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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 25°-29° 32°-35°

Bad weather to cause delay in paper delivery Today's Big Spring Herald was modified slightly due to the conditions, weather including the elimination of sports pages. In addition, because of hazardous road and street conditions, all routes were not run.

Routes that were not delivered today will be delivered as weather conditions allow

WHAT'S UP... WEDNESDAY

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628. Optimist Club, 7

a.m., Howard College Cactus Room. Big Spring

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call Terry Hansen 264-5175.

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

Butler among nominations to attend Air Force Academy By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

Big Spring High School student Bowe Butler is one of 24 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas who have been selected as nominees to the United States service academies.

"I have always been intrigued with the Air Force Academy and even visited there last summer. They have also been recruiting me to play football," said

Butler, who just Thursday Butler. The elder Butler is was named to the state Class 4-A Defensive Player of the Year

by the Associated Press. "It's an honor in itself to be nominated to attend," said Butler. He is the son of

BUTLER Dwight and Kathy

Big Spring ISD athletic director and head football coach.

> Butler's name has been submitted for consideration as a member of the academy classes entering in July 2001.

Rep. U.S. Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas) made the announcement early this week. Stenholm represents the 17th District. He said he was impressed with the quality of this year's nominees.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of the candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "One thing for sure, it certainly makes the selection decision all the more difficult.

Eighteen men and women were nominated for two appointment slots at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., 11 for two slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and 12 for two slots at the Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Nominees will now be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions, and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. The academies will make appointment announce ments by late spring.

Other individuals nominated and the academies to which they have been nominated include Marcos Acosta of Abilene, Air Force; Walter Beard of

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Law enforcement urges motorists to stay home or use extreme caution By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Freezing rain, sleet and snow layered the Crossroads area roads with ice this morning, causing many area agencies to advise extreme caution to motorists.

Sgt. Robert Fitzgibbons of the Big Spring Police Department advised would-be travelers not to get a false sense of security because ice is not always visible on the roads.

"There is a layer of sleet and snow on the roads," he said. "Underneath that is a big layer of ice. This might lead to a false sense of security and confidence for drivers, especially when they can get some speed going. Stopping is going to be a big problem.

Fitzgibbons and the Texas Department of Transportation both advise travelers to stay at home or at least leave plenty of travel time

TxDOT reports that most roads have been treated, but there are areas of nacked snow and "black" ice which may be invisible.



HERALD photo/Debble L. Jensen Not many motorists braved ice-covered roads early Tuesday, but those that did took it very slow. Local law enforcement was urging extreme caution as sleet and freezing temperatures combined to cause hazardous driving conditions.

of Public Safety, parts of I-20 in the cipitation, he said. Midland and Odessa region are closed Because the temperature close to due to ice, freezing rain. Also several ground level was colder than higher

Trees City advises use of bins for recycling By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

City of Big Spring offi cials encourage the public to recycle the extra wrapping paper, boxes and Christmas trees that seem to pile up around the house shortly after Christmas

"We want to encourage the public to utilize our recycling bins," said Leigh Corson, planning coordina tor

Due to the holidays, the city has suspended its regular trash runs on Monday and today, said Howard Shivers, solid waste super intendent.

"We will be resuming trash pick up on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until we have the city picked up," Shivers said

City officials encourage

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College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O meets at Herman's, 7 a.m. □ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

FRIDAY

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada. □ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome. □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **The Potton House**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is pen from 1 to 5 p.m. A onetime admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors.

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Although few accidents were reported in the city this morning, emergency crews were busy about 10 a.m. with a major wreck on So¹ 'h 87 that required several Big Spring ire/EMS Department ambulances and engine crews. No information was available about the accident by presstime today.

Local TxDOT officials report ice on I-20 in Howard County from county line to county line.

According to officials of Department

roads from Sterling City to Tom Green County are reported to be iced over, DPS officials said.

According to Brian Curran, weather forecaster for the National Weather Service in Midland, Big Spring received .13 inch of precipitation in the form of freezing rain and sleet.

"We had a number of things come together," Curran said. "A upper level storm system we had been tracking dropping into Southern New Mexico."

with the colder weather causing pre-

in the atmosphere, the precipitation began to freeze, causing the snow and freezing rain, Curran said.

We advise caution with this wintry mess lasting at least the rest of the day," he said.

Curran forecasted a change in the weather by noon today with light snow falling in the afternoon.

Those who are planning to travel in the next few days can contact TxDOT at 1-800-452-9292 to receive informa-Warm weather from the Gulf mixed tion about road conditions and road closures

the public to use recycling bins to rid themselves of extra wrapping paper and cardboard boxes "We are asking people to

take their Christmas trash to our recycling center on Fifth Street and Nolan," Shivers said. "We also have recycling bins set up at the Big Spring Mall and Coronado Plaza.

The city is prepared to

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Officials moving ahead on \$7 million MC hospital project motion, everyone seems to one that will be located at

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY -- A prebid conference has been set by the Mitchell County Hospital District for 1 p.m. Friday, January 16, at the C.C. Thompson Room downtown.

At that time, Austin architect Robert Cox and Lockhart project manager Bob Wallace will meet with

 contractors prospective about the job of building the **\$7 million hospital** complex project.

It is anticipated that the project will start in February and take approximately 11 months to complete.

Bids will be advertised for on Dec. 27 and Jan. 10 with a deadline for having them in set at Jan. 25.

A special meeting is **expected** to be called in late

in order for Cox and Wallace to report on the bids and to recommend a contractor. The process of selecting a contractor will take awhile because references will have to be checked, the company's bondability and many other factors that come into play. Mitchell County Hospital

District Administrator Rick Rickard said that now that the project has been put into

be getting quite anxious.

"I believe everyone is getting a little anxious around here," said Rickard "This coming year is going to be an exciting year and a very interesting one to say the least

the new hospital is completed, the real problem would be in getting everything moved from the old facility at 1543 Chestnut to the new

Rogers Road and the south side of Interstate 20.

"We have to keep the old hospital going while at the same time be able to move into the new one," said Rickard. "We can't just stop our operatio' here and set up over at the new one. Everything will have to be done in phases and closely timed. We can't afford to cause any patient care issues during the move.

New sheriffs attend training conference

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

Howard and Martin County will swear in new sheriffs on the first of January; both men are looking forward to taking office. Dale Walker, who defeated incumbent Howard Sheriff County Bill Jennings to earn a fouryear term, and Randy Cozart, a Democrat, defeat-Republican Miles ed Tollison for the Martin County office.

The two were among 101 newly elected sheriffs, current sheriffs and chief deputies across Texas that attended the Sheriffs' Association of Texas 'Newly Elected Sheriff's Seminar" in Austin this month

This seminar is held every four years to famil-

iarize the newly elected sheriffs with their duties and responsibilities to carry out the tasks of their office as well as to bring

current sheriffs and chief deputies up to date on current information.

During the week of the seminar, Cozart and Walker were able to spend some time getting to know each other a little better and discuss their anticipated goals. Cozart said he anticipates

a good working relationship with Walker. "I have known Dale for

quite a while and I believe we will be able to work well together," said Cozart. "I have worked with several of the guys that he will have on staff and we anticipate a good working relationship with each other. We are

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Martin County Sheriff-elect Randy Cozart shakes hands with Howard County Sheriff-elect Dale Walker near the Howard/Martin county line last week. The two recently returned from a "Newly Elected Sheriff's Seminar."

Rickard said that when

January or early February

LOCAL

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Merrick

Funeral service for Elizabeth Merrick, 95, of Lamesa was held 3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, at First United Methodist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Lee Crouch officiating. Burial was at Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Merrick died Saturday, Dec. 23, at a Lamesa hospital.

She was born March 26, 1905, in Sayre, Okla. She attended Amarillo High School and came to Lamesa in 1923 on the train from Amarillo. She worked in the County Clerk's office. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Pythian Sisters. She published a book, "The Ghost of Bear Pass" in 1991. She was preceded in death by her husband Jesse Merrick on Nov. 12,1985.

Survivors include: three sons, Dale and Darrell Merrick, both of Lamesa, and Edward Merrick of Ralls; two daughters, Barbara Thigpen of Houston and Karen Dingus of Lamesa; one sister, Lula Mae Wilkins, L"bbock; two brothers, Arch Jinkins of Hesperia, Calif., and Sandy Jinkins of Bellflower, Calif.; 11 grandchildren including Dennis Dingus of Big Spring and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Lamesa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Curtis Crittenden

Curtis Crittenden, 88, of Big Spring, died at 9:25 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22, 2000. at Mountain View Lodge.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL Ath & Labor 267-8288

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m., Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Dr. Claude N. Craven officiating. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, following the service. Private burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Crittenden was born Jan. 13, 1912, at Red River County. He was the son of Molly Byrom Crittenden and Emmit Clinton Crittenden. Mr. Crittenden had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He had been an officer for the Big Spring Police Department and a deputy for the Howard County Sheriff's Department. He was a Baptist.

He married Florence Kneer, June 9, 1975, in Seminole. She preceded him in death in 1980.

He is survived by: three sisters: Ines Shivers of Big Spring; Alma Shafer of Vincent; Dorothy Gay of Smithville, Ga.; four brothers; Morris Crittenden of Big Spring, Don Crittenden of Big Spring, George Crittenden of Denver City, James Crittenden of Roswell, N.M.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Crittenden was preceded in death by two brothers; Robert Crittenden and Gene Crittenden; two sisters, Eunice Winn and Charlene Shipp.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Louis Loveless Functal service for Louis

Loveless, 71, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Sunday, Dec. 24, in Big Spring.

Jack Weldon Hankins

Funeral service for Jack Weldon Hankins, 77, of Stanton, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, in the Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Funeral Home Chapel in Bowie. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Bowie. died Mr. Hankins Saturday, Dec. 23, in an Odessa hospital. He was born on Dec. 6, 1923, in Bowie. He married Wanda Latrelle Broom on August 17, 1947, in Henrietta. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He and his wife settled in Stanton in 1952. He retired from Mobil Oil in 1984. He was an avid horseman. He was a Baptist and a member of the Oddfellows Lodge. Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Hankins of Stanton; two daughters. Sherry Sebastian of Monahans and Kaylynne Lucas of Stanton; and four grandchildren The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Stanton, or to the Martin County Historical Museum. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Spring, was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000. at Trinity Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Forrest died Sunday, Dec. 24, in a Midland nursing center.

She was born on July 23, 1908, in Venus and married Wilburn Forrest on Dec. 12. 1926, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 2, 1978. She retired from the Big Spring State Hospital in 1978. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two sons, Dean Forrest of Big Spring and Terry Forrest of Midland; one daughter, Wanda Kuykendall of Midland; one sister, Wynelle Bailey of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-greatgrandchildren.

Family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity or the American **Cancer Society Memorial** Program c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121

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

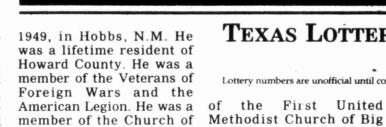
Marie Horton Graveside funeral service

for Marie Horton, 84, of Big Spring, was at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, at Trinity

Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Mrs Horton died Saturday,

Dec. 23, at her residence.

She was born on June 6, 1916, in Marlo, Okla. and married T.F. Horton on March 5, 1934, in Colorado City. She had worked as a bookkeeper for the Big Spring Livestock Auction until retiring. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Questors Sunday School Class



BIG SPRING

AROUND THE TOWN

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dren.

Christ Survivors include: one son, LeRoy Prescott of Casa Grande, Ariz.; and two sisters, Glenda Randolph of Odessa and Nona Lee Henderson of Midland.

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

Cleo Couture

Funeral service for Cleo Couture, 74, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Randy

Hardman, of the First Baptist Church in Gail, officiating Burial will be at a later date in Denver,

Colo. Couture died Mrs. Monday, Dec. 25, in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born on July 16, 1926, in Monte Vista, Colo., and married Charles Couture on Feb. 18, 1950, in Raton, N.M. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1977. She moved to Big Spring two years ago and had retired from Capital Office Supply. She was Christian.

Survivors include: one daughter, Terri Buchanan of Borden County; one sister, Gracie Willden of Farmington, N.M.; four grandchildren;, five greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden EMS, Borden Jounty County Courthouse, Gail, 79738

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officiating.

Interment will follow at

Mount Olive Memorial

Park in Big Spring. The

family will receive friends

at the funeral home from 1

Marcella was born on

July 29, 1915, in Big Spring

and was a lifetime resident

of Big Spring. She had been

a longtime resident of

Canterbury Inn and was a

member of the Spring City

Senior Citizens. Mrs.

McCabe was an artist,

ceramist and loved the out-

doors. She loved her family,

especially her grandchil-

dren and great-grandchil-

She was a Charter

Survivors include: one

son, Jerry Fuqua of

Midland; two daughters and

one son-in-law, Jean Sneed

and Eddie and Bill

Johnson, all of Odessa; one

sister, Pauline Pearce of

Odessa; five grandchildren,

Vicki Bardin of Midland,

Mark Johnson and his wife,

Kellye, of Odessa, Jody

Sneed and his wife, Gail, of

Midland, Sherri Ford and

her husband, Mank, of

North Richland Hills, and

Jerry Fuqua II of Midland;

eight great-grandchildren,

Stevie and Cole Johnson of

Odessa, Landon Bardin

and Josh and Matt Sneed,

all of Midland, Chase and

Dylan Ford of North

Richland Hills, Adam

Spencer Fuqua of Big Lake,

and two nephews and their

wives; Jack and Marie

Milam of Odessa and Dick

and Joyce Milam of

The family suggests

memorials to Asbury

United Methodist Church,

Lubbock.

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Member of Wesley United

Methodist Church.

to 2 p.m. Thursday.

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission

anyone to take their Christmas trees to the compost recycling facility located at the Airpark," Corson said.

Containers are placed at both the city's landfill and the compost facility to accept Christmas trees from the public, Shivers said.

He asks the public to remove all decorations from the trees before dropping them off at the recycling areas.

SHERIFFS_

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both working for a common goal and that is to keep crime down in each of our counties '

Walker agreed with Cozart on working together. "We are neighboring

counties and have known each other and worked together in the past and looking forward to working together in the future," said Walker. "As for as the county line, it doesn't mean that much, because if he needs help over there or we need help over here, neither one of us have any problem with crossing over into the other county to render that help. That's the way it should be, a standing working relationship.'

ACADEMY_

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Clvde, Air Force: Shane Beckley of Granbury, Air Force & Naval; Michelle Vanessa Brown of Early, Military & Air Force; Aaron Byrd of Abilene, Air Force & Military; Dustin Clark of Breckenridge, Air Force; Andrew Hacker of

Tuscola, Air Force &

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Jewell Forrest, 92, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday, at Trinity Memorial Park

Donald Ray Prescott, 50. died Monday. Graveside services will be 112:00 AM, Thursday, at Trinity Memodia Lark.

Cleo Couture, 74, died Monday, Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood 'Chapel. Interment will be at a later date in Denver. Colorado.

Louis Loveless, 71, died Sunday. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle, & Welch Funeral Home

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Survivors include: her husband, T.F. Horton of Big Spring; two sons, Tommy Horton of Ogden, Utah, and Bill Horton of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Dorothy Carpenter of Big Spring; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79727-2121 or the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703. Arrangements are under

the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Donald Ray Prescott

Graveside funeral service for Donald Ray Prescott, 50, of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

died Mr. Prescott Monday, Dec. 25, at his residence

He was born on Dec. 26,

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Marcella King McCabe

Marcella King McCabe, 85, of Big Spring, died on Saturday

Dec. 23 2000, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral

service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 28

with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor

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Military; Jesse Haines of the direction of Nalley Snyder, Air Forc & Naval Pickle & Welch Funeral and Austin Haire of Snyder, Naval & Military.

Others are Adam Hudson of Bridgeport, Naval & Military; Weston Killian of Abilene, Air Force & Military; Oscar Shane Larsen of Abilene, Naval & Air Force; Adam Chase Millsap of Granbury, Naval & Military; Marcus Morgan of Mineral Wells, Military; Joel Eben Nelson of Stephenville, Air Force & Naval; Robert Rogge of Glen Rose, Air Force; Brian Ross of Newark, Naval & Military; Mathew Swinney of San Angelo, Air Force & Military; Mark Taylor of Sweetwater, Air Force & Military; and Roger Zach Tinnin of Roscoe, Air







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GENERAL

Holiday gift from above: Solar eclipse stuns watchers

BOSTON (AP) - As celestial events go, it was no Star of Bethlehem. But skywatchers in much of North America were treated Monday to a rarity: a partial solar eclipse on Christmas Day.

much as 60 percent of the sun around midday. The solar disc looked like a yellow crescent.

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Viewing was best in New England and the upper Midwest, while clouds got in the way across much of the nation's midsection.

How unusual is a Christmas solar eclipse? 1954, and was visible only

in parts of Africa. The next partial Christmas eclipse, according to Fred Espenak of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, will occur in 2307

In Boston, where the temperature barely reached 20 degrees, only a few diehards were out on

Boston Common to-watch the eclipse.

"It seemed important just the coincidence of it being on Christmas Day," said Pat Rowell, talking through her scarf.

Looking at a solar eclipse People in the Northeast with the naked eye can be saw the moon blot out as dangerous. Experts recommend using special equipment, such "as a welder's lens or a pinhole projector, to prevent eye damage and to get the best view.

Jencks Ron of Providence, R.I., was in awe when he finally made out the bite the moon had taken out of the sun.

Lauren Likkel, an assis-The last one occurred in tant professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, said solar eclipses usually are visible only once or twice a decade.

> "What are the odds of having a partial eclipse on the last Christmas Day of the millennium?" Likkel asked

Weather makes for a winter nightmare OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) Dreams of a white Christmas turned into a winter nightmare in Oklahoma as an ice storm made roads throughout the state treacherous for holiday drivers.

The rest of the southern Plains fared little better, with sleet and freezing rain pummeling Texas and Arkansas for the second time in as many weeks, causing scores of accidents and thousands of power outages.

The National Weather Service said the worst may lie ahead, issuing ice and winter storm warnings for Tuesday with high temperatures in the mid 30s.

"It could be a major ice storm before this thing is over Tuesday night or Wednesday," said forecaster Scott Curl.

Texas and Arkansas residents shared a dim evening as well, with ice-laden tree limbs falling on power lines and interrupting electricity to more than 40,000 customers in the two states.

"It sounds like the whole gist Rob Slattery. "We warmth. About 25 people tree is falling," Brenda expect it to deposit some Herman said by phone from pretty hefty snow amounts." her home in Texarkana. "It's so scary."

Texans were dealt varied weather early Tuesday, including light snow in Amarillo, where the National Weather Service said 9 inches of snow could be on the ground by day's end. In the panhandle, fog froze and blinded drivers.

"The brunt of the storm is now starting to take better aim on the Texas Panhandle," said meteorolo-

Lubbock had reported 67 accidents by evening. Authorities have warned people not to drive as the storm continues.

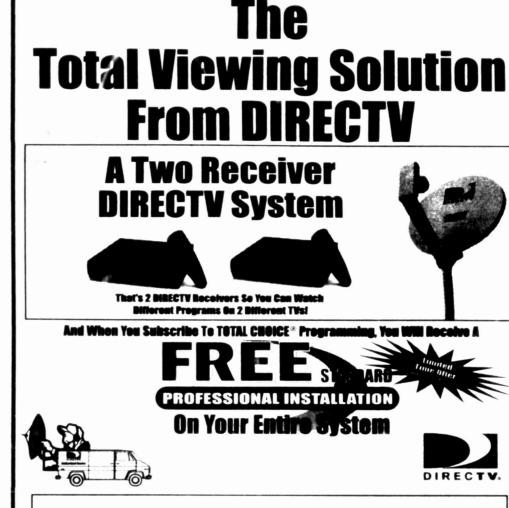
Texarkana emergency management coordinator Dave Hall said the icy weather and power outages were also contributing to a gasoline shortage – even among ambulance and fire department fleets.

Churches opened their doors to those seeking had accepted shelter, Hall said.

James Thompson, of Entergy Arkansas, said the electrical company was preparing for the worst, with 4,000 repair workers standing by to go wherever problems first arise.

The Arkansas Emergency Management Department also had workers on call.

"I'm watching the Weather Channel, and that's about the best we can do," said duty officer Jim Stalnaker.



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Escaped convicts kill Irving officer

IRVING (AP) — Seven escaped convicts made good on a threat they made while breaking out of prison nearly two weeks ago, police said.

the Connally Unit in Lowell Cannaday. Kenedy on Dec. 13, said Department of Criminal Justice.

The men are suspected in Aubry Hawkins, 29, who attempted to break up a Christmas Eve robbery at an Oshman's sporting goods.

"It certainly will be a Christmas to remember and for all the wrong reasons," said Jimmy Perdue, Irving's tion from the store. assistant police chief.

Investigators have filed accused of stealing an capital murder warrants against the seven escaped convicts who early Tuesday remained at large. Two dozen employees herded to "You haven't heard the the back of the store during prison break, the convicts last of us yet" read a note the holdup helped identify the men left when fleeing the suspects, said Chief By Monday night, a

John McAuliffe, inspector makeshift memorial had general of the Texas taken shape at the sports tower. store, closed in honor of the fallen officer.

the shooting death of Officer were left by the door and a Justice, said it is unusual large ed ribbon adorned a that the suspects have bievele rack.

Hawkins' weapon has not their escape. been found since Sunday's incident. Police spokesman dangerous David Tull said he didn't know if the robbers took any weapons or ammuni- miles southeast of San The alleged robbers were from Irving.

employee's white Ford Explorer to escape. The vehicle was found in Irving. It is unknown how they escaped afterward. In the took 14.357 Magnum pistol with 238 rounds of ammunition, a loaded automatic rifle and a loaded shotgun that they stole from a guard

Larry F .zgerald, spokesman for the Texas O 'side, potted plants Department of Criminal remained together since

> "These are desperate and people,' Fitzgerald said

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Recycling right thing to do now

fter the fun of the Christmas holidays, many people are wondering what to do with all the extra trash. Gift wrap and boxes don't need to end up piled high in the trash bins; that dried-out tree doesn't belong by the curb.

City officials are reminding everyone to take advantage of recycling facilities at this time, and throughout the year. And since holidays suspended regular trash pickup for Monday and Tuesday, it's a good time to think about how much of your everyday trash could be recycled instead of just thrown away.

Regular runs by the solid waste department are expected to resume Wednesday.

For those piles of gift wrap and cardboard boxes, use the recycling bins at Fifth and Nolan streets, or stop by similar stations at Coronado Plaza and the Big Spring Mall parking lots. Those bins accept paper and cardboard.

Your old Christmas tree, meanwhile, can be recycled into mulch for use in area parks and to beautify the local landscape. Just take it to the compost facility located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark or drop it off at the container located at the city landfill on FM-700.

There is no charge to discard year tree, but remember to remove all decorations first. The city will take the trees dropped off at both places and recycle them at the compost facility Enjoy your holidays, but be responsible: Recycle where you can. It's the right thing for all of us.

Election 2000: Longterm Black disaster

noticed that Rep. Richard Gephardt and Sen. Tom Daschle are now following the lead

call



recent presi-**IEFFREY** dential elec-HART tion. Vice President Al Gore

received a larger percentage of the black vote than President Clinton did in either of his two presidential victories. With Gore winning the black vote 11-1, black Americans commence a long march out of the American mainstream. This represents a form of black separatism or resegregation.

One clear explanation for this deplorable phenomenon is the decision by formerly reputable black lead ers. such as Jackson and Kweisi Mfume of the NAACP, to radicalize blacks through demagogy and create a poisonous bloc unity through resentment. To listen to this oncerespectable leadership, you would have thought Bush was Gov. George Wallace. Newly radicalized by its leader, Mfume, the NAACP aired a TV ad that broke all records in viciousness. It associated Bush with the

murderers of James Byrd Jr., who was dragged behind a pickup truck. After showing what is

supposed to be a body being dragged, the ad played the voice of Byrd's daughter, saying that when Bush vetoed hate-crimes legislation, she felt as if her father had been murdered all over again.

This scurrilous ad, paid for by the NAACP, ignored the fact that two of the perpetrators have been sentenced to execution and the third to a long prison term. It ignored the fact that there are good arguments against hate-crimes legisla tion Yet Joseph Lieberman, on

the "Tim Russert" show. refused to criticize this ad

Jackson, meanwhile, whipped up some hate himself by running from one black neighborhood to another, ranting that under Bush their jobs would be lost and their dreams crushed In these rants, Bush is portrayed as an extremist and arch reactionary

After the final ruling by the Supreme Court, which ensured the election of Bush, Jackson orated that he was going to "take to the streets -- delegitimize him, discredit him, do whatever. But never accept him.'

Jackson added that the court decision "goes down in infamy," thus comparing it to Pearl Harbor. He also compared it to the 1857 Dred Scott decision

he thought, virtually dec red blacks subhu-

He further promised to stage a massive demonstration in Washington, D.C., on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday next month to deliver the message that "every vote must count." It seems to me not only plausible but likely that in largely black districts. more ballots were spoiled than in other districts. And there seems to have been some confusion at the polling stations. But the NAACP had staged massive voter drives in such places, virtually dragging first voters and indifferent citizens to the polls. Jackson and Mfume are trying to whip up resentment by charging, of course, that there is racism in all this. Interviewed by The New

York Times (Dec. 17) on how Bush can heal the black/GOP divide, Jackson revealed some of his agenda. The gap, he said, "between African-Americans and his party is grounded not in malice but in historical neglect and oppression.'

What he means by "oppression" can be gleaned from what followed.

He demanded "expanded civil rights." Oh? Black Americans now enjoy civil rights identical to those of other Americans, plus "racial preferences." I suppose any privilege might be added to Jackson's list of "rights" to be expanded.

Jackson spoke of "the inequities of capital punishment." But blacks commit far more murders per

capita than whites. In other statistics, whites are far more likely to be attacked by blacks than the other way around But it seems to be a "hatt" crime only when a white attacks a black.

According to Jackson, Bush "must" support affirmative action, aka racial preferences. I noticed that after the Democratic National Convention, Lieberman groveled before Rep. Maxine Waters and reversed his opposition to quotas.

Jackson's policy demands have at least one thing in common: They insist that blacks are a separate category and must have special laws and privileges. This amounts to a radical and separatist agenda. But why the lurch in that direction by the "leadership?"

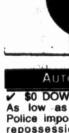
In my judgment, Jackson, Mfume and their like have as their highest priority holding the black voter bloc solid through resentment and victimhood. This bloc is their road to power within the Democratic Party

But this will be lethal to the Democrats if they are perceived by mainstream America as captive to the likes of Jackson and Mfume. There is bound to be a massive reaction against lies and demagogy – and to those who kowtow to them.

Nor will there be much in the way of rewards for ordinary black voters as Jackson and Mfume try to expand their power this way



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Bush to be challenged by economic slowdown

By JOHN CUNNIFF Guest Columnist

Down through the ages it's been said again and again, that in some obscure and contradictory way victory loves trouble. Too often, it seems, problems are the prize for winning. President-elect George W Bush knows this, and undoubtedly is laying plans to deal with them. But planning, and all the good intentions that go into it, are easy, even pleasant, compared to the realities ahead.

The economy, to name one concern, is acting up like it hasn't in a decade Profit growth is slowing. Stocks are falling. Sales are slipping. Confidence has eroded. Bad loans a 15ing. Recession is d.

The President has had little to do i the slowdown, and nost people know this, but it's inevitable that a contrast

will be made with President Clinton, who presided over eight bounti-

ful, unmatchable years. For the economy to expand for nearly 10 straight years was beyond the expectations of anyone, and how and why it did expand will be a chapter all by itself in future economic texts. It is still a bit of a mystery

For the new President to extend it without interruption would be an equally stunning accomplishment, especially with so many economic elements having grown so boisterously they are as uncoordinated as a teen-ager

Business inventories have grown out of proportion to sales. Small investors still have very big ideas. Confronted by reality, ecommerce companies are collapsing. Big companies that overstaffed in expectation of faster growth will be laying off workers.

Small companies will be pinched.

At the same time, the new president, absent a mandate, will be faced with fulfilling promises about tax cuts and Social Security privatization. And he'll be face to face with that old, old problem of a worsening balance of foreign payments.

In short, right at the time the new president will be making his initial impression, the economy will be taking a rest from growth, seeking to get its affairs back in order. It will hardly be a helpmate.

Still, there is a bright side to the challenge.

First, the economy that gave the nation a decade of prosperity hasn't magically disappeared without so much as a puff -just the expectations about it. Its embers still glow, and occasionally flicker into flame.

The magician who might fan those embers brighter

is Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman, who already has indicated that if things turn really bad. his agency will be prepared to act with lower interest rates.

When that might happen the Fed does not say. Like the U.S. Supreme Court, it seeks to guard its reputation for impartiality, and attempts to avoid situations and actions that have the taint of politics. Next, even if the economy

slides into a recession that only the most pessimistic sages now envision, it would certainly be rising again well within Bush's term in office. History, confirms that. Recessions end. In fact, painful as they might be, recessions are preludes to economic expansions. But until the

new expansion begins. there might be nights when the president might wonder, fleetingly, why he ever sought the job.

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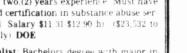
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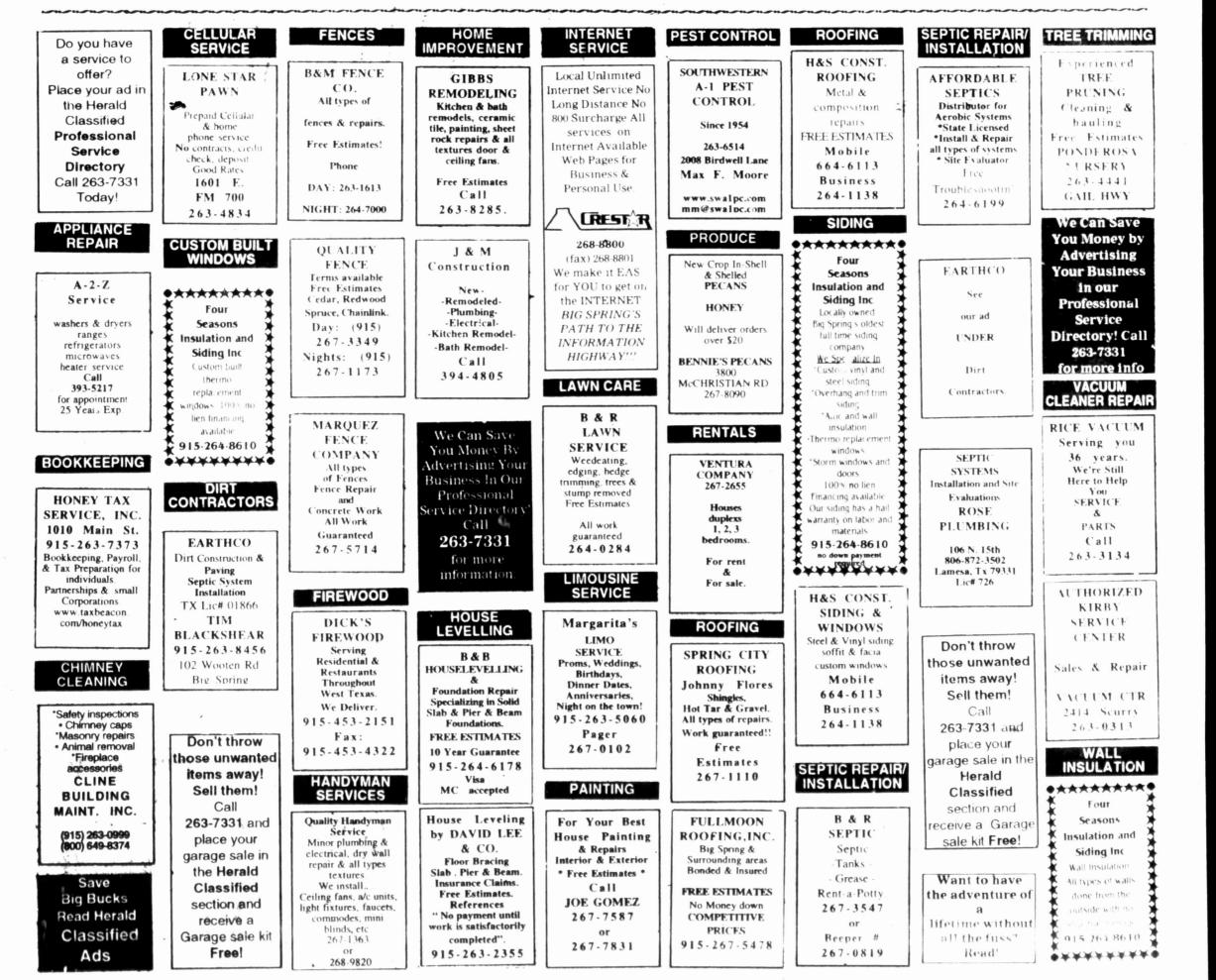
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5 Dynamic: 4-Positive: 3 Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult **ARIES** (March 21-April

14) ***** Take charge, but listen to another. Be direct in your dealings. Bring coworkers together for a pep talk, and eye the end of the year. Set key goals for the week as well as for 2001. Your smile warms the heart of others. You have high energy. Tonight: Avoid a power struggle with a partner

2(0)***** Call distant friends and loved ones. Check out office gossip carefully. Not everything is as it seems. Evaluate recent spending. Consider working overtime if need be. You might not be ready to make a decision. Tonight: A partner flares up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your smile warms thers up, and your curiosiv draws others out. Do at you must in order to et the results you need. Do othing halfway with a eved one. Make a point of extending yourself 100 percent to someone at a dis-

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22) **** Deal with others fairly. mood you would like him to be in. Understand more of what is going on with others. Your vision of what is workable could change after a discussion. Step back from another's tantrum. Tonight: Play the night away. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Your efforts and thoughts do make a difference. Don't allow anyone to interfere with your decisions. Think twice and review what is on your mind. A boss or someone in charge could be remote. You aren't going to change this person! Tonight: Do errands and clear out work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Your creativity emerges, even now, with the holidays passing. You come up with answers. Your dynamic thinking breaks patterns. You draw good luck by taking charge and managing your work in your customary style. Think bonus; think pay raise. Tonight: Chug along.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Listen to family, but cruise on out the door. You understand your natural limits. Use your abilities to be detached and to resolve problems. News from a distance adds a twinkle to your eye. Nearly anything is possible. Loosen up and relax with a loved one. Tonight: Be careful with spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov 21)

*** You could easily lose your temper in a hot discussion. Think through a decision rather than finding a way to hush up a problem. Keep communication flowing, and stay cool.

Don't take anyone's opinions personally. Use your sense of humor. Tonight: Get enough sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Now is a good time to take a hard look at what is happening financially. Start reining yourself in before it is too late. Fortunately, there isn't a holiday every month. Refuse to allow a conversation to get touchy and angry. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Get an early start this morning, if possible. You might not see eye to eye with a friend. Your expectations of a situation could be very different. Stop and see where this misunderstanding began. Study your finances, with an eye to enhanced security. Tonight: Pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Take a deep breath and think before you take an important action. Your creativity opens the pathway to many options. Explore it carefully before deciding on your course of action. You come off far stronger than

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you realize. A boss or parent might be on the warpath. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

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Tuesday, December 26, 2000

Use the daytime to *** accomplish a major project or to get plans in order. You will want to pull back later, feeling somewhat exhausted and pressured to the max. Take some time to answer your cards and write thank-yous. Others love hearing from you. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

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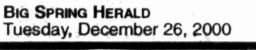
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