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Tax assistance volunteers sought

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

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

☐ 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.

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Local law enforcement officials report few weekend incidents

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Local law enforcement agencies had a relatively quiet New Year's weekend as local residents apparently stayed home.

"We did not have any fatalities this weekend for Howard, Martin, Glasscock, and Reagan counties," Department of Public Safety Sgt. Lawrence Meadors said.

Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department,



FRITZ reported that police arrested seven people for driving while intoxicated

'We had three accidents over the three-day weekend," Sweatt

said. "None of the accidents had incapacitating injuries."

According to Howard County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz, a few arrests for driving while intoxicated were made, but the weekend activity was not as busy as they expected.

"This weekend was a normal weekend for us," Fritz said. "We were down in activity than from last year at this time."

'We had a lot less traffic on Friday than on a normal holiday," Meadors said. "The traffic

Saturday, the traffic was back to normal."

Extra law enforcement personal were on duty over the weekend to handle any problems arising from the celebrations and Y2K.

"We had two extra personal on duty from our normal shift last Friday," Fritz said. "They were not needed."

According to Meadors, the Department of Public Safety had all their personal on scheduled shifts over the weekend,

was real thin on Friday, but on but this is normal for the DPS every New Year's weekend.

The Big Spring Police department had extra officers on duty this weekend and had off-duty personnel on call.

The Texas Department of Public Safety had not released its formal count of fatalities from the New Year's holiday period, which ended at 2 p.m. Sunday, but officials were expecting it to be surprising low. DPS said fewer motorists on the roads is probably the rea-

Courtny Raye Christian, daughter of Audrae and Claud Christian of Big Spring, is Howard County's

first baby of 2000, born at 12:11 p.m. on New Year's Day at Scenić Mountain Medical Center.

First baby of new year arrives

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Howard County's first baby of the new year has arrived Courtny Raye Christian was born at 12:11 p.m. Saturday at Scenic Mountain Medical

"It's kinda' cool. A lot of people have stopped in just to see the first baby of 2000," said her mom, Audrae Christian, who was admitted at 7 a.m. Saturday and was to go home today.

"It's wonderful. We're so proud," said Courtny's dad, Claud Christian, who is employed by Southwest Tool. The Christians reside in Big

Spring. "Everyone has been so wonderful. I can't believe all the gifts from all the businesses. This is great," said Audrae, speaking of the numerous gifts and gift certificates supplied by Howard County merchants.

"It is so generous. You don't know how much we appreciate all of this," she said.

Delivery by Dr. John Forks was smooth, with Audrae in labor less than six hours, she said.

Courtny weighed 7 pounds, 13

ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Courtny has two sisters, Destiny, 4 and Meagan, 5, and a brother, Brandon, 4.

Grandparents are Raymond and Mary Christian and Lane and Pam McMillan of Big Spring, and Jamie McMillan of Arlington.

"This has been great, to have the first baby of the new year, and of 2000," said Audrae. "It's been exciting.

"It was nice to celebrate the birth of a new year's baby,' said Maria Cole, RN. "We wish Courtny and the Christians all

Census

Preparations under way to hire count takers and set up assistance centers

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Now that Y2K seems under control, focus changes to Census 2000, and count takers are needed for Howard County.

"Recruitment is going very slow," said Charlene Romero Wurtz, Census 2000 community partnership specialist. we're really

trying to get that worked up. For Howard County, we're looking at recruiting 356 people to help take the census.

Salary will range from \$9.25 to \$9.75 an hour for census takers, and up to \$11.25 for crew leaders, depending on their duties. Hiring and training will be taking place this month, with special group quarters counts

hospitals, nursing homes, correctional institutions and college dorms — taking place in February. "Right now, we are in the

process of establishing questionnaire assistance centers. These will be places where people can go to get help filling out forms," said Wurtz."We're considering locations right now and finding volunteers.'

Assistance centers are expected to be located at Howard College, Big Spring Area

Chamber of Commerce and one of the local churches. 'We feel that three locations

will be enough for it," Wurtz

Next up will be the local kickoff for Census 2000.

"Each complete count committee will be doing a kickoff for each county. Right now we are in the process of getting the dates set. We are thinking about coinciding the Howard County kickoff with the Rattlesnake Roundup," said Wurtz.

Grand opening of the "local" Census 2000 office in Lubbock is set for Jan. 12. The regional office is in Dallas.

There is no exact start or end date to Census 2000, said Wurtz.

"About March 7 will will start mailing out the actual questionnaires, and hope to get them start sending count takers out to homes that have not returned their questionnaires. After that is a 'Be Counted' phase which targets those who have still not received a form. It all goes on pretty much until August," Wurtz said.

Those interested in being hired as a census taker may call Gene Quigley at 263-7013 or 806 785-6782. They will be told when and where to take a 30-minute skills test. The application form also takes about 30 minutes to fill out, according to Wurtz. Veterans who score well on the skills test are given preference.

City residents responsive to additional trash bins

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Community residents were responsive to the extra dumpsters the city of Big Spring set out to collect

the extra holiday trash, and the city is continuing programs to help extend the life of the city's landfill. "The

ponse from the public was wonderful,

SHIVERS said Howard Shivers, the city's solid waste superintendent. "The extra trash cans were

helped us out. We will do this again next year.' The city placed one container at Coronado Plaza and another at Big Spring Mall for local residents to dispose of their extra

filled to the top and it really

holiday trash. As of today, the city will not be accepting any more trash in these containers.

"We will be emptying these containers this week," Shivers said. "We will clean them out and place them back in the same areas to be used for recycling only.'

According to Shivers, the bins at Coronado Plaza and the mall

will be used for paper recycling only — newspaper, magazines and cardboard. The Big Spring Herald recycling bins are used for paper and aluminum cans. Shivers encourages the public

to take some time to recycle. "Recycling will save space

and help extend the life of our landfill," Shivers said. "We have approximately 30 years left in this site, and by reeycling, we will not have to look for a new site sooner.

"Recycling helps the environment by putting back the used items into products," Shivers continued. "Why waste another tree when we can recycle?'

Due to dry weather conditions, Howard County is currently under a burn ban that prohibits the burning of any combustible material outside an enclosure. The ban is designed to contain all flames or sparks

and includes campfires. Christmas tress can be disposed for free at the landfill, located at 4100 East FM 700, or the compost facility located at the airpark on Perimeter Road. Shivers asks that all ornaments be removed from trees before disposal.

The city recycles the Christmas trees by grinding them into mulch and selling it for compost.

"The Christmas trees brought

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moods

Christmas may be gone but not long forgotten by Alexandra Galindo as she took a stroll in Comanche Trail Park with her aunt on Saturday afternoon.

Mary Ellen Eudy

Mary Ellen Eudy, 81, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000 in a San Angelo hospital. Graveside services will be at 11 Trinity Memorial Park

She was born on Oct. 12, 1918 in Arlington, Texas and married J.C. Eudy on Nov. 21, 1936 in Colorado City, Texas. He preceded her in death on Aug.

She grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. She worked at Anthony's Department Store as a sales clerk for a number of years. She and her late husband, J.C., operated Highway 87 Grocery for four years from 1972-1976. They loved dancing around the area to Texas Swing

Mrs. Eudy was a member of Baptist Temple Church and was a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had been active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Survivors are two daughters. Charlene Brasher of San Angelo and Freeda Billingslev of Sarasota, Fla.: two granddaughters, Suzie Wegner of San Angelo and Cindy Cave of Klondike: one grandson. Mike Wigington of Atlanta, Ga. three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews

The family suggests memorials to The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., Big Spring, 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Paid obituary

James H. Eppler James H. Eppler, 70, Big

Spring, died Friday, Dec. 31. 1999 at his home following a sudden illness.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapei with Rev. Randy Cotton,

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

T. Willard Neel, 90, died Thursday, Services will be 2:00 PM Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

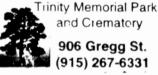
Eddie Cline, 70, died Friday. Graveside services were at 11:00 AM Monday at Colorado City Cemetery. Miguel Delgado, 67, died

Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. James Eppler, 70, died

Friday. Services will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Olis J. Fonda, 71, died Sunday, Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



Mary Ellen Eudy, 81, died Monday. Graveside services

will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Jessie Westfall Tate, 94

died Sunday. Funeral services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at 14th & Main Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Enid H. Williams, 85, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Walter Burmley, Sr. 59, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Eppler was born March 13, 1929 in Big Spring to Claude and Irene LaValle Eppler He a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000 at married Hazel Corning on Nov. 11, 1949 in Big Spring.

A lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Trinity Baptist Church, he began work for Cosden in 1954 and retired from Fina in 1985. He was a foreman of the polystyrene unit.

Survivors are his wife, Hazel Eppler of Big Spring, two sons: Byron Eppler of Hobbs, N.M. and Doug Eppler of Austin; two daughters: Brenda Barr of Austin and Debra LeGrande of Jena, La., one sister. Martha Jones of Whitesboro, and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Jessie Westfall

Jessie Westfall Tate, 94, of Tarzan, died Sunday, Jan 2, 2000 in a Midland hospital.

Service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. 2000 at the 14th and Main Church minister of of Christ, offi-

of Christ in Big Spring with Bill Welsh, Tarzan Church ciating. Burial

will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1905 in Cuthbert, Mitchell County, Texas and married Alvah H. Tate on Feb. 15, 1924 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1993.

She grew up and attended schools in Coahoma and had lived most of her life in Howard and Martin counties. She moved to Big Spring in 1940 and then lived in Knott from 1946 to 1957 when she moved to Tarzan. She was a member of the Martin County Home Demonstration Club, the PTA and the Tarzan Church of

Survivors are six sons: Gary Tate of Midland, Berwyn Tate of Houston, Newell Tate of Tarzan, Truman Tate of LaVeen, Ariz:, Roger Tate of Euless and Alan Tate of The Dalles, Ore.; two daughters: LaRue Shanks of Big Spring and Janelle Thomas of Aurora, Colo.; one step-sister, Eleanor Garrett of Coahoma; 27 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock,

The family will receive visitors from 2 p.m. Tuesday until the time of the service in the Fellowship Hall of 14th and Main Church of Christ

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

Walter Brumley Sr. Walter Brumley Sr., 59, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 3,

2000 at a local hospital Service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

Otis J. Fonda

Otis J. Fonda, 71, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Service is pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Wright Fleetwood

Mary Wright Fleetwood, 89. died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999 at Comanche Trail Nursing Home. Service will be at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Chapel in Odessa with burial to follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Fleetwood was born Feb. 27, 1911 in Erath County, Texas to Gregory and Ellen Knutson Kincheloe. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Wright in 1969 and El Jerry Fleetwood in 1985.

She and her husband farmed at Gustine in Comanche County. She moved to Odessa in 1960 and to Big Spring in 1986. She enjoyed sewing and

quilting and was a Baptist. Survivors are a son, Jimmy Wright of Garland; seven daughters: Maxine Plummer of Paris, Texas; Martha Carlisle of Hamilton; Joyce Weems of Odessa; Jessie Richardson of DeLeon; Shirley Hodges of

Nocona; Jackie Osburn of Big Spring and Delores Steelman of Garland; 31 grandchildren and many great- and great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Ban sought on ATVs, 4wd vehicles by park service

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Thrill-seekers who go off-road and possibly damage sensitive park lands - have prompted environmentalists to call for a National Park Service ban of all-terrain vehicles and a restriction of four-wheel-drive automobiles to regular roads.

Seventy environmental groups have signed a petition seeking the restrictions that would limit access to remote areas

Off-road vehicles are killing wildlife, disturbing peace and quiet, polluting air and water, and endangering visitor safety," Russell Long, executive director of the San Franciscobased activist group Bluewater Network, told the San Antonio Express-News.

"Our public lands have essentially become sacrificial zones for motorized cowboys to get their kicks," he said.

Lori Davis, executive director of Tread Lightly!, a nonprofit group dedicated to responsible outdoor activity, said every vehicle that goes off a designated route increases the likelihood all off-road vehicles will be exiled to private land.

"There are people — and it's a handful - who don't minimize their impact," Ms. Davis said. "They are really destroying everyone's future opportu-

Officials say a Texas ban would make it more difficult for people to follow the large curve in the Rio Grande that gives Big Bend National Park its name as well as traversing the Little Shell and Big Shell beaches at Padre Island National Seashore.

A survey of park managers by the Bluewater Network found almost 60 national parks allow off-road vehicles, about two-thirds of which have found instances of illegal use and lasting damage.

Elizabeth Dole expected to endorse Bush campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) -Elizabeth Dole, who ended her bid for the presidency after citing problems competing for cash with George W. Bush, planned to endorse the Texas governor this week, according to associates close to both politicians.

The officials, who said Sunday that the details were not final, said Dole was expected to endorse Bush Tuesday in New Hampshire and make two campaign stops with him in Iowa, the sites of the first two GOP presidential contests

Mrs. Dole dropped out of the race in October, nearly broke and before any votes were cast. More than 100 fund-raisers had

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netted her only \$5 million, less than one-tenth of Bush's record-breaking bankroll at that time. Though second place in many national polls - she hovered around 10 percent she trailed Arizona Sen. John McCain in New Hampshire and lagged well behind Bush every-

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Dole's endersement would help Bush attract women to his campaign. Married suburban mothers especially are considered critical swing votes in the general election and early polls show Bush leading all candi-

dates in that category. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll conducted after Dole dropped out Oct. 20 showed that Bush's support among Republican-leaning women jumped 13 percentage points to 68 percent after her departure. Dole had the support of 14 percent of women before leaving the race, though it's impossible to say his gains were from her supporters.

Dole associates have urged her for weeks to endorse Bush and said Sunday that this is the perfect time to help him, as he races McCain for first place in New Hampshire. McCain spokesman Howard

Opinsky said the Arizona senator holds Dole in high regard and has attracted former Dole backers who like his platform of campaign finance reform. "Voters have been flocking to

Senator. McCain beccause of his message, not because of his bank account or list of endorsements," Opinsky said. Dole's allies hope an endorsement elevates her chances to be

Bush's running mate, though officials in both camps say no guarantees have been made. Indeed, Bush is said to favor prospects who have been elected officeholders. Mrs. Dole is a

former president of American Red Cross but had never sought office before her failed 1999 bid. Dole associates have long harbored suspicions that McCain's camp spread rumors that she was going to drop out. p.m. McCain's camp denies the charge, but the rumors hurt

her campaign well before she finally bowed out Citing her lack of "money, money, money," Dole in October declared her nomination bid futile and abandoned

her effort to become the nation's first female president.

BRIEFS

GOOD SHEPHERD FEL-LOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936

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

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

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THE SPRING BIG EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at

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

TRASH

to us will be ground up for mulch," Shivers said. "The mulch can be purchased from the compost facility.

"We have a lot of work from Christmas and New Years, and we will be running from sunup to sundown to catch up,' Shivers said. "If you have a sanitation problem or questions for us, please call us at 264-2383 and we will be out there to work on the problem."

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

· RUBEN VEGA, 29, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. PRISCILLA DELEON, 28,

was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. · NORMAN WRIGHT, 57,

was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. · JESUS MENDOZA, 35, was arrested on a charge of public

intoxication. • FREDDIE SOSA, 17, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence/minor.
• GRACIE THREATS, 26, was arrested for county war-

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of West Fifth, the 1200 block of Mesa, and the 1800 block of Wallace.

DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson, the 2100 block of Warren, the 1400 block of West Third, and the 500 block of Westover.

· THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg and the

1100 block of Lamesa. ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 900 block of East 15th.

FIRE/EMS

The Big Spring fire department and EMS reported the following activity for the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

• 6:56 a.m. Sunday — EMS run to 1300 block of Wood with transfer to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • 9:59 a.m. - EMS run to

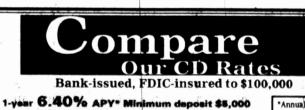
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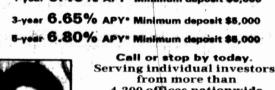
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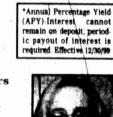
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Religious leaders call for peace in new millennium

others spent the past year cleansing computer systems of the Y2K bug, a Fort Worth minister organized clerics to pray for peace on the first Sunday of

"This past century has been one of the bloodiest, most violent centuries in the history of civilization," said R. Scott Colglazier, senior minister of University Christian Church.

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"But the world can be transformed," he said Sunday, "and, that is especially possible when people gather together in order to release hope into the world."

About a year ago, Colglazier began writing his first sermon of the new millennium and started a labor of love — a campaign to get other clerics to join him in preaching about peace

More than a dozen preachers responded to Colglazier's letterwriting campaign and delivered peace sermons. Colglazier is working with publisher Chalice Press to compile sermons from the first Sunday of the new year from ministers nationwide for a publication scheduled to hit

bookstores by mid-February. Colglazier's peace effort inspired University Christian's members to organize a millennium prayer labyrinth, patterned after the circular prayer paths in San Francisco's Grace

Cathedral. Hundreds of people shoeless and solemn — lined up to walk the labyrinth over the weekend in the church fellowship hall, said Jeanne Duke,

one of the organizers. A labyrinth — an intricate when an underdog is attacked,"

path which goes to the center of a circle and back again — is a tool for prayer, meditation, reflection and renewal, said Ms. Duke.

It takes about 20 minutes to walk the pathway. Ms. Duke said many churchgoers were taking far longer. "People are really being reflective."

Colglazier urged members of his congregation to make every effort for peace, even if the small acts of kindness feel like the "proverbial drop in the bucket. That's how we create peace, one drop at a time."

Betty Boles, who joined the church 33 years ago, said Colglazier's message made her think about ways she could make a difference.

"I'm going to speak up more

"Peace is what we're all striving for," said Eleanor Greene. another longtime member. 'Just think, there weren't any major terrorist acts anywhere in the world (on New Year's Eve). I think that's a major step for world peace."

Other ministers in Texas also took advantage of the calendar change to focus on faith, peace and renewal.

John Fiedler, senior minister at First United Methodist Church in Dallas, told his congregation the growing fear of Y2K problems had reached a fever pitch — likely fueling misguided concerns.

"Perhaps you had a similar experience to mine on Saturday morning," Fiedler said at the start of his sermon. "You got up

early and went outside, and you were just delighted to note that the trees and the sun and the clouds were all Y2K compliant."

Fiedler said the dawning of 2000 means Christians worldwide should "get back to the business of waging peace. We celebrate the end of the Cold War, but did you know out of the 195 nations of the world, fully one-third of them are involved in armed conflicts? The Cold War has given way to warm wars of civil strife and border disputes.'

Pastor Claude Thomas of First Baptist Church in the Fort Worth suburb of Euless said stress, depression and loneliness are among the great dilemmas of our time, yet many Americans don't know how to deal with them.

Five young people killed after extended cab flips on interstate

FORT WORTH (AP) - Five young men whose truck went pickup was southbound on Loop crashed into a green Chevy airborne over an interstate highway median and landed upside down on top of another pickup have died. The second truck's driver is police said. The truck flipped

hospitalized in serious condition today after he was flown to Harris Methodist Fort Worth

The impact of Sunday's wreck was so great that it took rescuers two hours to determine how many people were involved and to separate the two truck cabs, which had been pressed

The youths' extended cab 820 when it exited onto Interstate 30 westbound at high speed, then went out of control and struck a grassy median, through the air, landing upsidedown on a pickup that had been eastbound, said police spokesman Lt. Ric Clark.

Police said the extended cab's driver. Edward Jennings, was ejected and his body landed in a ditch near a service road, 70 to 80 feet from the interstate.

then started flipping in the air, McDonald, whose age

side over side," said Clark. "It truck going east on I-30 in the right-hand lane. Both vehicles were completely totaled. It was massive damage."

Witnesses said the truck was speeding

All five occupants of the extended cab truck died at the

The victims were identified by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office as Hank Gorman, 20; Jennings, 18; John McDonald, 16; James "It crossed the median and McDonald, 15; and Martin

At the time of the wreck, Clark said, traffic on the high-

Police didn't know how the

three McDonalds were related

to each other. Gorman was 10

days away from his 21st birth-

way was no heavier than usual for a Sunday. He said it was unknown whether the victims wore safety belts.

Investigators were trying to determine how fast the Ford truck was traveling. The speed

limit for the area is 55 mph. Clark said no cans or bottles

might have been a factor in the wreck

that would indicate alcohol

Sgt. Anne Cummings of the traffic investigation unit said she believed the victims were kin to one an- other, possibly cousins.

"It is my understanding that the parents live out of state,' she said. "From what I gathered, and I spoke to family members at the scene, I was led to believe the majority of the boys' parents did not live in the area but lived out of state. The boys were in town working for

Errant gunfire wounds at least four; fireworks injure officer Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "My like, 'Oh, my God, don't let me weapons in the air. Please don't was unsure whether doctors

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Careless New Year's revelry took a toll on Texans during the weekend.

At least four people, including a 7-year-old girl, were wounded early Saturday by stray bullets fired recklessly to mark the beginning of 2000. Also, a Corpus Christi police

officer suffered eye and facial injuries when fireworks he was trying to put out blew up in his face. Stephanie Medina, 7, was

wounded in the leg, apparently was struck by a falling bullet while playing outside the home of relatives in north Fort Worth.

"She kind of stumbled and fell down, then she started screaming and crying," her grandfather, Steve Arredondo, told the

daughter picked her up and took her into the house, and they noticed her leg bleeding."

X-rays showed the .45-caliber bullet had struck Stephanie just below the knee and 6 to 8 inches down her leg before stopping near her ankle.

"The Good Lord took care of her," Arredondo said. "It just wasn't her time."

The girl was treated at Cook Children's Medical Center and

Also in Fort Worth, 28-yearsomething hit her head and caused sharp ringing in her

"I said, 'Oh, my God, I've been hit!" she said. "Because you brate the New Year a different don't know how bad it is, you're way other than to fire off bullet hit nothing vital, but she

die tonight. We just got to the new millennium."

Other partygoers had reported hearing gunshots or fireworks shortly before, Ms. Von Hatten Paramedics told police that

Ms. Von Hatten said she may have been struck by a falling bullet. She went to Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital, where she got three stitches to close an inch-long gash in her

"Why is it we continue to dangerous thing to do? said Lt. Ric Clark, Fort Worth police spokesman. "Hopefully, someday people will decide to cele-

do this anymore."

In Houston, police said a stray bullet hit the shoulder of Leticia Delarosa, a 22-year-old woman who is seven months pregnant, as she watched fireworks with friends in the front yard of her mother's home on New Year's

She was hospitalized in good condition, and her baby's vital signs appear normal, police spokesman Jay Evans said.

In South Texas, a slug from a 9mm handgun hit 28-year-old old Kelly Von Hatten said she have this type of problem when Norma Ramfrez as she lit firewas at a neighbor's party when everyone knows this is a very works with her family at her brother's home in Weslaco. The bullet entered about 2 inches behind her left ear.

Ms. Ramirez told the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen the

could to remove it once the swelling decreases. She was released from a hospital Saturday.

In Corpus Christi, a police officer suffered eye injuries when fireworks he was trying to put out blew up in his face early Saturday just south of downtown.

Karl Wright, 29, could not see as he was taken to Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released, said Lt. Dave Cook. He regained his sight later, but may have suffered cornea damage, Police Chief Pete Alvarez told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Using fireworks is illegal inside the city limits of Corpus Christi and most Texas cities.

Scientist withdraws prize for aging cure

HOUSTON (AP) - Miller Quarles thought he'd made an offer that couldn't be refused: \$100,000 cold cash to the scientist who could put the brakes on — or even reverse the aging process.

For 10 long years, the Houston millionaire and geophysicist, now 85, patiently waited for a telephone call to bring him the news he desperately wished to hear.

The call never came. On Saturday, the first day in a century that promises astounding advances in human longevity, Quarles pulled his offer from the

"I talk to Rotary clubs. Lions — I'll speak anywhere,' he told the Houston Chronicle. "I never can be sure of the response I'll get. Someone's bound to say, 'Hell, I don't want to live to

But for Quarles — oilman, octogenarian, co-founder of biotechnology's cutting-edge Geron Corp. and president of the Curing Old Age Disease Society — the quest to fly in the face of aging's inertia has been a decades-long obses-

He is not alone. Other wellheeled people of his generation have taken up the cause of youthfulness. Quarles' friend Bob Delmonteque, 80, of Malibu, Calif., also has posted a \$100,000 prize for aging breakthroughs.

Quarles' search for what he calls a "cure" for the disease of aging began during a 1985 conversation with his daughter, a biochemist.

"I was extremely healthy and happy," he said, "and I told her I'd like to find some way to live longer.

After some research, his daughter concluded science could conquer the aging process in another 50 years.

"Only one out of a billion people my age would last another 50 years," Quarles said. "So I said, 'Hell, I'm going to spend what resources I have to, and instead of doing it in 50, I'm going to do it in

Despite protests, more than 400 migrants from Haiti sent back by Coast Guard

Guard is shipping more than 400 would-be immigrants back to Haiti amid protests from community activists Miami-Dade's mayor.

All but four of the 411 migrants who arrived New Year's Day on a rickety boat were headed back to Haiti early today aboard the cutters Valiant and Resolute, U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Carl Messalle said. The 600mile voyage usually takes about two days, he said.

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. Coast Of the 411 passengers, 16 are Dominican, two are Chinese and the rest are Haitian, Coast Guard officials said.

Four Haitian women — three of them pregnant — were brought ashore for medical reasons and remained in Miami for treatment at local hospitals, Petty Officer Tony Wells said.

Those four are expected to be returned later, said Mike Gilhooly, a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization

sparked protests from Haitian activists in Miami, who criticized U.S. laws that treat Cuban and Haitian migrants different-

"I'm very disappointed that INS once more has decided to continue its racist policy vis-avis the Haitians and failed once more to give them the right to a fair and due process," said Marleine Bastien, president of Haitian Women of Miami.

The migrants were found

The return of the migrants packed shoulder-to-shoulder on a 60-foot wooden boat that ran aground about a mile from shore, shortly after midnight on New Year's Day. The ship apparently had been at sea for at least five days, authorities

The boat first appeared on the radar of the Coast Guard patrol boat Farallon shortly before midnight Friday. It was running in the dark at five to seven knots, and its crews ignored warnings by radio and loudspeaker from the Farallon that it was headed toward shallow water.

After the boat ran aground on a sandbar, Coast Guard crews tossed life jackets on board and told the migrants that, no matter what, they would not be allowed to enter the United States, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Andy Blomme said.

Fearing that any threatening move could provoke the passengers to jump into the water, crews waited until dawn to per-

suade the migrants to leave the ship

Cubans generally are allowed to remain in the United States if they reach shore. But under an agreement with Haiti, those who arrive without proper documentation are deported.

Hundreds chanted slogans and carried signs outside the Coast Guard station in Miami Beach for a second day Sunday. in an effort to get federal officials to allow the group into this

U.S. officials say President Putin's fate likely to depend on Chechnya

on Russia's new leader, Clinton administration officials say acting President Vladimir Putin's political future and place on the world stage will depend upon a peaceful end to the conflict in

Putin, who ascended to the becomes a model for how to deal presidency after Boris Yeltsin's surprise New Year's Eve resig-terrorists and separatists." nation, is the favorite to win in President Clinton wrote in an

force behind the Russian miliprovince, a campaign U.S. offi-

"The question for President how to liberate Grozny without with other problems involving

cials deplore.

Yeltsin's successors is not only killing thousands of civilians; it's also whether this war

Increasing rhetorical pressure tary's assault on the rebellious balance between the use of effective force and decent respect for individual rights and international norms," Clinton said.

political prospects.

Samuel Berger said on ABC's "This Week." "If it goes on too long or if it begins to cause increasing Russian casualties, as we seem to be seeing now, with an intensified resistance, this could become something that mires Putin down, and the wave he rode up could become the wave that engulfs him."

Putin has been an outspoken proponent of the military intervention in Chechnya. On his

"Russia has to find the right ma," national security adviser first full day as acting president, he visited Russian forces in Chechnya to praise them for the campaign.

> The Chechnya war won't be settled on the battlefield, but around a negotiating table, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said.

> "There can only be a political solution to this," Albright said. She and other officials said the peaceful handoff of power to Putin bodes well for Russia's

Still, officials said there was an element of uncertainty with Putin.

"So far, we're pleased with the statements that he's made about affirming Russian democracy, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, private property," Berger said. "But I don't think we yet have all the answers as to where Mr. Putin — what direction he intends to lead Russia.'

March elections and a moving essay in Time magazine. Schulz says he'll dearly miss 'Peanuts'

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — by Schulz. In it, he thanks fans With his last daily "Peanuts" comic strip appearing in newstoday. cartoonist Charles Schulz had to stifle the

"There are so many things I'm going to miss," Schulz told the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat on Sunday, his voice crackling with emotion. "I've been thinking about this, and I think what I'm going to miss the most is Lucy holding the football and looking up and then the big bonk when Charlie comes

down.' Schulz, 77, was diagnosed with colon cancer in November. He said some of his physical problems have left him at a loss, "but the big thing I lost is

my job," he said with a laugh. Today's final farewell strip is primarily a text message signed

and editors for their love and support through the nearly 50year run of "Peanuts. In the corner sits a ponderous

the typewriter that so often tapped out: "It was a dark and stormy night... "Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy ... how can I ever

Snoopy atop his doghouse, with

forget them," the strip reads. Schulz has written, drawn, colored and lettered every "Peanuts" strip since its debut Oct. 2, 1950. His contract stipulates that no one else will ever

draw the strip. His beloved cast of characters appear in 2,600 newspapers, reaching an estimated 355 million readers daily in 75 coun-

His final Sunday strip is scheduled to appear Feb. 13.

Other U.S. officials appearing on Sunday's talk shows warned that even though Putin's hard line on Chechnya has increased his popularity, a military quagmire in Chechnya could dim his

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OUR VIEWS

Preparedness got us through Y2K without a hitch

lot of hard work paid off at midnight Friday when Howard County - apparently along with the rest of the world — got past the Y2K crisis without so much as a scratch. While there will no doubt be a few minor problems that reveal themselves over the next several days, no major disruptions have occurred, and it seems certain that

Certainly, the potential for catastrophe was there. Y2K was real. In evaluating hundreds of thousands – no, millions – of components, potentially serious problems were averted. Some, had they not been corrected, would have resulted in disruption of services, major inconveniences, unsafe conditions and possibly

In addition to the calamity that could have occurred because of clocks not rolling over to 2000, businesses and governments reported finding numerous other problems — ones that were not related to Y2K, but operations that were outdated or not functioning prop-

In talking with business owners, government officials and others, we found that Y2K was approached as a challenge. For most it was a disruption of normal activities, an added expense they would have preferred not to have to deal with. A few looked at the situation more optimistically, as an opportunity to bring technology to a new level.

Whether seen as a something positive, or just another wrench thrown into the daily mix of problems, Y2K motivated us. It motivated us not to be "scared" but to tackle the problem head on, together.

It would not have worked, if half of our society had done its part and the other half had not. Utility companies did their part. Governments did theirs. Financial institutions checked and rechecked their systems. Hospitals, nursing homes, caregivers took the necessary steps to ensure the safety of their patients and clients. All pulling together, the transition was a smooth one.

It seems fitting that overcoming this problem came when it did - at a time of celebration.

As we move forward into the year 2000, let's not forget what we can do when we work together.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton signed into law a bill that will allow disabled Americans to keep their government-funded health coverage when they take a job.

It's a move that is long overdue. A primary function of government should be to clear away obstacles that restrict our ability to pursue the American dream via hard

work and dedication.

At the same time it benefits the disabled, the law will unleash millions of talented and creative individuals back into the private sector workplace, where their work and ideas will create new wealth and new opportunities for even more Americans.

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Gore and his whoppers; Bradley carries no stick

have now had a chance to see Al Bradley together on television, first in an hourlong debate in Nashua, N.H., then a few days later on Tim Russert's

Sunday NBC-TV "Meet the Press." I must say that Russert is one of the better interviewe rs on television

- sharp, informed and to the point. He seldom lets a guest slide around a

question. A number of things emerged in these joint appearances by Gore and Bradley. They were more nearly debates than the appearances by Republican candidates have been, since the formats allowed for a good deal of argument between the two

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Yet the total impression was oddly unsatisfactory. There was visible ill feeling between the two men, but, on policy issues, it was difficult to tell what the heat was all about. Based on character and style of argument, I was convinced that Bradley is an honest man. I was left with doubts about

It is difficult to tell what the more casual viewer would come away with regarding the

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Bradley was active in

candidates' views on campaign issues. Much or most of the time was taken up with arguments about the merits of the health-care plans being put forward by the two candidates. I listened closely and took notes. The only real difference between the plans seems to be that, while Gore's advance upon universal coverage would be incremental and require several years, Bradley would move toward such coverage in a couple of steps and more quickly. Both candidates are proposing to spend tens of billions of dollars of the supposed surplus. At this stage, any estimate of cost is likely to be an illusion. If either plan were fully enacted, the cost looks to be around \$100 billion per year, and it would certainly increase, as all such things do.

With all of these figures and all of the wonkery that goes with them in the foreground, about the only thing clear was that the two candidates agree that we must spend an enormous amount of money to assure complete health care for absolutely everyone. No one suggested that some people just might be able to pay for their own care and even foot the cost of prescription drugs. Both agree that a huge federal effort is necessary, as if we are confronted with a terrific emer-

Here is where Gore's style of debate raises eyebrows, even as Gore's own eyebrows seem to flap up and down regardless of what he is saying, an effort one supposes, to effect facial expression. Trying to score debater's points against Bradley, Gore accused him of trying to eliminate Medicaid. Did Gore really think that a

left-liberal like Bradley is out to cheat the poor? Bradley tried to say that his plan includes a better way of providing care for the poor, but Gore was having none of this and kept harping on the projected disappearance of Medicaid. The details remain obscure, but it is impossible to believe the substance of Gore's charge. Bradley is all for the poor.

Gore did the same thing in a

discussion of Social Security. Everyone knows that, as the current middle-aged people retire (the "baby boomers"), the system will run into serious trouble. Of course, a variety of proposals have been put forward to get more money into the system, reduce benefits or change the system. In any serious discussion of the problem, one option always put forward is raising the retirement age, which is now being raised to 67.

The idea is that people today live, on average, much long r than they did in the 1930s when Social Security was instituted.

Gore attacked Bradley furiously for once upon a time suggesting that the retirement age be raised. Bradley answered that this was always one of many options, and not a desirable one. Bradley also asked Gore whether this option had

base," says John Green, a polit-

ical science professor at the

Green likens the religious-

right movement today to that

of a long-distance runner who

Will he muster every last bit

of energy and finish? Or will

Nobody knows the answer,

which is why Bush is hedging

his bets, appealing to the reli-

gious right with his public dec-

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him, yet steering his policy

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whole debate. Connected with this no doubt are his now famous whoppers, claims and statements almost impossible to believe he actually made: that he invented the Internet, that he and Tipper were part of the inspiration for the young couple in "Love Story"; that he uncovered the

this was checkable nonsense. He could honestly claim a long interest in the environment, without the Love Canal

pollution in Love Canal. All of

He has been genuinely interested in the Internet, and he did not have to claim to have invented it. And, of course, on the day Clinton was impeached, Gore did not have to say that he is among our "greatest presidents." A sober defense of his public record would have sufficed.

Bradley has his own problems. He is so laid back that he seems almost bovine. He voted against the Gulf War, and, if he had had his way, Saddam would still be in Kuwait if not in Saudi Arabia.

It is difficult to see him impressing the tough guys in Teheran or Beijing.

He speaks softly, murmurs even, but there's no big stick.

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necessarily listen to us, but

Is the religious right out of the political picture?

they do talk to us." Pat Robertson, who founded the Christian Coalition, has made his peace with Bush. Robertson's "21 Victory Project" promises to raise \$21 million to elect Bush and other Republicans next year. Some disgruntled conservatives grumble that Robertson is

than G-O-D.' Robertson fits the category of an activist who has moved into the mainstream, at least for now. "Social movements are unstable," says Green. "They either fade away or get institutionalized. We don't have the demise of the Christian Right; we have a shift.

"more interested in the G-O-P

The next president could fill as many as four Supreme Court vacancies given the advanced ages and health of the current justices. Roe vs. Wade is in the balance, along with innumerable cases seeking to blur the separation of Church and State. And only Bradley may be reading the public mood correctly, which seems to be saying expressions of faith are better left to the pulpit.



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Congress for school prayer

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers suffer 55-50 setback in overtime

Big Spring's Lady Steers didn't like the way the New Year started for them Saturday in Colorado City, as they dropped a 55-50 overtime loss to the Lady Wolves.

After battling back from a 16-8 first-quarter deficit, the Lady Steers went into the fourth quarter with a 37-34 lead, only to see Colorado City tie the game at 44-44 at the end of regulation.

The Lady Wolves then outscored Big Spring 11-6 in the extra period.

Melissa Forth paced the Lady Steers with 13 points, while Latrisha Rollins and Christina Gwyn scored 12 apiece.

The Lady Steers will play host to Lorenzo at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

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-

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 provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses for a \$35 donation.

Trail Golf Comanche Course, the Big Spring Country Club and Stanton Country Club are participat-

ing in the program. Details are also available at all three local courses.

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

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

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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TUESDAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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and Ch. 8 **NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**

6:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Kings at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut remained No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll today after beating yet another Top Ten team and Arkansas State gained a national ranking for the first time.

UConn, which has led each of the first nine polls of the season, received 43 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel to maintain a solid lead over No. 2 Tennessee.

The Huskies' 90-63 victory over Louisiana Tech on Sunday was their third this season over a team that was in the Top Ten at the time. Connecticut (10-0) received 1,123 points in the voting and Tennessee (9-1) had 1,080.

Tennessee, which plays host to

Connecticut next Saturday, received the two remaining first-place votes.

With the action picking up after the holiday break, there was more movement in the poll than in the previous two weeks. Three teams in the Top Ten lost on Sunday and six others in the Top 25 were beaten during the past week, with three of the losses coming to unranked

Arkansas State was joined as a newcomer by Boston College, which was ranked early in the season. They were tied for 25th. Texas dropped out.

North Carolina State (11-0) climbed one spot to third with 1,023 points, its highest ranking since holding the No. 3 spot on Jan. 21, 1991. Louisiana Tech (10-2), the only team that has beaten Tennessee. fell back one place to fourth.

followed by Georgia, Notre Dame, North Carolina and Iowa State.

Georgia dropped two places to seventh after losing at Illinois and Iowa State jumped four places to 10th after handing Texas Tech its worst loss in five years, **62-37. Tech dropped from sixth to 13th.**

No. 11 Rutgers and No. 12 Purdue each moved up one place. Duke was 14th and Illinois 15th, followed by LSU, UCLA, Arizona, Tulane and Mississippi State.

Old Dominion, UC Santa Barbara. Kansas, Oregon, Arkansas State and Boston College completed the poll.

Arkansas State (9-1) entered the poll after a 72-70 victory at Kansas. The Indians opened with seven straight victories under first-year coach Brian Boyer, a former assistant who did not get

UConn stays No. 1 in women's poll; Lady Raiders dip to No. 13 Auburn was fifth and Penn State sixth, the job until Aug. 18, and their only loss was a three-point game at Marquette.

Boston College (11-3) was ranked in the first four polls of the season, then fell out after losing to Georgia and Illinois in the final two rounds of the preseason NIT. The Eagles lost at Arkansas eight days later but have won seven straight since then, all but one by double-digit mar-

Texas, which had been 25th, dropped out after a 30-point loss to Tennessee. The Longhorns had been ranked for three weeks.

Tulane made the biggest jump in the poll, going from 24th to 19th after beating

Texas Tech's fall of seven places was the biggest drop. LSU fell five spots to

Cowboys secure playoff berth

one good game after two clunkers. Actually, it was only three good quarters. Yet it was enough to give the Dallas Cowboys hope they can be the first 8-8 team to win a playoff

"I've thought the last few weeks we've been getting better offensively," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said after a 26-18 victory over the New York Giants Sunday, which gave the Cowboys a trip to Minnesota next Sunday. "If we keep working like that, we've got a great

opportunity. Emmitt Smith ran for 122 yards, Troy Aikman threw touchdown passes of 90 and 4 yards and Eddie Murray kicked four field goals as Dallas rebounded from two ugly losses to snag the NFC's final wild-

card berth. The Cowboys and Detroit Lions became the fifth and sixth 8-8 teams ever to make the playoffs. None of the previ-

ous three won a game. Dallas wound up the fifth seed because of better conference record than Detroit. That means the Cowboys would host the NFC championship if they

which is highly unlikely. For the Cowboys to advance, they must win on the road, and they're 1-7 away from Texas Stadium. They lost 27-17 to the Vikings in Minnesota in November. They also have failed to win consecutive games since starting 3-0.

Then again, this has been one weird season. And Dallas has reached the conference finals in four of its previous five wildcard trips, even going to the Super Bowl in 1975.



and the Lions make it that far Dallas quarterback Troy Alkman, pictured here celebrating a touchdown in Super Bowl for more than 200 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Cowboys to a 26-18 win over the New York Giants on Sunday, giving Dallas a berth in the NFL playoffs.

do when you're David fighting Goliath is make sure you have a good sling and good rocks. I feel like we have that," team owner Jerry Jones said. "I'm pretty excited about the chal-

The Giants' challenge Sunday was to win by 81 points. That was the only way New York could make the playoffs

'One of the things you like to Arizona 49-24 in an earlier

game. To their credit, the Giants (7-9) didn't fold after trailing 23-3. They rallied for 15 fourth-quarter points, keeping the game interesting until the Cowboys recovered an onside kick with 57 seconds left.

Still, they lost their third straight and sixth of eight. "We didn't play very mature-

"I don't think we knew what to do when the game was on the line. When those things happen, you're going to lose ball-

> Both teams came in having supposedly been fired up by loud pep talks from their own-

said of the season-ending skid.

Jones apparently was more effective in his speech than

because Green Bay beat ly," quarterback Kerry Collins New York's Wellington Mara.

Green Bay, Carolina miss postseason despite big wins

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green Bay and Carolina needed to win, and win big, to have a chance to get into the NFL playoffs. They did just that, but still didn't reach the

postseason. Dallas and the New York Giants needed to win, too, and since they were playing each other, it would have been fitting in this wacky season if they had tied.

Green Bay and Carolina had to proceed as if Dallas would

So they engaged in a shootout reminiscent of what colleges try to do when they want to impress pollsters. Under a possible tiebreaker with the Giants, Carolina needed to win

Bay, and with the coaches getting updates on the sideline, the points came in bunches as the teams kept throwing the ball to the end.

Carolina beat defenseless New Orleans 45-13, and Green Bay poured it on Arizona, too, winning 49-24 to finish with an 11-point advantage in the differential tiebreaker. But when Dallas won a few hours later and won the tiebreaker on better conference record, the point differential became moot.

"We had our chances and didn't make the most of them." said Brett Favre, who passed the 4,000-yard passing milestone for the season for the third time. "I think everyone should be aware of that."

"I'm disappointed that we champion Washington (10-6),

by 18 more points than Green didn't get the help we needed but earned the last spot in the today from the Giants," said Packers coach Ray Rhodes, who was fired after the game. "It's tough to have your season end the way it has, watching Dallas win a game on television. But we have no one to blame but ourselves — we got

in this situation by not taking

advantage of some opportuni-

ties we had earlier this season.' In the AFC, wins by Kansas **City** (9-7) and Seattle (9-7) would have eliminated Miami (9-7), but neither the Seahawks nor the Chiefs could do it. Seattle lost 19-9 to the New York Jets and the Chiefs blew a 17-0 lead before losing 41-38 in

overtime to Oakland. Miami lost 21-10 to NFC East

AFC. Seattle won the AFC West in a tiebreaker with Kansas City after winning both of their meetings.

That set up next weekend's first round of playoffs, with Buffalo at Tennessee and Detroit at Washington on Saturday, and Dallas Minnesota and Miami at Seattle on Sunday. St. Louis and Tampa Bay in the NFC and Indianapolis and Jacksonville in the AFC have byes.

In other games, it was New England 20, Baltimore 3; Jacksonville 24, Cincinnati 7; Minnesota 24, Detroit 17; Buffalo 31, Indianapolis 6; Tampa Bay 20, Chicago 6; Philadelphia 38, St. Louis 31; San Diego 12, Denver 6; and Tennessee 47, Pittsburgh 36.

'Huskers top Vols in Fiesta

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — At its best, the option is unstoppable, and Nebraska was at its best in the second half of the Fiesta Bowl.

In touchdown drives of 96 and 99 yards, followed by a marathon, 7-minute, 25-second march to end the game, the third-ranked Cornhuskers used a deadly combination of speed and strength Sunday night to

beat No. 6 Tennessee 31-21. 'We had to be the most physical team," Eric Crouch said. "I

think it showed." Crouch was the game's MVP. The shifty, lightning-quick sophomore at the controls of Nebraska's offense never was corralled by the Volunteers for

It was all too familiar to Tennessee. Two years ago, Nebraska wore down the Vols in the second half for a 42-17 victory in the Orange Bowl.

"I'd say we got another good lesson tonight," Vols coach

Phillip Fulmer said. This time, after Tennessee cut the lead to 17-14 following a fumble by the Huskers on the first play of the second half, the stage seemed set for a comefrom-behind victory. Then,

Nebraska's offense took over. The Cornhuskers (12-1) went 196 yards in nine plays, with Crouch throwing to wide-open tight end Aaron Goliday for a 13-yard touchdown and it was 24-14 with 4:44 left in the third

quarter. Crouch never threw another pass.

A perfect punt pinned the Huskers at their own 1 the next time they got the ball, and they went 99 yards in 10 plays to take a 31-14 lead on Correll Buckhalter's 2-yard touchdown run with 12:01 to go.

"Once we started running, we found out that maybe we can keep running it," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "That's what we ended up doing. That worked very well." The Huskers ran the ball their last 23 plays, gaining 156

When Tennessee (9-3) cut the lead to 31-21 on a trick 44-yard pass play from wide receiver Cedric Wilson to Donte' Stallworth, it looked like a comeback was possible.

vards.

But the Huskers, whose only loss was by four points at Texas, never gave up the ball again and the Vols could do nothing as time ran out.

Sugar Bowl quarterbacks: 'Big old' guy vs. the whiz kid NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Michael Vick you." Weinke, who threw for 3,103 yards and he's given me some pretty good

reacts, Chris Weinke reloads.

Vick relies on a wristband to remem-

ber plays; Weinke recalls plays faster than his coaches. A 19-year-old unflappable freshman vs.

a financially secure 27-year-old former pro baseball player. The performances of these vastly different quarterbacks most likely will determine who wins the national championship when No. 1 Florida State plays No. 2 Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl

on Tuesday night. Vick is the brilliant improviser, a gifted 6-foot-1, 212-pound left-hander who combined poise and pinpoint passing to lead the Hokies to their first national

"He's a reaction guy, an instinctive player," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "If you were talking about a boxer, he'd be a counter fighter. You take a swing at him and miss, he'll nail

Weinke, financially set after signing as a bonus baby and toiling six years in the minors before returning to college, is almost Vick's polar opposite: a 6-5, 240pound drop-back passer with steadiness, size and smarts. Hokies coach Frank Beamer calls him simply "that big old

many ways, they have something in common: Their teams have 11-0 records and they are playing in their first national title game. 'Whatever happens out there, he's not going to panic," Bowden said of Weinke,

While the quarterbacks are different in

emotions and his seniority and his composure and his patience.' Bowden said he usually gives the seniors all the responsibility but made

whom he sometimes calls "Sir." "It's his

an exception for Weinke, a junior. "Chris is not a senior ye" He's si my h a senior citizen," Bowden said.

25 touchdowns, was at his absolute best in a 30-23 win at Florida.

After the Gators went ahead 16-13 late in the third quarter, Weinke led the 'Noles to a tying field goal and two more TDs. That sealed the victory and gave his team its third title shot in the last four years.

"Because of my age, guys look to me for leadership and I accept that role," Weinke said. "It's no secret what this team has gone through this year off the field. I've been a leader in terms of keeping everyone focused. I can't pinpoint anything, but I just go about my busi-

In more ways than one. When he wasn't keeping the team together during Peter Warrick's two-game suspension, he chatted with offensive coordinator Mark Richt about other matters.

'He's a normal 27-year-old," Richt said, smiling. "We talk financial stuff, balloting.

leads, too." Richt also said Weinke knows some plays better than he does.

Vick also knows his business. He insisted on being redshirted last season because he knew he wasn't ready to run a college offense.

"I wanted to sit down and learn, get used to being in a college atmosphere,

get my studies down right," Vick says. Vick started slowly in '99, missing the second half of the season-opener against James Madison and the next game against Alabama-Birmingham because of a sprained ankle caused by his flip for a touchdown. The next week, he threw three interceptions against Clemson, but

the defense took charge in a 31-11 win. He's been nearly perfect since, completing 90 of 152 passes for 1,840 yards. and 12 touchdowns and running 108 times for 585 yards and eight TDs. He finished third in the Heisman Trophy

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Reach out for another at a distance. Conversations pique your imagination. Stay centered, however. You may become overly excited about a possible happening. Look at a plan from all possible points of view. Check for potential potholes in your path. Stay open to change. Tonight: Make a dream

real TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Take a back seat. Be sure of yourself when dealing with a partner, who clearly wants the best for you. Examine your long-term desires carefully. Right now, everything feels possible. Discussions reveal another side of a loved one one that you neve r knew exist-

ed. Remain upbeat and positive. Tonight: Be a duo. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** What you have wanted tumbles into your lap. Make must meetings. Extend yourself. Stay secure in your choices. Popularity peaks, but although this could be an exciting moment, you might make a wrong choice. Stick with what you know will work. Don't hesitate to ask that important question. Tonight: Where your

friends are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You are full of excitement and energy. A boss listens you. Don't do anything halfway. Remain secure about your choices. Your enthusiasm is contagious. You can tackle that job. Ask for a pay raise or promotion while the going is

good. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Meet challenges with optimism and security. There is no reason to think that a situation won't work. You have the savvy and knowledge to push an idea over the line. Make calls. Accept an opportunity. Don't compromise a longterm dream. Go for it! S uccess is yours. Tonight: Take a mid-

week break VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) bers, whose great ideas help make a difference. Be optimistic and positive. A partner comes through for you in a big way. You work well as a team. Count on a partner to come through for you. Listen carefully to another's ideas, a nd value them. Tonight: Make it a cozy night for two!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others come to you. There are so many choices, you might want to check your horoscope! You excel in communication — others clearly get your message. You know how to stay on top of your work and your personal life without excluding anyone. Remove t he word "can't" from your vocabulary. Tonight: The world is your oys

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**** Though you think every thing is good to go, you could still have a lapse in judgment about spending. Pull back and take a hard look at recent decisions. You might be going overboard, presently. Plug into work; clear your desk. Make time to explore a new health club. Tonight: Indulge a little, but not everything needs to be expensive!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

***** Beam in what you want. Listen to a loved one or child who has gems of wisdom to share. Creativity remains high. Take a long lunch. Visit with a friend or two simultaneously. A relationship could be heating up considerably. You like what is going on . Tonight: Your general manner draws your

desires CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

*** You resolve what has been a personal problem. Do a better iob of listening. A family member clearly cares about you and wants to be part of your team. You are coming from a place of security. Open up to others. Your self-confidence and sense of secur ity speak. Tonight: Take some per-

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I have gotright ten back into shape. I swim 40 laps every day, eat very healthfully and happily fit into a size again. (Actually, the pants I'm wearing right now are a



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size 2!) My problem is this: Since my job is laidback and does not require a dress code - Web development, sitting behind a PC all day — I seem to dress very poorly each day. Sometimes I look at myself in the mirror and say, "For someone who takes such good care of her body, eats so well and stays in shape — you look like a slob!"

Please, Abby, help me devote more time to myself. Although going to the gym during lunch is a priority and eating healthfully goes without saying, I let my hair look like a complete mess, my clothes never match, I wear old sneakers every day, and my shirts are wrinkled and three sizes too big. What can I do to look neater and actually make it a priority every day? "L" IN MIDDLE VILLAGE,

DEAR "L": Everyone should

have your problems! An effec-

tive way to make sure you look

sharp at work each day would be to coordinate your outfit the night before so you'll have it ready to wear the next morn-Talk to a hairstylist about creating a style you can manage in 10 minutes with a minimum of bother, and then determine how much (or little) makeup you need to look civi-

lized. Many young women

apply only mascara, a little rouge and lipstick, and look terrific. Taking a few extra minutes to fix yourself up before leaving the house will ensure that you start the day feeling good about yourself. It's been my experience that every time I failed to do it, thinking I probably wouldn't meet anyone who knew me, I inevitably ran into someone I knew - and was ashamed of myself because I

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didn't look my best. 'Nuff said?

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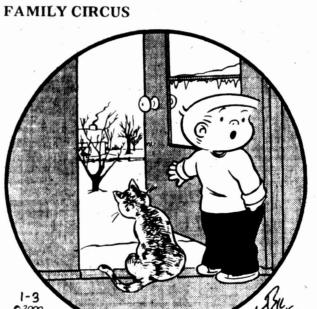






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"I don't think Kittycat wants to be a cool cat."

I WONDER IF OUR LIFESTYLES WILL UNDERGO DRAMATIC



I'M HUNGRY

"THANKS FOR LETTING ME USE YOUR PHONE, MR. WILSON I HOPE YOU NOTICED, I WAITED UNTIL IT WAS ONLY 5 + A MINUTE.

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Today is Monday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2000. There are 363

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 3, 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the

Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as "shoguns." In 1892, 'J.R.R. Tolkein,

author of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1777, Gen. George

Washington's army routed the

British in the Battle of

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration

re-established the authority of

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York witnessed some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1961, the United States sev- ered diplomatic relations with.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed by a servant in northern Kenya.

In 1993, President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty Moscow.

Ten years ago: Ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission following U.S. invasion of Panama.

Five years ago: Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo announced an emergency plan for wage and price controls and budget cuts to stabilize the peso and combat spiraling inflation.

One year ago: Chicagoans dug out from their biggest snowstorm in more than 30 years. Israeli authorities detained, and later expelled, 14 members of Concerned Christians, a Denver-based cult which Israeli officials feared was plotting violence in Jerusalem to bring about the Second Coming of Christ.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Victor Borge is 91. Former U.S. ambassador Vernon Walters is 83. Sportscaster Hank Stram is 77. Record producer Sir George Martin is 74. Actor Robert Loggia is 70. Actor Dabney Coleman is 68. Journalistauthor Betty Rollin is 64. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 61. Singer-songwriterproducer Van Dyke Parks is 57. Musician Stephen Stills is 55 Actress Victoria Principal is 50. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 44.

Thought for Today: "Experience is a wonderful thing; it enables you to recognize a mistake every time you repeat it." - Anonymous.

Roman Catholic Church. days left in the year. THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By James E. Buell

Fort Washington, MD

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