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Tax volunteers needed to help with returns

Volunteers are needed for the income tax assistance program. A training class by the Internal Revenue Service will take place at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, Monday, Jan. 10 through Friday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Volunteers who attend the training and pass a test given by the IRS will provide free tax assistance on a volunteer basis during February and March to senior citizens and needy persons. Call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the senior center, 267-1628, for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

- 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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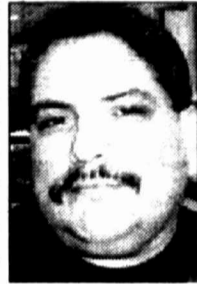
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HOG hopes to spice things up a bit with annual chili cookoff

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Big Spring Harley Owners Group (HOG) has been hard at work planning its 12th Annual Boss HOG Chili Cookoff, set for Saturday. The event, which takes place at the Harley-Davidson Shop,



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begins with cooks firing up at 9 a.m. Teams and individual competitors are welcome, but they must cook at least five pounds of the spicy stuff. The cost to compete is \$15. "All chili cooks have their own secret recipes," said Barry Barnett, with HOG. "Some of them have been handed down over the years, or some just made their own. We find a lot of the cooks who compete with us have been in cookoffs all over the area." This year, the top three win-

ners in the Boss HOG will have a special honor — the right to cook "behind the store" at the Terlingua International Cook-off. That's thanks to the local event complying with a few extra regulations in order to be sanctioned with Terlingua. "This carries a lot of weight in the chili cooks' world," Barnett said. "And it gives us a lot more advertisement that might help us draw more people." HOG expects a good turnout for the event, in both cookers

and tasters, although weather is always a factor. Anyone who wants to attend and try some of the competing chili pays \$5 per person. Live music is planned from 1-5 p.m. by the local band The Marauders. Proceeds go to help HOG fund some of its projects during the year. Primarily a social service group, HOG also sponsors social activities for Harley owners. "This cookoff is the one thing we do each year that helps to fund everything else through-

out the year," Barnett said. "We hope a lot of people will come out and join us for a good time. We appreciate all the help people give us throughout the year with our projects, and this time, we want them to have fun with us." Cooks should plan to arrive at the Harley shop by 8:15 a.m. on the day of the event. Cooking begins at 9 a.m., and after judging, which begins at 1 p.m., all those in attendance are free to try the chili. For more information, call 263-2322.

Y2K goes Y2Kaput; local officials relieved

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

The stroke of midnight Friday came and went with none of the disasters, computer foul-ups or terrorist strikes doomsayers were predicting. In short, the Y2K scare was a Y2-Kflop, primarily, it seems, because so many took it so seriously. Businesses, county, city and state governments, hospitals and manufacturers began preparing years ago, and by Friday night, it all paid off. Like many other entities, the City of Big Spring had personnel at their stations Friday night, just in case there was a glitch here and there. There were none. "Everything went smoothly," said Tom Ferguson, Big Spring city secretary. "We had people up and down the roads, checking the lights, people at sewer plant and water plant. They reported back that the lights were all fine. The highway department had some people posted around just in case they were needed. "Everything worked out just perfectly. Not one problem," he said. It was the same everywhere. All of the anticipation, checks and double checks paid off. "We experienced absolutely no dysfunctional consequences," said Warren Longley, Veterans Administration Hospital chief operating officer. "There was a lot of good work put in by a lot of good people as



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Local residents David Hooser, Angela Reed and Josephane Mitchell celebrated New Year's Eve at their apartment building, and they were still celebrating on New Year's Day.

part of a national effort, checking each and every piece of biomedical equipment. All of our utility systems were double-checked as part of that," he said. "We did discover that our telephone system was not going to work, so we corrected that with a new system. And we discovered our fire alarm system needed an update, and we got that done. So given that good advance notice, we had no glitches Friday night," Longley said. Like the city, the VA Hospital was prepared. "We had all our gasoline and diesel tanks topped off, extra personnel on hand, but not a thing hit the red mark. We were also in constant communication with the higher-ups in

Mesa, Ariz.," Longley said. Personnel will continue monitoring their systems through Tuesday, just to be safe. "We're basically monitoring our systems now. We have a recall system in place. If any of our equipment goes down, we'll be able to handle it," he said. "There were good things to come of this — replacing and upgrading our phone system and fire alarm system. This (Y2K) showed that we needed to do that, so it was good for this to happen," Longley said. "I was really proud of our guys and gals. "We have a multi-million dollar medical laboratory and they assessed each and every piece of equipment. They did a terrific job." Big Spring Police Department

and Howard County Sheriff's Office reported no Y2K-related problems. Big Spring State Hospital Chief Executive Officer Ed Moughon said everything went smoothly Friday night. "It all went fine. I talked to George Oriza, our Y2K coordinator, about 2 o'clock and he said everything was going well," Moughon said. "We didn't have to use anything. "We are going to watch it for a day or two, just to make sure, but I don't think we are going to have any problems." Mainly, everyone is glad that midnight on Dec. 31 is past. "All that fretting and everything. Well it did do some good. All the preparations everyone took apparently paid off," said Moughon.

Filing

One day left to declare as a candidate

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

There's just one day left to file in the March Republican and Democratic Party primaries. The filing deadline is 6 p.m. Monday. Most candidates who have filed thus far have been quiet about it. Filing early on were several incumbents — all Republicans. They included Sheriff Bill Jennings, County Treasurer Teresa Thomas, County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles, Precinct 1 Peace Justice Bennie Green and Precinct 3 County Commissioner Bill Crooker. Filing since then on the Republican ticket have been District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, County Attorney Mike Thomas and Boyce Hale, for Precinct 3 constable. "I am very appreciative of the opportunity to have served the citizens of the (118th) district this last term, and I look forward to bigger things in the district attorney's office in the next four years," Wilkerson said last week. Thomas and Hale were unavailable for comment. Two people have filed for office on the Democratic ticket — Precinct 1 County Commissioner Emma Brown and Javier Becerra, candidate for sheriff. Becerra's filing gives the county its only contest race



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Big Spring wants Winter Texans to see what it has to offer

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Every year, they come from the north to Texas, seeking friendly faces, different things to do and warmth. They are Winter Texans, and Big Spring is about to make them aware of the hospitality and tourist sites in our area. "I'm going to sell Big Spring, smile and shake a lot of hands," said Andi Andrews-York, tourism director for the chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau. Andrews-York will be representing Big Spring at the three-day McAllen Travel Show, which opens Tuesday at the McAllen Civic Center. "It is an opportunity to get together with other cities, tour operators, members of the travel industry, RV park activity directors, convention and visitors bureaus and Winter Texans and show them what we have to offer," she said. Andrews-York will have one of almost 1,000 booths set up in the civic center. She'll have a display with photos of the various sites around Big Spring, as well as brochures, pens, Post-It notes and other items, all advertising the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Howard County. "I'll be able to inform them about our state park, the

Hangar 25 Air Museum, Comanche Trail Park, the Vietnam Memorial and all of the other interesting sites around," she said. "And I'll mention especially some of our winter activities, such as the Festival of Lights and the parade. "I want to let them know about the windmills, too. It is not every place that has the world's tallest wind turbines." The whole idea is to get the word out that Big Spring is a great place for Winter Texans to be. "One of our selling points is how easily accessible we are," said Andrews-York. "We call it the Crossroads of Texas for a very good reason. "There are not many communities that have two major thoroughfares interconnecting as we do. "We want to let them know about Big Spring and what we have to offer. I'll be making as many contacts as I possibly can. We have some freebies to give away and they are great attention-getters." The show runs through Thursday and is free to the public. "I'm excited about it. It's a great opportunity to get our name out there, to let people know who we are, where we are and what we have to offer," said Andrews-York.



Andi Andrews-York, tourism director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Convention and Visitors Bureau, is planning a trip to a travel show in McAllen this week. The three-day event is aimed at attracting Winter Texans.

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OBITUARIES

Enid H. Williams

Enid H. Williams, 85, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Big Spring. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ricky Carstensen, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.



She was born on Jan. 15, 1914 in Abilene, Texas, and married Willie Arthur Williams on Jan. 20, 1939 in Abilene, Texas. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1988.

She was a homemaker and lived in Big Spring since 1978 after moving from California. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Eileen (Marcie) Noble of Abilene and Sharon and Gary Thurman of Sands Springs; two sons, Jerry Williams of Marysville, Calif., and Howard Williams of San Diego, Calif.; and a daughter-in-law, Inez Williams of Lakeside, Calif.; five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren; and a cousin, Ethel Trotter of Midland.

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

James Lewis Eason

Funeral service for James Lewis Eason, 86, of Childress was at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at First Baptist Church

Chapel of Childress with Rev. Kerry Wood officiating. Burial was in Childress Cemetery.

Mr. Eason died on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, in Amarillo.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1913 in Cooper. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW. He served in the Navy. He was a Baptist and a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Eason of Childress; and a niece, Barbara Ann Stone of Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Andres Valles

Funeral service for Andres Valles, 58, of Stanton will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Mr. Valles died on Dec. 31, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1941. His survivors include his mother, Jesusita Sanchez of Stanton; three daughters, Rosalinda Valles of Dallas, and Melissa Wiltsie and Lori Valles, both of Stanton; three sisters, Maria Elena Garza of Dallas, Lupe Valles of Stanton, and Josie Garza of Dallas; four brothers, Chavel Valles of Midland, Mateo Valles and Augustine Valles, both of Stanton, and Ansensio Valles of Monahans; and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

and Casey Clark, and his wife, Fayelyn, of Big Spring; five great grandchildren, John and Beth White, Britt, Bree, and Shelby Clark; one great-grandchild, Lane Allen White; and one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Dorothy Neel of Big Spring.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 1999, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Caudle Family Plot at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Mike Moates, Tom Traylor Jr., Mike Roman, Mark Hyatt, A.N. Standard, and Alvie Harrison.

Walter B. Moore

Walter B. Moore, 48, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, in Big Spring. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at the Minton Memorial Chapel in Borger with Mr. Stan Mitchell, Minister of the Church of Christ at Borger, officiating. Interment will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Moore was born in Borger and had lived in Big Spring for five years. He graduated from Borger High School in 1969. He was a sales manager for Pollard Chevrolet in Big Spring. His survivors include his wife, Carolyn of Big Spring; three daughters, Hollie Moore of Beaumont, Michelle Murphy of Houston and Stephanie Moore of Germany; his mother, Elaine Moore of Borger; one brother, George Moore of Beaumont; and two sisters, Mona Hardin of Alabama and Ione Espinoza of Beaumont.

The Moore Memorial Fund has been set up at the Borger Bank for special memorials and donations.

The family will be staying at 1118 Hemlock in Borger. Interment arrangements are under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. Local arrangements were by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ervin Newby

Graveside funeral service for Ervin Newby, 56, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Newby died on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999.

He was born on May 13, 1943 in Virginia and married Dorothy Hyden on Nov. 27, 1985 in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Newby of Big Spring; one son, Ricky Newby of El Paso; one daughter, Anna Tellez of El Paso; three step-sons; Troy Hyden of Big Spring, Joe Hyden of Huntsville, and Robert Hyden of Lubbock; one step-daughter, Reba Quillen of Sterling, Colo.; three brothers, Lacy, Larry, and Wallace Newby, all of Villas, N.J.; one sister, Ellen Hoteling of North Cape May, N.J.; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials made to the Big Spring Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, care of Charlie Lewis, 1606 Gregg St., Big Spring, TX, 79720.

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

Frances Wheatley Malone

Frances Wheatley Malone, 95, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at Gateway Hospital in

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AROUND THE TOWN

Clarksville, Tenn. Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, in Bethlehem Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn., with the Rev. Tom Buckley officiating.

Mrs. Malone was born on Oct. 14, 1904 in Lewisburg, Tenn. She was a retired nurse and a member of Madison Street United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. F.J. Malone Sr., one son and one daughter.

Survivors include a son, Sam J. Malone of Clarksville, Tenn.; a daughter, Sara Jane Tipton of Big Spring; and a sister, Mrs. Wally Manley of Memphis, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home.

Alma Rae Fortenberry

Alma Rae Fortenberry, 86, of Colorado City, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, in a local hospital. Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with the Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1913, in Fannin County and married Loyd Fortenberry on Dec. 24, 1932. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a resident of Colorado City since 1931.

She is survived by a sister, Mildred Free of Colorado City; two sons, Wesley Fortenberry of Colorado City and Loyd Fortenberry of Arlington; three grandchildren, Steve Fortenberry of Big Spring, Loyd Santiago Fortenberry of Georgetown and Christina Pena of Edenburg; and nine great-grandchildren.

Eddie Cline

Eddie Cline, 70, of Big Spring, died at his home Friday, Dec. 31, 1999. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Cline was born Nov. 3, 1929, at Missouri City, Texas. He had worked most of his life in oil fields and construction. He moved to Big Spring about one month ago from Somerville.

He is survived to two sisters, Pauline Damon of Somerville and Averyl Herman of Goddard; three brothers, Johnny Cline of Somerville, V.R. Cline of Midland and C.C. Cline of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Eppler

James Eppler, 70, of Big Spring, died at his home Friday, Dec. 31, 1999. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Opal K. Osborne

Opal K. Osborne, 81, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, in a Midland hospital. Funeral service were at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson of First United Methodist Church officiating.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 11,13,23,25,27,32

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

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1918 to Marshall and Lula Chapman in the Moore Community in Howard County and married Walter Osborne on Sept. 8, 1946, in Big Spring.

She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Howard County. She attended schools in Lomax and graduated from Coahoma High School in 1937. She worked as a beautician for 31 years before retiring.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church where she was a member of Questers Sunday School Class and served the class as song leader and assistant pianist. She was also a member of United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Osborne of Big Spring; a son, Roy Osborne of Coppell; two sisters, Nita McDaniel and Melva Hodnett, both of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials made to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Miguel Delgado

Miguel Delgado, 67, of Big Spring, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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in November. There are as yet no contested races in the primaries.

Local office-seekers filing with the Republican Party should do so with GOP County Chairman Dwain Fox. Those filing with the Democratic Party should see Chairman Rey Villarreal.

Fox will be in his 1101 S. Main St. office all day Monday, for those interesting in filing. Villarreal will be at the county courthouse after 4:30 p.m.

Local offices up for election include sheriff, district attorney, county tax assessor-collector, county attorney, and the unexpired term of county treasurer.

Two commissioner's seats are up: Precinct 1 and 3. Also up for election is the Precinct 1 justice of the peace position.

All constables are on the ballot as well.

Also of interest to Howard County residents will be those for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and Texas House of Representatives. Incumbents have all filed. They are U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts.

Anyone who has not registered to vote in one of the primary elections, or who has moved and needs to renew their voter's registration information, has until Feb. 14 to do so at the county clerk's office.

The primary elections are March 14.

POLICE

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

- RUBY FREEMAN, 35, was arrested for local warrants.
- JOHN MERZ, 61, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID WITTEIN, 19, was arrested for county warrants.
- ANTHONY ROBLES, no age available, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- REYNALDO BENNETT, 50, was arrested on a charge of driving while license is suspended.
- NOEL ORTEGA, 22, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARY LOVELL, 38, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CODY GREEN, no age available, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.
- BRENT MARIN, 27, was arrested for a local warrant.
- PHILIP BRIDGE, 23, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL GALAVIZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEFFREY HICKEY, 41, was arrested on a charge of no insurance.
- MARK MOLINA, 35, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- KIERSTEN CASTILLO, 18, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- DANIELLE RAWLS, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- JAMES HEIMAN, 22, was arrested on a charge of parole violation.
- JOSEPH TURNER, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RICKY WALLACE, 33, was arrested on a charge of evading.
- EDUARDO GALLARDO, 39, was arrested on a charge of assault family/violence.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite and the 1200 block of East 17th.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the area of Conally and Willard.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Marcy, the 200 block of West Marcy, the 1700 block of Birdwell, the 1800 block of East Marcy, and the 990 block of Willia.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of East 18th and the 2600 block of South Monticello.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
21th & Johnson 267-4233
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James Eppler, 70, died Friday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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T. Willard Neel
T. Willard Neel, 90, of Elbow Community, left his happy wife, home, sweet attending daughter and grandchildren, at 7:56 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999. Having served his purpose in this life, he went home to God.
Mr. Neel was born April 28, 1909, at Latam, Mitchell County, Texas. He was the son of Joe B. Neel and Ella Griffith Neel. During World War II, he was foreman of a machine shop at an aircraft plant in India. While in India, he had the opportunity to enjoy his hobby of wild game hunting. Upon returning home, he brought many trophies from India. Hunting was always an important part of his life, and he especially enjoyed hunting in Montana and Wyoming.
He married Melba on July 23, 1947. They went into business in 1947 as Neel's Transfer and Storage Company. They operated the business until 1990. Mr. and Mrs. Neel had also farmed and ranched in the Elbow community for over 50 years and was active in the operation until the time of his death. He was active in breeding and showing of horses, especially Appaloosa horses.
He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, the West Texas Appaloosa Club, and the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.
He is survived by his wife, Melba (Totsy) Neel of Elbow; one daughter, Janelle Clark of Elbow; three grandchildren, Cheryl White, and her husband, Roland, of Elbow, Craig Clark, and his wife, Starla, of Elbow.



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Thanks to Dr. Emmett Banard for all he has done.
With Heartfelt Thanks
The family of Viola Chandler

The family of William H. (Bill) Shankles wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives for all their comfort, beautiful floral tributes, and other courtesies extended to us at the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. A special thank you is extended to the members of Baptist Temple Church for all the food, to Reverend Walter McCall and Reverend Don Snipes for the beautiful service, to Jody Nix for the special music, and to the members of the Law Enforcement Branches for the honor they paid Bill during the funeral procession.

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Controversial abortion notification law on the books

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — At least one teenage girl's hurried search for an abortion doctor has preceded a new state law requiring that unmarried teens notify their parents about the operation.

A 16-year-old girl walked into a San Antonio clinic this week, seeking an abortion. But when she learned the clinic's doctor was on vacation, the teen redoubled her search for another clinic.

Beginning Saturday, the hotly debated law requires physicians to notify a parent or guardian at least 48 hours before a girl age 17 or younger gets an abortion. But a girl may bypass that rule by getting a waiver from a local judge.

The teen in the Alamo City didn't take that option.

"She's looking to have an abortion this week, before this law goes in effect," Nancy Snodgrass, executive administrator at Reproductive Services, said. "Most of our minors have parents already involved, but there are going to be a few people who it's going to be a problem for."

The president and chief executive officer

of Planned Parenthood said the law complicates matters for a relatively small number of teen-agers who may have good reasons not to notify their parents.

"I see it as unnecessary legislation," Jeffrey Hons of Planned Parenthood of San Antonio and South Texas told the San Antonio Express-News.

If a minor trying to get an abortion fails to produce an affidavit signed by a parent, under the law passed earlier this year and signed by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, a physician must send a parent a registered letter, then wait 48 hours before performing the abortion.

Figures show that 73 of the 792 abortions performed at Planned Parenthood clinics through the region in 1999 were to minors. Of those, 67 girls had a parent or family member with them, leaving at least six who had abortions without parental involvement.

"These last six girls, I don't think this law is going to help them," said Hons. "My experience tells me that those girls come from family situations (in which) it's not

possible to talk to their family."

A troubled teen walked into Planned Parenthood offices this week to schedule an abortion for the first week of 2000. Workers told the girl that if she waited a week, her parents would have to be called under the new law's provisions.

"We told her about parental notification and that we would have to notify her parents," said Hons.

"She chose to have it this week. We helped her find a place for (the abortion) immediately."

Texas Department of Health statistics show minors accounted for 509 of the 9,378 abortions performed in Bexar County in 1998, or less than 6 percent. But state officials keep no data on how many told their parents first.

The fight to pass the measure was a good one, said Peter Monod, director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, formerly the archdiocese's Pro-Life Office.

"If even one life gets saved, it would be worth it to us," Monod said.

Governor is youngest ever of West Texas tribe

EL PASO (AP) — A new American Indian governor is the youngest ever of a West Texas tribe embroiled in a battle with the state to keep its casino open.

About 175 people voted Friday in the secret elections at the tuh-la, a sacred building on tribal land in the Lower Valley. The tribe, which has more than 1,200 members, has voted on new leadership by a show of hands on New Years Eve for more than 300 years.

Albert Alvidrez is the successor to Vince Munoz. He left his position as governor Sept. 7 amid a conflict with the Tribal Council.

"It went smoothly," Alvidrez, 27, said of Friday's election. "Overall, the community is pleased with the work and progress achieved by the Tribal Council over the last year."

But he would not comment on a pending lawsuit filed by the state to shut down Speaking Rock Casino.

It's a legal battle that tribal leaders predict will be one of their biggest issues in the coming years.

"This is not the appropriate time or place to discuss that," Alvidrez told the El Paso Times.

Attorney General John Cornyn sued the Tigua Indians in September, arguing that the slot machines and card games at their Speaking Rock casino are illegal.

But lawyers for the Tiguas responded in October that as an Indian tribe, it has sovereign immunity to lawsuits, and that the attorney general lacks authority under state law to sue it.

An internal faction split several years ago from the tribe at an election.

Ousted members last year protested removal from tribal rolls, based on a determination from the tribe that they did not meet a blood requirement.

But neither group was at the election Friday.

Alvidrez also had been the youngest man to be elected as a tribal councilman several years ago.

He was general manager of Running Bear Stations Inc., the tribes gas-station venture. He said the tribe plans to expand that company and its Big Bear Oil Co. to pay for more services for tribal members, including a new medical insurance plan and additional housing.

Women again gathered near the tuh-la to denounce their ineligibility to vote in Tigua elections. Only male members over the age of 18 can vote. But no female members picketed Friday, and some have said suffrage is no longer an issue.

"Sometimes we think its not fair," tribal member Margaret Bustamante said, "but it is a tradition, and we're going to follow that."

Nation's third-largest criminal justice system moving

HOUSTON (AP) — The brand-spanking new Harris County criminal courthouse doesn't have the mold on the walls, the grease on the ceilings and the wear five decades of justice put on its predecessor.

For state District Judge Ted Poe, that's not necessarily good.

"The old courthouse had a character to it, with each of the courtrooms different," said Poe, a Houston judge for 18 years. "The four old courtrooms were massive rooms with big ceilings, as if to say something important takes place here."

"A certain amount of that

atmosphere probably will not occur in the new building."

Trucks finished hauling the nation's third-largest criminal court system to its new \$98 million home, where Harris County's criminal system will be under one roof for the first time in three decades.

The building replaces the two old criminal courthouses nearby, including the main one built in 1951 and the converted Fire Station Building. The district attorney's office already has moved in from its own building down the street.

"I'm getting old, and change

is hard on old dogs," said District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr., who arrived at the office in the early 1970s and has been at the helm since 1979.

"It's nice and new. It smells like somebody hasn't urinated in the corner," Holmes said. "It was nice being in our own facility, but I think everyone is going to enjoy the new building."

"We still have a lot of little bugs that have to be addressed, though."

Key cards allowing employees access to secure areas aren't all working properly yet. Holmes himself had trouble this week

getting through a gate to his parking spot.

The judges' private elevator still isn't working, but Poe pointed out that there was no such animal in the old place.

"I'm used to coming in through the front door. It's no big deal to me," he said.

Also moving from various other locations to the new 20-story courthouse are the grand jury rooms, the district clerk and prisoner intake. The building is linked to the county jails, bringing an end to orange-clad chain gangs that once were common on downtown streets.

From city streets to homes, Texans were partying the night away

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texans danced in the streets of their capital Friday night, joining neighbors across the state in greeting the new millennium with celebrations filled with music, fireworks and light shows.

Thousands packed Sixth Street at Congress Avenue as a space-age sounding voice began the countdown to 2000 at one minute before midnight. Multicolored lights reflected off of the city's buildings and the

Capitol.

When 2000 finally arrived, there were cheers, applause and the sound of noisemakers echoing through downtown. Partygoers kissed, hugged and made celebratory calls on their cell phones under raining confetti.

The crowd in Austin grew by thousands in the final hours of 1999. At its height, the crowd reached 260,000, according to organizers of A2K: Austin on the Verge.

Singer Lyle Lovett had the

crowd in a frenzy just before midnight when three local gospel choirs joined him for his finale.

"I can't think of any other place I'd rather be on this night than Austin, Texas," Lovett told a screaming audience.

Earlier Friday, people watched free concerts by Shawn Colvin and Kelly Willis from office building windows, hotel balconies and the street.

Wearing fashions ranging from evening gowns and tuxedos to blue jeans and cowboy

boots, partygoers danced, roller-skated, threw confetti and blew noisemakers with the Capitol taking a temporary back seat to the year 2000.

"I think it's crazy," 14-year-old Amy Donsbach shouted as she danced with friend Leta Coursol and her mom, Brenda Coursol. The Coursols — decked out in silver sparkling party hats and glasses — traveled from Houston to party in Austin.

In San Antonio, 250,000 people were expected downtown,

where five stages featured musicians throughout the last night of the century.

"We're going to be ready to rock 'n roll," said Bill Drain, who was overseeing the "Celebrate San Antonio" gala.

The partying got off to an early start at Dallas' Zubar, where bartenders were instructed to hold hourly toasts beginning at noon to mark the new year as it arrived in time zones around the globe.

The bearded band ZZ Top was back in its hometown of

Houston, rocking into the new century with Lynyrd Skynyrd at a concert in the Compaq Center. Downtown streets also were shut as revelers awaited the stroke of midnight.

Festivities included sidewalk festivals, music and the inevitable countdown.

In Abilene, bar and restaurant patrons welcoming the New Year with an alcoholic toast had to drink quickly or early. By ordinance, last call on Friday nights is midnight, New Year's Eve or not.

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OUR VIEWS

Take some time to be thankful for all your blessings

Each year, millions of persons around the world sit down and write out a series of resolutions for the new year — goals and objectives, if you will, for a better way of life.

How many of us actually keep those resolutions? How many ever look at them again? How much of a routine is it, rather than a way to help us out?

Perhaps the most simple resolution is the most difficult to keep, but simple is certainly easily understood. Consider these, if you will:

- Tell your special loved one that you love them each and every day, for we never know when the tomorrows will stop;

- Smile at a stranger every day;
- Speak to people you don't know;
- Let someone pull in front of you in heavy traffic;
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you;

- Hug a loved one every day;
- Splash in a mud puddle (if we ever get any rain);
- Stop and smell wildflowers;
- When you're angry, wait to let your anger subside before speaking;

- Skip a flat stone on the water and remember your childhood;
- Thank the Lord for your blessings.

Over the years, we've tempered our emotions a bit and have come to understand that everything really does happen for a reason and that there's a bit of silver lining in every dark cloud.

With that has come the understanding and acknowledgement that God's hand is in everything that happens. There are good times and there are bad, and there are tests of our faith during those bad times.

But who could ever look into the bright, shiny eyes of a child and doubt the existence of God?

How could you watch a West Texas sunset and not know without a doubt where its beauty came from?

How could the parched soil of West Texas ever grow anything? Yet, every time it rains, look at the green life sprouting around us.

Perhaps the most important resolution of all is to keep God in our lives ... to thank him every day for his blessings and the beauty of our world and the opportunities ahead of us.

OTHER VIEWS

In the case of the ship, there are no sweeteners. Too many boats transporting petroleum have been shown to be in bad condition for it to be simply a coincidence. The story is always the same: the boats are old, they sail under flags of secondary countries and are hired by insolvent companies which are unable to pay their responsibilities. In the background is the frequent lack of scruples on behalf of an American or European oil multinational

who get them to do the dirty work.

It's shameful that countries obsessed with protecting their own environment, who place conditions on the installation of nuclear plants, chemical firms or factories that may produce contamination, are incapable of ensuring that tankers sailing the seas should comply with similar security measures.

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Ignore government and concentrate on faith

It is appropriate in the days after Christmas to think about the words of the 20th century's greatest Christian, Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

"The world has never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized and tenaciously malevolent as that preached by Marxism," he said in remarks delivered in London.

"Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, more fundamental than all their political and economic pretensions. Militant atheism is not merely incidental or marginal to communist policy; it is not a side effect but the central pivot. To achieve its diabolical ends, communism needs to control a population devoid of religious

and national feeling, and this entails a destruction of faith and nationhood. Communists proclaim both of these objectives openly and just as openly put them to practice."

Now to the "so what" question. You must not think that, because the Soviet Union has collapsed, the ideas that created the totalitarian regimes of this century are dead. They thrive in some places, particularly among those elitist authoritarians who have wrongly expropriated the label "liberal" in the United States.

Communists hate God and nationhood for the same reason: They want to one to have any loyalty whatsoever but to the party. A truly religious person will always place loyalty to God ahead of loyalty to state. A truly patriotic person, someone who loves his land and his people, will not identify his nation with any particular government. In other words, his loyalty is to land and people, and if a government threatens them, then he will rise up in their defense.

That's the reason you see so much effort to destroy Americans' sense of patriotism.

That's why you keep getting propagandized to the effect that globalism is inevitable and that the nation-state is obsolete.

Those who lust to control your life for their benefit do not want you to have any loyalty except to the government they control. That's why you see so much hostility toward religion from the Establishment news media and entertainment industry, not to mention the federal judiciary.

It is irrelevant whether the religion is Judaism, Christianity or Islam. All three stem from worship of the same God, and all three make it clear that the first loyalty is to God, not to the state.

The American tradition, at the time of the Revolution and during the early republic, was to be suspicious of government power. Those early Americans saw rightly that government was a threat to their freedom, and freedom was their main interest. It was freedom that allowed them to focus their attention where their hearts were — on God, on family, on community. An Englishman thought it indeed strange that, while he spent an entire year

in the United States, not once in any conversation did any American mention the government.

That's what we need to be doing today, ignoring government and concentrating on our faith, our families and our communities. Nationhood is not the government.

Nationhood consists of the people, their history, their traditions, their beliefs and their faiths. Our only thoughts about government should be to find ways to get it off our backs and its hands out of our pockets.

Americans should renew their faith in God, if they can, and learn once and for all that America is not that pile of marble and granite monuments on the Potomac occupied by politicians and lobbyists. They should learn that government is the problem, not the solution.

It should be viewed as what it is: a government entirely foreign to the American tradition and to the constitutional republic established by our forefathers.

It is neither controlled by, nor is it responsive to, the American people.



CHARLEY REESE



Christmases past: Another sweater for her closet

Lera Johnson was an old-fashioned beautician, not a hairstylist. Somehow there's a world of difference.

She worked at the same small-town beauty shop for years, kept the same customers. Most of them would have as soon switched doctors as beauticians.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Hers was a working-class, textile-mill Chattanooga Valley town, but that didn't mean all the ladies in it weren't particular about their appearance. Most had standing weekly beauty-shop appointments, and before special occasions, they called Lera.

Christmas — when the mill company cranked up the merry-go-round and strung every cedar with fat, colored lights and gave each schoolchild a silver dollar — that was the most special occasion of all.

Whenever they came in for holiday hairdos, Lera's customers, who were also her friends, brought gifts.

She never opened the beauty shop bounty until Christmas Day, when in a rare idle moment she'd sit down to rest and unwrap, carefully saving the paper and ribbon. I would help my mother-in-law make a list so later she could thank each friend in writing.

She got chocolate cakes with 16 layers, lovely trays with butterflies pressed beneath the glass, handmade afghans. She got handkerchiefs, pillowcases and sets of towels that the local mill had made. These were not token gifts, but heartfelt, home-made ones.

It became a point of pride with me when I could remember the best gift-givers from year to year, the ones who really seemed to appreciate her skills and friendship.

Lera insisted she liked all the gifts equally, afraid she might hurt someone's feelings if she favored one present over another, even silently. She possessed a truly democratic spirit.

I went to see her this week, at the Alabama nursing home. I took her two sweaters, inex-

pensive ones from a discount store. Cheap ones because they are apt to disappear. She used to give me clothes for Christmas, beautiful garments from the nice department store in her town that closed when it couldn't compete with the large discount house.

I hung the new sweaters in her closet, next to others that people have brought in an effort to do something, anything, for Lera. I put a stuffed dog in her lap, but she didn't pay it any mind. Pretty soon it dropped from her agitated hands to the floor.

She had her mind on two small boys. One of them, she said in a fretful voice, walked by and "we didn't catch him." The other, even smaller boy, she specified, ran by in the other direction.

She no longer knows me, but that doesn't keep her from clutching my hand and holding it against her thin, tense face.

"Did you know those boys?" she asked. Then, "Some grass is good, but I don't know about all of this grass that needs cutting. Did you see that man? He's the one. Over there."

There is no man. There are no boys.

She is on a journey that has many ports of call, all of them in different decades, houses, directions. I can't help but recall her old personality, the real one buried beneath this hideous disease, and how her presence once was the most calming one I'd ever known. As a young woman, whenever I got hysterical about work or finances or life, she could make me feel better with a word.

She worked six days a week at the beauty shop, and, on many Sundays, she fixed hair at the nursing home. For free. The old people wanted to look nice, too, she figured. Besides, many of them were her former customers.

Lera's own hair hangs straight now, not permed the way she used to keep it. It smells clean, but looks sad and flat and mannish. I wonder if anyone ever volunteers to fix hair here.

I wish we could make that list one more time, of potholders and casserole dishes and two \$10 bills slipped into the folds of a rayon scarf.

"Oh, my," she would say. "That's from Mrs. Smith. She does too much."



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Only a handful of glitches found in essential services across nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking little time to savor an initial triumph over the Y2K computer bug, Americans set their sights on ensuring an uneventful start to the work week. The government double-checked computers Saturday while some banks staged a rare holiday opening in a show of confidence.

After an aggressive sweep coast to coast, U.S. officials found only a handful of glitches in essential services like electricity and communications. A few flags went up: Seven nuclear power plants reported minor computer problems, and the Pentagon disclosed that a reconnaissance satellite had been blinded for a few hours.

"For a short period we were not able to process the information the satellites were sending us," Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said, describing a problem that emerged Friday night when Pentagon computers rolled into the new year.

He said the problem was corrected after a few hours of using a backup system, but by midday Saturday the Defense Department had not yet returned to "normal peace time operation." Hamre declined to further identify the satellite system, except to say it did not involve Americans' early warning defense systems.

The nuclear power plants reported minor Y2K-related problems with computer sys-

tems used for support functions, such as security access or analyzing weather data.

There were so few problems nationwide that the government's Y2K chief, John Koskinen, found himself responding to criticism that perhaps too much money and attention was paid to the problem.

"The fact that clearly in the United States thus far we have not seen any significant difficulties is not an indication that there wasn't a problem underlying it all," he said. "It is an indication that if you mount, you know, this national coordinated effort, you can solve a very complicated problem."

In cities across the United

States, the focus shifted to preparing for the work week.

"We do not expect in the U.S. any significant problems," said Koskinen, who also cautioned that, "We should not be surprised if there are glitches. Monday and Tuesday will give us the final pieces of the picture."

About 1,000 federal workers went to their offices on Saturday to flip the light switches, turn on the computers and check for a dial tone on the phones. All 8,300 buildings the government uses nationwide were being double-checked.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reported a problem at one of its buildings with a new security system,

which ironically had been installed to replace one deemed susceptible to Y2K problems. It stationed security guards there through the weekend.

"Employees have been and their contractors have been checking the actual building themselves: can you get in with card-reader security systems to the parking garages, work with card readers, any heating, air-conditioning, any other operations affected," Koskinen said.

No immediate problems were reported.

From operators of Internet equipment to makers of copier machines, corporate America also took nothing for granted. Employees were spending much of the weekend testing and

retesting systems.

"We have checked in with all of our sites around the world and everything is going great," said Christa Carone, spokeswoman for Xerox Corp. in Stamford, Conn.

"Certainly we're encouraged by the success that we've experienced so far but we know that Monday will be the true test, when we start bringing up our applications," she said.

The Education Department said some of the nation's 80,000 schools are testing computers this weekend that dispatch buses or pay teacher salaries. Most plan to open Monday, though some will close until Wednesday to give more time for testing.

From moose roadkill to video voyeurs, here come the new laws

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Out with parole, police quotas on traffic tickets and sky-high loans. In with gun locks, helmets for kids on horseback and tougher driver licensing rules for teen-agers.

The New Year rings in a jubilee of new laws around the country, from the kooky — moose killed on New York's highways can be dragged home as trophies — to the frightening — child pornography in Illinois now includes computer-generated images.

More than anything else, the states took steps to reform health care, requiring better service, faster payment and broader coverage as the issue continues to be debated in Congress.

Viagra backlash hit in California, North Carolina and New Hampshire. As of

Saturday, laws require insurers to cover the costs of contraceptives or birth control. Women's groups had complained of a double standard after Viagra, the male impotence wonder drug, was covered by many policies, even though reproductive-related costs for women have gone uncovered for years.

Oklahoma and Nevada stepped up coverage for mental illnesses. Claims will be paid faster in Colorado. Second opinions must be covered in California.

"In health care, down the line, we're going to need to make national changes. But patients, doctors and nurses aren't going to wait for that," said Doug Heller, a consumer advocate in California with the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

Teen-agers itching to get behind the wheel of their parents' car will come under new

restrictions in New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Arizona. The graduated licensing programs require more training time before teens get full driving privileges.

A slew of car-related laws took effect on New Year's Day, fitting for a country that lives and breathes in automobiles.

North Carolina mechanics must provide written estimates and cannot charge more than 10 percent more without notice. California service stations must provide free water for overheated cars and air for leaking tires, as long as the motorist buys fuel.

Aiming at problem drunk drivers, Florida police can immediately take away a vehicle if a motorist suspended for drunken driving is stopped for driving under the influence.

High-speed police pursuits got attention, too: Minnesota police will be trained on when and

how to hit the gas pedal, while student drivers in Connecticut will be taught how to safely pull over when the red lights come on. Wisconsin banned traffic ticket quotas for law enforcement.

Crimes committed with guns in hand will bring longer sentences in Illinois, while gunowners must now put locks on their weapons. Wisconsin abolished parole.

California moved to strengthen protections for gays, passing a law that would prohibit discrimination or harassment of gays in all schools that accept public money or aid.

Answering complaints that black drivers are targeted by police, North Carolina state law enforcement agents have legal backing to track the race of all people stopped.

Woman arrested after holding hostages in bank

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — A hostage standoff that lasted nearly eight hours ended early Saturday when two of the people being held captive managed to disarm the female suspect, allowing a SWAT team to make the arrest.

No one was injured during the standoff that began around 5 p.m. Friday.

Authorities did not identify the 24-year-old Olathe woman, who had said she was upset about losing her job and had no hope for the future.

Police would not comment on any motive.

FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza said the woman probably would be charged in federal court Monday. She also could face state charges.

Eleven people were trapped inside the Bank of America

branch when the woman walked in Friday, Lanza said. Six were taken hostage and five others managed to hide in another part of the building.

The woman released four of the hostages at various times through the evening, and the five others slipped out of the building on their own more than four hours later, authorities said.

With just the woman and two employees left in the building early today, a male hostage knocked the gun from the woman's hand and a female hostage picked it up and ran from the bank, police said.

The SWAT team then went into the bank and arrested the woman without incident.

The hostages were taken to the Olathe police department to be reunited with family mem-

bers and friends. They declined to talk to reporters.

Police were initially tipped to the hostage incident by a frantic call from inside the bank, Olathe police Lt. Larry Griffin said.

One of the bank employees inside the building called KMBC-TV during the ordeal and said everyone was being treated well.

The suspect then took the phone and said the situation happened because she had lost her job, her family and all hope for the future.

She said she would release the hostages if she could talk to a friend named Sean.

"Once I talk to Sean, then I'll talk to them, that's when it all ends," the suspect said. "I want to talk to Sean face-to-face first before I talk to anyone else."

Distraught father kills wife, three children and self

READING, Pa. (AP) — A machine-shop foreman shot and killed his wife and her three children on Saturday, then called 911 to admit to the slayings before committing suicide, authorities said.

The bodies of Henry Pepper, 46, and his wife, Kimberly, 27, were found in a breakfast nook in their modest brick home, said coroner John Lampros.

Mrs. Pepper's three children — ages 5, 8 and 13 — were found together in an upstairs bedroom, Lampros said. Two were dead when police arrived. The youngest died at a hospital.

Police described the murder weapon as a revolver.

When Pepper called 911, he told operators that he could not take

it any more and had just shot his family.

"He admitted to it, and then we lost contact," said Sandra Haller, a supervisor at the Berks County emergency communication center in Reading.

Whatever drove Pepper to murder his family remained a mystery to his relatives and friends on Saturday.

"He was always very happy and we had talked recently," said his brother, Jim Orrs. "Nothing seemed to be wrong."

He said the couple had married a year ago.

"The kids played outside all the time and everything seemed just fine," said Barbara Hoffman, who lives across the street. "They had a Christmas

tree and were a very nice couple, always very nice to talk to."

Neighbors identified the children as Tiffany Schaffer, Dustin Kline and Jerod Kline.

Melanie Shuker, 10, a neighbor and classmate of Dustin's said the boy had complained that his father was strict.

"He said that his dad would really, really yell at him if he didn't clean his room," she said. "When he talked about it, he seemed really scared and I thought that was weird."

The owner of the Edwin H. Zacharias Machine Works Co. in Reading, where Pepper had worked for about 20 years and where his father worked before him, said Pepper was "normally very even-tempered."

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IN BRIEF

Hawks, Lady Hawks chalk up big wins

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks picked up big road wins in their final games in tournament action on Thursday and Friday.

Playing in St. George, Utah, the Hawks improved their season record to 8-7 with an 88-85 win over the host team in the third-place game of the Dixie College Shootout.

The Lady Hawks, playing in the Y2K Classic at Scottsdale, Ariz., took a 79-50 win over Glendale (Ariz.) Community College on Friday, improving their record to 12-3.

Individual scoring statistics were not available for either game.

The Lady Hawks' next game is set for 2 p.m. Thursday when they face Blinn Junior College in Brenham. The Hawks' next game will be their Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener on Jan. 10 when they play host to New Mexico Military College at 8 p.m.

Semi-pro football team being formed locally

Efforts are currently under way to field a team in the Texas Semi-Pro Football League this season.

Rick Boles, the general manager and defensive coach of the team, said there are currently 12 players working out at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays at Blankenship Field.

The team would like to have a roster of 25 to 30 players.

Players will not be paid and will have to pay a \$100 fee and provide their own equipment.

Boles said the team will play four or five home games during the season which begins in mid-February.

For more information, contact Boles at 264-1111.

International LL slates Jan. 11 board meeting

The International Little League has scheduled a board meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at The Country Store on the Lamesa Highway.

Anyone interested in coaching a team or is otherwise interested in the league is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811, or Delbert Green at 263-2631.

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

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

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

The Comanche Trail Golf Course, Big Spring Country Club and Stanton Country Club are participating.

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

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Fiesta Bowl, Nebraska vs. Tennessee, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Noon — NFC regional coverage, FOX, Ch. 3.

Noon — AFC regional coverage, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — Miami Dolphins at Washington Redskins, CBS, Ch. 7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Women

3 p.m. — Colorado at Stanford, FXS, Ch. 29.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7:30 p.m. — San Jose Sharks at Chicago Blackhawks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

1 p.m. — Williams World Challenge, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.

3 p.m. — Senior Match Play Challenge, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Second-half rout gives Arkansas 27-6 Cotton Bowl win

DALLAS (AP) — Beating Texas would have been good enough for Arkansas fans. Pounding Longhorns quarterbacks and running backs while the Razorbacks scored often only made it better.

Cedric Cobbs scored on a 30-yard catch and a 37-yard run and Michael Jenkins had a 42-yard touchdown run, all in the second half, as No. 24 Arkansas returned to the Cotton Bowl and beat No. 14 Texas 27-6 Saturday.

The Razorbacks (8-4) broke open a tight game by scoring on four straight drives in the third and fourth quarters, giving them their first bowl victory since December 1985. They had lost seven straight bowl games.

The Longhorns (9-5), reeling from the suspension of two key starters and two reserves, ran for minus 27 yards — the

worst in school history — and were sacked eight times. Texas ended with three straight losses and didn't score an offensive touchdown over its final 10 quarters.

This was the first meeting since 1991 for the former Southwest Conference rivals and Hogs fans couldn't wait. Although the school sold only 21,000 tickets, its followers made up more than half the crowd of 72,723 and seemingly all wore red.

Razorbacks rooters were loud before and during the game, even chiding "S-E-C" as a reminder of the league they joined after bolting the SWC.

They continued screaming long after the game.

The team responded by carrying the Cotton Bowl trophy — its first since 1976

— to a corner of the stadium where its band was sitting and savored a few more chants of "Pig! Sookie!"

While some players shared hugs and handshakes at midfield, others threw and kicked footballs into the seats. Cheerleaders stood in line, arms locked, and kept cheering, too. Nobody seemed willing to leave.

The game began like one of the old-time Texas-Arkansas clashes, when teams kept the ball on the ground and fought for field position as much as points. It was tied at 3 at halftime, although it had more to do with bad offenses than good defenses.

Everything changed one series into the third quarter when Arkansas rover Chris Chalmers took the Longhorns out of field position with a third-down sack.

Texas' punt pinned the Razorbacks at their 3 and they nearly got a safety on their next two plays. But quarterback Clint Stoerner bailed them out with a 47-yard pass to Anthony Lucas, then a few plays later he threw the TD pass to Cobbs.

The Longhorns answered by driving to the Razorbacks' 1, but the defense pushed them back to the 5 and they settled for a 23-yard field goal by Kris Stockton that made it 10-6.

Arkansas broke open the game when Jenkins, a little-used senior, took his first carry of the day for a touchdown. The next time the Razorbacks got the ball, Cobbs took a handoff up the right side for another score. Tony Dodson capped their final drive with a 27-yard field goal.

Miami rolls to Gator Bowl win

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Miami stopped Georgia Tech where it mattered the most.

The 23rd-ranked Hurricanes, playing on New Year's Day for the first time in five years, held Georgia Tech to its fewest points in 17 games and ended Joe Hamilton's career on a sour note with a 28-13 victory in the Gator Bowl.

Clinton Portis scored on a 73-yard run as he and James Jackson each rushed for over 100 yards, and the Hurricanes (9-4) also got a touchdown pass from each of its quarterbacks, Kenny Kelly and Ken Dorsey.

But the game belonged to Miami's defense, which extended its streak to 27 quarters without giving up a touchdown pass.

No. 17 Georgia Tech (8-4), which led the NCAA in total offense and was second in scoring at 40.7 points a game, scored its fewest points since a 34-7 loss last year to Florida State. And Hamilton, who set 18 school records, failed to throw a touchdown pass for the first time in 14 games.

The Yellow Jackets managed 422 yards — still its lowest output of the year — but failed miserably when they got into scoring position. They had eight drives inside the Miami 30, but Hamilton threw two interceptions and Luke Manget missed three field goals.

The result was Georgia Tech's first loss in a bowl since the 1978 Peach Bowl, a span of seven games.

The Gator Bowl could turn out to be a big step toward Miami returning to its days of glory, when it won four national championships in nine years. Just like then, it all starts with defense.

Leading 21-7 at halftime, the Hurricanes three times came up with a big play to stall Georgia Tech drives and make the Yellow Jackets settle for two field goals.

Miami finally got some breathing room when Reggie Wayne made a leaping catch across his body of a 17-yard touchdown pass from Dorsey for a 28-13 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

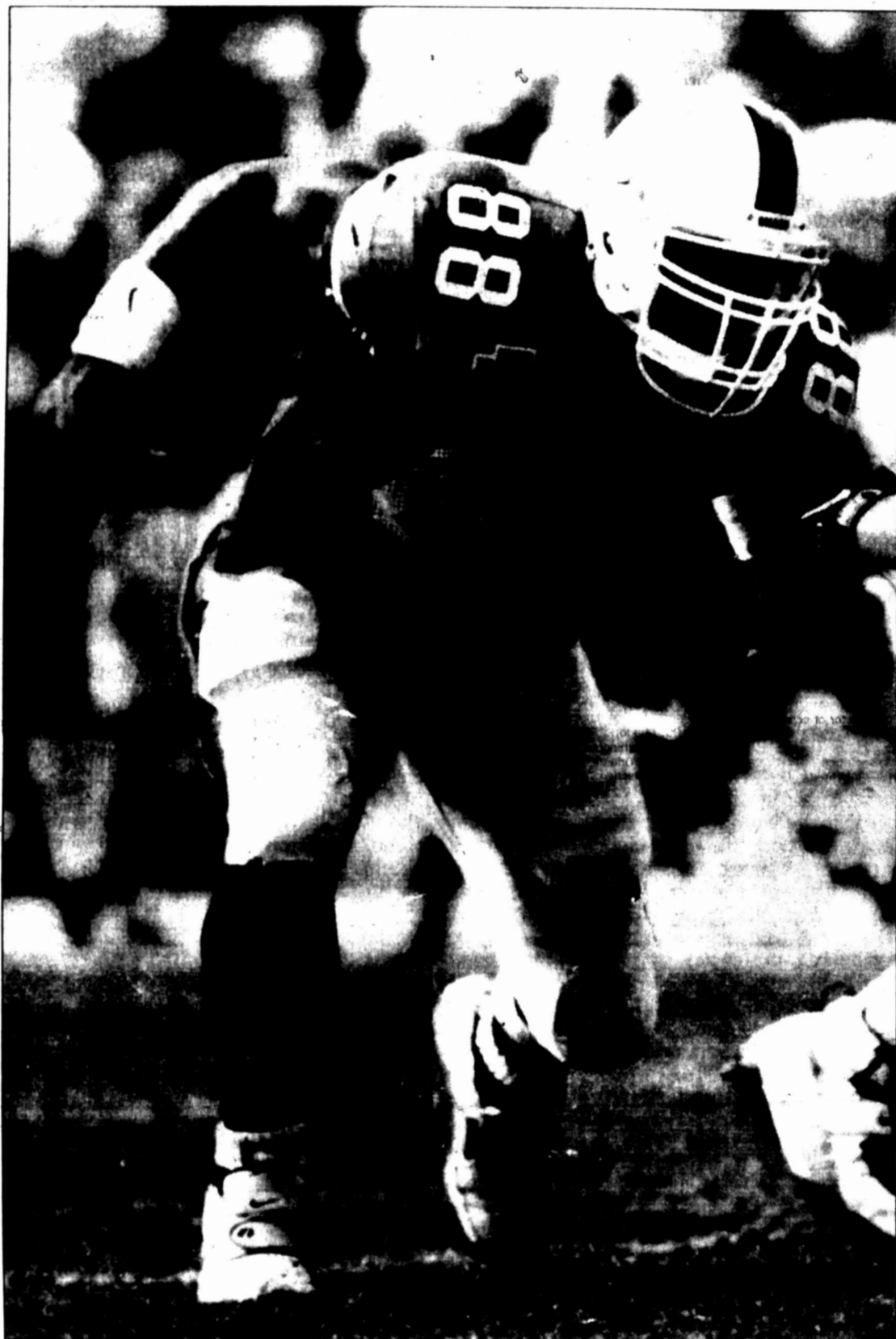
Portis, the first freshman to start at tailback for Miami since 1975, finished with 117 yards on 12 carries. Jackson had 107 yards on 21 carries.

Hamilton was 20-of-40 for 245 yards and two interceptions.

The game was played before 43,416, the smallest Gator Bowl crowd since 1958. They all came to see a shootout that never materialized, although that sure looked to be the case when the game started.

Miami met little resistance on a 66-yard opening drive that ended with Jackson going virtually untouched off left tackle for an 8-yard score.

Georgia Tech roared back, moving toward scoring position in just four plays until Matt Sweeney of Miami stepped. On second-and-6 from the 31, he rushed hard at Hamilton, swatted down his pass and picked it out of the air.



Former Big Spring Steers star Daniel "Bubba" Franks, shown here in action in 1998, and his University of Miami teammates started the year off in the right fashion, taking a 28-13 win over Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

The Hurricanes had a chance to really make a rout in the first half, but they got nothing out of three drives inside the 25. Dan Crosland missed two field goals, and Miami was stopped on a fake field goal.

Kelly threaded a pass into Moss for 30 yards, and hit Andre King for a 15-yard

Steers please Avery

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring Steers finished in the top 12 in last week's 32-team Caprock Tournament with a 5-3 record during their three-day run.

During the last day of play Thursday, the Steers rolled over Levelland, 62-48, before suffering a 62-47 loss to Hereford in the consolation finals.

"We got to play five games — the maximum amount. That makes me happy," Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said. "Most of the teams played three games and were out. To make it a full three days and play five games was a good showing for us."

"I was pleased with every game that we played, except for the (Tyler) John Tyler game," he added. "But other than that, we competed well. I don't think people realize how draining it is to play and get up for two games in a day, but these kids did it and I'm proud of them."

Tyler John Tyler made it to the finals of the ABC Caprock 41st Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament before falling, 69-47, to Class 4A Frenship.

The Steers closed out the three-day run Thursday with a convincing win over Class 4A Levelland. Big Spring fell behind 11-6 early, closed out the first quarter with an 8-2 run to take a 14-13 lead on baskets from Jason Woodruff, Lance Brock and John Purcell.

The Steers increased the lead to 21-15, but Levelland knotted the score at 24-24 with 2:44 remaining before Blair Nutting put back a missed shot and Purcell fed Clarence Wilkinson to go into the halftime break with a 28-27 edge.

"They were really fast," Avery said of Levelland. "They made us turn the ball over 24 times, which is a lot. They'd come up from behind us and

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Lady Steers fall to Eastland in tournament's consolation final

HERALD Staff Reports

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers closed out play in Abilene High School's Lady Eagle Tournament Friday with a 51-40 loss to Eastland's Lady Mavericks in the consolation finals.

Eastland opened the game with an extremely hot hand, scoring 23 points in the first quarter, and burying the Lady Steers in a hole they could never escape from.

After being outscored 23-10 in the first eight minutes, the Lady Steers managed to limited the Lady Mavs to just eight points in the second quarter, but still trailed 31-15 at halftime.

Freshman post Christina Gwyn paced the Lady Steers with 13 points, thanks to 9-of-17 shooting from the free throw line, while sophomore guard Latrisha Rollins added 10 more.

The Lady Steers had reached the consolation final by taking a 57-34 win over Breckenridge's Lady Buckaroos.

Junior point guard Melissa Forth led the way in that win with 16 points, while Gwyn added 14.

After jumping out to an 11-7 lead in the first quarter, the Lady Steers never trailed, as they cruised to a 27-16 half-time edge and took a 44-25 margin into

the final eight minutes.

Coahoma boys finish third at tournament

BIG LAKE — Coahoma's Bulldogs again inched back toward the .500 mark Thursday with a 45-36 win over Crane in the third-place game of the Reagan County Invitational Tournament.

The Bulldogs, now 7-10 on the year, were paced by Brett Bennett's 15 points and the 12 contributed by sophomore post Chase Ward. Senior point guard Mario Garcia added another eight.

For their efforts, Bennett and Ward were both named to the all-tournament team.

The Bulldogs will no play host to Forsan's Buffaloes at 5:30 p.m. Friday, while the Bulldogettes open 3-2A play.

Bufs, Lady Bufs roll to tournament titles

MIDLAND — Stanton claimed both championships Thursday at the Midland Christian Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Buffaloes defeated the Midland

High junior varsity, 68-48, for the boys' championship, while the Lady Bufs knocked off Midland Christian's host Lady Mustangs for the girls' crown.

The Stanton girls limited Midland Christian to single-digit scoring in each of the first three quarters, as they improved to 16-4 on the season.

Jessica DeLeon led the way with 12 points for the Lady Bufs, while Stephanie Washington added 10 points.

In the boys' title game, Stanton led only 26-21 at the half, but then exploded for 28 points in the third quarter to put the game away.

The Bufs got more than have their points from Blaine Smith and Brady Cook.

Smith led the way with 21 points, while Cook had 18 more.

Stanton put two players on each of the all-tournament teams, Rachel Madison and Washington earning spots on the girls' squad, while Jeremy Hull and Cook were named to the boys' team.

Grady girls win tourney; Lady Bearcats take third

STERLING CITY — Grady's Lady Wildcats took a 53-47 win over arch-rival

Sands' Lady Mustangs Thursday to take the girls' championship of the Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Caroline Madison and Katie Yates provided most of the push for the Lady Wildcats, as Madison scored a team-topping 15 points and Yates added 11 more.

Garden City's Lady Bearcats rebounded from their semifinal loss to Grady to take a 44-35 win over Sterling City's host Lady Eagles.

Kyndra Batla led the way for Garden City, scoring 21 points, while M'Lynn Niehues added 16 more for the Lady Bearcats.

In another girls' division game involving a Crossroads Area team, Forsan's Queens suffered a 39-35 loss to Robert Lee in the consolation final at the tournament.

The tournament's boys division saw Grady take the consolation championship with a 63-43 win over Miles' Bulldogs, the Wildcats getting a game-high 17 points from Clint Schuelke and 16 more from Cooper Tate.

The third-place boys game saw Robert Lee take a 60-54 win over Forsan, despite a game-high 21 points from the Bufs Logan Stanley and another 13 from Daniel Whetsel.

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SPORTS

BOWL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 18
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Payoff: \$3.2 million
Utah 17, Fresno State 16

Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Hampton 24, Southern U.

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payoff: \$750,000
Texas Christian 28, East C

Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Grey 22, Blue 22, tie

Alaha Bowl
At Honolulu
Payoff: \$800,000
Wake Forest 23, Arizona

Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payoff: \$800,000
Hawaii 23, Oregon State

Monday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payoff: \$750,000
Marshall 21, Brigham You

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payoff: \$1.2 million
Penn State 24, Texas A&M

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payoff: \$750,000
Syracuse 20, Kentucky 13

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payoff: \$1.8 million
Kansas State 24, Washing

Thursday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payoff: \$750,000
Boise State 24, Louisville

Microcosm Bowl
At Miami
Payoff: \$750,000
Illinois 63, Virginia 21

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payoff: \$1.6 million
Mississippi State 17, Cien

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payoff: \$1 million
Oregon 24, Minnesota 20

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payoff: \$1.2 million
Southern Mississippi 23,
State 17

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payoff: \$1 million
Mississippi 27, Oklahoma

Saturday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payoff: \$1.9 million
Georgia 28, Purdue 25 OT

Cotton Bowl
Payoff: \$2.5 million
At Dallas
Arkansas 27, Texas 6

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payoff: \$1.4 million
Miami 28, Georgia Tech 13

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payoff: \$3.8 million
Michigan State 37, Florida

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payoff: \$12 million
Stanford 83, Wisconsin

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payoff: \$11.13 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabam
late

Sunday, Jan. 2
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payoff: \$11.13 million
Nebraska (11-1) vs. Tennes

STEERS

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strip it or get in lanes."

Big Spring struck third period, falling 31 at the 4:21 mark next 1:10, pulled with baskets from Purcell and Woodruff.

The fourth quarter with the Steers on advantage and quickly increased 49-38.

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Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Boise State 34, Louisville 31
Micron Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$750,000
Illinois 63, Virginia 21
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$1.6 million
Mississippi State 17, Clemson 7
Friday, Dec. 31
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Payout: \$750,000
Colorado 62, Boston College 28
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1 million
Oregon 24, Minnesota 20
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Southern Mississippi 23, Colorado State 17
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Payout: \$1.4 million
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Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$3.8 million
Michigan State 37, Florida 34
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$12 million
Stanford 19-37 vs. Wisconsin #26
Oregon 21-10 vs. Michigan #10
At Miami
Payout: \$11.3 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabama (10-2)
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NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	13	2	0	.867	417	302
Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	289	223
Miami	9	6	0	.600	316	315
N.Y. Jets	7	8	0	.467	289	300
New England	7	8	0	.467	279	281
Central						
Jacksonville	13	2	0	.866	372	210
Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	345	288
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	321	257
Pittsburgh	6	9	0	.400	281	273
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	276	436
Cleveland	2	14	0	.125	217	417
West						
Seattle	9	6	0	.600	329	279
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	352	281
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	257	310
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	349	291
Denver	6	9	0	.400	308	306

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	9	6	0	.600	422	367
N.Y. Giants	7	8	0	.467	281	332
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	326	258
Arizona	6	9	0	.400	221	333
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	234	326
Central						
Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	250	229
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	371	288
Detroit	8	7	0	.533	305	299
Green Bay	7	8	0	.467	308	317
Chicago	6	9	0	.400	266	321
West						
St. Louis	13	2	0	.867	495	204
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	376	368
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	251	351
San Francisco	4	11	0	.267	266	419
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	247	389

TOP 25 - MEN

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

Rank	Team	Record
1	Stanford (60)	9-0
2	Connecticut (7)	8-1
3	Cincinnati (2)	9-1
4	Auburn	10-1
5	Arizona (1)	9-2
6	Kansas	9-2
7	Syracuse	8-0
8	Michigan St.	8-3
9	Duke	8-2
10	Kansas	9-2
11	Oklahoma St.	10-0
12	Indiana	8-1
13	North Carolina	8-4
14	Marquette	8-2
15	Oho St.	6-2
16	Tennessee	11-1
17	Temple	9-1
18	Texas	6-3
19	Wake Forest	8-1
20	Illinois	6-3
21	Utah	8-2
22	Oklahoma	9-1
23	UCLA	6-2
24	Duquesne	8-3
25	Tulsa	11-1

TOP 25 - WOMEN

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

Rank	Team	Record
1	Connecticut (40)	8-1
2	Tennessee (2)	8-1
3	Louisiana Tech (1)	10-0
4	N.C. State	9-2
5	Georgia	13-1
6	Texas Tech	10-0
7	Auburn	10-1
8	Utah	8-2
9	North Carolina	8-2
10	Notre Dame	6-2
11	LSU	9-1
12	Rutgers	6-2
13	Purdue	8-2
14	Iowa St.	7-2
15	Duke St.	10-1
16	UCLA	5-4
17	Illinois	9-3
18	Old Dominion	7-1
19	Arizona	9-1
20	Kansas	7-2
21	Mississippi St.	9-0
22	Oregon	8-2
23	UC Santa Barbara	7-3
24	Tulane	8-0
25	Texas	8-3

NBA

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYERS—Named majority development
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ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated G. Isham Rider from the suspended list.
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CHICAGO BEARS—Signed OL Keno Hitts. Placed RB Curtis Enis on injured reserve.

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Saturday's Games

No games scheduled
Today's Game
Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

NHL

Thursday's Games
Ottawa 5, Boston 4, OT
Pittsburgh 9, N.Y. Islanders 3
St. Louis 2, San Jose 1, OT
Nashville 6, Atlanta 0
Chicago 2, Florida 1
Los Angeles 8, Edmonton 2
Friday's Games
Chicago 4, Detroit 4, tie
Dallas 5, Anaheim 4
Saturday's Games
Nashville 3, San Jose 2
Florida 7, Tampa Bay 5
New Jersey at Boston (n)
Toronto at Buffalo (n)
St. Louis at Washington (n)
Carolina at Atlanta (n)
Edmonton at Phoenix (n)
Today's Games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, Noon
Vancouver at Calgary, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m.

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Friday's Games
Lubbock 3, Amarillo 1
San Angelo 6, Odessa 5
Lake Charles 6, Alexandria 2
Central Texas 5, Austin 4, SO
Mid Mexico 5, El Paso 3
Saturday's Games
Shreveport at Monroe (n)
Today's Games
Alexandria at Arkansas
Austin at Corpus Christi
Amarillo at Lubbock

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TOP 25 - WOMEN

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

Dayne MVP in Wisconsin's Rose win

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Ron Dayne picked up on a 4-yard straight Rose Bowl MVP award, running for 200 yards and a touchdown as Wisconsin beat Stanford 17-9 and became the first Big Ten team to win consecutive Rose Bowls.
The Heisman Trophy winner had a touchdown and 154 yards in the second half as No. 4 Wisconsin won the lowest-scoring Rose Bowl since 1977, when USC beat Michigan 14-6.
Dayne, who passed 7,000 career rushing yards in the game, joined Washington quarterback Bob Schloredt as the only players in Rose Bowl history with consecutive MVP awards. Schloredt won in 1960-61.
Dayne was held to just 46 yards in the first half by a Stanford defense that ranked fifth worst in the nation this season, but broke loose for a 64-

yard gain on the second play after halftime and scored on a 4-yard run two plays later.
Brooks Bollinger added a 1-yard TD on a quarterback sneak for Wisconsin and Vitaly Pisetsky had a 31-yard field goal. Kerry Carter had a 1-yard scoring run for Stanford, and Mike Biselli added a 28-yard field goal.
Though the game was listed as a sellout, the attendance of 93,731 was the smallest Rose Bowl crowd since 1955 — perhaps adding fuel to complaints the Bowl Championship Series has diluted interest in other bowls. The BCS showdown for No. 1 is in the Sugar Bowl this year.
Troy Walters, expected to miss the game after dislocating his right wrist in practice Tuesday, caught three passes for 52 yards for Stanford. Walters, winner of the

Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver this season, played with a wrap on the wrist.
Defensive tackle Willie Howard, who was expected to miss the game with a torn knee ligament, also played for the Cardinal.
But Stanford long snapper Jon Sande missed part of the game with an ankle injury, and it was costly. Backup Anthony Gabriel had two bad snaps, leading to a missed extra point and a blocked field goal.
Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, on the sideline after spending most of the season in the press box while recovering from knee surgery, said the Badgers were rusty after not playing since Nov. 13.
"We had a long layoff after that last game, and it took us a little while to get in a rhythm," said Alvarez.

Michigan State turns back Florida, 37-34

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — No. 9 Michigan State enjoyed a wild and successful finish to its best season in 35 years.
Paul Edinger kicked a 39-yard field goal as time expired Saturday to give the Spartans a 37-34 victory over No. 10 Florida in the Citrus Bowl.
The kick sailed through and the Spartans (10-2) charged off the sideline, celebrating their first 10-victory season since 1965 and a victory in their first New Year's Day bowl appearance in 11 years.
Plaxico Burress set a school record with 13 receptions, including three for touchdowns, to help coach Bobby Williams join George Perles as just the second Michigan State coach to win in his debut.
It was an equally devastating loss for Florida (9-4).
The Gators close the season on their first three-game losing streak since 1988, two years before Steve Spurrier arrived as coach. They'll finish without 10 victories for the first time since 1992 and likely out of the top 10.
Even though Florida is hurting this year, the Gators' name will look quite nice on a list of Michigan State victories that includes Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State and Michigan.

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strip it or get in our passing lanes."
Big Spring struggled in the third period, falling behind 36-31 at the 4:21 mark, but in the next 1:10, pulled ahead 40-36 with baskets from Nutting, Purcell and Woodruff.
The fourth quarter opened with the Steers owning a 42-38 advantage and Big Spring quickly increased that lead to 49-38.
Levelland pulled to within 55-47 with 44 seconds remaining in the game, but the Steers would finish with seven unanswered points.
Lance Brock, who finished the game with a team-high 11 rebounds, hit one of his four baskets down the stretch and Justin Dille connected on 3-of-4

from the line when Levelland was forced to foul in an attempt to get the ball back.
"We shot the ball really well. We were nearly 50 percent again from the field and we got after it on defense," Avery noted. "I think our size wore them down. Lance and Blair did a good job of rebounding for us. It was a really exciting win for us."
The Steers fell to a very athletic Class 4A squad in Hereford and twin phenoms Slade and Cody Hodges.
The Hodges combined for 37 of Hereford's 62 points in the Whitefaces' 62-47 victory.
"Those Hodges boys were a big part of their football team's success and they'll be a big part of their basketball team's success, too," Avery said following the loss. "They were really good

and the rest of the team was strong and athletic also."
Big Spring led that game by one, 15-14, but would never get back on top after Hereford knotted the score at 17-17 and going on a 10-point run.
The Steers finally stopped the run when Dille fed Brock for a basket, but Hereford wound up outscoring Big Spring 18-5 in the second quarter.
"We were outrebounded and didn't do well against their zone," Avery said. "We didn't play well and Hereford did."
While Big Spring more or less played with Hereford in the final half, it was too little, too late.
Dille and Nutting led Big Spring with 11 points, while Wilkins and Woodruff followed with seven apiece.
The Steers will play host to

Lorenzo's Hornets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.
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No. 15 Mississippi St. 17, Clemson 7

ATLANTA (AP) — The questions about his team don't bother Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill. Not after it made history at the Peach Bowl.

He knows his No. 15 Bulldogs rank with the country's best, no matter what anybody says.

"We're a very outstanding football team, there's no question about it," he said, satisfied after Mississippi State defeated Clemson 17-7 in the Peach Bowl on Thursday night.

Wayne Madkin ran for one touchdown and passed for another, and the Bulldogs' top-rated defense picked off five passes to hold Clemson (6-6) to its lowest point total this year.

The Bulldogs had managed only a 39-yard field goal by Scott Westerfield when Madkin bounced in for a 2-yard touchdown with 11:40 to go. His 15-yard scoring pass to Dontae Walker, after Clemson closed to 10-7 on Streeter's 1-yard run, sealed it for Mississippi State.

Nothing seemed to work for Clemson as Mississippi State stopped every challenge, including Streeter's fourth-down pass that was knocked away by defensive lineman John Hilliard.

The Tigers' only offensive bright spot was a 70-yard drive, capped by Streeter's 1-yard touchdown run.

Mississippi State's attack ranked only in the middle of the Southeastern Conference this season — it needed last-second field goals from Westfield to beat Kentucky and Ole Miss last month. But its defense allowed only 222 yards and 13 points a game.

Robert Bean blocked Clemson's 26-yard field goal try, his fifth block this season. Barrin Simpson and Connor Stephens had consecutive sacks to end a Clemson drive at Mississippi State's 29. After the Tigers recovered a first-half fumble in Bulldogs' territory, Ashley Cooper intercepted Dantzler's pass two plays later.

Colorado 62, No. 25 Boston College 28

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Colorado's offense isn't really one-dimensional. It just seemed that way against Boston College.

The Buffaloes rushed for 365 yards, with Cortlen Johnson accounting for 201, simultaneously running out the clock and still scoring enough to embarrass the 25th-ranked Eagles 62-28 Friday in the Insight.com Bowl.

It was the sixth consecutive postseason victory for Colorado (7-5), the longest active streak in the country, and the first for coach Gary Barnett.

He said the game plan emphasized passing, and the ease with which the Buffaloes ran surprised him.

Quarterback Mike Moschetti had no touchdowns passing, but scored one on a 2-yard drive.

Johnson had four 100-yard games this season, including a 185-yard afternoon at Iowa State, so he had an idea of what was in store when he saw the way his line was dominating the line of scrimmage.

He opened the scoring with a 10-yard run, knifing between safeties George White and Pedro Cirino after running untouched through the line. Johnson, who got his yardage on 15 carries in less than three quarters, set up Moschetti's TD on Colorado's next possession with a 30-yard run.

Colorado returned three kicks for scores in the first half that contributed to the Buffaloes' 45-7 halftime lead. Linebacker Jashon Sykes scored on a 26-yard interception return with 1:17 left in the first quarter — just 30 seconds after Moschetti made it 14-0.

The Buffaloes (7-5) scored on a 21-yard interception return by Rashidi Barnes, an 88-yard punt return by Ben Kelly that set an Insight.com record, a 2-yard run by Johnson and the first of two short field goals by Jeremy Aldrich to score a school-record 24 points in the second quarter.

No. 16 Southern Miss. 23, Colorado St. 17

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Southern Mississippi could manage only a field goal in the second half of the Liberty Bowl. Thanks to Adalius Thomas and his defensive teammates, it was enough to hold off Colorado State.

Thomas had three sacks in the second half as the Golden Eagles shut out Colorado State in the final two quarters to preserve a 23-17 victory Friday for their second Liberty Bowl win in three years.

Thomas also had eight tackles and broke up a pass. The 16th-ranked Golden Eagles (9-3) spent the first half getting a feel for Colorado State (8-4) and an offense led by running back Kevin McDougal.

Thomas seemed to be everywhere and he needed to be, as the Golden Eagles' defense spent nearly 19 minutes on the field in the second half. Even so, McDougal, who averaged 116 yards per game, got just 17 of his 59 yards in the half.

The Rams finished with 268 yards total offense, their second-lowest total of the season. They got 116 yards after halftime.

Southern Miss managed only 187 total yards. The Golden Eagles were the nation's eighth-stingiest defense during the regular season, but coach Jeff Bower had held off ranking the unit among the school's best until the bowl game.

Southern Miss led 20-17 at halftime and managed only a 25-yard field goal by Brant Hanna midway through the third quarter.

Colorado State had one last chance to win in the final two minutes, with two downs from the Southern Miss 24. Matt Newton threw incomplete on third down and Southern Miss safety Leo Barnes knocked away a fourth-and-3 pass with 1:15 to play.

Most of the action took place in a wild first half. The first two punts were blocked, as was an extra point. There were three turnovers and two TDs on fourth down. Southern Miss led even though the offense didn't score a point until 26 seconds remained in the half.

Illinois 63, Virginia 21

MIAMI (AP) — The unrehearsed celebration by Illinois was well deserved.

Moments after dousing coach Ron Turner with water, several Illinois players jumped into the stands at Pro Player Stadium. They frolicked with their fans, hugging and high-fiving them.

As typical as it might seem, the postgame scene was fairly new to the Illini.

They had just beaten Virginia 63-21 in the Micronpc.com Bowl on

Thursday night. It capped a remarkable turnaround for a team that lost 19 of 22 games before this season.

The Illini were 0-11 two years ago, 3-8 last season and had not been to a bowl game since 1994.

Quarterback Kurt Kittner scored three different ways — throwing for two touchdowns, running for one and catching a pass for another — as Illinois (8-4) hammered the Cavaliers to end the season on a four-game winning streak.

Virginia (7-5) is still 0-for-Florida. The loss was the Cavaliers' fifth in five bowl games in the state.

Illinois scored nine touchdowns on 13 possessions. The defense held Virginia's Thomas Jones, the nation's No. 3 rusher, to 110 yards on the ground. And on special teams, the Illini blocked two punts that set up touchdowns.

Kittner, only a sophomore, completed 14 of 24 passes for 254 yards before being replaced by Kirk Johnson in the fourth quarter. Kittner finished with 24 touchdown passes this season, breaking the school record of 22 set by Jeff George in 1989. Kittner threw only five interceptions.

Kittner scored on a 1-yard bootleg on the opening drive. He also threw two touchdowns in the first half.

Illinois, playing in its first bowl game since the 1994 Liberty Bowl, scored its most points in a bowl game and its most points in a game since 1989. It also was a record for the Micronpc.com Bowl.

The Illini had 372 yards and 42 points in the first half. They finished with 611, running the ball and working the clock for the majority of the second half.

Rocky Harvey ran for 122 yards and Havard added 75 for Illinois. They each scored twice.

Oregon 24, No. 12 Minnesota 20

EL PASO (AP) — The Oregon Ducks knew that Billy Cockerham was really a running back in a quarterback's body.

So, they stacked up to stop Minnesota's elusive playmaker and also stuffed Thomas Hamner, whom Gophers coach Glen Mason hailed as having as good a year as Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, in a 24-20 upset in the Sun Bowl on Friday.

"We tried to keep a lot of players near the line of scrimmage to stop the run and force the pass and it paid off," Ducks coach Mike Bellotti said.

Without their running game working, the 12th-ranked Gophers were rattled and Oregon capitalized.

The victory came with 1:32 left when Keenan Howry made a sliding 10-yard catch of a pass from Joey Harrington, capping an 87-yard drive that featured a fourth-and-11 conversion with three minutes left.

Howry was the accidental hero.

"The play was designed to go to the running back, who was circling out of the backfield," Howry said. "But Joey found me in the back of the end zone.

"Even though I knew there was some time left on the clock, I had confidence in my defense," Howry added.

And why not? The Ducks' defense limited Cockerham, who had rushed for more than 100 yards four times this season, to 26 yards on the ground and Hamner to just 64 yards on 20 carries.

The Ducks, 4-1 this season in games decided on the final possession, improved to 20-7 in games decided by a touchdown or less in Bellotti's five years as coach.

Howry's TD reception capped an 87-yard drive highlighted by Tony Hartley's 23-yard catch over the middle on fourth-and-11 from the Gophers 44 with three minutes left.

The Ducks' sixth straight victory made Bellotti the first Oregon coach with two nine-victory seasons and also denied the Golden Gophers (8-4) their first nine-win season since 1995.

The Gophers, in their first bowl game since 1986, drove to the Ducks 39 after Howry's TD but Moore sacked Cockerham, forcing a fumble recovered by Oregon defensive end Saul Patu.

Cockerham threw three touchdown passes, two to Ron Johnson, including a 7-yard pass on the first play of the fourth quarter that gave the Gophers a 20-17 lead.

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Georgia upends Purdue in OT to take Outback Bowl crown

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — No. 21 Georgia has gotten the knack of bowl comebacks.

Rallying from a 25-0 deficit against Drew Brees and No. 19 Purdue, the Bulldogs won 28-25 in overtime when Hap Hines kicked a 21-yard field Saturday in the Outback Bowl.

Georgia (8-4), making up for a bitter overtime loss to rival Georgia Tech in the regular-season finale, tied the score on Quincy Carter's desperation, 8-yard touchdown pass to Randy McMichael with 1:19 remaining.

Last season, the Bulldogs recovered from a 21-0 deficit in the Peach Bowl for a 35-33 victory over Virginia.

This comeback was more impressive — particularly against a quarterback like Brees, who threw for 378 yards and tied an Outback record with four touchdown passes.

The maligned Georgia defense, which received a mock cheer from its fans when it finally stopped Purdue in the first half, held the Boilermakers scoreless over the final 40 minutes of regulation and stuffed them in overtime, too.

Josh Mallard came up with a critical sack of Brees before Travis Dorsch was wide right on a field goal from 43 yards in overtime. Dorsch had a miserable New Year's Day, missing all three of his field goal attempts and an extra point.

Georgia took possession at the

25 and quickly moved into easy field goal range when Patrick Pass broke loose on runs of 10 and 19 yards.

The Bulldogs ran two more times to the 3 before Hines kicked the game-winner on second down. The diminutive senior was carried off the field on his teammates' shoulders.

In its previous game, Georgia passed up a chance to kick the winning field goal in the waning seconds against Tech, only to lose the ball just short of the end zone on a disputed fumble. The Yellow Jackets went on to a 51-48 victory in the extra period.

It was the second overtime bowl game in college football history. The first was in the 1995 Las Vegas Bowl, when Toledo defeated Nevada 40-37.

Trailing 25-18, Georgia took the ball at its 6 with 7:28 remaining in the game and went 94 yards for the tying touchdown. The Bulldogs converted a third-and-12 early in the drive and Carter threw a 21-yard pass to Terrence Edwards on fourth-and-12 at the Purdue 28 with 2:25 to go.

Then, on third-and-goal at the 8, Carter scrambled right under heavy pressure and finally heaved the ball toward the end zone. It was tipped by safety Adrian Beasley before McMichael snatched it off the shoulder of another Purdue defender, linebacker Willie Fells.

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Despite all the hype, I'm just glad to be here

When you read this, New Year's Day 2000 will have come and gone; at least I hope you are reading this!

All seems to be right with the world. Moses in the Bulrushes, the small black outside cat, is lying in the sun underneath the office window, washing and hoping Adrian will have a dry cat food lunch for him and his siblings.



MARY RANDLE

I've tried to be introspective about the beginning of a new century, but I don't think I've succeeded. I'm rather like Robin Williams when they asked him what he thought would happen on New Year's Eve. He said at midnight, we would have New Year's Day.

Christmas has come and gone; it was quiet but nice. We left the boxes and papers out for the cats to play with, and they did, all night long.

We had a good bit of company; it is always nice to visit with friends we don't see a lot during the year.

I started baking for the holidays earlier than usual, and it went out the door as soon as it was done. Now I am starting on the New Year list; this year I split them, some were out of town. I haven't encountered the oven dragon this year, but I have come close.

Cutter, the larger dog, sits in front of the oven, the same place his aunt Golda used to sit. I believe he thinks if he sits there long enough, something will fall from the oven into his waiting mouth.

Sally, on the other hand, goes to the mixing area, hoping I need a taster. She always willing to give me her opinion. I have been working with them on obedience, the sit command. I try to do it several times a day. Yesterday I was trying to get Cutter to "Sit!"

Cutter doesn't like to sit, stay or lie down, or any other command for that matter. On the third command, and with a little help from me, he finally sat down. But not until Sally had vocalized, and I assure you it wasn't hard to understand that she was saying she was smarter than Cutter, just watch her sit! She sat down promptly.

Cutter made a small sound, probably his displeasure at her comments. I was laughing, Cutter looked frumpy, and Sally was sitting but her tail was wagging furiously. They are a lot of fun.

I wonder if making New Year's resolutions for 2000 will make them easier to keep. I hope so, because in June I would like to say I have kept those I am making.

There has been a lot of talk about when the new millennium really starts. Many feel that it starts in the year 2001, citing reasons for their theory. Do you care? I think we will just be glad to be here.

I am sure one of our hopes for the new year is that the long term drought will end. Sometimes I can hardly remember what it is like to hear rain dripping, or thunder and lightning. Let's hope that rainy season will occur.

I'm grateful to be where I am on the start of the new year. It is nice to visit interesting places, but home is best.

Eat more Mexican and Chinese food, that sounds like a winner. Also, to finish more projects, or start fewer, so it looks good. I would like to clean out some more drawers and one closet. Oh well, that can wait.

Since I have been writing, I really feel happier and eager for the new year to begin. I hope you are also — Adrian and I wish you and yours the best new year yet!

Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Herald.

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As people everywhere ring in the new year, some women have a real reason for excitement: They are expecting more than just a new calendar.

Having a baby is special at any time, but for some local women, their pregnancy has taken on a rare significance. This baby will be born in the year 2000, and will grow up in a new millennium.

The 1900s — and most of the 20th century — will be just a history lesson to this child.

Much has changed

Plenty of things have changed since Pamela Seals had her first child 18 years ago. In the year 2000, he will graduate from high school; in the next month, Seals will have her second child.

"I think it's neat to have one that will graduate in the new millennium and one that will be born in it," said Seals. Her due date is Jan. 16, but on New Year's Eve, she was hoping to be making that hospital trip after midnight. Doctors at Scenic Mountain Medical Center had said she might be early.

While Seals and her husband, Dewayne, are 85 percent sure it will be a girl, Rebecca Lynn, they are also prepared for a boy, Justin Tyler.

On New Year's Eve, family members offered to take her for a drive down bumpy roads, while friends had made such strange offers as to "squeeze her" and give her Castor Oil to drink.

Seals said her whole family is excited, but especially her grandfather, who will see the century turn, and his newest great-grandchild born within a few days' time.

This mom has high hopes for the world that will greet her baby 2000.

"I hope there's not as much racism in the future as there is now," she said. "I hope to teach this child that the color of your skin doesn't matter."

Special gifts

Theresa Fernandez, who is not expected to have her baby 2000 until Feb. 18, hopes to give the child some special gifts.

"I want him to have good self-esteem, morals and strong faith," she said. "You've got to have that, and you can withstand whatever comes along."

When Fernandez and her husband discussed having a child, she turned to God.

"I talked my husband into it," she said, "and then it only took a month. I prayed and prayed. 'Let me have this baby if I can handle it.'"

A month later she was pregnant, which Fernandez took as a sure sign.

Having her first child, this mom-to-be said, is exciting whether it is born in 2000, 1999 or some other year. The VA hospital employee plans to deliver at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

When the sonogram showed it was a boy, which they have named Zachary, Fernandez's husband immediately began planning for a future University of Texas linebacker.

"I like to tell him our son might go to A&M and be in the band," Fernandez laughed. "We want him to be successful in whatever he does, whatever makes him happy."

Welcome, Millennia?

JoAnne Payen was given a due date of Jan. 10 by Dr. Norman Harris, but these last few weeks have been long and tiring.

"I feel like I am ready to have it now," she said one day last week. When this mom found out she was pregnant, shortly after her wedding anniversary in April, Payen said she didn't really think about the significance of a 2000 birthdate.

"Then people started saying, 'You're going to have the New Year's baby,'" she said. "Then I started thinking about it more."

She and her husband, who also have Allison, 4, are considering the name Millennia if their child is a girl. A boy will carry his father's name, Javier.

Payen said her hope for the baby's future is that not much changes as it grows up, primarily in the 21st century.

"I have some worries; I really hope things stay about like they are now," she said. "I put it all in God's hands."

JoAnne Payen, left, said last week she was ready to have her baby, who will be named after his father if he's a boy, and might be called Millennia if she's a girl. Below, Pamela Seals is expecting her second child Jan. 16, but is ready to have it any day.



Theresa Fernandez, pictured above, has some special gifts she hopes to give her son, who is expected at mid-February.

— Photos and story by Debbie L. Jensen

We can help build a better future, one child at a time

As each year winds down, I receive a thick book, called "Kids Count." Contrary to much of the mail I get at that time of year, this is no "holiday celebration" full of glittering photographs of food, parties and gifts.

It's nothing like that. This book is full of data about the lives of our youngest citizens — newborn babies — and the challenges they face in their lives ahead.

This year's book says kids in our country's largest cities are still the ones at the largest disadvantage. It's another reason to be grateful for the comfort and relative safety of a small town.

In a large city, for example, 43 percent of births were to unmarried women, compared with the national average of 32

percent. The averages, however, hide the shocking numbers in some areas. Detroit, for example, has a 72-percent rate of births to unmarried women.

While the report makes no moral judgements, it goes on the assumption that most women who are not married when they give birth don't have a supportive partner, and father figure for their baby.

It also shows that, nationally, the rate of births to women under age 20 is 12.7 percent. In larger cities, it is 14.9 percent. This ranges from a high of 22.8 percent in Baltimore to the low of 22.8 percent in Seattle.

Again, the report assumes that most women under 20 would have less resources available to assist in raising a child. It doesn't criticize all young mothers.

Education is another factor measured by the Kids Count report. It shows that nationally, 22.1 percent of all births were to women with less than 12 years of education, the equivalent of a high school diploma.

It also looks at factors such as smoking by the mother, and prenatal care.

Nationally, the number of women who smoked while pregnant has dropped, from 18.4 percent in 1990, to 13.2 percent in 1997. And in recent years, less than 4 percent of

pregnant women went without getting any prenatal care at all.

This is a fascinating book. It is a story about where we are, and a map to a better place.

And yet much of what's contained in the Kids Count book is common sense, common medical knowledge and truths we hear over and over again. It doesn't deny that not everyone has the same opportunities; it just tries to help us find future where everyone will.

This year's Kids Count book took on a new significance to me. I have realized how very much "kids count," and want to find ways to improve the lives of those I can reach.

It's a sort of new year's resolution, although it has little to do with the new year. I want to find out, and show you, ways we can make a difference for

children in our community.

Did you adopt a Salvation Army Angel this year? Did you donate a child's coat to the Big Spring Woman's Club drive?

Contact the Howard County Library or one of our schools, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program or Northside Community Center. All these, and many more, agencies and groups in our community are concerned with the lives of our local kids.

Would you join me this year, and find a way to make a difference in the life of at least one child. It might be your own son or daughter, a niece or nephew or the child of a friend. Small changes can have huge impact.

But do whatever you can. Remember, kids do count. And when we value them, they become even more precious.



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

WEDDINGS

Galan-Avina

Lorie Ann Galan, Big Spring, and Jose Manuel Avina, Chicago, Ill., exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 11, 1999, at La Vadera Club with Justice of the Peace, China Long, officiating.

She is the daughter of Telesforo R. Galan and Isabel Allred, both of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Emeteria Munoz of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ramon and Theresa Avina of Chicago, Ill.

Given in marriage by her brother, Ted Galan, the bride wore a white gown with lace and a V-neck. The train featured lace trimming.

She carried a bouquet of white with burgundy roses.

Matron of honor was Marissa Olalla Soto, niece of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Kacee Harris, sister-in-law of the bride, Patsy Lopez, cousin of the bride, and Veronica Vasquez.

Kelcee Lea Galan, niece of the bride, and Donja Szabo were the flower girls, and Levar Sevantae Jackson, great-nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Best man was Ramon Avina, brother of the groom.

Ted Galan, brother of the



MR. AND MRS. JOSE MANUEL AVINA

bride, and Fernando Alvarez served as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held.

The wedding cake was a three tiered white cake with lemon frosting topped with burgundy roses.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by StarTek.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Abilene High School.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple has made their home in Big Spring.

GETTING ENGAGED



Amber Mae Grisham and Andrew K. Astwood, both of Lubbock, will unite in marriage on April 29, 2000, at St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, Lubbock, with Father Peter Fritsch officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grisham of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Astwood of Lubbock.



Azure Lynn Miller and Keith Gregory Arenson, both of Austin, will be united in marriage April 1, 2000 in Austin with the Rev. Tom Carroll of Lakeway Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Robert D. Miller and Mary Miller of Big Spring, and Linda M. Miller of Fredericksburg.

He is the grandson of Idelle McElvy of New Braunfels.

ANNIVERSARIES

Frazier



CARL AND BILLIE FRAZIER, THEN AND NOW

Carl Raymond and Billie Frazier will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at Midway Baptist Church. Hosts will be their daughter, Kay Davis and her husband, Paul, Tracy and Linda Frazier and Tony and Tina Frazier; and friends are invited.

He was born in Tulsa, Okla., and she was born as Billie Wanda Merrick in Big Spring. They met on a blind date in Aug. 5, 1949. They were married Jan. 7, 1950, at the home of minister Herbert Love.

The Fraziers have three children, Kay Davis of Stanton, Tracy Frazier of Andrews and Tony Frazier of Big Spring.



They have seven grandchildren.

During their marriage, the couple has lived in Presque Isle, Maine in 1954-55 while stationed with the Air Force, as well as in Big Spring.

Currently, both are retired. He worked for 42 years at Fina Oil and Chemical, and she is a homemaker.

They are affiliated with Midway Baptist Church, and members of a 42 club and craft club. They also enjoy reading, gardening and travel.

Their comments about their marriage were, "God has blessed our marriage with love for each other, children and grandchildren, and support from church family."

HUMANE SOCIETY

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Harry - black Lab mix, male, 4 months old.

Ozzy - black Lab mix, male, 4 months old.

Baby Terrier - Boston Terrier, male, 5 plus years.

Sassy - Medium size mixed breed, black and orange female, 1 year old.

Baby Face - Rott mix, black and tan female, 8 months.

Hobo - Lab mix, black and silver male, 8 months old.

Black Lab mix puppies, lab and beagle mix pups, assorted, 4 months old.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption.

Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

STORK CLUB

Breeana Leigh Matthews, girl, Dec. 15, 1999, 3:53 p.m., seven pounds and 18 1/2 inches long. Parents are Michael Matthews and Brandi Matthews. Grandparents are Vivian Rush, Carl Matthews, Ray and Carolyn Bluhm.

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Rovedatti-Jackson

Marty Ann Rovedatti of Laughlinton, Pa., and Welby Daniel Jackson of Havelock, N.C., formerly of Big Spring, were united in marriage Oct. 23, 1999, at Ligonier Country Inn in Laughlinton, Phil Light, mayor of Laurel Mountain Borough, officiated.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Smith Jr. of Ligonier, Pa. The groom is the son of Welby and Essie Jackson of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, and her son, Nicolas Rovedatti, the bride wore an ivory crepe dress styled with a sheer back inlay, trimmed with pearls and satin buttons. She carried a tussy mussy of yellow roses with gold ribbons.

Maid of honor was Debbie Bridge. Junior bridesmaid was the bride's daughter, Kristi Rovedatti.

Best man was the groom's father.

Guests enjoyed a sit-down dinner at the Ligonier Country Inn.

The bride is a 1979 graduate of Ligonier Valley High School, a 1993 graduate of Our Lady of



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Holy Cross in New Orleans and a 1999 graduate of Indiana University with a master's degree. She teaches elementary school in the Derry, Pa. Area School District.

The groom is a 1974 graduate of Big Spring High School who recently retired from his career with the U.S. Navy as command master chief at Halyburton Naval Hospital, Cherry Point, N.C.

The couple took a Thanksgiving cruise to the Bahamas and will live in Laughlinton, Pa.

IN THE MILITARY

Welby Daniel "Danny" Jackson, son of Welby and Essie Jackson of Big Spring, retired recently from the United States Navy at the rank of master chief.

A 1974 graduate of Big Spring High School, he had started his military career in August 1975. He has served at various posts, including Corpus Christi; Pensacola, Fla.; Hawaii; Quantico, Va.; and in Oct. 1, 1997, he reported to his most recent duties as command master chief, Halyburton Naval Hospital, Cherry Point, N.C. His personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.



JACKSON

Navy seaman Bryan A. Kennemur, son of Danny and Cheryl K. Kennemur of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Military information is due Wednesday at noon for Sunday publication.

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Joe Chavez, Odessa. He works for Caga Petroleum.

Eva High and daughters Alexius and Anayishah, Lamesa. She is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

Paul and Laurie Smith, San Angelo and Odessa. He works for Landmark Const.

Gilbert and Rosie Valenzuela, daughter Jessica and son Arturo, Odessa. He is the general manager of Taco Villa.

Jeff and Henrietta Hachten, Bartlesville, Okla. He works for Fina Pipeline.

Bolinda Kelly, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Jeffery Davidson, Bogata.

Esther Henley, daughter Amber and son Jeremiah, Paris, Texas. She is employed by Mt. View Nursing Home.

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THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear halves, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pinto beans, lemon pie, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cookies and creme, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, fech fries, salad, strawberry shortcake, milk.
THURSDAY-Cheeseburger pockets, chips, salad, pickles and onions, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken and gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, fruit jello, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY - STUDENT HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - Corn dog, black-eyed peas, fruit, cornbread, milk.
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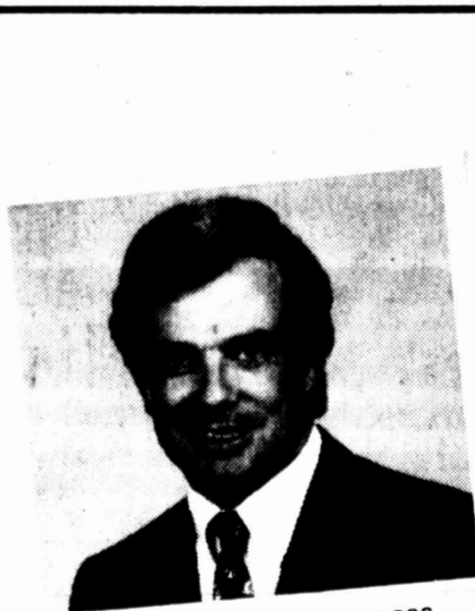
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Workers turn to games, food, television when Y2K bug doesn't bite

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

So what do you do if you've been assigned Y2K duty on New Year's Eve and the millennium bug is a big bust? Workers around the nation turned to games, food and television — thankful, in most cases, that they weren't forced to handle the massive computer failures that some doomsayers had predicted.
"I personally am Y2K stress-testing a Microsoft flight simulator game," joked Microsoft spokesman Dan Leach. "At least I have been doing that as I wait for press calls, and I'm getting

really good at it."
Still, he said, Microsoft had 300 workers at the company's communications center in Redmond, Wash., "waiting for the phone to ring" should customers need assistance.
Thousands of Americans were on duty over the New Year's holiday to make sure proper patches and repairs had been made to older computers so they could recognize the year 2000. Only minor, scattered problems were reported, so most workers directed their energy elsewhere.
In St. Paul, Minn., workers at the state government operations center watched a football game, surfed the

Internet and nibbled on cocktail wieners and chips as they waited for their hot lines to ring with queries from the public.
By 12:35 a.m., just 113 calls had been handled by the 20 volunteers, including a few from people wondering how to reset their VCRs, said communications director Buddy Ferguson.
Workers at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's regional office in Atlanta shared a buffet dinner of black-eyed peas and collard greens on Friday night without interruption.
"I wouldn't say we were very bored, but it was a slow, uneventful, underwhelming day for us," said FEMA

spokeswoman Mary Hudak.
She added: "I didn't see any large game boards break out. We just went on with a lot of the work we have here all the time — always paperwork."
Larry Altenbaumer, president of Illinois Power, had 600 workers on duty on New Year's Eve.
"Since we were depriving them of a normal holiday evening, we arranged to provide food," he said. "So they sat around socializing and eating and waiting for the non-event to occur."
Michael Lamb, director of distribution operations for Northern States Power Co. in Minneapolis, said he called his staff together every hour so

they could review what was happening as midnight arrived at various capitals across the globe. It turned out that nothing required action.
"Was it boring?"
"It was interesting to watch CNN and the other channels that were showing all the pictures from around the world, but it was boring in the sense that there was nothing we had to do with our own system," Lamb said.
Cisco Systems spokesman John Earnhardt said that in one San Jose, Calif., operations center, staffers began making balloon hats, helping themselves to the ice cream carts and enjoying neck rubs from massage therapists.

McDonald's gets some long overdue recognition

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

For more than 15 years, Bobby McDonald and various employees of McDonald Realty traveled the highways and backroads of West Texas, logging hundreds of miles a day as area management broker for the Federal Housing Administration.
This year, all those dusty trips and hard work paid off with a special honor — being recognized as one of the top small firms in the area by the Small Business Association — an award made even more fitting because of its timeliness.
The business was nominated by the Lubbock Area office and Fort Worth Regional office of the FHA as a candidate for the Regional Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year. Though McDonald Realty didn't win, it did earn the Administrator Award for Excellence.
"It arrived at a meaningful time, on the retirement of McDonald Realty from more than 15 years of service to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development," said McDonald.
Employees were invited to Washington to receive the award, but declined to make the trip.



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Lou Knight and Bobby McDonald hold up the Administrator Award for Excellence McDonald Realty received from the Small Business Association for 1999. For more than 15 years, McDonald Realty served as an area management broker for the Federal Housing Administration.

"Most of those who had a part in this have retired," explained McDonald. "And it belongs to all of them."
McDonald reminisced about the 15 years spent as a management broker last week, a career that was both rewarding and hectic.
"The enormous time commitment was possible only by the endurance of a patient wife, a fine staff and an outstanding administrative assistant — Lou Knight," said McDonald. "In every day, there was extraordinary adventure with the job."
They covered an area from Abilene to the New Mexico bor-

der and from Dawson County to Mexico. Twenty-five counties. Cities such as Midland, Odessa and Big Spring, and miles and miles and miles of road.
"We acted as managers. We secured the property, appraised it, worked with taxes, release of liens. Using HUD approved contractors, we made sure they were cleaned up and repaired and maintained, including the yard. Hailstorms drove us insane," said McDonald.
The homes had to be secured within 24 hours. Often, McDonald would be on the road to take over one house, and get a call on another one.
"If he was off in one direction and they called in a home out

that way, I'd call him. If it was in another direction, I'd take off and see to it," said Knight, who recalled that one day they had nine properties called in. In one month one year, they had 30 new properties they had to tend to.
"Bobby wouldn't have had time to die," said Knight.
"I would have died a long time ago, if not for Lou," Bobby shot back.
"It had its fun times," said Knight. "Every home was an adventure."
There was the home in the home in Odessa, owned by a shade tree mechanic. When he would change oil, he would dump the old oil on the ground.

When they took over that property, specialists had to be called in for the cleanup. They dug out an area six to 10 feet deep.
"I thought we'd go crazy before we got that one settled," said Knight.
There was a junkyard oil field in Imperial and a house full of cockroaches in Snyder.
They averaged more than 300 homes a year from 1984 to 1999, or about 4,500 homes in that period.
"We had people employed throughout the Permian Basin. But we had to get contractors that would be on call. Slowly, the Big Spring contractors dom-

See HOUSES, Page 4B

Connected

Web-hosting company shows it helps to have big names to rely upon

DALLAS (AP) — The most remarkable thing about one of Dallas' newest technology companies isn't its product, revenue or even the trendy location; it's the lineup of big-name investors who are bankrolling the operation.
For starters, there's Hollywood superagent-turned-venture capitalist Michael Ovitz. Former top Disney executives Larry Murphy and Richard Nanula are on board, as is Frederic Malek, a top aide to President Nixon who went on to become president of Marriott Corp. and Northwest Airlines.
And then there is Gary L. Wilson, who raised millions as chief financial officer for Disney and Marriott in the 1980s, then helped lead a leveraged buyout of Northwest Airlines, where he now serves as chairman and owns 11 percent of the company.
Wilson, renowned for his deal-making, was a role model to Murphy and Nanula, worked with Malek and has teamed with Ovitz in other ventures, including a proposed pro football team in Los Angeles.
Now in Dallas, Wilson's son, Derek, has used "several million" from his father's circle of contacts to finance a company that hosts Web sites for small businesses.
Even analysts unfamiliar with the younger Wilson's company, 1-800-Hosting.com, were impressed when they saw the list of backers, which creates a source of capital and expert

business advice. They also forecast that demand for Web hosting will skyrocket. But they warned that the fledgling Dallas company is entering an industry with cutthroat, price-slashing competition.
Businesses pay hosting outfits to create their Web sites and run them from the host's servers. The business owner doesn't have to learn arcane programming code. Sites can be simple storefronts or fully equipped to sell goods and conduct credit card transactions online.
The roots of 1-800-Hosting go back to Duke University, where the younger Wilson met Mitch Gervis and both received their MBAs in 1990. Wilson went off to Smith Barney, eventually becoming a vice president in the brokerage's Dallas office, while Gervis rose to vice president in the Internet and technology section at Chase Bank in New York.
Fittingly for a pair of young guys in the '90s — both are 35 — each created his own personal Web page. Each also felt badly treated by hosting companies.
Wilson did some research, talked to analysts and became convinced hosting was a growing, can't-miss industry that was overlooking small-business customers.
Early this year, Wilson and Gervis searched Dallas for a hosting company to buy and ran into John Cunningham, See CONNECTIONS, Page 4B

GM unveils test car that delivers 80 mpg, but doubts still persist

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. is unmasking a five-passenger test car that can travel about 80 miles on a gallon of gasoline — the product of six years of research and hundreds of millions of dollars.
While meeting several goals set out by President Clinton and industry leaders in 1993, the GM Precept also uses technology that is years away from everyday use.
Like Ford Motor Co.'s Prodigy

high-mileage car, Precept uses a small diesel engine linked to electric motors.
Such diesel cars could run afoul of U.S. anti-pollution rules like the new standards for auto emissions President Clinton unveiled in November, which even the Precept and Prodigy would not meet.
Engineers say a byproduct of more efficient diesel engines is more nitrogen oxides in the exhaust — a prime component of smog.

"If we are ever going to deliver true environmental benefits with lower emissions ... we've got to convince the federal government to relax the (nitrogen oxide) standards," GM Vice Chairman Harry Pearce said.
While the Prodigy gets about 70 mpg and sticks to the basic outlines of today's mid-size sedans, GM's engineers had to break several conventions to get the extra 10 mpg.
The Precept's Isuzu-built three-cylinder diesel engine is

in the rear of the car to improve airflow around the vehicle. One electric motor powers the front wheels while a "multi-purpose unit" built onto the diesel engine acts as another electric motor and a generator, recharging a battery pack under the seats. The motors help the 54-horsepower engine during acceleration and capture energy during braking.
Rather than rearview mirrors, the car uses tiny cameras, and the doors use electronic con-

controls rather than handles.
GM engineers also tried to save weight by using aluminum and titanium rather than steel in many parts. The seats are made of mesh, and even the stereo speakers have a weight-saving design. The result is a car that is the size of a Chevrolet Malibu but weighs about 460 pounds less.
The Precept is the result of the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, an effort backed by \$250 million in

federal funding this year and \$980 million from GM, Ford and DaimlerChrysler. All three targeted 2000 as the year to show test cars that had three times a standard sedan's fuel economy and promises of no compromises in safety, performance or price.
Honda and Toyota also will sell vehicles this year that rely on similar power sources, but no automaker has committed to making such cars in any great numbers.

Natural-foods chains plan to bar genetically engineered ingredients

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Two of the country's largest natural-food store chains plan to keep genetically engineered ingredients out of the products they sell under their own labels.
The decision by Boulder-based Wild Oats Markets Inc. follows similar moves by supermarket chains in Europe. Austin, Texas-based chain Whole Foods Market Inc. has similar plans.
Wild Oats has said for months that goods produced with genetically modified organisms should undergo mandatory labeling, testing and certification, said president chief operating officer Jim Lee.
"It goes along with a customer's right to know what's in their food," said Jim Lee, president and of Wild Oats.
Earlier this month, protesters

in California criticized the Food and Drug Administration's regulation of foods that have had their genetic makeup changed. State Sen. Tom Hayden, D-Los Angeles, accused the FDA of dragging its feet in regulating altered foods and seeds.
But a bill has been circulating in the U.S. Congress to require labeling for food containing genetically modified ingredients.
Wild Oats hopes this year to introduce at least a few private-label products that are certified as containing no bio-engineered ingredients.
The chain operates 110 stores in 22 states and British Columbia, and has about 700 products under its own brand.
Lee said his company's policy was not made in response to a decision by Whole Foods,

though he said both companies hold similar views on genetically modified products.
Whole Foods operates 103 stores in 22 states and also plans to ban genetically modified ingredients from its private label.
"The truth is, we don't know what the effects ... are, and we think consumers should have the right to choose," said John Mackey, chief executive of Whole Foods.
About 12 percent of Whole Foods' \$1.6 billion in sales in the fiscal year ending September 1999 were derived from sales of its more than 600 private label products, it was reported Friday.
Lee said Wild Oats customers and staff members have been applauding his company's policy.

Southwestern Bell agrees to pay \$10 million in lawsuit settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. has agreed to pay \$10 million to settle a class-action lawsuit with its customers in 400 Texas cities.
In the July 1998 lawsuit from Brownsville, customers alleged Southwestern Bell improperly passed on to customers franchise fees cities charge the phone company to use telephone poles, wires and pipes.
Since cities changed how they charged the phone company to use the lines, Southwestern Bell should have updated its fee structure and had the new fee approved by the Public Utility Commission, the lawsuit says.
Southwestern Bell has said it broke no laws or regulations, and under the proposed settlement, will not have to alter the way it collects fees.
Customers will not directly receive any of the money — \$3 million in cash and \$7 million in service credits.
Lawyers representing the customers can collect as much as \$2 million and as much as \$1.25 million can be deducted from Southwestern Bell to cover the cost of notifying customers of their rights under the settlement, said Jeffrey Tillotson, a Dallas attorney who represented the customers.
Any money left over will go into the state's Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund, which was used to help get Internet access for local communities, libraries and school districts.
Tillotson said money was going into the fund because it would benefit Southwestern

Bell customers more than the company giving all its customers "three cents on their phone bills."
The settlement centers on tax money customers would have paid anyway, Tillotson said.
"The goal of the lawsuit was to attack and address this issue about the municipal fees and to return to people or municipalities any unauthorized fees," Tillotson said. "We were faced with the problem that this isn't money that would have been in customers' pockets."
Southwestern Bell collects the taxes from customers and passes all the money to the municipalities. Customers pay the fees in monthly bills.
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