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**MONDAY**

January 10, 2000

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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TONIGHT  
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TUESDAY  
73°-78°

**WHAT'S UP...**

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

☐ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

☐ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

**TUESDAY**  
 ☐ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

☐ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room

**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.

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

**THURSDAY**  
 ☐ Gideon's International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

☐ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

☐ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

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

☐ Big Spring Newcomer's Club, contact Pat Miralles for time and location at 267-8741.

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

☐ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

☐ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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**Heritage Museum's '80 Bites' scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29**

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
 Features Editor

Aspiring chefs and would-be world travelers have just three weeks to prepare for the Heritage Museum's "Around the World in '80 Bites" food festival.



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The sixth annual event is

planned Saturday, Jan. 29 at the museum from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Participating chefs agree to prepare a recipe from any country in the world, serving about 300 small "bites" to those who attend. In the past, "80 Bites" has featured the culinary specialties of Italy, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Greece, Egypt, China, England, Scotland, Finland and, of course, Texas.

"This popular event would not be possible without the help of our wonderful local chefs," said curator Angie Way. "We have

**80 BITES**

- WHAT — 6th annual "Around the World in 80 Bites"
- WHEN — Saturday, Jan. 29
- WHERE — Heritage Museum

so many of them who return year after year, bringing different dishes, and always having a great time."

The festival has been scheduled this year to coincide with the performance of DanzaHispana, presented by the Big Spring Symphony. The

dance group performs at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium, six blocks away from the museum.

Tickets to sample the international tastes are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children, and go on sale Tuesday. Chefs will receive a free pass and two additional free tickets.

Attendees have the chance to vote during the evening for "World's Greatest Chef," with an award presented to the winner. All chefs will also receive a cookbook from the Capt. Marcy Sesquicentennial celebration

the museum sponsored last year.

Chefs can request booth space with or without electricity, and the museum provides plates, napkins, plasticware and other items.

"80 Bites" is a fundraiser for the museum, helping to maintain exhibits and provide programs throughout the year. Last year's festival earned \$2,500, and that is the goal for this year as well.

Interested chefs should reserve a spot by Jan. 22. Forms are available by calling 267-8255.

**Bridge work slows traffic on north FM 700**

By BILL MCLELLAN  
 News Editor

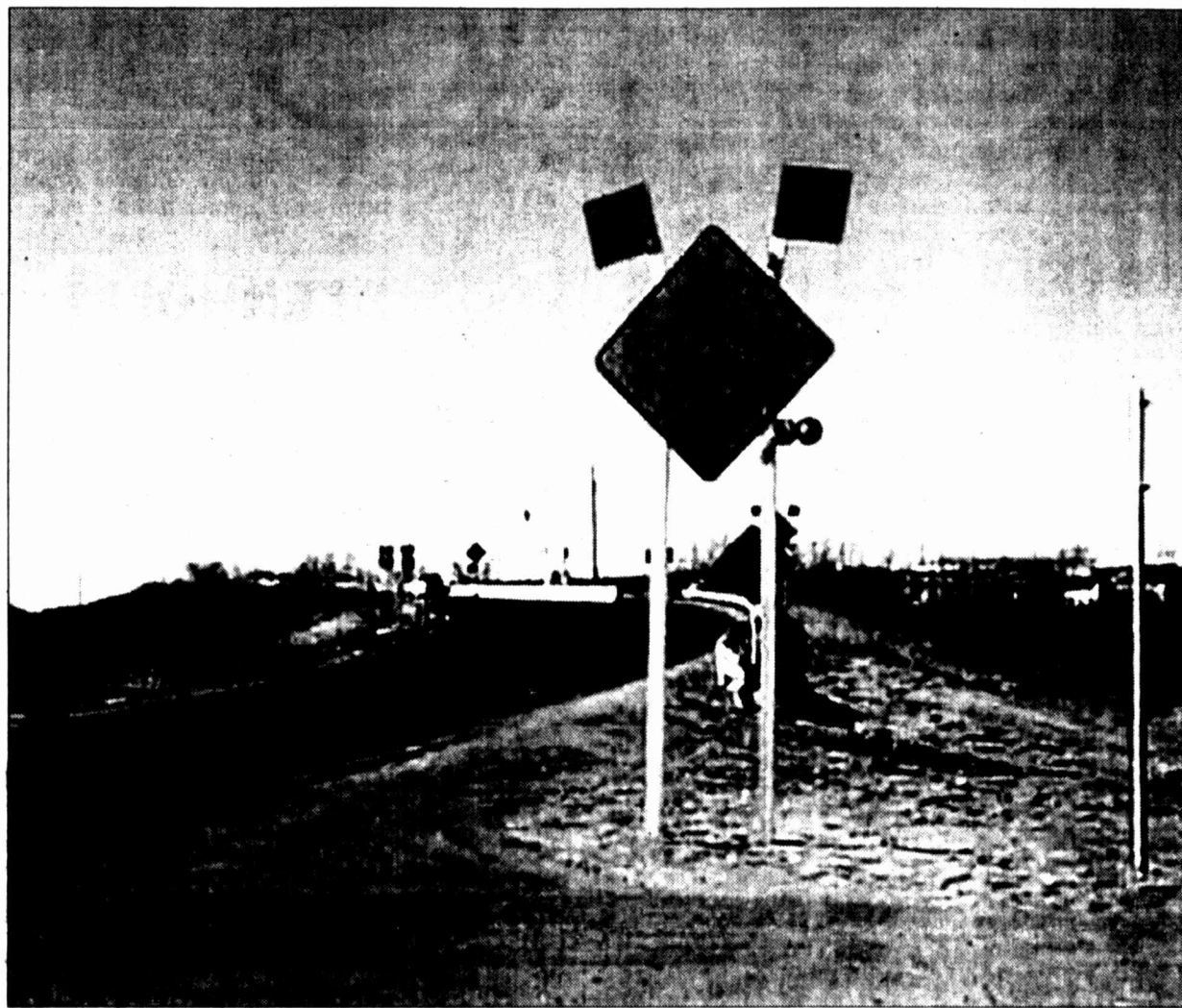
Slipping around the north side of Big Spring on FM 700 will be a little slower from now until May, as the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has begun deck replacement on the bridge crossing the Union Pacific Railroad northeast of the city.

Construction began last month and is scheduled to be completed by June 1, according to Tom Edwards, TxDOT Big Spring area assistant engineer.

Traffic can still get across the bridge, but it has been reduced to one lane while work is going on. A traffic light system alerts motorists to stop and go. The signals are activated by the movement of an approaching vehicle. As soon as the signal has allowed opposing traffic enough time to clear the project, the green light will come on to proceed.

Motorists are cautioned not to run the light or they could find themselves meeting oncoming traffic midway up the bridge. "Short delays of one to two minutes may be encountered when traveling through the project," said Edwards. "Please plan your travel accordingly and obey all traffic signals so that we can maintain a safe work zone for both the traveling public and our bridge construction workers. Your patience and continued cooperation are appreciated."

Meanwhile, the local TxDOT office is considering how to fund an enhancement project along I-20 after being turned down in its request from the state agency.



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

**Motorists traveling on FM 700 north of Big Spring are experiencing delays following the start of work on the bridge that spans the Union Pacific Railroad. The Texas Department of Transportation began work on the project last month. The work is expected to be completed by May 1.**

As with the city and its efforts to gain funding for Pioneer Plaza, the local office was invited by the three-member highway commission to resubmit the grant, but it was decided not to pursue that route.

"The commission gave us the

opportunity to come in and justify it, but we decided that would be directly competing with public interests, and we didn't want to do that," said Art Barrow, Big Spring area engineer. "We're still planning on doing it; we're just looking at other resources. Specifically,

we're looking within our funding categories. We're kind of in an investigative mode right now and don't really have any timeline on it."

The project, as submitted, was to beautify retaining walls along the interstate with trees and tiered landscaping.

**HC distance learning options continue to grow for students**

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
 Staff Writer

Students registering on Thursday for the spring semester at Howard College have several options within the distance learning classrooms, as more than 15 different courses are being offered.

"That program is really growing. We have those two distance learning classrooms filled from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day, almost solid. This helps us with some classes that we traditionally have lower enrollment in."

"With lower enrollment, sometimes we would have to kill those classes, and we're hoping with the three campuses able to enroll, we'll have enough students," said Howard College interim vice president for instruction Linda Conway.

Registration for classes, which begin next Monday, is set for 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Assigned times are available by calling the registrar's office, she said.

"Open enrollment begins at 4 p.m. and concludes at 8 p.m., for those students who do not



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have an assigned time. Most students received assigned times last semester," she said.

Assigned time registration helps thin the lines down, instead of a huge influx of students at 8 a.m., she said. Computers and other needed materials will be moved to the coliseum for the registration process, she said.

Registration for the San Angelo campus was Monday, and Lamesa students enroll Tuesday. Students at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for Deaf register for classes Friday.

As many as 75 students, staff and faculty will be involved in registering the more than 2,000 students expected to enroll this semester at Howard College.

"We're always hoping for better enrollment. We were up in the fall semester, and we're hoping that trend will continue this semester and that we'll have more students than spring last year," Conway said.

Another difference with Spring Semester 2000 is students may enroll in the Associate Degree Nursing Program now, instead of waiting until the fall, she said.

"In the past, we only started that program in the spring, which inhibited a lot of students. Now we have two entry times instead of one, which is better for the students," Conway said.

**City council set to call special election**

By BILL MCLELLAN  
 News Editor

Big Spring City Council will consider setting a date for a special mayoral election when it convenes Tuesday night.

That, and calling for a regular council election are the key items on this week's agenda.

"We're going to ask the council to set a date for the special election to fill the mayor's unexpired term. They had asked us to look at some dates to set it as soon as possible," said city manager Gary Fuqua.

Tim Blackshear gave up his post as mayor last week when

he filed as a candidate for District 70 in the Texas House of Representatives. Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Garcia is currently filling the mayor's duties.

Tuesday, the council will consider calling a special election to fill the vacated position. According to state law, the election must be held within 120 days of the date Blackshear filed for the House of Representative's seat — last Monday.

City officials have contacted the Secretary of State's office to see if the mayoral election could coincide with the regular city election, set for May 6, but were told that would not be

acceptable. In lieu of that, the council seems to want to set the special election as soon as possible.

"The date we are going to recommend is the first day we can hold it, which is (Saturday) March 4. Of course the council can adjust that as they see fit," Fuqua said.

Once the date is set, the filing period and early voting period will be announced as well. If the council approves March 4 as the election day, filing would begin this Wednesday and end Wednesday, Feb. 2.

There are no decisions to be

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**Stenholm**

**Town meeting set Wednesday at 11 at DRCC**

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
 Staff Writer

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) hopes to gather together with the Big Spring community for a town hall meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"I am looking forward to visiting with everyone who can come by to share their concerns with me," Stenholm said.

The town hall meeting will focus on changes made through the United States Congress recently, including rural health care, trade and the agricultural situation.

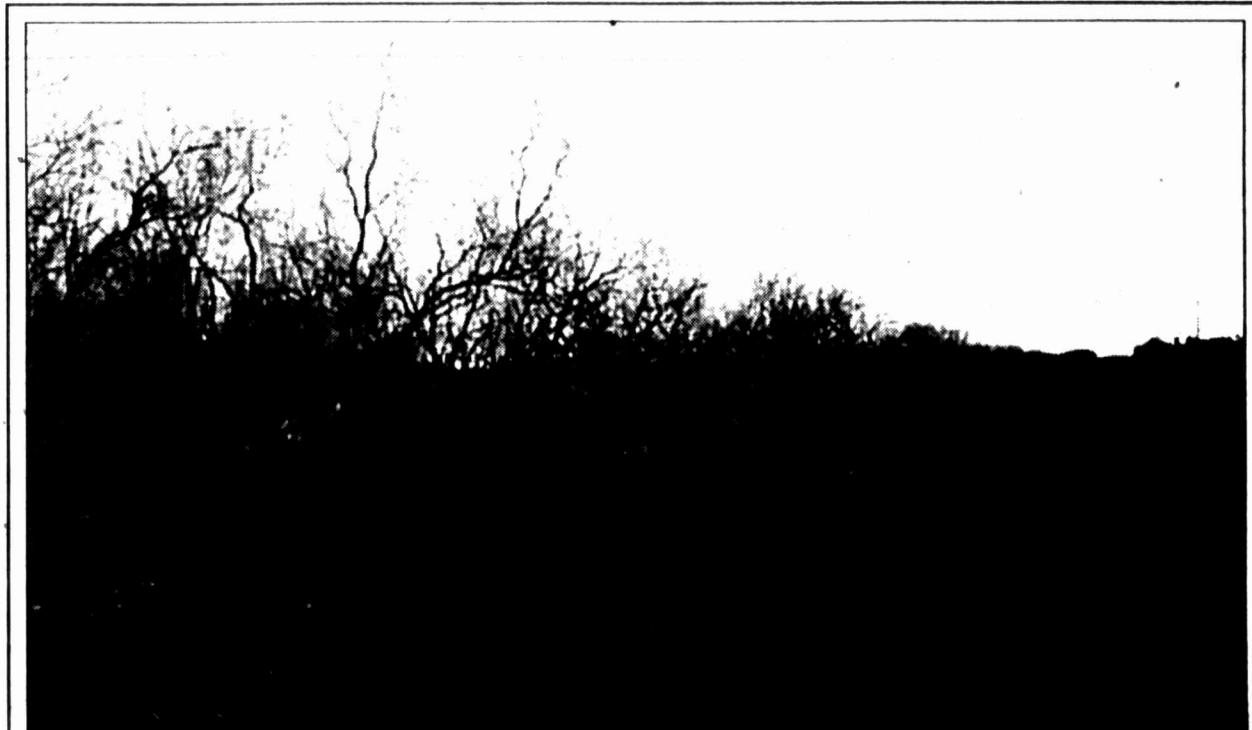
Stenholm's district manager, Mark Lundgren, said the current farm bill does not seem to be working for West Texas farmers, and Stenholm is seeking input from the community about possible changes and adjustments.

"We need to know where do we go from here. We want to know from the farmers what the USDA can do for and with them, and we'd like to know what they



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HERALD photo/Lyndal Moody

**A sea of tumbleweeds line one side of Wasson Road. The tumbleweeds — or Russian Thistle — were deposited along the fencerow during the duststorm two weeks ago.**

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**OBITUARIES**

**Grace J. Lockhart McClinton**

Grace J. Lockhart McClinton, 91, Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, in a local nursing home. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kenny Smith, minister of College Heights Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mrs. McClinton was born on Aug. 10, 1908, in Ira, and married Allen J. McClinton on Dec. 5, 1932, in Howard County.

She was raised in the Luther Community and was a longtime Big Spring resident. Mrs. McClinton was a homemaker.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church at Elbow, Big Spring Art Association and the Ladies Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include: her husband, Allen J. McClinton of Big Spring; one daughter, Nan Ivie of Big Spring; one son, Allan Dale McClinton of Littleton, Colo.; one brother, Warren Lockhart of Austin; two granddaughters, Nicole Gibson and Casey Ivie, both of Big Spring; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. McClinton was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Lillie Lockhart; one sister, Mae Lockhart; two brothers, Connelly and Carl Lockhart; and one granddaughter, Jamie Branch.

The family will be at 605 West 17th Street.

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

*Paid obituary*

**Joyce Knappe**

Joyce Knappe, 76, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a long illness. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Loraine Cemetery.

She was born on April 17, 1923, in Mitchell County. She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years and was a Baptist. Mrs. Knappe had been a licensed vocational nurse at Malone and Hogan Hospital and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, retiring in 1983.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Jackson of Mineola and Craig Knappe of San Angelo; a brother, Harvey Compton of Irving; two sisters, Hazel McCollum and Claudia McCreary, both of Big Spring; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

**Eddie Shoemaker**

Service for Eddie Shoemaker, 84, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain at Baptist Memorials Center in San Angelo, and the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Shoemaker died Saturday, Jan. 8, in a local hospital. He was born on Aug. 2, 1915, in Atascosa County. He married Gladys Hicks on Sept. 29, 1967, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 19, 1995. He then married Oneita Sledge on March 17, 1996, in Woodrow. Mr. Shoemaker was a bus driver for Greyhound Bus Lines for 42 years until retiring. He came to Big Spring in 1980 from San Antonio. He drove a school bus for Big Spring Independent School District for a number of years and later drove the bus for St. Mary's Episcopal School. Mr. Shoemaker was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Oneita Shoemaker of Big Spring; two sons: Weldon Shoemaker and Wayne Shoemaker, both of San Antonio; four daughters: Ann Bowman, Lora Stickler, Bobbie Tracey and Vickie Wall, all of San Antonio; two step-sons: Harold Hicks of Kermit and Jim Hicks of Austin; two step-daughters: Andre Clark of Big Spring and Carla Beall of Richardson; 19 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Gideon's Memorial Bible Plan; P.O. Box 133, Big Spring, 79721-0133.

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

**Elmer 'Don' Carter**

Graveside service for Elmer "Don" Carter, 68, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Carter died Saturday, Jan. 8, in a local nursing home.

He was born on March 9, 1931, in Coleman. Mr. Carter lived in Big Spring for many years. He moved to Comanche in 1979 and returned to Big Spring in 1998.

He had worked as an automobile mechanic for Pollard Chevrolet, Shroyer Motor Co., and Dewey Ray Chrysler before owning and operating Carter's Automotive. He was a Baptist.

Survivors are two sons: Jim Bob Carter of Chicago, Ill., and Terry "Fuzzy" Carter of Big Spring; three daughters: Donna Franklin, Carla Shaw and

Debbie Wyrick, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, 78755-0460.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7 to 8 p.m.

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

**Vivian Rebecca Wright**

Memorial service for Vivian Rebecca Wright, 72, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at the Eighth and Grand Church of Christ in Artesia, N.M., with Gary and Floyd Wright officiating.

Mrs. Wright died Jan. 8, in Lubbock.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1927, in Myron, Ark. She married Jesse Wright in Roswell, N.M., on July 22, 1945. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1986. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Survivors are four sons: Floyd Wright of Fairbanks, Alaska; Lloyd Wright of Las Vegas, Nev.; Jesse Lynn Wright of Roswell, N.M.; and Gary Wright of Spartanburg, S.C.; two daughters: Becky Stone of Big Spring and Donna Moore of Borger; one brother, John Montgomery of Roswell, N.M.; three sisters: Leta Herron of Anton, Joyce Little of Jonesboro, Ark. and Verna Wimberly of Anton; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or the Childrens Home of Portales, N.M.

Arrangements under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock.

**Pedro M. Porras**

Rosary for Pedro M. Porras, 60, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. tonight at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Porras died Saturday, Jan. 8, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following a long illness.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1939, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring, moving to Odessa 19 years ago. He was a Catholic. Mr. Porras had worked at Webb Air Force Base for 15 years as head chef at the Officers Club.

Survivors are two sons: Peter Porras Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla. and Robert Porras of Houston; two daughters: Melinda Marquez and Cynthia Porras, both of Big Spring; his mother, Dolores Porras of Big Spring; three step-sons: Ismael Carrillo; Isaisa Carrillo and Arnulfo Enriquez, all of Odessa; four brothers: Pascual Porras of Big Spring, Antonio Porras, Jesus Porras Jr. and Benito Porras, all of Odessa; one sister, Elidora Guerrero of Bossier City, La. and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Kenneth French**

Service for Kenneth French, 54, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000, in a local hospital.

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made by the council as to the May 6 election, however. Those dates are set by the state. Up for election are District 2, currently held by Garcia; District 4, held by Tommy Tune; and District 6, represented by Greg Biddison.

The only other new items of business Tuesdays are a no parking ordinance on the east side of Owens from 10th Street to Sixth Street, an application under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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and approval of payment of late homestead exemption refunds. The council will also discuss equipment for the maintenance of Beals Creek.

On second reading, the council will consider:

- a resolution canceling a lease with Signal Homes;
- a resolution leasing to Big Spring Manufactured Homes a five-acre tract of land;
- participation in the Beals Creek bridge replacement project;
- rehabilitation of the primary clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant;
- police vehicles and equipment for the police department;
- a resolution allowing the police department to apply for a Safe and Sober grant from the Texas Department of Transportation;
- designation of the maximum speed limit at 45 miles per hour on Rickabaugh Drive;
- and approval of the investment report ending Nov. 30, 1999.

Tuesday's meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

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like about the farm bill and what they would like changed," Lundgren said.

He said farmers have expressed an appreciation for the freedom the current farm bill allows, but that may have been reflected in crop prices reaching a 25-year low.

And the current safety net, or crop insurance may not be measuring up to expectations as well, he said.

"There's something wrong when it makes more sense to destroy crops than to harvest," he said.

Rural health care will also be discussed, and Stenholm is also seeking community input on that subject and how it materializes into everyday life.

"We nearly lost 10 of our hospitals and through the changes and the balanced budget amendment, we were able to save them. But hospitals are struggling and we want to hear comments about that," Lundgren said.

The town hall meeting is set for one hour. Stenholm, as congressman for the 17th Congressional District, represents 32 counties in Texas.

His constituents stretch from Weatherford to Martin County, south to San Angelo and north to Haskell, Lundgren said.

"Staying in touch with my constituents helps me to represent their interests in Washington," Stenholm said.

**Prison guards seek security, additional pay**

AUSTIN (AP) — State corrections officers today presented Gov. George W. Bush's office a petition calling for a special session of the Legislature to increase staffing and salaries for prison guards in Texas.

The petition culminated a week-long candlelight vigil for former guard Danny Nagle, who was stabbed to death last month at a prison unit in Beeville, about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio.

"We don't want Danny Nagle's death to be in vain," said Carlos Carrasco, an officer with the public employee union representing prison guards. "We don't want to be here in another year saying 'Governor, someone else has died.'"

The union presented Bush's office 3,300 signatures calling for the special session.

State prison officials have set up a special committee to push for higher salaries for prison guards in the wake of Nagle's death.

A Scripps Howard analysis of assaults on prison guards showed that attacks have more than doubled in the past five years.

Bush, the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination, was campaigning in New Hampshire and Michigan.

Spokesman Mike Jones said Bush believes guards deserve a raise but would not call for a special session. The issue can be addressed in the next regular meeting of the Legislature in 2001, Jones said.

Bush advocated spending \$53 million for guard raises last session, Jones said. The plan was not approved by the Legislature.

Texas, which has the second-largest state prison system behind California, ranks 46th in the nation in pay, according to the agency. First-year salary for a correctional officer is \$21,744 a year. The 1998 national average was \$22,300. After 2 years, a guard's salary tops out at \$26,724, compared with the national average of \$34,404, according to the Corrections Yearbook.

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**BRIEFS**

**GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.**

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

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

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

**STATE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE DEBBY** Calley Cook's apartment in Midland was destroyed by fire Dec. 30. She and her family are in need of many items that were destroyed in the blaze.

Hospital employees have mobilized a drive to collect items for the family, including furniture and clothes. Mrs. Cook wears a large top, size 12 pants and 8-1/2 shoe. Her husband wears a large shirt, 32x34 pants and 7-1/2-8 shoes.

If you can donate items, bring them to the Activities Therapy Department at the hospital, or call 268-7248.

**SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE** witnessed the effects of

**Scenic Mountain Medical Center**  
1601 W. 11th Place  
263-1211

childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

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

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**MONDAY**  
•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

**POLICE**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• **WILLIAM GRAVES, 59,** was arrested for public intoxication.

• **CONNIE SILHAN, 42,** was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHNNY PAYNE, 41,** was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES MOORE, 40,** was arrested on local warrants.

• **VICTOR CASTILLO, 27,** was arrested for class A assault/family violence.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad and the 700 block of I-20.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane and the 2600 block of Cindy.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Highland and the 500 block of Highland.

• **CLASS B THEFT** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth, 800 block of East 15th and near the intersection of Second and Gregg streets.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium and the 1700 block of East Third.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of State. A door lock and frame was damaged, and a satellite received, a leather coat and miscellaneous compact discs, all valued at \$1,725, were reported stolen.

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**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
24th & Johnson 267-4248  
Josephine Hillario, 68, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Iglesia Bautista Central, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.  
Pedro M. Porras, 60, died Saturday. Rosary will be at 8:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
Trinity Memorial Park and Ciematery  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331  
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# Guess what? Post office preparing to launch rate increase process

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service is getting ready to kick off the complex process of raising rates, a step that could mean higher stamp prices early next year.

Major mailers have been on edge in recent months, anticipating the action many expect to be announced Tuesday at the monthly meeting of the Postal Service's board of governors.

"I think it's about 95 percent likely that the governors will approve a filing," said Neal Denton of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers.

"They're going to do it,"

agreed Gene Del Polito, president of the American Association for Postal Commerce, formerly the Advertising Mail Marketing Association.

Officials of the Mailers Council and Direct Marketing Association also said they expected action soon.

Postal officials were not discussing how much of an increase would be sought — or even if a request would be filed — stressing that the decision is up to the governing board.

Two of the post office's main competitors — Federal Express

and United Parcel Service — recently announced rate increases to take effect in February, citing rising costs.

Just last month, postal officials declared their rates would not be raised in 2000, noting the \$363 million profit for FY 1999.

Starting the complex process of raising rates now is not likely to break that promise.

When the post office wants to raise prices, it has to seek permission from the independent Postal Rate Commission and provide detailed supporting documents. The commission then holds hearings and issues its

decision; the process takes 10 months.

Assuming commission approval, the matter would go before the postal governors in November or December. They traditionally have been reluctant to impose higher rates before the Christmas mailing rush, so any rate rise is unlikely before early 2001.

The current 33-cent First Class rate took effect Jan. 10, 1999, a 1-cent increase. Speculation in the mailing industry has focused on a probable First Class increase of 1- or 2-cents this time.

Postmaster General William Henderson recently told The Denver Post he would not recommend a rate increase larger than inflation, which would suggest a 1-cent boost.

The Postal Service is a semi-independent federal agency. It does not receive tax money for operations and is expected to make enough money to break even over time. The agency still carries a \$3.5 billion accumulated deficit, built up over many years of operating in the red.

While the First Class rate for cards and letters is the most visible change for the public, rates

also would rise for most other types of mail. "One of the things a rate case is, is civil war," Denton said of the hearing process before the Postal Rate Commission. "With each different mailing interest trying to carve up the pie as to who should pay what in increased rates."

Denton said he especially was concerned about the impact on small, community-based nonprofit organizations that need low rates to raise funds for their activities. He speculated that increases for some small nonprofits could reach 15 percent.

# AOL to acquire Time Warner

NEW YORK (AP) — In a merger of media giants, Time Warner is being acquired by America Online for about \$140 billion in stock.

The deal announced today would rank as the biggest corporate merger ever in the United States and raises the stakes in the consolidation scramble in the media industry.

It would greatly extend the ability of Time Warner, the world's largest media and entertainment company, to deliver its impressive list of properties ranging from Time, People and Sports Illustrated magazines and Cable News Network to Warner Bros. movies, TV shows and music.

lion.

The biggest U.S. deal ever is the proposed \$122 billion acquisition of Sprint by MCI WorldCom. Worldwide, the biggest pending deal is Vodafone's hostile \$150 billion bid for Mannesmann.

The AOL-Time Warner transaction, uniting a major media conglomerate and a leading Internet company, likely would have major repercussions for both industries.

Many big media companies are struggling to figure out how to harness the power of the Internet, and Internet companies are seeking to put entertainment and other content on their Web sites to attract more customers.

Network, Digital City, Warner Music Group, Spinner, Winamp, Fortune, AOL.COM, Entertainment Weekly and Looney Tunes.

Ted Turner, vice chairman of Time Warner, has agreed to back the merger, according to the companies. Turner holds approximately 9 percent of Time Warner's outstanding common stock.

Time Warner shareholders will receive 1.5 shares of AOL Time Warner for each share of Time Warner stock, and AOL shareholders will receive one share of AOL Time Warner stock for each share of America Online stock.

# John McCain questions military leadership ability of Gore, Bradley

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — Sen. John McCain questions whether the two Democratic presidential candidates are qualified to be commander in chief because of their beliefs about gays in the military.

"If anyone imposes a social agenda on the prospective chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — which totally politicizes that job — then they're not qualified," McCain said Sunday after addressing a Republican State Committee dinner held at the University of New Hampshire.

Speaking at a youth forum earlier in the day, the former Navy officer raised the prospect of building a second canal for transoceanic travel, like the Panama Canal, but just as quickly conceded it would be "nearly impossible."

He modified his comment, saying he would not tolerate any commander who would not follow his orders.

Bradley said at the same debate that a litmus test was unnecessary because military officers follow orders from their commander in chief no matter what.

The Bradley camp replied to McCain's criticism Sunday, saying their candidate had no litmus test. "Clearly, Senator McCain's statement has more to do with Republican presidential politics than with candidate qualifications," said Bradley communications director Anita Dunn.

In his remarks to the youth forum, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said one way to guarantee a good future for the country is by selecting judges who have "good health, high morals and good integrity."

Speaking with reporters afterward, the senator explained that he was not advocating building a second Panama Canal, over which the United States just surrendered control to Panama.

"If there was some dire emergency that shut down the canal, obviously we would have to look at other options, but as I said, every option I look at is so expensive and so difficult that there's very little viability associated with that option," McCain said.

He added: "In full disclosure, it would be nearly impossible."

About 500 students attended the gathering, which was organized by the Close Up Foundation, the National Association of Secretary of States, the Library and Archives of New Hampshire Political Tradition and the state Republican and Democratic parties.

America Online, the largest provider of Internet access, has some 20 million subscribers around the world and would wind up with 55 percent of the combined company, which will be called AOL Time Warner Inc.

America Online's chairman and chief executive, Steve Case, would be chairman of the merged company. Time Warner's chairman and chief executive, Gerald Levin, would be chief executive.

"This is an historic moment in which new media has truly come of age," Case said in a news release announcing the deal. The new media giant would have combined annual revenue of more than \$30 bil-

lion.

"This is a defining event for Time Warner and America Online as well as a pivotal moment in the unfolding of the Internet age," said Time Warner President Richard Parsons.

The deal is subject to certain conditions, including regulatory approvals and the approval of AOL and Time Warner shareholders. The companies said the merger was expected to be finalized by the end of the year.

AOL Time Warner's brands would include AOL, Time, CNN, CompuServe, Warner Bros., Netscape, Sports Illustrated, People, HBO, ICQ, AOL Instant Messenger, AOL MovieFone, TBS, TNT, Cartoon

Dulles, Va.-based AOL currently has a market value of about \$164 billion. There are some 20 million AOL members and the company offers services in 15 countries and 7 languages.

New York City-based Time Warner's market value is valued at \$97 billion. Some 1 billion people have access to CNN, 2.2 million to CompuServe, 35 million to HBO and the company relies on 120 million magazine readers.

Asked whether sex education should be federally funded, publisher Steve Forbes spoke of his larger approach to education. He said "the best education is letting parents decide the best schools to send their children. I would trust parents, not politics. Let them choose a school and a program that's right for you."

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# Report: Blackmailer reveals stolen Internet credit card data

NEW YORK (AP) — A computer hacker who claimed to have stolen 300,000 customer credit card numbers from an Internet music store posted thousands of the numbers on a Web site after his attempt to extort money from the company failed. The New York Times reported today.

The company, CD Universe, refused to pay the hacker's demand of \$100,000. The unknown extortionist claimed in e-mails to the Times that he used some of the credit card numbers to obtain money for himself.

companies to help holders of stolen card numbers.

The hacker, identifying himself as Maxim in an e-mail to the Times, said he exploited a security flaw in the software used to protect financial information at CD Universe's Web site. He said he sent a fax to the company last month offering to destroy his credit card files in exchange for \$100,000. When he was rebuffed, he said, he began

posting the numbers on another Web site, called Maxus Credit Card Pipeline, on Christmas Day.

The hacker e-mailed the Times the numbers for 198 credit cards as proof of the theft. The numbers were real, said the Times, which contacted the credit card owners. At least one owner confirmed she had been a CD Universe customer.

The hacker, believed to be based in Eastern Europe, for two weeks used a Web site to distribute up to 25,000 of the stolen numbers, said Elias Levy of SecurityFocus.com, a computer security firm. The site was shut down Sunday morning.

CD Universe and its parent, eUniverse, were working with the FBI to track the hacker.

"He definitely has CD Universe data," said eUniverse chairman Brad Greenspan. "Whether he hacked the site or got the data in some other way, I'm not sure exactly."

The company was notifying customers of the theft and was working with the credit card

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OUR VIEWS

Howard opens WJCAC season tonight at home

The 1999-2000 basketball season becomes a truly serious matter for Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks tonight when they open Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Having fashioned a 12-4 record under new head coach Ron Mayberry, the Lady Hawks will get things started at 6 p.m. when they play host to Western Texas College's Dusters.

The Hawks will then begin their defense of the conference championship at 8 when they take on New Mexico Military Institute's Broncos.

Howard coaches say they and their players are ready to get league play under way, particularly Hawks head coach Tommy Collins who is convinced his team still has its best basketball ahead of it.

The Hawks will open WJCAC play tonight with an 8-7 record, very similar to the one they owned a year ago when they began a 14-0 run through the conference, becoming only the third team to ever win the league's title with an unblemished record.

The fact undefeated runs in WJCAC play are so uncommon is testimony to just how competitive the conference is on a yearly basis — just one of several factors that make Howard College basketball almost a feast for local hoops fans.

To our way of thinking, there's no question Howard College offers the best package of men's and women's basketball anywhere in West Texas.

Not only are the Hawks and Lady Hawks always striving to be among the nation's top teams, but so too, are the rest of the teams in the WJCAC.

We here at the Herald are looking forward to the upcoming conference chase and encourage local residents to make the most of tonight's opportunity to see some of the nation's top JUCO basketball teams in action.

We'll see you tonight at the Dorothy.

OTHER VIEWS

What a relief. After months of doomsday predictions and preachings about the perils of the coming year 2000, the Y2K bug turned out to be more about hype than bite.

U.S. and foreign banking systems opened the new year without major problems from the much feared Y2K computer glitch, in which computers may read the date of 2000 as 1900.

The first indications of good news came on New Year's Eve, as the first countries to experience the new year — such as New Zealand and Russia —

reported smooth transitions. But the best news for many investors may just be ahead: Many financial analysts expect the stock market's strong finish to plow into the new year as Y2K anxieties fade away.

Officials warn, however, that there still may be some hitches, particularly for thousands of small businesses that held off fixing their systems or simply decided to do nothing and see what happened.

But such reports are a far cry from many doomsayers and their panicky predictions.

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A few worries for Americans who care

There are a few things that Americans who care about their country should be concerned about. Of course, they are not the things that the politicians and the news media are telling you to worry about.

One is the decline of the U.S. armed forces. They are losing people right and left, primarily because those people are tired of being posted to various paradises like Somalia and Haiti for senseless U.N. missions. The armed forces are having so much trouble recruiting that they are lowering the standards. At the same time, they have far too many women who, because of pregnancy or too many illegitimate children, are not deployable.

The politicians in Washington are ruining the U.S. armed forces, and Americans had better stop

them. Another concern is the record immigration, both legal and illegal. This flood of immigrants, now greater than it was at the turn of the 20th century, is colliding with automation and the moving of manufacturing jobs offshore. That's a formula for social conflict, as the people at the bottom of the economic ladder must fight each other for the remaining jobs that don't pay a living wage to begin with.

Furthermore, Americans had better wake up to the fact that if you change the people, you change the country. Talk to some American Indians. They can tell you firsthand what effect uncontrolled immigration of non-native people will do to your country, your culture, your religion and your liberty.

Americans should also concern themselves with upholding the principle of separation of powers. Bill Clinton has abused his office more than any other president. He legislates with executive orders that, legally, cannot be used for that purpose. Congress, however, has been too spineless to

call him on it. Clinton has also evaded the constitutional requirement to consult with the Senate and seek its approval by relying on "executive agreements" rather than treaties. Both of these abuses are really grounds for impeachment, but you know how corrupt and spineless and blindly partisan most members of the House and Senate are.

Already, when you count the take of state and local governments, working Americans are taking home only about 50 cents on the dollar. The other 50 cents is going to government, where much of it is wasted on foreign aid, palatial and imperial-style government facilities and a bloated bureaucracy.

The only way to reduce taxes is to reduce the number of things government does. Too many Americans want to belly-ache about taxes while begging government to solve all their personal and social problems. That's wrong. We need to systematically dismantle all the programs of government that are not constitutional as well as end the wasteful practice of pork-barrel projects.

Another thing to keep in mind is that no stock market has gone up forever. There are a lot of amateurs in the stock market today, and a lot of stock values have nothing to do with the performance of the companies but instead simply amount to investor expectations. Such values can vanish in a single afternoon, and people had better be careful to diversify their investments. Otherwise, they can get wiped out.

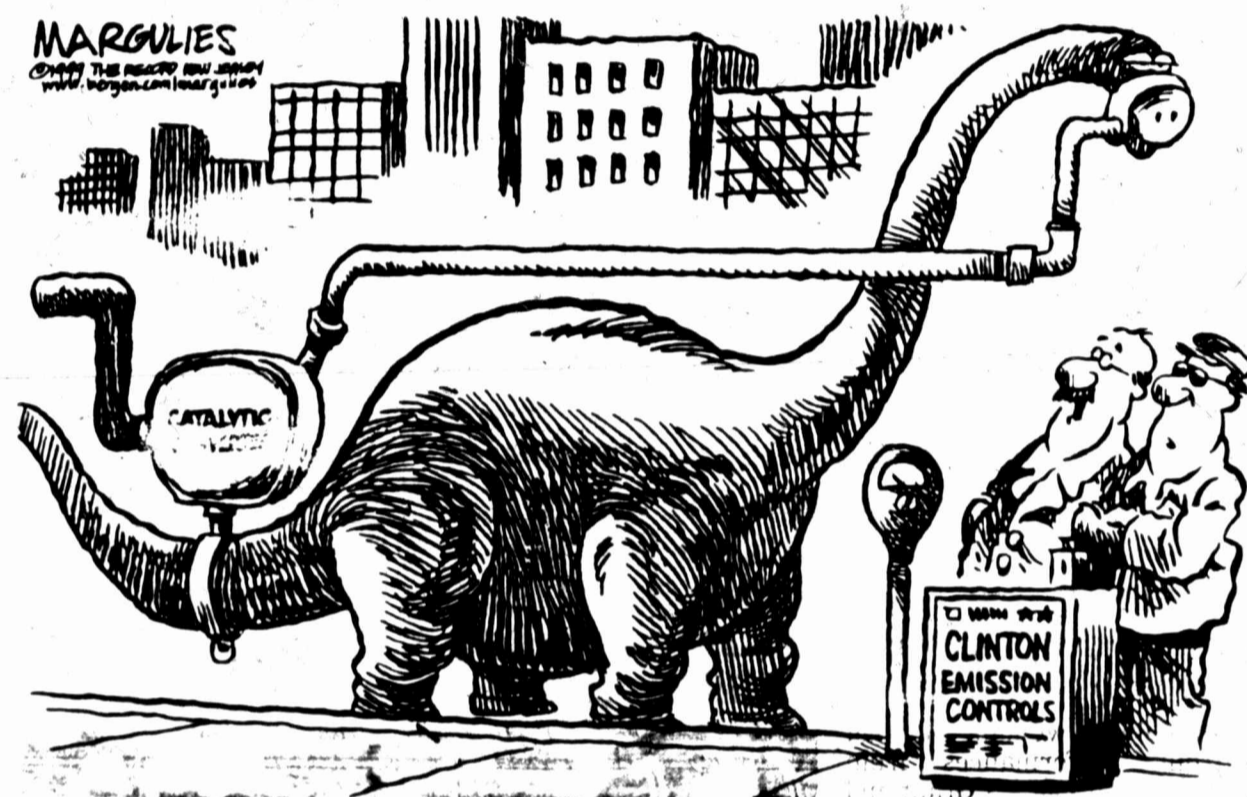
Determined minorities, not apathetic majorities, determine the destiny of a nation, so people who do care about the Constitution and liberty should not be discouraged by the mob. Let the majority of people watch their TV shows and play with their computers.

Let those concerned with the future discipline and organize themselves to provide the leadership the country so urgently needs.

I don't put any stock in date changes on calendars, as there are always problems to be solved, challenges to be met, obstacles to be overcome. The work of a free people is never finished.



CHARLEY REESE



"This must be that new generation of S.U.V. ..."

For this year, and for ever after

December 31, 1999. I resolve not to worry about things I cannot help, including the possible and total dissolution of our entire civilized society at the stroke of midnight tonight.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

I resolve never to use the term Y2K again, 4-ever more, U wait and C.

I resolve to lose weight, sometime after the Millennium Apocalypse and sometime before swimsuit season.

I resolve to answer all e-mail, even if it kills me, especially the nice ones, before they are eliminated by mysterious computer workings at the end of each month.

I resolve to try to broaden my musical horizons, to keep an open mind while listening to extemporaneous jazz, opera, rap, so-called modern rock and Kenny G.

I resolve to be kinder to strangers, especially foreigners, up to but not including picking up hitchhikers, which, as everyone knows, no longer fits the canon of contemporary kindness.

I resolve to eat in, work out, buckle down and straighten up.

I resolve to read every page of every New Yorker that comes to this house, not just

the cartoons, including the section called "Our Far-Flung Correspondents," which tends to drone on.

I resolve to transfer all important addresses from note-books, telephone books, calendar pages, scraps of paper, check stubs and the back of my hand to my new "Little Prince" address book.

I resolve to write thank-you notes for every Christmas present I received, including the "Little Prince," and excepting the pitifully small calendar from the insurance company and the refrigerator magnet from a tire store.

I resolve to entertain more, and well. To throw elaborate, stylish dinner parties and not put the ketchup bottle and a roll of paper towels on the table just before I say with feigned nonchalance: "We do things informally here."

I resolve to clean the house from stem to stern, organizing both the pantry and my panty-hose drawer, emptying out half-full (or empty, depending on my mood) bottles of shampoo that rendered my hair oily instead of fluffy, tossing plastic cups that say things like "Gator Gulp" and "Grub Mart."

I resolve to become a faithful, deliberate, thoughtful, artistic gardener, beginning perhaps with a single flower pot, working my way up to a reasonable copy of a Louisiana garden photographed by Richard Sexton for his new book, "Vestiges of Grandeur." (That

garden had as its focal point an old plantation privy built of hand-hewn cypress held together with wooden pegs; I may have to substitute a chamber pot.)

I resolve to have realistic expectations.

I resolve to spend less, save something, invest wisely and figure out the true meaning of "mutual" in mutual funds.

I resolve to buy original art, even if it's just a small sketch by a sidewalk artist, thereby assuring my future when said artist becomes the next Picasso, or, at the least, the next Mose T.

I resolve to meet all deadlines, except perhaps the unreasonable holiday ones, respect my elders (of which there are fewer with each passing millennium), eat cooked carrots and wash behind my ears.

I resolve to travel light, dress smart, act fast and tread lightly.

I resolve to ignore all insults, no matter how unfounded and viciously worded, never stooping to respond to the unkind in kind.

I resolve to keep my own counsel, paddle my own canoe, hoe my own row, hay my own stall.

I resolve to be a better person.

(These resolutions are subject to revision and are nonbinding in the event of Millennium Meltdown — which didn't happen — or other unnatural disaster.)

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Steers junior wins three

Big Spring Steers turned in a fine performance at the Invitational Tournament, their four going to 15-3 of

The Steers' placement with Snyder's shot, Smith scored Jason Watson.

In the Steers' fourth quarter, Fleming passed with 16 points and had 13.

Smith had a loss to Abilene Steers rebounded final game Sweetwater.

Watson paced the finale while Heath Smith and Fleming finished with 10.

Baseball boosters hold meeting

The Big Spring Boosters Club organized an organizational meeting last night at the School Athletic Center.

Members of the year's fund-raising improvement. For more information, contact Jim Clements, 267-1069.

International Tuesday

The International League has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12-13, in the Area Chamber conference room.

Anyone interested in joining a team or encouraged to contact Denise Yandraymond on 3811 or Delbert 2631.

Hunter education scheduled for

A hunter education class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12-13, in the Area Chamber conference room.

Boys and Girls Club of the area is planning a home study of students to ski take a written test.

For more information, contact Hal Hale at 627-5757 or Gun Shop at 263-1211.

Cancer Society Texas Golf

The Howard County American is encouraging an advantage of Texas Golf

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AREA TODAY

JUCO BASKETBALL 6 p.m. • Western Texas Dusters at Howard Hawks.

8 p.m. • New Mexico Bronchos at Howard Hawks.

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL Men 6 p.m. — Georgetown vs. John's, ESPN. 8 p.m. — Texas vs. Connecticut, ESPN. NBA 7 p.m. — Utah vs. Antonio Spurs.

IN BRIEF

Steers junior varsity wins three at tourney

Big Spring's junior varsity Steers turned in a strong performance at the Snyder JV Invitational Basketball Tournament, winning three of their four games and improving to 15-3 on the season.

Baseball boosters will hold meeting tonight

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club has scheduled an organizational meeting of all players' parents for 6:30 tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members will discuss the year's fund raisers, planned improvements and activities. For more information, call Jim Clements after 6 p.m. at 267-1069.

International LL slates Tuesday board meeting

The International Little League has scheduled a board meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday 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.

Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

The class is also offered as a home study course, allowing students to attend a one-day, hands-on skills course and take a written exam.

For more information, call Hale at 627-5957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

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.

AREA GAMES

TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Western Texas College Dusters at Howard College Lady Hawks.

8 p.m. — New Mexico Military Institute Bronchos at Howard College Hawks.

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men 6 p.m. — Georgetown at St. John's, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8 p.m. — Texas at Connecticut, ESPN, Ch. 30. NBA 7 p.m. — Utah Jazz at San Antonio Spurs, TBS, Ch. 11.

Vikings' Smith breaks Cowboys' back in 27-10 playoff win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Emmitt Smith broke the NFL's career playoff rushing record. Robert Smith broke tackle after tackle until he finally broke the Dallas Cowboys' spirit.

stronger, his legs are stronger. He feels great, he feels frisky. He knows he can break tackles and he knows he can also use his speed. He wants the ball.

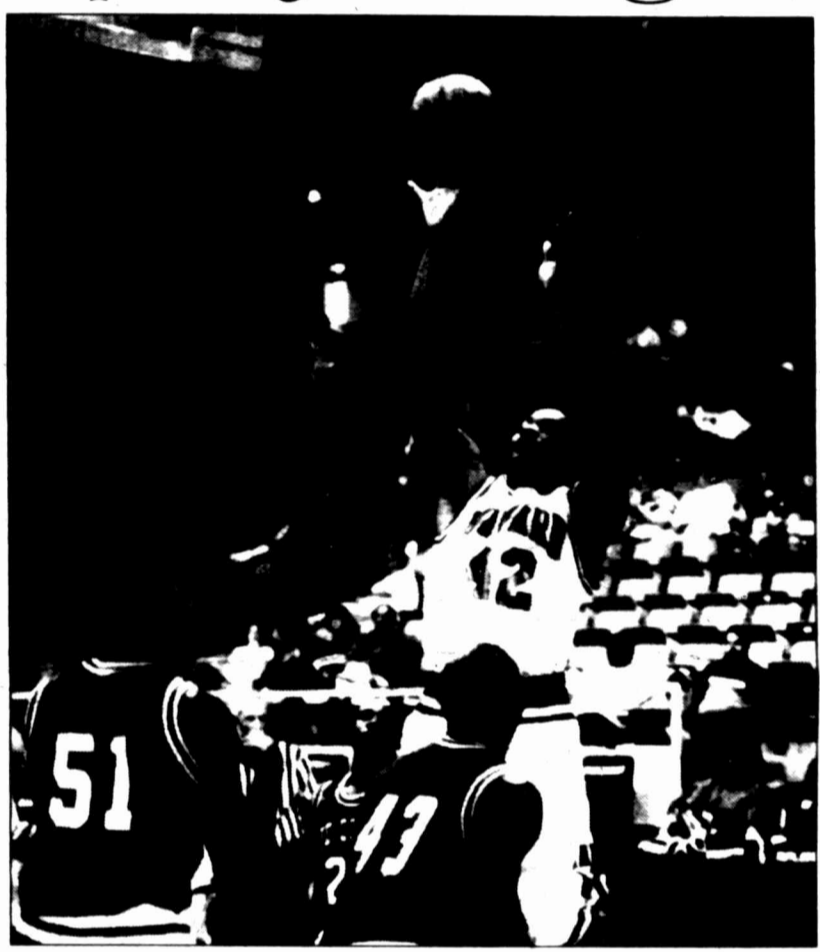
Smith. The Vikings trailed 10-3 with 9:21 left in the second quarter and faced third-and-25 at the Dallas 26 when George couldn't find a receiver open downfield, so he dumped it off to Smith in the left flat.

the ground at the 10 and sauntered into the end zone behind a good block from Carter. That tied it 10-10, and it appeared the Vikings would settle for that score at halftime when they called for Smith to run a draw play on third-and-12 from their own 28 with less than a minute left.

Howard set to open WJCAC play tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Now they count. Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks open Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play tonight, hosting teams from New Mexico Military Institute and Western Texas College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College sophomore post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar (42) puts up a shot against Garden City (Kan.) during the Hawks' win in Howard's Thanksgiving Classic in November. Ceasar and the Hawks open conference play tonight, play host to New Mexico Military.

The evening's opener gets under way at 6 when the Lady Hawks, who've fashioned a 12-4 record under new head coach Ron Mayberry, entertain Western Texas' Dusters.

Howard's women did get strong performances from sophomore Yolanda Grant and freshman Grace Gantt in the loss to Blinn and Mayberry says those two will be major factors in the Lady Hawks fortunes in conference play.

Good enough that Mayberry believes the Lady Hawks will contend for the WJCAC women's title with defending champion Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

What's important, Mayberry explained, is for the Lady Hawks to get off to a good start tonight.

The same can be said about Tommy Collins and his defending WJCAC champion Hawks.

Perhaps the biggest key will be Franklin's availability.

Ranked in the preseason as the nation's premier swingman, Franklin missed three days of workouts last week and only returned to the practice floor Sunday.

The Hawks will open conference play against NMMI's Bronchos at 8 tonight with a number of questions still remaining about this year's team.

What's more, the Howard men have at times committed too many turnovers and executed their offense poorly.

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Having fashioned an 8-7 record, the Hawks have been hampered by injuries to key sophomores Derrick Franklin and Donald "Yogi" Ceasar.

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the ball well if it weren't for the fact that I know that these guys are capable," he explained.

Look for the Hawks to display a much different offensive scheme than they showed earlier in the season, however.

"We never run our real offense before we open conference play," Collins explained.

"That makes us almost impossible to scout. Because of that we're going to just keep getting better offensively and we've been playing excellent defense all along."

"The last thing we want to do is play our best basketball in December," he added.

"They don't hand out any trips to the national tournament then ... you earn those in March. That's when we want to be at our peak."

Asked to pick a favorite in the WJCAC men's division, Collins made it clear he expects the Hawks to successfully defend their title.

"The league is really balanced this year, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see four teams battling for the regional tournament berths," he explained.

"But come tournament time, I think we're going to be on top."

Cincinnati back on top of heap in AP hoops poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati, which has won six straight since its only loss of the season, moved back into the No. 1 spot in the AP college basketball poll today, replacing Stanford after a run of three weeks.

The Bearcats (14-1) were No. 1 for five weeks until losing to Xavier. That's when Stanford (12-1) moved in, and the Cardinal held it until losing to Arizona on Saturday.

"It's just a ranking. It's not special," Cincinnati forward Pete Mickeal said Saturday night when it was obvious the Bearcats would move back on top.

Coach Bob Huggins was non-committal about his team's standing in the poll.

"You can take Stanford, Connecticut, possibly Arizona right now and probably us and shake 'em up," Huggins said. "I don't know that there's a whole lot of difference."

Cincinnati received 62 first-place votes and 1,740 points from the national media panel, while Arizona (13-2) jumped three places to second after the win over Stanford and received five No. 1 votes and 1,640 points.

The Cardinal dropped two spots to third, Auburn, which was No. 1 on two ballots, held fourth place.

Connecticut, the preseason No. 1 which won 10 straight after the season opener, fell from second to fifth after losing to Notre Dame.

Duke, which opened the Atlantic Coast Conference with road wins over Virginia and Maryland, moved up two places to sixth. Syracuse (11-0), the only remaining unbeaten Division I team, stayed seventh, getting one first-place vote.

Kansas and Indiana moved one spot each to eighth and ninth, while Florida, which lost at Vanderbilt last week, dropped from sixth to 10th.

Michigan State led the Second Ten for the second week in a row and was followed by Tennessee, North Carolina, Oklahoma State, Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Maryland, Tulsa and Kentucky.

The last five ranked teams were DePaul, Illinois, Temple, LSU and Louisville.

Temple returns to the Top 25 after a one-week absence, and Louisville moves in for the first time since last season.

The Owls (8-3) finally got point guard Pepe Sanchez back after he missed eight games

AP TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 9:

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team (with record), Record. Includes teams like Cincinnati (62), Arizona (5), Stanford, Auburn, Connecticut, Duke, Syracuse, Kansas, Indiana, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina, Oklahoma State, Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Maryland, Tulsa, Kentucky, DePaul, Illinois, Temple, LSU, Louisville.

Others receiving votes: Utah 126, UCLA 93, St. John's 92, N.C. State 65, Iowa 26, Oregon 24, San Francisco 13, Xavier 11, Gonzaga 10, SMU 9, Vanderbilt 8, Wisconsin 8, Notre Dame 7, Ball St. 6, Wake Forest 5, St. Bonaventure 3, Seton Hall 2, Bowling Green 1, Delaware 1, Michigan 1, Mississippi 1, SW Missouri 1, Southern Miss. 1, Weber St. 1.

Florida teams now move to center of NFL's universe

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thanks to some old-time heroics from Dan Marino, all three NFL teams from Florida will be in the playoffs next week-end.

Marino guided Miami on an 85-yard drive to J.J. Johnson's 2-yard touchdown run with 4:48 left at Seattle, giving the Dolphins a 20-17 victory. A superb defensive effort in which Trace Armstrong had three of the team's six sacks also was decisive.

That sent the Dolphins (10-7), the lowest AFC qualifier, to Jacksonville (14-2)

on Saturday. Tampa, the other Florida team, and Jacksonville had a bye this week. The Buccaneers (11-5) are at home against Washington, also on Saturday.

Minnesota beat Dallas 27-10 in the early game Sunday to secure a spot at St. Louis in the next round. The Vikings (11-6) and Rams (13-3) will play next Sunday, followed by Tennessee, fresh from the Music City Miracle, at Indianapolis.

The Titans (14-3) stunned Buffalo 22-16 on a desperation lateral-kickoff runback for a touchdown with three seconds remaining.

Washington advanced with a 27-13 win over Detroit.

Dolphins 20, Seahawks 17

Marino was 4-for-7 for 84 yards on the decisive drive, including completions of 23 yards to Tony Martin on third-and-17 from his 8, and a 24-yard third-down completion to Oronde Gadsden at the 5, setting up Johnson's game-winner. It was Miami's first postseason road victory since 1972.

"It's a big win for this team to come all the way to Seattle and play in front of a hostile crowd," said Marino, 38 and the NFL career passing leader.

"It's as loud as it gets here in the Kingdom," Marino added. "We just had to be patient."

It won't be loud in the Kingdom anymore — it's being torn down.

Miami's defense certainly quieted the crowd with its sacks.

"I've had a bunch of twos," the 34-year-old Armstrong said. "But not many like this."

Seattle, which was 8-2 at one point in the season and figured to be among the league's best, finished 9-8.

The Seahawks got an 85-yard kickoff runback for a touchdown by Charlie Rogers.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*You go overboard today, no matter what you are dealing with. Allow others to express their feelings. Someone in your life really knows how to stir your emotions. Financial matters become clearer in the next day or so. Brainstorm, talk and sort out your thoughts. Tonight: Do your own thing. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*Say what you mean. Wishes can materialize now. You set another straight as you talk about a trip or opportunity. Do not indulge in office gossip. Take the high road if possible. Another helps you see the big picture. Tonight: Live in the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*Accept responsibility, even if you feel that someone has gone off the deep end. Don't expect others to see situations as you see them. A problem or restriction will come to the table for resolution and can be eliminated in the near future. Tonight: In the limelight. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*Make calls. Decide to open doors in your life rather than close them. You might often feel restricted, but presently, you can jump over hurdles and clear your way to your goal. Listen to a partner who is full of ideas, suggestions and support. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*Another clearly lures you out of the doldrums. Though you'd might want to take this day off to indulge, work calls you. You get a lot done, thanks to another's input. You will view your professional interests differently, as the result of information gained. Tonight: Be with your favorite person. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*Others open up, and you gain a different perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Get into work, choosing not to feel pressured. Listen to feedback from family and co-workers. Others understand a lot more than you realize about you and your needs. Don't sell out. Recognize what is acceptable. Tonight: Togetherness counts. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*Your creativity and flirtatious manner are fed by another's talk and, perhaps, a most interesting call. You might make a major partnership decision now, only to reverse it the near future. You don't have all the facts. Tonight: Kick up your heels. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*Discussions revolve around home, family and increased security. Your optimistic ways bring others toward you. With this jovial mood, you might have a difficult time settling in. Don't fret about funds - just get to the root of a problem. Tonight: H appy at home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*Make that additional effort. Chat and be gregarious. Your positive nature emerges with others. Keep talking. Share your feelings with a child or loved one. You might change your mind about a child or a new friendship. Be open to information that comes forth. Tonight: Get together with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*Your intuition frequently serves you well when dealing with others. You understand a lot more than you realize about money and how it works. Don't minimize your knowledge. A friend tries to distract you and does an excellent job. Tonight: Your treat. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*Beam in what you want. Friends support you in every way they know. Brainstorm, network and make new contacts. You can turn a dream into a reality if you want. You'll clear the air as you speak your mind. Decide to help others understand you better. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Totally Lost in North Carolina," whose husband cannot or will not keep a job. She said he didn't like to work and "somehow he always messes up and gets fired or quits."

I had similar problems with my husband. He would keep a job no more than six months maximum. He finally heard about a program called "Operation Improvement." The people there gave him an aptitude test, suggested a job he would never have considered on his own - truck driving - and paid for his training.

He's been driving a truck for six years now and loves his job. I'm not suggesting truck driving for this gal's husband, but he should take an aptitude test and find something he'll be happy doing. If he doesn't, he'll continue to go from job to job and create stress for the whole family. I wish them the best of luck, and as much happiness as my husband and I (and our kids) now have. - LISA IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR LISA: Thank you for caring enough to share your personal experience. When I read the letter from "Totally Lost" about her struggle to cope with her husband's unwillingness to hold a job ("He doesn't like to work") and her valiant efforts to keep the family from going under ("I work for two companies and do extra work on the side... make good money, but not enough to pay all the bills"), I felt sympathy for her. She said she'd like to throw him out, but was afraid he wouldn't leave. I told her to draw the line; from my perspective, she'd have one less mouth to feed.

I see marriage as a partnership, with the division of labor agreed upon by both parties. I also thought she was being taken advantage of. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My very intelligent, considerate husband has adult attention deficit disorder. One of the symptoms is difficulty holding certain jobs. He has finally found his "niche" as a talented photographer and an outstanding teacher. (Two jobs)

Perhaps there's another choice for "Totally Lost" other than evicting her husband, and another reason for his problem other than irresponsibility. - FAITHFUL READER IN DELAWARE

DEAR FAITHFUL READER: You have insight, and I agree that the husband should be evaluated for adult attention deficit disorder before any decisions are made about ending the marriage.

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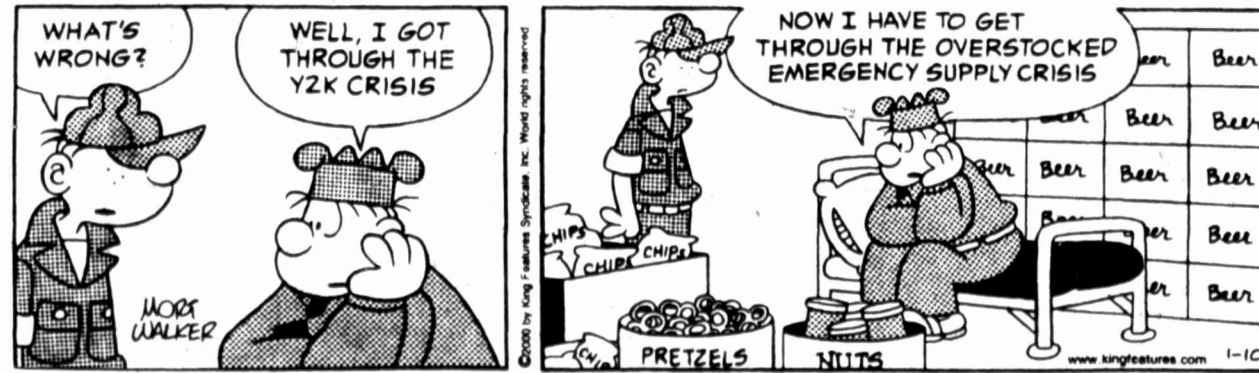
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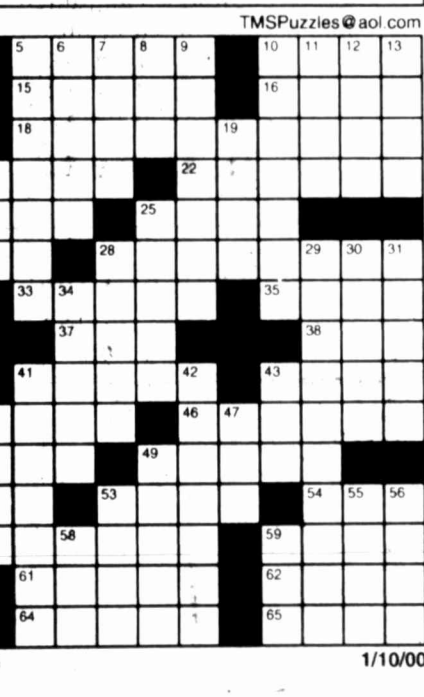
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2000. There are 356

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In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil. In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect. In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon Trotsky. In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London. In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden. In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat. In 1980, former AFL-CIO president George Meany died in Washington, D.C., at age 85. In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

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