the law.

The physicians had maintained that the legislation was developed to act as an obstacle to women seeking abortions, but Rainey said the evidence was to the contrary. Health concerns appear to have sparked current regulations, he said.

Prior to Sept. 1, state law provided doctors an exemption

from licensing if abortions made up less than 51 percent of their practices.

Judy Vatterott, a board member of Life Advocates, said the new law protects women's health and safety.

But Janet Crepps, an attorney with the Center for Reproductive Law & Policy, said several states are challenging a woman's right to an abortion under the guise of health facility regulation.

The center, which is paying for the lawsuit in Texas, recently got a similar South Carolina law struck down. It required licensure in places that performed more than five abortions per month.

Mom distraught by custody fight charged with killing sons

RICHARDSON (AP) — A second-grade teacher, distraught over a custody battle, is accused of strangling her two sons and then trying to kill herself two days later.

Lisa Marie Smith, 31, was arrested on two counts of capital murder Wednesday afternoon, shortly after being released from Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas after being treated for burns and a cut on her left wrist.

Ms. Smith, 31, looked pained and kept her back turned to television cameras as she appeared briefly before Municipal Court Judge Ray Noah, who set bond at \$2 million.

She then was taken back to the Richardson City Jail, where she was under suicide watch Wednesday evening.

Police say she has admitted to the crimes in a written statement.

Firefighters found William Cody Smith, 5, and Tristen Thomas Smith, 3, dead in a bed on Tuesday after a man in the neighborhood reported smoke coming from the home. The house was on fire, and Ms. Smith was on the floor next to the boys.

She picked up the children from their father around noon Sunday and was to have kept them through this weekend, Richardson police Sgt. Jim Hammond said.

The children were strangled Sunday night after they went to a movie, opened Christmas presents and ate pizza, Hammond said. Police said they haven't determined how the two were strangled or what Ms. Smith did between Sunday night and Tuesday.

The fire began after Ms. Smith disconnected a gas line from the back of a kitchen stove in a suicide attempt, Hammond said. Her left wrist was bandaged Wednesday afternoon, and police said she had cut herself.


Fire Marshal Steve Dossett said Ms. Smith somehow broke the gas line, causing natural

gas to flow through the one-story brick home.

"The emission source is something we're not real sure of," Dossett said. "We're kind of theorizing it was ignited by the hot water heater pilot light in the kitchen."

Flames damaged the kitchen area, while smoke damaged other parts of the home.

Authorities said Ms. Smith had been upset over losing custody of her sons to her former husband.



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Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

AVISO PUBLICO

La Compañía de Telecomunicaciones Valor, LP, ("Valor"), antiguamente conocida como Texas Operating Co., LP, inició un contrato con la Compañía GTE Southwest Incorporated para comprar la siguiente central telefónica Forsan en el Condado de Howard. El 13 de Diciembre de 1999, la Compañía Valor llenó una aplicación con la Comisión de Servicio Público de Texas ("La Comisión") solicitando la aprobación para la adquisición y la emisión de un certificado por parte de la Comisión, para proveer servicio telefónico a la(s) mencionada central telefónica. Si la solicitud es aprobada, GTE dejará de ser la proveedora local de servicio telefónico en esta área y la compañía Valor asumirá la responsabilidad de proveer servicio telefónico a través de esta central telefónica en esta área. La aplicación de la compañía Valor le a sido asignado la Causa No. 21834. La aplicación de GTE para que la central telefónica sea eliminada de su certificado le a sido asignado la Causa No. 21830. La Comisión tiene la intención de investigar la adquisición y su impacto en el interés del publico según lo establecido en la Sección 14.101 y 54.051-54.054 de la Ley Reguladora de Servicio Público.

En esta aplicación la compañía Valor no propone ningún aumento de precio para el publico. Si en el futuro, la compañía propone un cambio de precio, se le notificará oportunamente a los clientes.

Adicionalmente, la Compañía Valor esta solicitando de la Comisión, la designación como una compañía elegible para proveer ("ETP") y transportar ("ETC") telecomunicaciones dentro del área de servicio adquirida de GTE, para que permitan recibir servicio de soporte universal estatal y federal. Las aplicaciones de la compañía Valor les a sido asignada las Causas No. 21832 y 21833. GTE esta solicitando también la eliminación del área de servicio vendida a la compañía Valor del área que a sido designada como ETP y ETC. A la aplicación de GTE le a sido asignado la Causa No. 21831.

Todas las aplicaciones y las tarifas propuestas están disponibles para ser examinadas y copiadas en la Oficina del Registro Central de la Comisión de Servicio Público de Texas en Austin, Texas. Las aplicaciones de la compañía Valor y sus tarifas están disponibles también en las oficinas de los Abogados, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., en el 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. Las aplicaciones de GTE están disponibles para ser examinadas en las oficinas de GTE en el 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **BRIAN JENSEN**, who was recently named interim chief for the Big Spring Fire Department.

• **EMPLOYEES OF THE CEDAR HILL UNIT OF CORNELL CORRECTIONS**, who recently brought Christmas cheer to two local families.

• **SANTA CLAUS**, who spent hours listening to the wishes of local children during the last few weeks, and then made some of those dreams come true.

• **UNICHEM EMPLOYEES**, who gave up their usual gift exchange last week and adopted a needy family instead.

• **THE WILLIAMS FAMILY OF ACKERLY**, which for years has entertained Big Spring State Hospital patients with music at the holidays.

• **THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA**, which recently met its fundraising goal of \$834,000 for remodeling projects.

• **DONORS OF CAT AND DOG FOOD** which was collected by the *Herald* and KBST AM-FM radio station, and donated to the Big Spring Humane Society.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

There apparently is no limit to anti-religious nit-picking. The American Civil Liberties Union wants an injunction to keep an Indiana school from posting an 11-point code of conduct. Among the rules: "Trust in God," "respect authority," "honor your parents and family members" and "save sex for marriage."

The ACLU says that code violates the separation of church and state — and probably would even without the "trust in God" part because it still would be too similar to the Ten Commandments.

Would it be permissible if the moral instruction to the students was "don't trust God," "disrespect authority," "don't pay any attention to your parents" and "have sex whenever you want"? ... The Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment means government must maintain a "wholesome neutrality" toward religion, not official hostility.

THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION OF JACKSONVILLE

Plenty of life's rules are arbitrary and unfair; the U.S. military's "Don't ask, don't tell" rule is arguably less so than what it replaced.

Nevertheless, Defense Secretary William Cohen's order last week for a 90-day policy review represents an important recognition that the status quo, created as a well-intentioned compromise nearly seven years ago, is seriously flawed.

In truth, "Don't ask, don't tell" is not just arbitrary and unfair; it is heart-breaking in its demand for ongoing falsity and a concomitant denial of reality. ...

What could and should emerge is a policy that depends on the eradication of myths through programs of continual education, a policy that contains clear standards of conduct — sexual and otherwise — for all military personnel, a code that has mutual respect at its core.

That doesn't seem radical in the least, yet its realization eludes us still.

STAR TRIBUNE OF MINNEAPOLIS

Hank Snow: Peace and gratitude at trail's end

Winter was on the land when they laid Hank Snow to rest.

His funeral was long and florid, the kind country people generally expect. Open casket, musical tributes, a dozen eulogies, a video made from old home movies. And a sermon by a Missouri evangelist wearing a tie adorned with a piano keyboard.

Hank's preacher son presided at Thursday's two-and-a-half-hour memorial at the Grand Ole Opry house. The Rev. Jimmie Rodgers Snow said his father "set out with a dream when he had nothing."

Born in Nova Scotia, Hank Snow left an abusive home at age 12 to work on fishing boats. Before he became a star, he would toil as a painter, a cabin boy and a Halifax street sweeper. He sold newspapers on the street and Fuller brushes door to door. He struggled for 24 years. Then he hit.

The Opry house quickly filled with mourners. Those who knew him personally.

Those who knew only his songs. They walked quietly by the casket and took a last look. After all, there are few country music pioneers left to mourn.

The crowd was mostly older. There were several wheelchairs, and lots of walking canes.

Country music greats like Kitty Wells and Little Jimmy Dickens sat near the front, just below a stage banked with flowers. A spotlight shone on one of Hank's rhinestone suits. And on his guitar.

Garth Brooks slipped in and sat among the rest of the fans. Marty Stuart stood for a long moment over his old friend's body, coiffed for the casket in customary toupee, dressed in a black tuxedo and gold jewelry. Snow-white roses were all around him.

Hank Snow, Billy Walker said, "added another stone to the great foundation" of country music.

"He's around more Grand Ole Opry stars now than he would be if he were still here," Tompall Glaser said. It was a sad fact.

They called him "a private person" at least a dozen times. Even his son said Hank Snow had few close friends.

Walker and Porter Wagoner proclaimed Hank "a great musical stylist."

Jean Shepard, among others, mentioned his keen sense of

humor. She shared his Grand Ole Opry dressing room for nearly a decade.

"You are a cantankerous jackass," Shepard said she once told him. To that he simply said, "Thank you, Jean."

It was a big deal to be invited behind the locked gates of "private" Hank Snow's Rainbow Ranch.

"I've been watching you," Marty Stuart said Hank once told him. "I think you have potential. I admire you, as I assume you admire me."

Stuart did admire Snow. Marty made mourners clap when he played a beautiful instrumental version of Hank's "I Don't Hurt Anymore."

And Stuart returned, for a little while, Jimmie Rodgers' railroad lantern, which Hank Snow had recently given him, placing it near the casket.

Mourners heard from Hank Snow's agent, his producer, his Opry friends, from W. Bud Wendell, who was Grand Ole Opry manager during part of Snow's 50-year association with the show.

Wendell recalled one night when a fiddler's bow rearranged Hank's toupee, and he kept singing "I'm Movin' On."

Every speaker tried his best Hank Snow imitation, even Merle Haggard, who wasn't in attendance, but whose recent WSM radio interview was

played for the crowd. Merle said Hank was a legend.

(The best imitation, for the record, was that of Wagoner, who aped Snow's "Good luck, good health. May the Good Lord always be proud of you. Bye.")

There were more than a few tears. Connie Smith sang "Peace in the Valley" and "Amazing Grace." Jimmie Rodgers Snow said the last few years his father had been in failing health, with some signs of dementia. The son broke down speaking of Hank Snow's salvation.

The long goodbye to Hank Snow was as embroidered as one of his rhinestone suits, as rich as a Goo Goo Cluster.

The audience eventually abandoned reverent silence for applause and many a heartfelt "Amen!"

The mourners — the big names, the little people — were loath to let him go, this little giant whose journey from Canada to Nashville took forever, lasted long and influenced so many others.

Hank Snow was "looking down from the portals of Glory," the Rev. T.D. Jennings from Missouri said.

One thing was sure. As people used to say when "I'm Movin' On" was on every country radio station, the country legend had "pulled a Hank Snow."



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Sensible times in school days

I was thinking the other day of my own public schooling and how it compares with today's.

Our school day was less organized. We did not have physical-education courses. We were just turned loose for recess and left alone to devise our own amusements.

We played marbles, wrestled, ran races, sometimes organized a softball game and occasionally got into fistfights.

These fights were ignored by the teachers. Boys fighting was considered normal. Nature programs boys to be aggressive and competitive, and often in the heat of some game, a push or shove or a sharp word would spark a fight.

Practically every boy carried a pocketknife, even in the elementary grades. Furthermore, we all had easy access to firearms. I dare say that not even the poorest home in the county lacked at least a shotgun, and most contained rifles, shotguns and pistols. When you hear people today say that children have greater access to firearms, you are hearing Americans practice Adolf

Hitler's big-lie technique. It is simply false.

I received a BB gun at age 5 and, after instructions, was allowed to shoot it unsupervised. Today, many states prohibit possession of an air rifle by a minor. At age 8, I received a .22 rifle and was free, anytime I had 25 cents, to go to the hardware store and buy a box of bullets. I also owned a pistol, a gift from my brother-in-law who came home from the war with a duffel bag full of captured German pistols and knives. My father carried a pistol.

Yet despite all this easy access to knives and firearms, it never occurred to me or my classmates to kill. A fistfight was a matter of honor. There was no hatred involved at all. Today, boys who get into fistfights are treated like criminals, are often expelled or suspended and are turned over to the police. That is, of course, absurd. Boys ought to be allowed to fight. It's a good, safe outlet for aggression.

If we got restless and rambunctious in class, we were not sent to doctors for drugging. We were sent to the office, where we were calmed down with a paddling. Nobody considered paddling as being child abuse. Neither of my parents had much formal schooling. They did not help me with my homework. They simply made sure I did it. Nor did they visit

the school. They just packed me off with simple instructions: If I got in trouble with the teacher, I was in trouble with them, and I needn't waste my breath with any excuses or explanations. None would be accepted.

Nor did my school practice social promotion. We all lived in dread of being held back. To be forced to repeat a year and sit in a class with, ugh, younger kids would be mortifying, not to mention that it would bring down the wrath of our parents.

Finally, politicians didn't interfere. Beyond making sure kids had free textbooks, as Huey Long did in Louisiana, state politicians considered education to be the concern of the teachers, students, parents and local boards. We were never tested nor compared with someone else. We would have thought that a stupid idea, since what was important was what we learned, not how we compared with someone else.

And in those days, the federal government did not interfere. There were no federal grants to finance crazy and stupid ideas, no federal aid and no federal mandates. People rightly recognized that the Constitution did not give the federal government any responsibility for education. Simpler times? No, more sensible times.



CHARLEY REESE

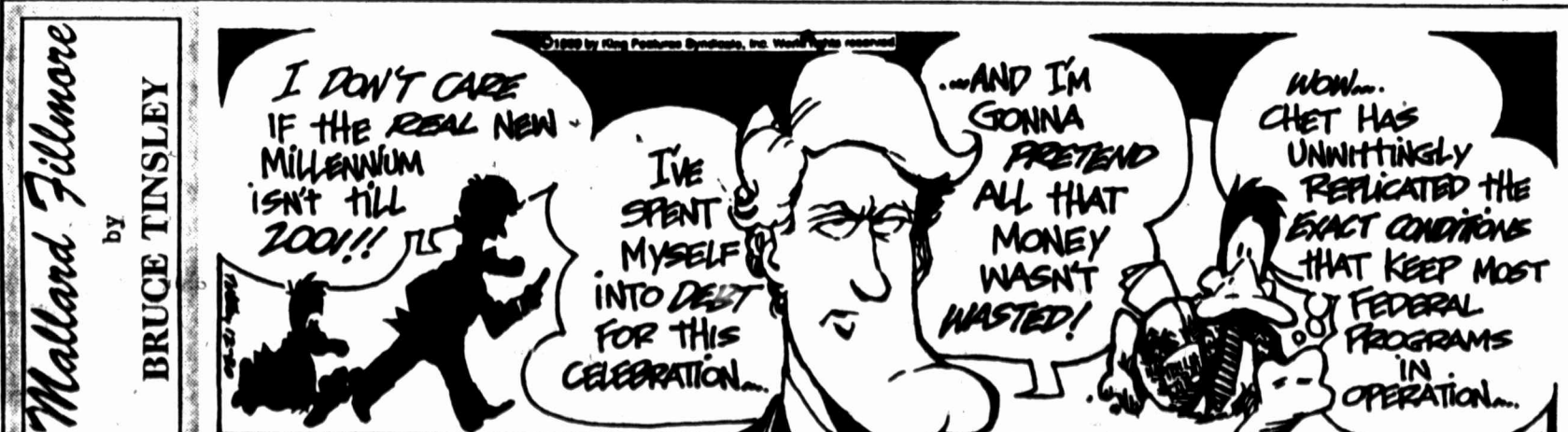
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Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Roman ruler Julius Caesar established Jan. 1 as New Year's Day in 46 B.C.

◆ The Christian custom of decorating homes with boughs and wreaths dates back to the ancient Roman feast of Saturnalia, at the winter solstice.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Trying to win someone's heart?

Avoid common pitfalls to increase chances of success

QUESTION: Last week you explained the first nine principles of your "Love Must Be Tough" philosophy. What are the remaining eight?

DR. DOBSON: These are the remaining eight principles that will help you avoid the common pitfalls among those who are trying to win the heart of another during the courtship phase:

10. Beware of blindness to obvious warning signs that your potential husband or wife is basically disloyal, hateful, spiritually uncommitted, hooked on drugs or alcohol, given to selfishness, etc. Believe me, a bad marriage is far worse than the most lonely instance of singleness.

11. Beginning early in the dating relationship, treat the other person with respect and expect the same in return. A man should open doors for a woman on a formal evening; a woman should speak respectfully of her escort when in public, etc. If you don't preserve this respectful attitude when the foundations of marriage are

being laid, it will be virtually impossible to construct them later.

12. Do not equate a human worth with flawless beauty or handsomeness! If you require physical perfection in your mate, he or she may make the same demands of you. Neither of you will keep it for long. Don't let love escape you because of the false values of your culture.

13. If genuine love has escaped you thus far, don't begin believing "No one will ever want me." That is a deadly trap that can destroy you emotionally. Millions of people are looking for someone to love. The problem is finding one another!

14. Regardless of how brilliant the love affair has been,

take time to "check your assumptions" with your partner before committing yourself to marriage. It is surprising how often men and women plunge toward matrimony without ever becoming aware of major differences in expectation between them.

15. Sexual familiarity can be deadly to a relationship. In addition to the many moral, spiritual and physical reasons for remaining virgins until marriage, there are numerous psychological and interpersonal advantages as well. Though it's an old-fashioned notion, perhaps, it is still true that men do not respect "easy" women and often become bored with those who have held nothing in reserve. Likewise, women often disrespect men who have only one thing on their minds. Both sexes need to remember how to use a very ancient word. It's pronounced "NO!"

16. Country singer Tom T. Hall wrote a song in which he revealed an understanding of



DR. JAMES DOBSON

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War records

Listings often contain valuable pieces of family history

Each of us has relatives that fought in a war. Each war left casualties, and each war left records. Finding these records is sometimes a difficult task.

Indexes are invaluable help in finding the information we need on our families. These are just a few sources to help us find them.

REF: Index to the war of 1812 pension files transcribed by Virgil D. White, 1989

A sample of the contents: Ralls, John, SC-11556, srvt capt. D. Stickler's co VA mil.; Rawls, Hardy or Hardy Rolls, SC-13210, srvt. Capt Hardy Cross; co VA mil.; Rawls, John, Mary Ann, WO-15509, srvt. Capt. Cohoon's co VA mil.

REF: Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War pension files, abstracted by Virgil D. White, 1992

A sample of the contents: index-Rawls, Sarah, 1525; Record; Harper, William, Sarah Barrett former wid, R559, VA line, wid appl 14 Jan 1856 Hopkins co Tx aged 79, sol m Sarah Rawls 25 Dec 1776, sol

d "at" Louisiana in 1811, her 2nd husband was not named.

REF: Index to Volunteer Soldiers in Indian Wars a n d Disturbances 1815-1858, transcribed by Virgil D. White, 1994.

A sample of the contents:

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that each person served in, naming several men twice because they served in different companies of the same wars and because they also served in different wars.

REF: Index to Indian Wars pension files 1892-1926, transcribed by Virgil D. White, 1987.

A sample of the contents: Ralls James, wid Mary E. WA-7965 GA 26 SEP 1900, FL war srvt FL vols. Smith's co; Ralls, Nathaniel, wid Mary, WC-117 AR 24 AUG 1892, Black Hawk War srvt IL mtd vols; Rawls, James W., wid Nancy J. SC-5016 FL 15 JUL 1902, WC 7410 FL 11 OCT 1906, srvt FL mtd vols. Lesley's co

These books are from the National Historical Publishing Company, Waynesboro, Tenn. Happy new year to all!

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BOBBY RAWLS

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Boy bands 'NSync and Backstreet Boys draw the screaming fans these days, but the venerable Rolling Stones still know how to rake in the cash.

The Stones were the biggest money-earners on the concert circuit in 1999, a record-setting year for the industry.

Although musical acts took in a record \$1.5 billion in ticket revenue this year, that was more due to rapidly-escalating ticket prices rather than a strong demand, according to the *Pollstar*, an industry trade magazine.

Thirteen different acts actually sold more tickets this year, but the Stones made the most money because they charged an average of \$109.62 per ticket, *Pollstar* said.

The average ticket price for one of the top 50 tours this year was \$43.63, a staggering 30 percent increase over the \$33.59 average of 1998, *Pollstar* said. The average doesn't include routine service charges.

The teen pop band 'NSync — third on the list behind the Stones and Bruce Springsteen — sold nearly 1.8 million concert tickets, easily the most in 1999. But the group's average ticket price was a relative bargain at \$28.62.

But there's a possible sour note.

"These kids who are buying 'NSync tickets this year may not be buying 'NSync tickets a few years from now," *Pollstar* editor Gary Bongiovanni said Tuesday. "But hopefully, they'll be buying tickets to something."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the 78-year-old sister of the late President John F. Kennedy, has been released from a hospital after being treated for pneumonia.

"She responded rapidly to the treatment for her pneumonia and is expected to do quite well," University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center spokesman Jim Tranquada said Tuesday.

The family requested no further information be released.

Mrs. Shriver, mother of NBC-TV newswoman Maria Shriver, became ill while vacationing with her family in Sun Valley, Idaho. She was hospitalized in Sun Valley for three days before being transferred to UCLA Medical Center for treatment by her own doctor.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Don Johnson has taken on a new but recurring role — Daddy.

Atherton Grace Johnson, who will be known as Jackie, was born at 1131 ... at a San Francisco hospital, the actor's publicist Elliot Mintz said. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Johnson, 50, and Kelley Phleger, 30, were married on April 29.

"Mother and baby are doing extraordinary," Mintz said. The former "Miami Vice" actor stars in the CBS show "Nash Bridges."

Johnson has a son with actress Patti D'Arbanville-Quinn and a daughter with actress Melanie Griffith.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for Oscar De La Hoya says a rape complaint against the former welterweight boxing champion is false.

Robert Chapman said the allegations — the second such charges this year against the Olympic gold medalist — were made "to embarrass" De La Hoya.

Officer Charles Rodriguez, an LAPD spokesman, confirmed Tuesday that a rape complaint had been filed but said details would not immediately be made public.

Chapman said in a statement that the allegations stem from a "disturbance" at De La Hoya's house on Dec. 26.

"Mr. De La Hoya was forced to call the Los Angeles Police Department to report the disturbance and request assistance," the statement said. "Police officers arrived and escorted those individuals away. Apparently one of those individuals ... made a false report in order to embarrass Mr. De La Hoya."

Use these tips for maximum Y2K health

By **DR. GUY OWEN**
Columnist

I would like to first point out the distinction between physical activity and exercise, in order to lead in to our discussion of physical fitness done safely.

Physical activity is defined as "bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires energy expenditure and produces progressive health benefits."

In our last article, it was noted that we need at least the equivalent of 2,000 calories or 20 miles of exercise for the most beneficial returns. Exercise is "planned, structured, and repetitive bodily movement done to improve one or more components of physical fitness." While physical activity includes activities like walking to and from work, taking the stairs instead of the elevator, gardening, and dancing,

exercises are done on a regular basis and would involve activities such as walking, jogging, cycling, aerobics, swimming, and resistive strength activities.

I would suggest that you spend at least one hour, three times per week, doing specific exercises designed to improve your aerobic capacity or energy and maintain good strength and flexibility levels. This will count at approximately 900 calories of the recommended 2000 calories of activity per week.

On the other four days, you would then need about 45 minutes per day of general activity to complete the other 1,100 calories needed. As I have previously noted, you only need to exercise on the days that you eat!

In order to safely increase your level of activity and because most of us do have at least two risk factors for CHD as adults, you should have your physician or a qualified health

professional conduct an initial health assessment that would include a health history, current health status review, measurements of blood pressure, blood sugars and fats, aerobic fitness, and strength and flexibility. From this information, any further assessments that might be needed can be ascertained, health goals can be established, and strategies in the form of a fitness plan can be developed.

The level of beginning intensity can also be determined. A good plan will appropriately balance safety and efficiency in such a way that you will be able to make good improvement toward your health goals while still operating within a safe range of performance. A safe but efficient plan of action can be developed for you by your physician and/or health professionals by Howard College, the YMCA, or Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. In our program at Dora

Roberts, the 12-hour entry is designed to provide time for you to learn the basic principle of exercise and slowly develop the plan.

Aerobic fitness training involves 15-40 minutes of effort, 3 times per week at an intensity level of 60-80 percent of your effort.

Strength and flexibility training, if done with resistive exercise equipment, works best at three sessions a week at a resistance of 50 percent. The workout should be designed to cover all muscle groups in order to get the full benefit of both muscular strength and endurance as well flexibility.

Begin the important steps of health assessment, development of goals, and the beginning of a formal regular exercise program now in order to make yourself Y2K health compliant.

Come visit our program!
Guy Owen, Ph.D. is Program Coordinator at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Y2K more than just computer bug to some

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Boonsri Hartalay runs a beach bungalow resort on Ko Ngai island, one hour's boat ride off the coast of southern Thailand. She won't be answering the telephone over the New Year.

She's afraid of catching Y2K. Like many people in remote parts of Thailand and its poorer neighbors, Cambodia and Myanmar, she's still in the dark about the millennium bug and what it really means if computer chaos strikes Saturday at the start of 2000.

"My sister warned me not to pick up the phone on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 because I can catch germs traveling through the line," said Boonsri, who is prepared to lose a little tourist business as a result.

"Better to be on the safe side. I've also heard we might not see the sun or the moon on those two days."

Y2K causes as much concern in poor parts of the world as it does in richer countries — where doomsayers foresee airplanes plummeting from the skies if old computer programs misread 2000 for 1900 and malfunction.

In parts of developing Southeast Asia, where there are fewer computers, many are being misled as high-tech anxieties get translated through the rumor mill into

more traditional tales of terror.

Thai Deputy Prime Minister Trairong Suwankiri, chairman of the National Y2K Command Center, said Monday that rural Thais have asked whether the computer glitch is a disease. Some fear a seven-day electricity blackout, he said.

Really low-tech countries like Myanmar and Cambodia, however, are less afraid.

"The world will jump to 2000 years, even if the date on the computer will not," reasoned Iem Sarom, 44, a school teacher in Phnom Penh, after he was told about the risk of computers mistaking years. "Most Cambodians are poor and they don't care about what will happen to computers."

Those that have started to grasp the information age in the Cambodian capital, like freelance photographer Keo Saroeun, 36, appeared little wiser about the bug.

"What? A bug in a computer? How can this happen? How can it get in there?" he asked.

In Yangon, Myanmar, where power outages are an everyday occurrence, the risk of crumbling utilities suffering from a computer crash is not keeping citizens awake at night.

"I've heard about Y2K," said Htay Htay, a gems seller in Yangon's Bogyoke market. "But it's really the concern of developed

countries. My life is very simple, and I don't have to worry at all."

However, it has struck a chord among the upwardly mobile, among whom Y2K is a trendy marketing catchword used to sell everything from drinking water to thanakha, the traditional face makeup worn by virtually every Myanmar woman.

"It's the most popular theme of the year," said Aung, who was so taken with the Y2K idea he named his cosmetics shop after it.

Thais are less enthusiastic. The country's more developed economy and the use of computers in just about every walk of life — especially in the Bangkok metropolis — leaves people more vulnerable to Y2K.

Bangkok housewife Chanjira Piyattasri has withdrawn all her savings. She figures that since Thai banks proved incapable of dealing with the Asian economic crisis, they can't be trusted with computer glitches.

"I don't know what will happen," Chanjira said. "But I don't want to risk losing my money I've saved up for years."

Thailand's government has been vigorous in preparations and opened a national Y2K emergency center Wednesday, but it is urging citizens to stock up on water and candles just in case.

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ODDS-N-ENDS

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Peter Wutherich will not play second fiddle to anyone when it comes to world-record alphorns.

The traditional Swiss instruments — which ring across valleys in the Alps and appear on Riccola cough-drop commercials — are made from whole trees; cut to a traditional length of two men and painted with decorations. Wutherich, an 81-year-old Boise resident, crafted an alphorn stretching 154 feet, 8 inches, the world's longest from 1985 to 1998, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

But a Swiss alphorn factory owner tried to go Wutherich one better — not by constructing a longer one, but by making a horn with the largest bell. Last week, Wutherich unveiled his new alphorn with a bell 35 inches in diameter, nearly 3 inches wider than that of his rival.

"I didn't want to do this," he said. "But my family said, 'Don't let him get away with this.'"

MINSTER, Ohio (AP) — Derrick Seaver wants a seat in the Ohio House, though he's not yet old enough to vote. Last week, Seaver became the first Democrat to file for the March 7 primary in his west-central Ohio district. The high school senior is still 17, but will turn 18 — the legal voting age — on Feb. 6.

He admitted his age could be a factor in the primary.

"I think that initially it'll be a bigger issue than after awhile," he said.

FOR YOUR 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 information.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT 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.

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'The Hurricane'

First-class boxing film bears little resemblance to its predecessors

By The Associated Press

The fictional Rocky Balboa found his vindication in the ring. The real-life boxer, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter achieved his in the courts after 20 agonizing years, and he had to do it from prison.

Norman Jewison's "The Hurricane" bears little resemblance to "Rocky" except that the protagonists of both are prizefighters facing long odds. "Rocky" was a heartwarming tale of an unknown who makes an unlikely climb to become champion. "The Hurricane" tells of a contender whose career is ended when he is snared in a legal trap of revenge and bigotry.

Rubin Carter, whose slashing style earned him the name Hurricane, seemed destined for the middleweight title in the early 1960s. Then in 1966, he and a fan were arrested and charged with the shooting of three people in a New Jersey bar. The sole evidence was the testimony of an ex-con who claimed to have seen the pair

fleeing from the bar with guns.

Even though they had been exonerated by the police and a grand jury, Carter and the fan were convicted and given three life sentences. After years of trying to prove his innocence, Carter was aided by an American youth and Canadian social activists. They helped win his freedom.

Obviously this is first-class film material. The wonder is why it took so long to reach the screen.

"The Hurricane" traces Carter's life from his early days, when he fights a pedophile who preys on slum kids. A bigoted cop named Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya) accuses Rubin (Mitchell Taylor Jr.) of attacking a pillar of the community, and the boy is sentenced to a juvenile detention prison.

As an adult, Carter (Denzel Washington) transfers his anger into boxing, and his ferocity wins him victories and adulation of the crowd. But at the peak of his career, he is

again hounded by Pesca, the relentless Javert to Carter's Jean Valjean. The detective falsifies evidence, and Carter is convicted.

Carter remains aloof from the other prisoners, sleeping by day and educating himself by night. His efforts for justice fail, even after his book, "The Sixteenth Round," is published. Pleas from Bob Dylan — who championed Carter in a song he wrote — and Muhammad Ali fail to sway the courts.

An underprivileged city boy (Vicellous Reon Shannon) living in Toronto is inspired by the book, and he makes contact with the prisoner. He also induces his three Canadian mentors (John Hannah, Deborah Kara Unger, Liev Schreiber) to help uncover evidence that would free Carter.

Having trained for a year and shed 35 pounds, Washington looks every inch the professional boxer. He is convincing in the ring and brings forceful emotion to Carter's long struggle for freedom. Shannon as the

idolizing youth plays a perfect counterpoint to the anguished fighter, saving him from despair at his lowest moments.

The rest of the cast, most of them unfamiliar faces, perform admirably. Rod Steiger, who won an Academy Award for Jewison's "In the Heat of the Night," makes a brief but stirring appearance as the federal judge who recognizes the long injustice to Carter.

Jewison is at his best in social dramas such as "In the Heat of the Night," "... And Justice for All" and "A Soldier's Story" (Washington's first starring role as an adult), and he proves his talent again with "The Hurricane."

Armyan Bernstein and Dan Gordon wrote the script, which was based on Carter's book and "Lazarus and the Hurricane" by Sam Chaiton and Terry Swinton.

The Universal Pictures release was produced by Jewison, Armyan Bernstein and John Ketcham. Rated R for language and violence.

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the concept we have been describing. His lyric read, "If you hold love too loosely then it flies away; if you hold love too tightly, it'll die. It's one of the mysteries of life." Hall's observation is accurate. If the commitment between a man and a woman is given insufficient importance in their lives, it will wither like a plant without water. The whole world knows that much. But fewer lovers seem to realize that extreme dependency can be just as deadly to a love affair. It has been said that the person who needs the other least will normally be in control of the relationship. I believe that to be true.

17. There is nothing about marriage that eliminates the basic need for freedom and respect in romantic interactions. Keep the mystery and the dignity in your relationship. If the other partner begins to feel trapped and withdraws for a time, grant him or her some space and pull back yourself. Do not build a cage around that person. Instead, release your grip with confidence while never appeasing immorality or destructive behavior.

These are the basics of the "Love Must Be Tough" concept. I could list another 100 suggestions, but you get the idea.

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Slimmer Lewinsky to pitch diet program

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Holing up at the Watergate complex, avoiding reporters and waiting for Kenneth Starr's office to call can wreak havoc with a young woman's diet. But Jenny Craig, it seems, can help.

Monica Lewinsky, whose weight gain and resulting angst became a footnote to the impeachment scandal, claims she lost 31 pounds on the Jenny Craig weight-loss plan and has signed a deal to be its celebrity spokeswoman.

She will appear in commercials that begin airing Sunday during a skating special on NBC. The commercials, which will run through March, show a slimmed-down Ms. Lewinsky, along with a "before" picture of her looking a lot heavier.

"This is about where Monica wants to take her life," Jenny Craig Inc. spokesman Brian Luscomb said Tuesday.

Ms. Lewinsky, 26, started the plan during the summer. Her current weight and target weight were not disclosed.

Nor were the terms of her contract.

The former White House intern lives in New York's Greenwich Village, where she designs her own line of handbags. Her representatives did not immediately return calls for comment.

In one spot, Ms. Lewinsky talks about her previous attempts at dieting.

"I mean, if it was stand on your head, I've tried it. If it was eat only grapefruit, I've tried it. Magic diet pills, I've tried it," she says. "I think

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Monica Lewinsky

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Like other Jenny Craig clients, she is enrolled in a program in which she regularly visits with a diet consultant, Luscomb said.

The company itself has had a difficult time lately.

Jenny Craig, which is based in La Jolla, announced in November that shrinking sales and profits were forcing it to close 86 weight-loss centers in the United States and reduce its headquarters staff by 15 percent.

Last year, former child star Jerry Mathers, who played Beaver on TV's "Leave It to Beaver," served as a Jenny Craig spokesman. And the Duchess of York, the former Sarah Ferguson, is a spokeswoman for Weight Watchers in the United States.

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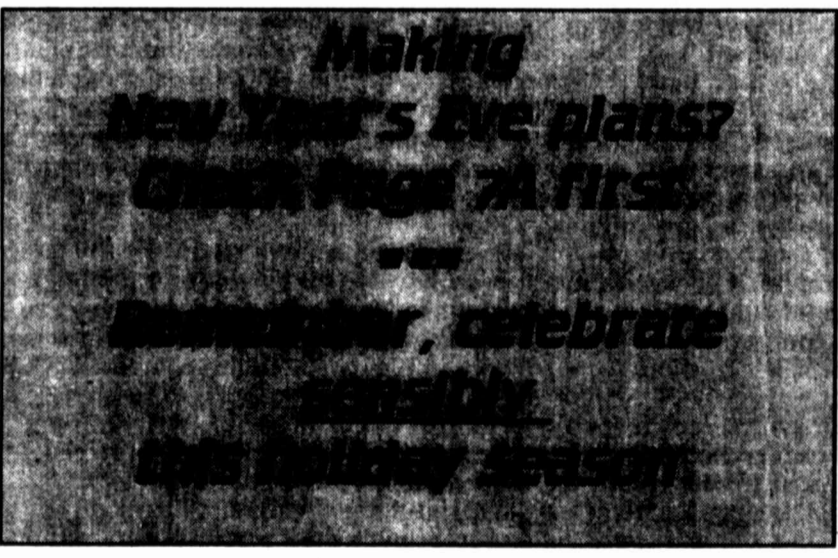
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Party for the people

Chicago plans to celebrate start of 2000 by inviting in ordinary folks from all over the world

CHICAGO (AP) — The Windy City soon promises to look a lot like the United Nations.

This week, two people from nearly 200 countries and territories are expected to arrive here and give New Year's Eve a decidedly multicultural flavor.

They include a gardener from the South Pacific island of Kiribati, a taxi driver from London, a gorilla tracker from Rwanda, a bank clerk from Bolivia, an obstetrician from Kazakhstan and a teacher from Laos.

The idea for this Noah's Ark of nationalities was sparked more than a year ago when Chicago city officials began looking for suggestions for ringing in the new millennium.

One e-mail response all the way from Italy seemed promising.

"Invite two persons, of each country of the world, but not VIP: only simple citizens," wrote Bernardino de Vincenzi, a city worker in Vigevano, Italy.

The e-mail crossed the desk of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, who issued a two-word order.

"Do it," the mayor told his somewhat bewildered staff. De Vincenzi, who sent the fateful e-mail in September of last year, also gets to bring his wife and two children. Most of the guests were to arrive Wednesday and Thursday.

"It's been a huge geography lesson," said Dorothy Coyle, the Chicago tourism director who has headed the millennium dinner project. "In a way, it's really been a leap of faith."

The city has spent \$1.5 million on the event and received

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another \$1.5 million in donations, including airline tickets, hotel rooms and warm coats and hats.

"It's not about knowing somebody or being somebody important — it's just about luck," said Therese Meyobeme, a Chicagoan who will play host to two visitors from her homeland of Cameroon.

Karin-Aude Montabard, a

tourism officer for the Caribbean island of Martinique, was suggested by a friend at the University of Chicago. She was surprised — and pleased — to receive her invitation from the mayor.

"I thought, 'Mmmmm, Chicago in December. It's going to be minus what?'" Ms. Montabard joked. (It's been in the 20s and below.)

Others were chosen for their good deeds. A woman who works at the Guatemalan consulate, for example, suggested a mechanic who had gone out of his way to fix her car during a visit to the Central American country.

On Tuesday, several early arrivals — from such places as Ecuador, South Africa, Sweden and Tunisia — had breakfast together at a Chicago hotel. Some planned to visit museums or shop while in town.

Some had to learn such things as how to ride an escalator and the best method for walking in heavy boots.

The guests will spend at least one night with host families and, on New Year's Eve, will gather for a millennium dinner that will include roasted chicken and apple pie cheesecake.

This is the first time many have been to the United States. Among that group is Tahmina Akhter, a teacher from Bangladesh who was chosen by a Chicago-based association of Bangladeshi immigrants after she wrote an essay about Abraham Lincoln.

"The mayor — he has done a great thing," said her husband, Kamal Ahmad, an army major in Bangladesh. "When there is so much fighting across the world and ethnic problems, we feel he has done something to make the world come together."

Ibrahim Afeef, a resident of the Maldives who leads scuba diving tours in the Indian Ocean, agreed.

"There is no better way to celebrate an event like this," he said.

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Texans seeing museum building boom

By SYLVIA LEE WINGFIELD
Associated Press Writer

Texas museums are greeting the new century with a Texas-sized building boom, supported by a strong economy and growing audiences for the arts.

Museums surveyed last year by the Texas Association of Museums reported about \$300 million in building projects either completed since 1996 or planned through 2002.

"There have been a lot of museums that have acquired collections or had plans they've had on hold for a while until they had the resources to do it. They're finding more money and more willing donors to help them realize their dreams," said Jack Nokes, the association's president.

The biggest project, opening in March, is the \$83 million Audrey Jones Beck Building, designed by Spanish architect Rafael Moneo, at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's campus south of downtown.

Multimillion-dollar projects under the direction of internationally known architects also are in the works in Fort Worth, Dallas and Austin.

The Amon Carter Museum is closed for a \$36 million expansion by its original designer, Philip Johnson, and the nearby Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth has started construction of a new \$60 million building by Japanese architect Tadao Ando.

The Nasher Foundation plans a \$20 million sculpture garden, designed by Renzo Piano, next to the Dallas Museum of Art.

And Richard Gluckman is

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Howard Taylor,
director, San Angelo Museum
of Fine Arts

designing a \$60 million Austin Museum of Art, stalled for more than a decade after voters approved a bond issue to build it. Five top executives of Dell Computer Corp. and their wives pledged \$13 million to the museum last year, starting a wave of donations that soon doubled that amount.

"It used to be that \$5,000 was considered a large gift in Austin," said Molly Hipp, the museum's director of development. "We call it the new millennium energy."

Some of Texas' universities also are expanding their commitments to the arts, with the University of Texas' Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art and the Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University preparing for new facilities.

The UT project has generated controversy. The Swiss firm of Herzog & de Meuron resigned Nov. 16 after stylistic disagreements with the board of regents, and the dean of UT's school of architecture said this week he would step down because of his disappointment over the matter.

In San Angelo, a \$6 million art museum opened in September. An \$8 million El Paso Museum of Art opened last year, as did an \$11 million

wing at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Several smaller renovations or expansions are in development at other institutions across the state.

Peter C. Marzio, director of Houston's Museum of Fine Arts, noted that grass-roots support has propelled much of the growth.

"You are talking about a lot of money — virtually no government money. The citizens are voting with their checkbooks to expand the visual arts," Marzio said.

Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, said increasing investment in the arts is not surprising given Texas' growing population and wealth.

"Texas is very much a cutting-edge place, a state of the future," he said.

Texas has hardly been a cultural backwater, with many other internationally respected institutions, including: Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum and Van Cliburn International Piano Competition; Houston's Menil Collection, award-winning Grand Opera and Alley Theatre, and The Chinati Foundation near Marfa.

And recent cultural investments have not been limited to art museums nor to large institutions.

Houston artist Rick Lowe founded Project Row Houses in 1993.

"I think that we've seen a huge growth in interest in public art nationally as well as in the region," Lowe said. "It is rewarding for the arts and for the public environment where the art is taking place."

Nickelodeon listening to its young viewers to plan New Year's special

NEW YORK (AP) — Ask 8-year-old Maddy of Lincoln, Neb., what she wants for the new millennium, and her answer reflects the practical concerns of big sisters for at least 2,000 years.

"I want to make a machine," she says, "to make my little brother go away."

The Nickelodeon network found out what's on the minds of kids for the next millennium because it asked. The simple idea makes for some compelling New Year's programming that sets Nick apart from the celebration — and from apocalypse-watchers.

For 24 hours starting just after midnight Friday, Nickelodeon beams the "Nickelennium" documentary with children talking about their hopes and dreams. The six-hour film is repeated three times without commercials, but viewers are told that McDonald's is the sponsor.

More than 600 children representing 29 countries were interviewed for the show, which will be seen in 122 nations and nine languages through Nickelodeon's international network.

Although Maddy's desires are worth a few chuckles — she doesn't want her brother eliminated, just sent off for some long vacations in space — the film is meant to be a serious examination of youthful concerns.

"When you listen, you find

they have a lot to say, and a lot of profound things to say," said Linda Schaffer, the documentary's producer. "It's not 'Kids Say the Darndest Things'."

Schaffer approached Nickelodeon with the idea in 1997. Network executives gave her seed money, even though they hadn't decided how to mark the passage into the year 2000. They considered throwing a big party, but were struck by the power of what was being said by the children Schaffer had found, said Herb Scannell, Nickelodeon president.

Since Nick's corporate mantra is to always listen to kids, "Nickelennium" kept looking better as the New Year approached, he said.

"I think it is a reflective time," he said. "For all the talk of 'let's party like it's 1999,' there's a sober sense of what 2000 is."

The kids talk about life and love, about their parents, the environment and their friends. They come up with some fanciful ideas for inventions: one girl talks about being able to receive e-mail in her head by moving her tongue, and printing out a message through her mouth.

"A lot of wisdom is in the very young and the very old," Schaffer said. "They have a unique ability to lift this truth veil and let us see things as they really are."

Despite the image of a computer-savvy generation, Schaffer found as many children worried or skeptical about technological advances as were excited about them. "They want to hold a pencil in their hands," she said.

The environment was a universal concern, with children in India talking about inventing a pollution-sucker to clean up the air and children in Zimbabwe worried about poachers exterminating entire species of animals.

"Their concern felt very genuine to me," she said. "It didn't feel like it was something they had heard in class."

Schaffer had hoped kids in world trouble spots might point the way to a better future, but it didn't always work out that way.

While in Israel, she found two 11-year-olds, a Jew and a Palestinian, who lived around the corner from each other. Not only had the two never met, neither had ever talked to any child of the other nationality. Schaffer wanted to bring them together for an interview.

The Jewish child's parents agreed. The Palestinians balked, but after hours of cajoling, finally relented. Then the Jewish family backed out, worried about their safety. All the work went for naught.

"It made me realize how deep this goes and how naive it was for me to try to make a bigger statement," she said.

ODDS-N-ENDS

MANCHESTER, Conn. (AP) — Donna Thivierge's 5-year-old son couldn't let his mother go empty-handed this Christmas.

The boy had heard his parents talking about financial troubles — the truck needed a new transmission — and his parents had agreed not to exchange gifts.

So little Michel "borrowed" his mom's wedding ring and a diamond pendant. He carefully wrapped the jewelry in a bag as a gift.

When Thivierge discovered her ring and pendant were missing, she thought she had been robbed. When she finally reported it stolen, Michel kept his secret.

On Christmas Day, he presented the gifts to his mother.

"He took the bag and pulled out my things, and my mouth just dropped," Donna Thivierge said. "I just wanted to cry. He told me, 'I just wanted to make sure you had something for Christmas.'"

She called the insurance company to cancel the claim, but said she couldn't be mad at Michel because his intentions were good.

However, his parents created a new rule.

"He's not allowed in Mommy and Daddy's room anymore," she said Tuesday.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. (AP) — Norman Hardy Jr. pleaded innocent to drug charges. But when asked to list his occupation? Well, he sent a mixed message.

"Selling drugs," he told the court.

Hardy, 22, of Brattleboro was arrested Saturday after police received a tip that alleged he would be returning to Vermont from Springfield, Mass., with crack cocaine.

Later, on an application for a public defender, Hardy listed his occupation as "selling drugs," according to court records.

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. (AP) — Sara Newton wants to get an education but her jewelry is getting in the way.

Sara, 18, who sports an eyebrow ring, and her sister Cadie, who had her nose pierced for her 15th birthday, aren't allowed in class unless they remove their piercings.

Their school board voted last month to amend the district's dress code to ban body piercings, except in the ears, and the district reserves the right to evaluate "any emerging trend."

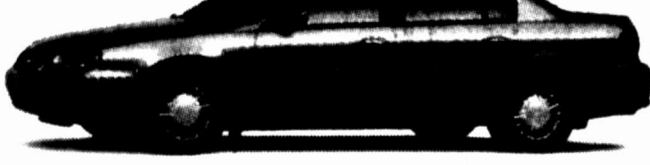
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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks open classic with double overtime win

Howard College's Lady Hawks opened the Y2K Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz., Wednesday with a wild 99-94 win over Phoenix College in double overtime.

Grace Gantt paced the Lady Hawks with 29 points, while Caryn Ross added 20 more as Howard improved its record to 11-2 on the season.

"This was a great job on our girls' part," Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry said following the win. "They played hard and just never gave up."

The Lady Hawks will now play Central Arizona at 7 tonight.

Hawks lose at buzzer against Utah Valley

A buzzer-beater by Utah Valley State College dealt Howard College's Hawks a 76-74 loss Wednesday in the second round of the Dixie College Classic holiday basketball tournament in St. George, Utah.

The loss left the Hawks with a 7-7 record going into today's game against the winner of the Midland College-Dixie College game.

"This was just a great game," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said following the loss. "We missed the front end of a one-and-one situation, then missed an open shot and they come down and beat the buzzer."

Steve Bonner, Donald "Yogi" Ceasar and Daryl Martin paced the Hawks in the loss, all three finishing with 16 points.

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.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

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

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in kindergarten through the sixth grade for its youth basketball program.

The program fee includes a T-shirt, individual player award and a full service 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 information, call the YMCA at 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 County.

TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

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7 p.m. — Kentucky at Missouri, FXS, Ch. 29.
9:30 p.m. — Oklahoma State at LSU, FXS, Ch. 29.

Like his buddy Palmeiro year ago, Rogers returns to Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Like his buddy Rafael Palmeiro a year ago, Kenny Rogers is returning to the Texas Rangers.

In his return to Texas after five years in Baltimore, Palmeiro hit .324 with 47 home runs and 148 RBIs in 1999.

Rogers, a left-handed pitcher who signed a three-year, \$22 million contract with the Rangers on Wednesday, hopes to be able to make a similar impact in Texas after four years away.

"I want to do the same things and have the same success," Rogers said Wednesday.

"It's not a secret that I wanted to come back," he said. "I want to try to go out and do the same thing I did the first time, and hope it will last longer than the three years."

That's what the Rangers are expecting from Rogers, who had a 70-51 record in his first seven major league seasons in Texas. He was 17-7 in 1995 before signing a four-year, \$20 million deal with the New York Yankees that he never completed.

"Last year about this time, we were able to sign a player that wanted to come back to Texas to make us a better team in Rafael Palmeiro," owner Tom Hicks said. "Now another former Ranger wants to come home."

Palmeiro lobbied for the signing of Rogers, who last year encouraged him to re-sign with the Rangers.

Rogers wanted to return to Texas, and that was made possible by unsuccessful contract negotiations with free agent Aaron Sele.

Sele has refused the Rangers' offer of salary arbitration, and the team has pulled a four-year, \$28 million offer off the table. Sele (33 starts) can negotiate with Texas through Jan. 8.

"This came about for a fear I had about not having anybody," Melvin said. "My fear was going about this and ending up with no starting pitcher."

Sele could still wind up staying with the Rangers, but Melvin said that any action would have to be initiated by the pitcher.

Texas hasn't had a left-handed starter since trading Darren Oliver in July 1998, but now possibly has two with the addition of Rogers and 26-year-old Justin Thompson, acquired in the deal that sent Juan Gonzalez to Detroit.

Rogers has a career record of 114-78.

the .594 winning percentage the second-highest among available free agent starting pitchers. He was a 39th-round draft pick of the Rangers in 1982, and broke into the majors seven years later.

On July 28, 1994, Rogers pitched one of only 14 perfect games in modern major league history, beating the Angels 4-0.

Rogers was 5-1 with a 4.03 ERA for the New York Mets in the final two months of last season after going 5-3 with a 4.30 ERA for the Oakland Athletics.

However, he ended the Mets' season by walking Andruw Jones with the bases loaded in the 11th inning of Game 6 of the National League Championship Series, giving Atlanta a 10-9 win and a berth in the World Series.

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Hot-handed Steers romp to 74-65 win

VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

LUBBOCK — Big Spring used an explosive first quarter Wednesday afternoon to set the pace in a game they never trailed against Nazareth, 74-65.

The Steers meet Levelland at 10:30 a.m. today in the fourth round of the 41st annual Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament in Lubbock.

Even though Big Spring exploded to an impressive 23-9 start after one quarter of play, Nazareth's 10 three-pointers — seven by sophomore Cade Wilcox — kept the game within reach for the Swifts.

Nazareth clawed back to 68-59 with 1:17 remaining but Big Spring connected on 6-of-10 shooting from the line when the Swifts were forced to foul.

"We really shot the ball well in the first quarter," head coach Jimmy Avery said of the Steers' ability to score nearly every trip down the floor.

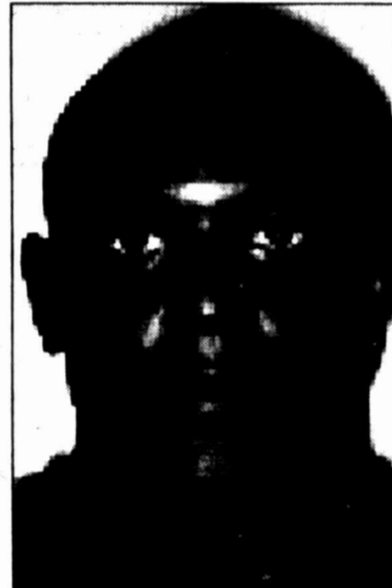
"Jason (Woodruff) played extremely well that first period."

Woodruff was 7-of-12 from the floor for the game, while teammate Lance Brock shot 8-for-10.

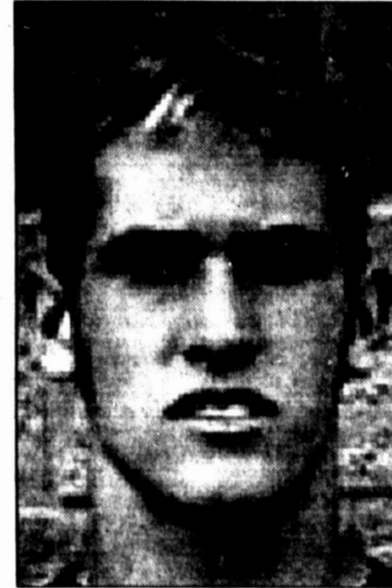
Senior Justin Dille hit a three-pointer to open the game and Woodruff hit the next four baskets as Big Spring pulled out to its 23-9 lead after one period of play.

But the Steers lost their intensity in the second quarter and Nazareth began a barrage of three-point shooting, hitting three of their 10 from behind the arc.

Cade and Kyle Wilcox combined for the three treys, cut-



JASON WOODRUFF



LANCE BROCK

ting the lead to 36-30 at half-time.

Clarence Wilkins hit three baskets, including a steal that led to a bank shot with 2:06 left in the half. Senior John Purcell fed Wilkins one of his seven assists with 1:45 remaining, and then hit another basket with 12 seconds to close out the second quarter.

"We lost our intensity," Avery said of the letdown. "It was hot in there and we kind of relaxed. That allowed them to get back in the game."

The Steers went on a rampage, opening the third quarter with an 11-point run and did not allow Nazareth to score until 4:29 remained on the clock.

Brock scored eight of his 16 points in the third quarter and grabbed seven of his team-high 11 rebounds. He added three blocked shots during the eight-

minute span.

Leading 55-39 going into the final period, it appeared as if Big Spring had the game in hand, but Nazareth's Cade Wilcox hit four three-point shots to pace the Swifts' 23 fourth-quarter points.

Junior Gary Harris came off the bench to hit consecutive baskets to give Big Spring a 65-50 cushion, and Nazareth would get no closer than 72-63 before the Swifts were forced to foul.

Big Spring 74, Nazareth 65
NAZARETH — Kyle Wilcox 17, Blake Birkenserd 1, Cade Wilcox 24, Tyler Ehy 2, Daryl Poltsneyer 4, Cameton McCain 2, Eric Schilling 15.
BIG SPRING — Justin Dille 8, Clarence Wilkins 6, Arthur Belvin 6, John Purcell 10, Jason Woodruff 18, Gary Harris 4, Lance Brock 16, Blair Nutting 6.
Score by Quarters:
NAZARETH 9 21 9 26-65
BIG SPRING 23 13 19 19-74
Three-point goals: Nazareth 10 (C. Wilcox 7, K. Wilcox 3), Big Spring 2 (Dille, Purcell).
Total fouls: Nazareth 11, Big Spring 12.
Technical fouls: None. Fouled out: Nutting.
Records: Big Spring 11-8.

Ekuban may yet live up to first-round potential

IRVING (AP) — If Ebenezer Ekuban lives up to the potential that made him a first-round pick, the Dallas defensive end will look back at his first start as the confidence-builder he needed.

It wasn't just that Ekuban had a team-high nine tackles, two quarterback pressures and a sack last Friday.

The key is he did all that while lining up against New Orleans' Willie Roaf, who two days earlier was selected to his sixth straight Pro Bowl.

"It gave me a true test what I can do," Ekuban said. "If I can do that against Willie Roaf, it gives me the confidence to know every Sunday that I've done it once and it can happen again."

Just a week before, the Cowboys weren't sure Ekuban could do it.

When Greg Ellis was lost for the season with a broken leg, coaches decided to move Leon Lett from tackle to starting right end against the New York

See **COWBOYS**, page 2B

Lady Steers fall to Sudan in Abilene tourney's opener

HERALD Staff Reports

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers simply couldn't get untracked offensively Wednesday in the opening round of the Lady Eagle Basketball Tournament hosted by Abilene High School.

The Lady Steers suffered a 61-32 loss to Sudan and moved into the tournament's consolation bracket where they were slated to take on Breckenridge at 10:30 this morning.

Big Spring fell behind early and trailed 39-13 at halftime.

Worse, still, the Lady Steers scored just three points in the fourth quarter.

Junior guard Melissa Forth paced Big Spring with 14 points, but the best the Lady Steers could muster in support was Latrisha Rollins' eight.

Stanton squads headed into championship games

MIDLAND — Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffs positioned themselves to play for the championships in their respective divisions of the Midland Christian Invitational basketball tournament Wednesday.

The Lady Buffs assured themselves a

showdown at 6 tonight with the host Lady Mustangs by taking a 49-48 win over Midland Greenwood's Rangerettes.

The Buffs moved into the boys' final, set for 7:30 tonight against the winner of this morning's game between junior varsity teams from Midland High and Midland Lee, with a 65-40 win over Odessa Permian's junior varsity.

Jessica DeLeon scored 10 points to pace the Lady Buffs in their nail-biter, as they improved to 15-4 on the season.

The Buffs got 18 game-high points from Brady Cook and 10 more from David Butler in chalking up the win over the Panther JV.

Bulldogs suffer 71-45 loss at Reagan County tourney

BIG LAKE — Coahoma's Bulldogs simply didn't get a break in their semifinal game Wednesday at the Reagan County Invitational basketball tournament.

Not only were the Bulldogs facing the host Owls on their home court with a rowdy crowd, but they also found themselves in an early scoring drought.

"We just dug ourselves way too deep a whole early in the game," Bulldogs head coach Kim Nichols said following the 71-45 loss to the Owls. "Reagan County's an

awfully good team and when we came out cold early, we didn't give ourselves much of a chance."

Chase Ward and Brett Bennett paced the Bulldogs with 10 points each, as Coahoma saw its record drop to 6-10 on the year.

The Bulldogs were slated to play Crane at 3:30 this afternoon for third-place in the tournament.

Elsewhere, Coahoma's Bulldogettes suffered their second straight loss at the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock, falling to Goldthwaite.

Buff, Lady Bearcats stumble in semifinals

STERLING CITY — Forsan's Buffaloes and Garden City's Lady Bearcats find themselves in the same position today, playing for third-place in their respective divisions at the Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Lady Buffs who carried a 12-1 record into Wednesday's girls semifinal game against Grady, simply couldn't handle the pressure employed by the Lady Wildcats.

As a result, Grady cruised to a 52-28 win behind the scoring lead of senior Caroline Madison, who finished the

night with a game-high 22 points.

Garden City got six point search from Jill Hoelscher and Michelle Fuchs.

The win sent the Lady Wildcats into tonight's championship game at 6:30 where they'll face arch-rival Sands' Lady Mustangs.

Sands advanced to the championship game with a 61-41 win over Miles, behind the 19 points provided by Brienne Fryar.

The Lady Bearcats were slated to take on Sterling City's host squad at 3:30 for third place.

Terry McDonald's Buffaloes saw their record dip to 8-7 following their 54-43 loss to Sterling City's Eagles in the boys' semifinal Wednesday night.

Logan Stanley paced the Buffs with 15 points, while Daniel Whetsel also finished the night in double figures with 10.

Forsan will take on Robert Lee in today's third-place game set for 5 p.m.

In boys' consolation bracket play, Sands got 34 points from Coby Floyd in taking a 68-33 win over Cornerstone Christian, while Grady defeated Garden City, 48-43, behind Jed Hinojosa's 18 points.

Girls' consolation bracket play saw Forsan's Queens take a 57-46 win over Miles, advancing to today's final with Robert Lee's Lady Steers.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 29. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are excellent on black Power Lizards fished along the banks and in the Pecan Bayou River. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the docks in the evening and over brush piles during the day in 10 to 15 feet. Hybrid Strippers good in the morning on chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 56 degrees; 1007.89; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on silver/blue/chartreuse 1/4oz. spinnerbaits, Texas-rigged sour grape worms and pearl Fat Free Shad fished around the islands and main lake points. Crappie are very slow on minnows. White bass are slow trolling shad-type crankbaits and vertically jigging Horizon Perk Minnows. Striped bass are fair drifting live and cut baits. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on trotlines with live perch or goldfish.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 59 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished around the dam and the north shore. Crappie are excellent on minnows white jigs fished against the edge of the dam. Hybrid strippers are fair drift fishing white jigs with a chartreuse trailer from the dam toward the north bank.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water stained; 54 degrees; Black bass are good on weedless slabs fished in the deep grass. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on chartreuse and silver slabs fished in 25 to 30 feet. Striped bass are fair on slabs fished in 35 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in 70 to 80 feet.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 52 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on jig and pork combinations fished in the creek channels in 22 to 28 feet. Smallmouth and spotted bass are slow. Few fishermen out.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 50 degrees; Black bass are fair on orange and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished near the derricks in 18 feet. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on large shiners fished at night on the south end of the lake.

COLORADO CITY: Water murky; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps fished over the rocks. Redfish are fair trolling stickbaits. Few fishermen out.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 56 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the dam by the rocks. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad and shiners fished on the west side of the lake in the shallows. Blue catfish are good on shad and shiners fished in the shallows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 54-56 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are excellent on minnows and white marabou jigs fished around the bathhouses in 12 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

KEMP: Water stained; 55 degrees; Black bass are slow. White bass are good on white and chartreuse slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet.

NOCONA: Water clear; 58 degrees; Black bass are fair on chrome jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. Also try black and blue jigs fished in 10 to 18 feet. Crappie are good on jigs and jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on chrome jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows, jigs and spinnerbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 58 degrees; Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps fished in the grass in 2 to 10 feet. Also try black/blue jigs fished off the rocky points. White bass are good on slabs and jiggling spoons fished in 35 to 42 feet and at night in the Colorado River in 20 feet. Catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 54 degrees; Striped bass are fair on Sassy Shad and bucktail jigs fished at night under lights in the coves. Fishing reported generally slow.

SPENCE: Water stained; 53-56 degrees; Black bass are slow. Striped bass to 16 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 2 to 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on cut baits fished in 1 to 6 feet. Yellow catfish are good on nightcrawlers fished in 6 to 8 feet.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 54 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair on red spinnerbaits and red shad worms fished over the grass beds. Crappie are fair on minnows. Hybrid strippers are fair on slabs fished in 10 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait.

TWIN BUTTES: No report available.
WHITE RIVER: Water muddy; 55 degrees; Black bass are fair on jigs and small crankbaits fished in 1 to 4 feet. Few fishermen out.

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page
By BETTY DEBNAM

Timesaving Tips!

Keeping the Year 2000

You are living in a very special time, a time that you will want to remember. The year 2000 marks the beginning of a new century.

Most of us will celebrate it as the beginning of a new millennium.

The millennium does not really start until the year 2001. However, most people are so excited about the event that they are saying the millennium is starting with the year 2000.

DECADE = 10 YEARS

A time to keep
Many kids are thinking about making time capsules. A time capsule is a container holding souvenirs that remind us of a special time.

Here are some ideas and items for your time capsule.

Keep your capsule simple. Be sure to label everything. You might want to gather things for about a month into the year 2000.

1. A diary of the first month of the year 2000. It should include not only what you do, but your feelings and other thoughts.

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000
Mom and Dad woke us up so we would be awake at midnight. It was fun to watch the celebrations on TV. We slept late. I had pancakes for breakfast. I am reading a Harry Potter book. We all made resolutions to make the year 2000 special. I hope it snows!

2. A short life history of yourself and family members, with predictions of where everyone will be 10 years from now.

RITA WILL BE IN COLLEGE.

I WONDER IF YO-YOS WILL STILL BE POPULAR.

We suggest that you might want to open your time capsule in about 10 years. You can seal it again, but it's hard to wait any longer to take a peep.

3. A favorite-things list.

TV shows
Games
Foods
Friends
Foods
Sports

Let's Teachers
Books
Memories
Hobbies
Songs
Subjects
Things to collect

4. Photos of your family, school, friends, pets, vacations.

If you don't want to put these memories in a time capsule, you might just want to keep a Year 2000 journal or notebook to keep on your bookshelf.

5. Video or audio tapes of a family gathering, with members telling their resolutions and their hopes for the year 2000.

Keep the video or cassette player so you will have a machine on which to listen to your tapes 10 years from now.

The Mini Page thanks Edward Scharnell, archivist for the National Archives, Washington, D.C., for help with these timesaving tips.

Go dot to dot and color.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE ALPHABET SOUP?

I COULDN'T EAT ANOTHER SYLLABLE!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: What animals didn't go into Noah's Ark in pairs?
A: The worms - they went in apples!

Q: How do you make straight A's in school?
A: With a ruler!

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

New Year's Nachos

You'll need:

- 2 tortillas
- 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 1/4 cup sour cream

What to do:

1. Place tortillas on a baking sheet.
2. Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until browned.
3. Sprinkle cheese evenly on top.
4. Bake another 2 minutes.
5. Spread salsa and sour cream on top before serving.

Makes 2.

MILLENNIUM TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the millennium are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: MILLENNIUM, TIME, CAPSULE, CELEBRATE, GAMES, PEOPLE, BOOKS, PARTIES, NEW YEAR'S DAY, TWO, THOUSAND, TWENTY-FIRST, CENTURY, STORY, LISTS, RECORDS, VIDEO, NOTEBOOK.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends want to start off the year 2000 by exercising every day. See if you can find:

• heart
• arrow
• frog
• number 3
• bell
• teapot
• number 8
• butterfly
• mushroom
• letter u
• elephant's head
• caterpillar
• fish

• key • bird • question mark

Saving Time

Your newspaper is the best record of what's going on. Here are some ideas of sections to save:

- The TV section for what you are watching.
- Grocery and car ads to compare the prices.

Other time-capsule ideas:

- coins with 2000 on them.
- bulletins from your church or synagogue.
- a list of predictions for the future.
- a small toy.

Storing your stuff

It's best not to bury your time capsule. You might move. It's hard to keep moisture out of something underground. Perhaps you can put it in a closet or under your bed.

2000 time balls

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Time zones

As the Earth turns on its axis, the new year will arrive in different time zones, traveling from east to west. The Earth is divided into 37 time zones separated by imaginary lines called "meridians of longitude." Local time is different in each neighboring zone.

The International Date Line

One of the zones is divided into two half zones. An imaginary line runs through this. It is called the International Date Line. When the year 2000 arrives, one side of the International Date Line will be Jan. 1. The other side will still be Dec. 31. The continental United States is divided into four zones.

Pacific Mountain Central Eastern

The people in the Eastern time zone will be the first to celebrate the new year in the continental United States.

New York City

We will all be counting the seconds as we watch the "time balls" around the world drop to announce the arrival of the new year. Thousands of eyewitnesses and millions of TV viewers will watch the time ball drop in Times Square in New York City. The ball is named the "Star of Hope." It was specially made for this 2000 celebration. It is made of 504 glass crystals cut into triangles, 600 light bulbs, 96 big lights and 92 mirrors.

Washington, D.C.

The official time ball of the United States is on top of a building in Washington, D.C.

Time Square's time ball is certain to drop right on time, but the official time ball for the United States is on top of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. There will be a big party at this site, but it will be much smaller than the one in New York. As early as 1845, the U.S. Navy dropped a time ball every noon from atop a building on a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. People from many miles around could set their watches at noon when they saw it fall. Ships anchored in the Potomac River could also see the time ball drop and check their chronometers, or special clocks, to use at sea.

The Mini Page thanks Geoff Chester, public affairs officer, U.S. Naval Observatory, for help with this part of the issue.

Look through your newspaper for news of New Year celebrations.

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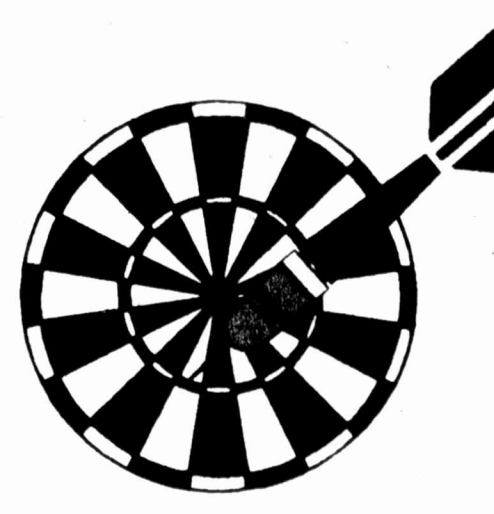
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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 31, 1999:

Make the most of opportunities that seem to drop into your life. Many well-meaning people in your life will help you get what you want. Be more verbal, yet more diplomatic in your style, if you want others to accept your message. Use care with assets and spending. Money could drip through your hands with ease. If you are single, friendship needs to be at the core of a relationship. Single Seagoats may meet potential paramours through June. There might be two suitors to choose between. If attached, you add a new dimension to your relationship by building your sense of commitment. SCORPIO is a friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Make time for the special people in your life. Communicate plans and invite others along. You might forget a last-minute detail or two in the confusion. Laugh and enjoy the New Year's frenzy as it builds. A friend could spook you. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Clearly, others have incorporated you into their plans, but you might have some errands and work to clear first. Sort through musts, then visit with an older relative. Take care of a last-minute snafu at work. A boss makes demands. Tonight: The more the merrier.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might opt to play this New Year more low-keyed than most. There is so much to do, and others depend on you. Make calls early on to an important friend or partner. News you hear could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Make it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Celebration is your way, and you wake up ready to go. Listen to a child or loved one, who may need to go through his resolutions with you. If single, a flirtation takes on a life of its own. Start your New Year's partying as soon as you can. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Take care of family; make sure everyone is ready to greet the new millennium. Understand that others aren't coming from the same place as you. Friends and a partner have different ideas about what needs to happen. Tonight: Stay

close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Reach out for others early on. Your senses of fun and excitement merge, making it nearly impossible to get your work done. Listen to feedback from a co-worker, who might not be in the mood for work either. Let the good times roll. Tonight: Visit with all those who are near and dear to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Expenses could make you uncomfortable, especially if you are having a gathering at home. Talk to family members. Organize your home. A child or a loved one could cause a last-minute flurry and excitement. He isn't as anchored as you are. Tonight: Ring in the New Year in true style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You, more than others, know how to party the New Year in. Make calls; reach out for others; touch base with friends and family. Your jovial nature is contagious. Relax at home; invite others over. With you, the party starts early! Tonight: Just wish upon a star.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** You have much on your mind and might need to mull it over. Allow creativity to reign as you wish others a happy New Year. Though you might be a bit out of kilter, you get into the mood of the day. Join friends for a midday celebration. Tonight: Be a little mysterious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Join friends and get ready for the last hurrah of the century. Friends surround you. You enjoy yourself thoroughly. You become carefree even about what you most care about - finances. Fortunately, there'll be only one day like this in your whole life. Tonight: Where the party is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Take the lead and bring others together. You might be so busy that you lose track of time. Confusion surrounds a personal issue you are weighing in your mind. Let go and worry less. Others are clearly there for you. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Reach out for another. Make that extra effort to touch base with family and friends at a distance. You will see a loved one in a new perspective. Read between the lines when dealing with new concepts. Does another have a special agenda? Tonight: Could be dreamlike.

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Widow torn between life in past or plans for future

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Wayne," and I met in high school. After high school, our friendship grew deeper and we fell in love. We married and had three beautiful children together who are now 10, 8 and 5. I thought we would have a bright future together and watch our children grow.

practical. By eliciting a deathbed promise from you that you would never remarry, your husband was trying to hold onto life - an impossibility. Please don't feel guilty. Life is for the living.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently become aware of my impressionable personality. Growing up as a child I used to help my father roll joints and eventually started smoking pot. During my college years, my roommate was a purse-snatcher and I started snatching purses with him. Just recently, I started a job with a man who cross-dresses. The high heels are ruining my feet and I don't look very good in miniskirts. Please help me. SUGGESTIBLE IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR SUGGESTIBLE: You not only have an impressionable personality, you also have a bizarre sense of humor. I suspect you also know someone who writes crank letters to advice columnists.

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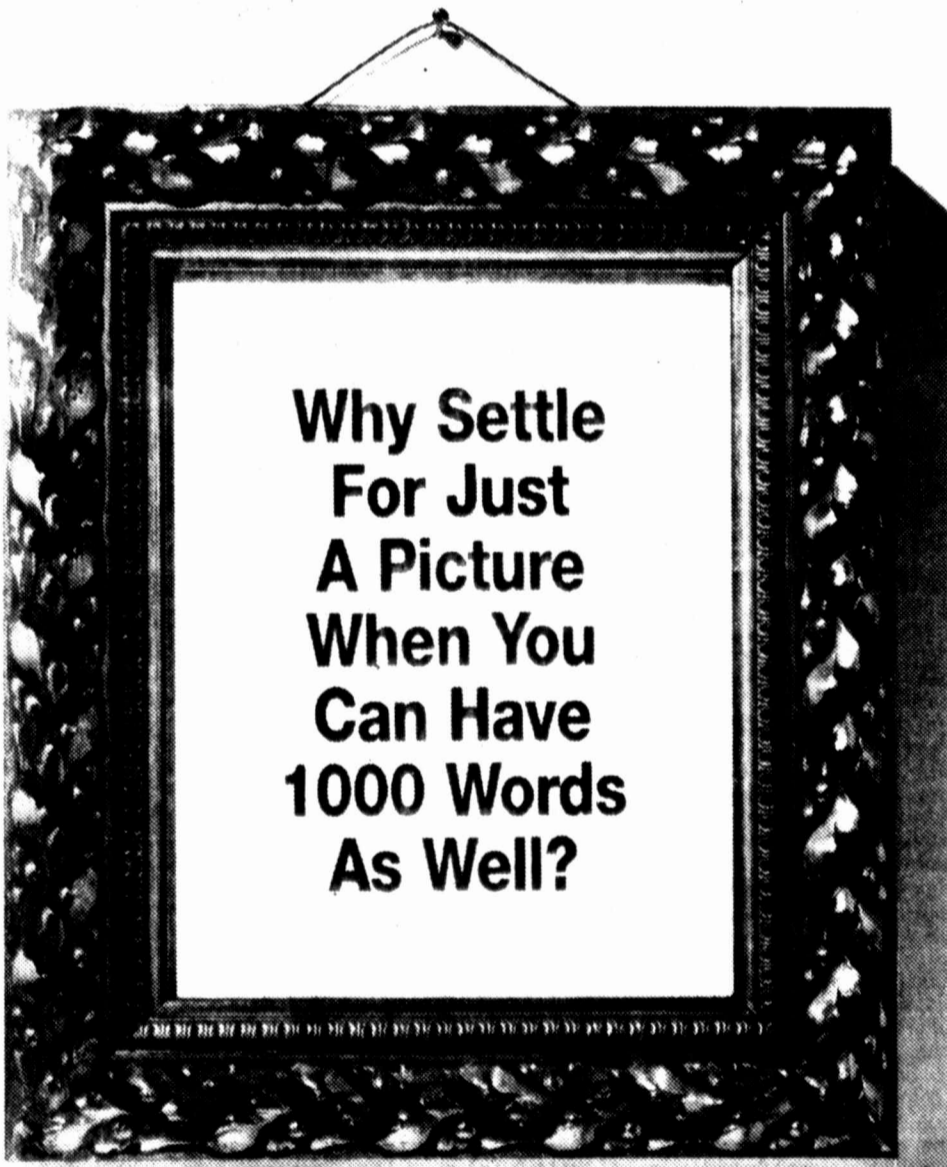
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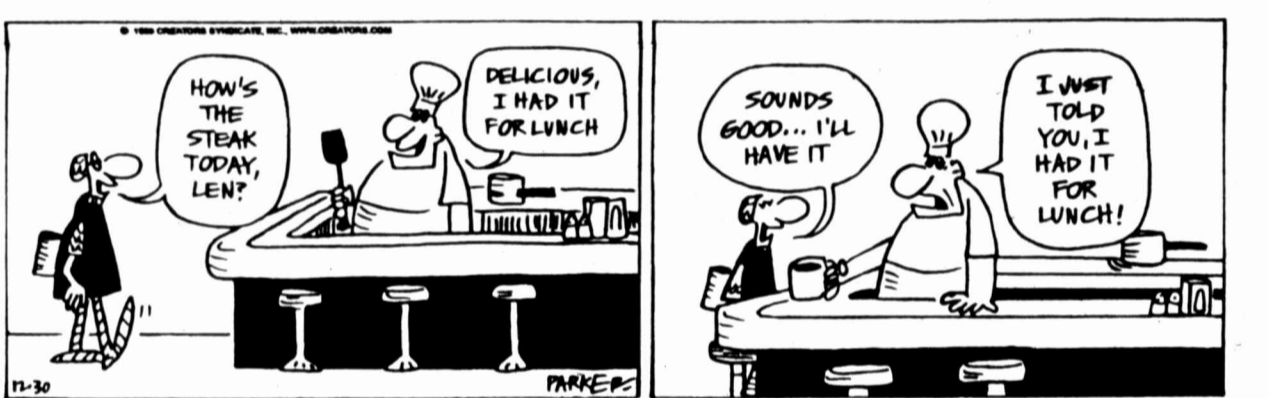
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"Daddy likes cardigans 'cause he can take them off without musing his hair."

"I'll betcha ol' man winter is Jack Frost's dad!"

WIZARD OF ID



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 1999. There is one day left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. On this date: In 1853, the United States

bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase. In 1865, author Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India. In 1903, about 600 people died in a fire at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago. In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China. In 1936, the UAW union staged its first sit-down strike, at the Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich. In 1944, King George II of Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne. In 1947, King Michael of Romania agreed to abdicate, but said he was being forced out by Communists. In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway. In 1972, the United States halted heavy bombing of North Vietnam. In 1993, Israel and the Vatican agreed to recognize each other.

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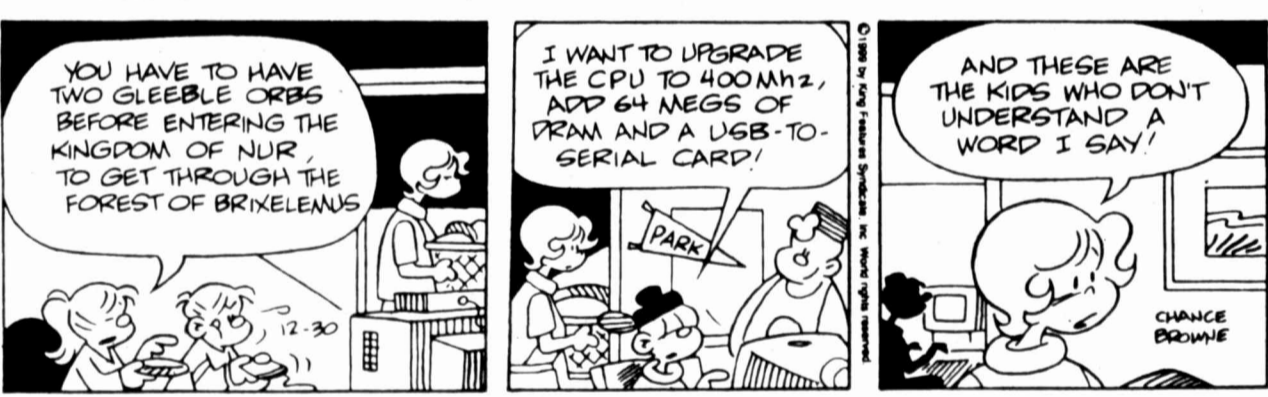
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- Hand grip?
- Indiana city
- Percussion instrument
- "... la vista, baby!"
- Song for Callas
- Architect Saarinen
- Room at the top
- Whip stroke
- Grooves
- Shopper's destination
- Attempt
- Help!
- Wacko
- Social climber
- Reciprocal of a cosine
- At any time
- Scandinavian capital
- Hardship
- Shopper's destination
- Bouquet
- Part of USA
- Formerly, formerly
- Valuable fiddles
- Piccadilly
- Circus statue
- Dem. of the '50s
- Simpson judge
- Bro's sib
- Shopper's destination
- Protestant gathering
- Material
- Ziegfeld Follies, e.g.
- monster
- Ship's pole
- Surprise
- Point a finger
- Quote an example
- Out of the wind
- City on the Rhine

DOWN

- Tobacco mouthful
- Lattice strip
- Regarding
- Wading bird
- Speed setters
- Jamboree
- Saltwater lake of Asia
- Gets up
- Crude boors
- Obligation
- Stagger
- Press
- Majority
- Protestant gathering
- Operators
- Tablelands
- Ward off
- Interior style
- Workplace watchdog grp.
- Point a finger
- Quote an example
- Athenian marketplace
- Scandinavian
- allowances
- Capital of Italia
- Lolipalooza
- Gymnast
- Comaneci
- Molten metal
- scum
- Mark of infamy
- Rugged range
- Shaq or Tatum
- Stander
- Fans
- Mine entrance
- model
- Light weight
- Military installation
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Villainous
- Bare
- "... of the d'Urbervilles"

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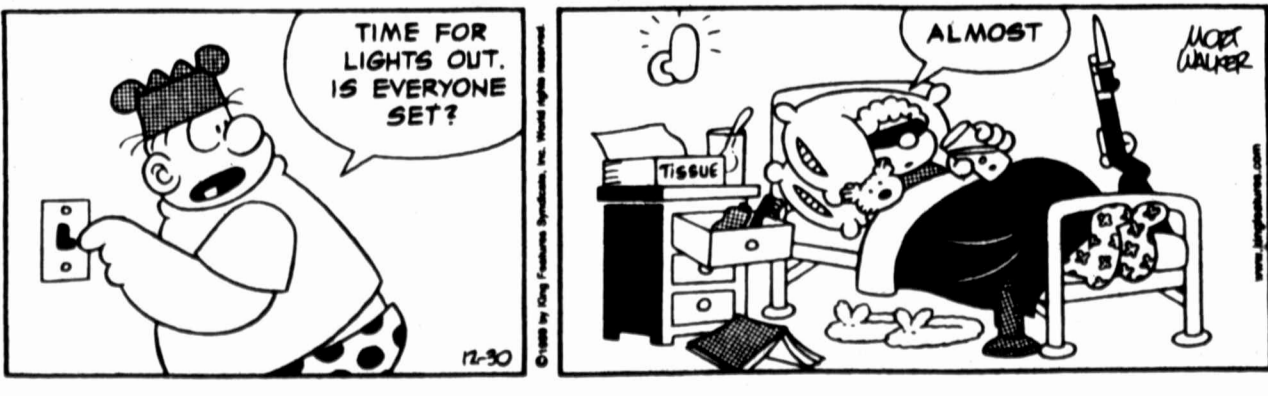
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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ONEA	PAIR	LUBES
WAVY	URDU	INAPT
STEWART	MLV	CEE
SABRES	SERER	
HOLDS	LITERATES	
ONO	BADEN	ICE
DECIMATED	EJECT	
DATES	TRADES	
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