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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT THURSDAY
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Weather causing further delays in paper delivery

Some carriers for the *Herald* are still having difficulty reaching all of their customers due to icy road conditions.

We ask our readers to bear with us. Papers will be delivered as soon as weather conditions allow.

City set to take care of holiday wrapping, trees

City of Big Spring officials encourage the public to recycle their extra Christmas wrappings at recycling bins around town.

The bins are located at Fifth Street and Nolan, the Big Spring Mall and Coronado Plaza.

Also, the city is currently accepting Christmas trees at both the landfill and compost facility. Bins have been set at both places to accept the trees.

Officials request all decorations be removed from the trees before depositing them into the bins.

The city will recycle the trees back into the community.

WHAT'S UP...

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

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.

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Icy roads putting the freeze on after-Christmas sales

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The day after Christmas normally brings flocks of shoppers to local retailers for exchanges and sales but freezing rain, snow and ice on the road Tuesday kept many people at home.



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"Business was slow," said Bobby Gandy, assistant manager of Wal-Mart. "What business we did have was people buying ice melt and rock salt to melt the ice of their sidewalks and driveways."

According to Gandy, most of the customers were more intent on purchasing necessity items than those day after Christmas sales.

"People were not shopping around," he said. "They just got what they needed and got out."

Gandy noticed that

besides rock salt and ice melt, firewood was also a popular item customers purchased Tuesday.

Expecting a busy day Tuesday, Gandy said frozen streets kept many shoppers at home.

"The day after Christmas we usually expect huge business but because of the weather it was slow," Gandy said. "If it thaws out today we expect business to pick up."

Many stores in the Big Spring Mall closed early or never opened Tuesday due

to both the weather and poor customer turnout.

According to mall manager Kathy Lusk many of the stores affiliated with national chains were told by their headquarters not to open.

"We closed at 6 p.m. when we normally close at 8," Lusk said. "We closed early so that both our customers and those employed at mall stores could be off the streets by dark."

Lusk said the mall had a few shoppers but not in the numbers it normally has the day after Christmas.

"We are usually very busy the day after Christmas," Lusk said. "We probably had less than 200 customers when normally it would have been 20 times that number."

The mall reopened its doors at noon today with Beals opening at 10 a.m., Lusk said.

Weather and low customer turnout also caused Dunlap's to shorten its hours Tuesday. The store closed three hours early.

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Weather taxing law enforcement, EMS

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Icy road conditions throughout the Crossroads Area have pressed local law enforcement and emergency medical personnel to the limit the last couple of days.

According to Sgt. Lawrence Meadors of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) office in Big Spring, troopers have been working around the clock investigating accidents on Interstate 20 and Highway 87.

"Today is the first day in several days that anyone has been in the office," said Meadors. "They have just been flooded with accidents due to the icy conditions. They are about three days behind on accident reports and I expect it will take them a week or so to get caught up because they have to come into the office

to do the reports."

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said his officers have been busy as well working accidents around town and assisting as needed in accidents on Interstate 20.

"We worked 25 accidents between late Friday through Tuesday morning," said Smith. "It seems like a lot but really it could have been much worse. Now if you just look at the number of arrests on the sheet it doesn't appear that we have been all that busy but between working accidents and assisting motorists that have been stuck or stranded, it's been a busy few days."

"We have assisted the DPS with some of the accidents out on Interstate 20 as well because they have just been spread so thin. They keep telling us that there is light at the end of the tunnel and I sure do hope they are right," Smith said.

Kerry Fritz, Howard County chief deputy, said the sheriff's office has been extremely busy the past three days.

"Since Christmas our office has worked seven minor and eight major accidents in the county," said Fritz. "That does not count some 20 to 25 calls we received from stranded motorists that needed assis-



SMITH



FRITZ



A Datsun truck is towed after being abandoned on Seventh Street. The truck caused a traffic hazard as automobiles attempted to drive around it on the slick street.

tance in getting out of barrow ditches or medians."

Fritz said that at one time Tuesday, a multiple of accidents were reported near Coahoma.

"We had sent out deputies to assist in a couple of accidents around Coahoma when another one in the same vicinity occurred,"

said Fritz. "Lots of times that happens when people pay too much attention to the accident in front of them and tend to forget about the road conditions and end up in an accident themselves."

Shelia Chandler, spokeswoman for Scenic Mountain Medical Center

(SMMC) said most victims transported there have not been seriously injured.

"We have only had one real bad accident victim," said Chandler. "At last report she was in stable condition. We had several others that were in less

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Cars drive on icy Randolph Street Tuesday. Snow and freezing rain laid a thick layer of ice on streets. Weather conditions caused numerous automobile accidents as drivers attempted to navigate on slick roads.

Salvation Army shelter open around the clock until conditions improve

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

The freezing weather and icy roads are a source of discomfort for many people, but especially for those already down on their luck.

The local Salvation Army has seen its shelter filled to near capacity since the deep freeze hit Big Spring, officials said.

"We were one short of total capacity last night," said Maj. Ronald Alexander of the Army. "I've told

them to keep the shelter open and get out the extra cots if they are needed tonight."

The shelter, normally closed during the day, has been kept open with the coffee pot and soup pot on, Alexander said.

"Anyone who is cold is welcome to come in," he said. While icy weather suspended most of the Army's other activities in the community, Alexander said the emergency shelter would work overtime.

"It's going to be open 24 hours until this is gone," he said. "We won't even require the normal paperwork. We might just take your name so we know

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ALEXANDER

Ice-bound families having to cope with 'cabin fever'

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

The Petrowskis have not minded the deep freeze that has held Big Spring in its clutches for the last several days.

Joseph and Lisa and their five children, ranging in age from preschooler to teen, have felt at home in the icy wonderland. They are originally from Indiana.

"We've ventured out to the store. We've had no problems," said Lisa, adding that the kids pretty much find activities to keep themselves occupied. Being homeschooled, they are used to being busy at

home.

But it's likely other families have not fared so well across Big Spring, as cabin fever sets in among those used to coming and going as they please.

Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension agent for family and consumer science, said being cooped up in the house, or a car trip that takes three times as long due to the weather can make families "stir crazy."

"This is the time to have some craft activities to do, coloring or cutting construction paper," she said. "If you have some favorite videos, make some hot chocolate, pop some popcorn and share some family time on the couch."

But frequently, such closeness can create conflict among siblings, she said.

"Separation may be the key," she

said. "This may be when they need to find something to do in different areas, something in their room."

For younger kids, the time stuck inside the house may be a good time to share some quiet time reading. Or share family traditions, such as creating a meal together, looking at photographs and finishing projects around the house.

"Try to see it as a time to relax," Tarter said.

At Westside Day Care, which opened Wednesday despite the weather, just a few children were there for the day. And they, director Melinda Hernandez said, would find ways to burn off their notoriously endless energy since they couldn't go outside.

"We might march up and down the halls, pretending we are soldiers," she said. "We really can't take them outside like this, espe-

cially since so many of them have been sick and may be just getting over a cold."

Lisa Petrowski said the weather created some fun, and some chores for her kids to do.

"We had some big tree branches that froze and broke off, one landed on our roof and one in the flower bed," she said. "The kids have removed those and cut them up."

While the family left behind their sled when they moved to Texas, the kids will improvise, she said.

"They've been out playing in it," she said. "I saw some other kids sliding down a hill on a cardboard box. That worked pretty well."

The only thing that could make this cold snap more like home, she added, is some snow.

"I wish we had about 12 inches or so," Petrowski said. "That would be more like it."

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OBITUARIES

Jewell Forrest

Memorial service for Jewell Forrest, 92, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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-great-grandchildren.

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.

Louis Nolan "Doc" Loveless

Louis Nolan "Doc" Loveless, age 70, completed his mission on earth on Christmas Eve morning. Louis was the son of Frank and Opal Loveless of Coahoma. He graduated from Coahoma High School and attended Austin College. As a young man he served our country in the United States Army and served the Presbyterian Church in Southeastern Texas. Upon his return to the Big Spring area, he worked as a volunteer youth counselor and became known as "Doc." In the mid 1970s, while on a camping trip with two youth, he severely injured his legs. After recovering, he returned to Coahoma and lovingly cared for his parents through their illnesses and deaths.

Louis moved to Big Spring in 1990. He opened his home to all and shared everything he had. He is survived by his niece and nephew, his church family in Coahoma, and the many, many friends who called him "Doc."

Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Coahoma Cemetery. A service of thanksgiving will follow at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma.

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Curtis Crittenden, 88, died Friday. Funeral services are 1:30 P.M. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial services at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home following the service.

Raymond Lee (Ray) Trent, 75, died Monday. Services are pending.

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ASSISTANCE

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who's there. But anyone is welcome to come in and keep warm."

Alexander said most of those served by the Salvation Army's night shelter have winter clothing, but not enough that would be sufficient to withstand sustained freezing temperatures and difficult travel conditions.

Many travelers found themselves stranded in town when ice-covered roads made travel difficult Tuesday and Wednesday. Buses were not running today at all, leaving many people without a way to get to their destination.

People whose houses lack adequate heating are also welcome to come to the shelter for warmth, Alexander said. "As long as there are people who need us, we will be there."

EMS

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serious accidents and those are in stable but guarded condition this morning."

Carl Condray, assistant fire marshal with the Big Spring Fire Department, said that the department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have been kept quite busy over the Christmas holiday.

"Since the Christmas holiday began last Friday, we have had eight fire runs, one of which was started with a Christmas tree catching fire," said Condray. "We had 83 patients treated on 54 runs. Broken down there were 17 motor vehicle accidents where patients were treated, 25 medical emergencies and 12 trauma related runs."

Emergency personnel were hoping for the best but gearing up for the worst. Though temperatures are supposed to rise above freezing beginning Thursday, at night the temperature is expected to drop back into the mid to upper 20s, causing what may thaw out to refreeze and again cause hazardous road conditions.

SHOPPERS

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"It was really slow," said Ellen Talbot, manager. "We closed early because of the weather."

Expecting the warmer weather, Talbot said Dunlap's expects keep its regular hours today.

Russia says Mir back in contact

MOSCOW (AP) — Mission Control has regained a firm hold on the Mir space station after a sudden loss of radio contact, Russian officials said Wednesday, allaying fears of an uncontrolled plunge by the aging orbiter.

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"We are maintaining full control of the station," Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said in a telephone interview.

Space officials blamed their 20-hour loss of contact with the unmanned station on an abrupt and unexplained power loss. But after the link with the station was restored Tuesday, they said there was no immediate need to send a rescue crew or speed up Mir's descent, scheduled for early next year.

According to current plans, the Mir is to crash into the Pacific 900 to 1,200 miles east of Australia on Feb. 27-28. Space officials said an emergency crew would be on hand to blast off for the Mir and direct it if it descends out of control.

If Mir's plunge were not controlled from the Earth, large fragments of the 140-ton station could survive a fiery re-entry through the Earth's atmosphere and inflict significant damage on the ground. Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov said Tuesday that some fragments would weigh up to 1,540 pounds.

However, even an uncontrolled drop would take at least three months because Mir is now in an orbit 195 miles above the Earth's surface.

Mission Control lost contact with Mir on Monday morning, and the frantic effort to regain control took until Tuesday afternoon. After receiving a weak signal from Mir, flight controllers quickly switched off most of its equipment to free up scarce energy for communications and replenish power.

By midnight Tuesday, Mir's batteries were fully charged, Lyndin said.

Ground controllers still don't know what caused the batteries to quickly run flat — a breakdown they described as unprecedented in Mir's 15-year history. Lyndin dismissed media allegations the glitch might have been caused by an erroneous command from Mission Control.

Anatoly Kiselyov, the head of the Khronichev company, a rival of the RKK Energia that runs the Mir, told the ITAR-Tass news agency Wednesday that contact with the station was lost because of the negligence of flight controllers, who failed to pay attention to the power loss.

Mir has survived a long series of breakdowns and accidents, including a terrifying fire on board. One module has been sealed off since 1997, when Mir collided with an unmanned cargo craft loaded with the station's garbage in a near-fatal accident. The station's last crew spent most of their time trying to fix the problems.

When the station was launched Feb. 20, 1986, it was the epitome of the Soviet technological edge, and it has far surpassed the three to five years it was expected to last.

This year Mir had been running relatively smoothly, though it had only one, 73-day manned mission. But Russian space officials decided in November to dump the station since they had no funds to keep it aloft and because experts could no longer guarantee its safe operation.

A Soviet satellite crashed into northern Canada in 1978, in a major embarrassment for the Soviet leader-

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

ship. Nobody was hurt, but radioactive fragments were scattered over the wilderness.

The unoccupied U.S. Skylab space station fell to Earth in 1979 when its orbit deteriorated faster than anticipated, spreading debris over western Australia. No one was hurt.

In another incident in 1991, fragments of the Soviet Salyut-7 space station, the Mir's predecessor, fell on the Andes Mountains region of Argentina near the Chilean border, inflicting no damage or injuries but generating fears worldwide.

Arrests made in California fires as homes face threats

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Dry desert wind drove a 600-acre wildfire dangerously close to luxury homes Tuesday, and investigators arrested four teenagers for investigation of arson.

The fire broke out in the middle of the night but was 70 percent contained with no homes lost by mid-afternoon. More than 600 firefighters, four water-dropping helicopters and two air tankers battled the flames.

Three 16-year-old boys and an 18-year-old man were arrested for investigation of arson, sheriff's Sgt. Ron Nelson said. Authorities said only that the four were taken into custody near the fire.

Thousand Oaks residents were warned that they might have to evacuate as the flames advanced to within 100 feet of back yards, fanned by Santa Ana winds that gusted to 20 mph. But as daylight broke and the helicopters arrived, the wind and flames began to subside.

"I pulled up my curtains and saw a wall of flames coming right at me," said Nathan Brian Wine, after watching the blaze come within 250 feet of his condominium. "I didn't know if I was going to have enough time to get myself up and my 11-year-old son out."

Mandatory brush clearance ordinances protected property in the hilly, brush-covered area where luxury homes are separated by swaths of open country. The town of 120,000 is some 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

Homeowner Gwen Schakett took no chances before the firefighters got the upper hand. "I turned the water on and the kids and I are packing up and leaving," Schakett said. She said the smell of smoke woke her up and "I went outside and we couldn't see anything because of the smoke."

Elsewhere in Southern California, a nearly 400-acre blaze in mountainous terrain between Santa Paula and Camarillo, also in Ventura County, was 85 percent contained Tuesday.

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 3-5-1

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

BRIEFS

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of 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.

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

Toddler dies in Tuesday house fire

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A one-year-old child whose family was visiting relatives in Montgomery for Christmas died early Tuesday in a fire authorities believe may have been caused by a space heater.

Demetrius Davis of Fort Hood, Texas died of smoke inhalation in the blaze at a Montgomery home. Demetrius's 9-year-old cousin, Rodrico Davis, and a 52-year-old neighbor, Joe Pickett, were injured.

Six children and two adults were in the house when the fire started about 3:30 a.m., fire officials said. Everybody in the house made it out, but Demetrius and Rodrico.

Sarah Davis, an aunt who lives next door, said Pickett tried to get the boys out of the burning house.

"When he went in there, he kept calling their names but they never answered, and he couldn't find them," Davis said.

Pickett then tried to remove burglar bars from a back window.

Firefighters found both boys inside a bedroom shortly after arriving on the scene, District Chief Keith Raybon said.

Demetrius died after

being taken to a Montgomery hospital. Pickett was in serious condition and Rodrico in guarded condition at the hospital Tuesday night.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

- SETH RALSTON, 20, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.
- KIMBERLY STILMAN, 37, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DRAG RACING was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.
- TWELVE CALLS TO ASSIST MOTORISTS
- NINE MINOR ACCIDENTS REPORTED

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following weekend activities between 5 p.m. Friday through 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- FAMILY VIOLENCE, 4
- SEXUAL ASSAULT, 1
- EMERGENCY COMMUNITALS, 3
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT, 1
- CLASS C ASSAULT, 2
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 4
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 2
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 1
- CONVENIENCE STORE THEFTS, 15
- GAS DRIVE OFFS, 14
- BEER THEFT, 1
- ASSIST MOTORIST, 25

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EDITORIAL

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Thankful for those helping us

It's times like these, times of inclement weather, and especially the cold confining effects of winter, that we can be thankful that there are people we can rely upon. We're talking about our police, firefighters, sheriff's deputies, Department of Public Safety troopers, city street and county road maintenance workers and the Texas Department of Transportation.

It's those people and others in the business sector — wrecker services and utility companies quickly come to mind — who brave the freezing rain, ice and snow to try and make our daily comings and goings more safe. And to be there when accidents ultimately do happen.

We take them for granted too often. Yes, they are simply doing their jobs, just like the rest of us. But without them it would be impossible for us to get to work sometimes. Certainly without crews sanding and salting the overpasses, marking treacherous roads, hauling us out of a ditch or rushing a loved one to the emergency room, life would be much, much more difficult.

As is always going to happen, we had a few accidents Monday night, Tuesday and early today. Accidents will occur in the best of weather conditions and certainly the conditions over the past 36 hours or so have been anything but ideal.

Still, we think it is important to note that Howard Countians seem to be "weathering" the weather pretty darn well. By adhering to caution and helping each other where we could, we've held up admirably.

Of course, caution is something we need to keep foremost in our minds for a bit longer. This wintry weather will be fading, but it's not gone yet.

So we'd encourage everyone to continue to drive with an "extra" eye on the road. Be courteous. And if you happen across one of those work crews, one of those civil servants, someone who is making a difference, give them a wave and a smile. They deserve that, at the very least.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I did not know Scrooge lived in Big Spring until last night. The Dance Gallery every year puts on a program for the residents of Canterbury. The program is also open to parents and grandparents of the children performing.

The program lasted a total of 20 minutes. There is limited parking at Canterbury. So several people were parked at Warren Chiropractic Center. The program started at 5:30 p.m. at which time most businesses are closed.

There are signs posted at the ends of the lot saying unauthorized vehicles would be towed. So I am not saying that parents were not in the wrong. However, due to the lateness of the hour and the time of the season, why didn't J. Wray Warren come out and tell people about the signs that you can't see at night or take two minutes and walk across the street and ask people to move their cars because he was still open.

Imagine the surprise of people who for several are seeing their children per-

form for the first time. Looking out the window and seeing their cars towed off.

This could have been handled very easily by several people. The Dance Gallery could have called Mr. Warren and asked if they could use his parking lot. Canterbury could have done the same or Mr. Warren could have walked across the street and asked that the cars be moved.

Let's all work and live together and remember Jesus is the reason for the season and act more like it.

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Editor's note:

While we are certain owners of the vehicles were shocked to see their vehicles towed, Mr. Smith's letter makes it clear that Warren Chiropractic Center's parking is clearly marked with signs indicating that unauthorized vehicles will be towed. Mr. Warren was well within his rights, especially when one considers the Canterbury event was staged during his business hours.

Time for some New Year's resolutions

New Year's resolutions are a bad idea. There's no way I will lose 20 pounds and keep it off, get through Gibbon's "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," or plant the imported tulip bulbs that have been sitting in my vegetable bin for the last two years. After years of compiling lists of things I want to accomplish in the next year, I've decided on a far more modest agenda.

Following are five mistakes I hope not to repeat in 2001:

Buying high, selling low: Having discovered the joys of technology stocks and online trading last December, I have managed, over the last year, to ensure that I will never be able to retire. Unlike Hillary Clinton, whose

careful reading of the Wall Street Journal a few years ago helped her turn a thousand dollar investment into \$100,000, I have reduced my retirement fund by about a third by taking control of my own portfolio.

Thankfully I've now forgotten my online password, which means I won't be able to buy any more shares at their 52-week high or sell them just before the company disappears off the NASDAQ.

Naming the dog after a former president: What seemed like a great moniker for a 12-week-old pup sounded a bit foolish months later when I stood in my front yard at 3:00 a.m. yelling "Reagan" at the top of my lungs. Then there

was the problem of finding a place to board Reagan when I went out of town. It turns out the only kennel in the area is run by a Reagan-hating Democrat. Or worse yet, I never could get the terrified UPS man to believe that the snarling, 75-pound beast who would keep him at bay on the front porch would back off if he'd just say:

"Sit, Reagan, sit." After nightmares of mauled neighbors and million-dollar lawsuits, I've sent Reagan back to his breeder — who, I hope, will find a good Republican home for him.

Driving a pick-up to work in the city. I have discovered a new form of discrimination: prejudice against people who drive trucks. No pick-ups need apply when it comes to finding a parking place in Washington, D.C., or any major city, I suspect. My truck is no larger than the humongous SUVs I see wheeling into underground garages all over the city. But whenever I pull into a lot, the attendant looks at me like I was driving a Sherman tank, before informing me the garage doesn't take "oversized vehicles." I've spent hours looking for spaces on the street and pleading with unsympathetic garage managers to rent me a space, to no avail. I guess it's time I traded in the truck for a sedan.

Putting a TV in the kitchen. It seemed like a good idea, until the Florida

recount. I've never been much of a TV viewer, except for the evening news, so putting a TV set on the kitchen counter where I could cook and watch the news simultaneously made sense. Then came the election — all five weeks of it — and my one-hour-a-day viewing turned into 16. With all those hours in the kitchen I cooked up a storm ... elaborate breakfasts, lunches and dinners — not to mention midnight snacks as we listened to pundits rehash the days' events. In 33 years of marriage, my husband has never eaten so well. Now both of us need to go on a diet.

Believing my husband when he tells me not to buy him anything for Christmas. I should have known better. Every time we have an agreement not to exchange gifts, he cheats and buys me something special.

Next year when he says there's nothing he wants, I'll know it means I should run out and buy him a 60-inch-screen entertainment center or maybe a hot tub or a snowmobile.



LINDA CHAVEZ



Slappin' and clappin' a song

I sat there amazed. This guy was on stage alone. No instruments. Just a microphone. He slapped his legs, his chest, his arms, his face and did one of the most fascinating rhythm performances I've ever seen.

Then he got out his jaw harp and made it sound like a cross between an outback didgeridoo and an electronic synthesizer. Then he played bones.

The highlight of the performance to me was his lightning-fast tapping on the washboard. It had a flat piece of wood and a tin cup built into the bottom of it. He wore thimbles on his fingers to amplify the sound.

Wow! He also played banjo, harmonica and steel guitar. He sang songs and told jokes and stories.

His name is David Holt. He was born in Gatesville,

Texas, and now lives in North Carolina. For 30 years, he has interviewed folk musicians in the Appalachian mountains and recorded their music and their techniques. In doing so, he has become one of a kind entertainer. He performs somewhere in the world 220 times a year. When I saw him in Salado, where his parents live, he had just returned from the southern tip of South America where he was doing a tour for the state department. The week before that, he was in Alaska.

He has done some 95 shows for Public Television and has been the host of the Riverwalk Jazz show on Public Radio for 13 years. He has won two Grammy Awards and been nominated for others. He has recorded numerous cassettes and CDs of his music and storytelling. His documentary interviews with mountain people are in the Library of Congress.

When the family moved to California while David was growing up, he and his brother formed a dance band. David was hooked on music, but majored in biol-

ogy in college because most of the men in his family were professional people. But David's pull toward music would not let him go and we're all better off for that. His type of entertaining is refreshing. He's fun to watch. I had no idea 40 minutes had gone by during the first half of his performance.

David stays home the first part of the week, travels to entertainment venues Thursday through Sunday. His son is a computer whiz.

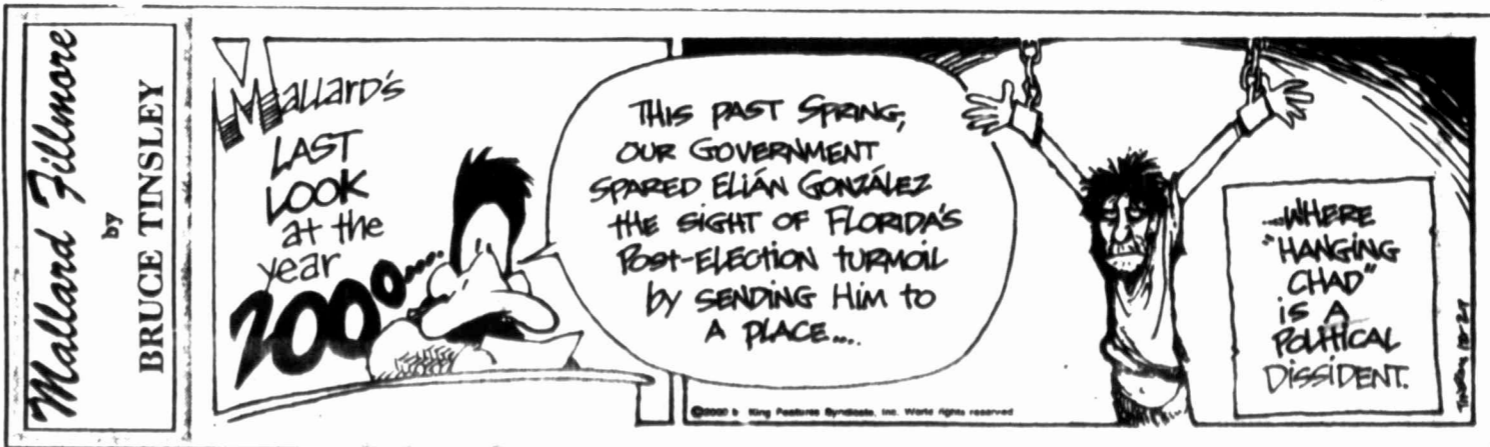
Sometimes his father, a retired engineer, joins David on stage and plays bones with him. His wife Ginny helps him. She has managed to get his books, tapes and CDs published and into the pipeline toward major awards. She sells his tapes and writings at his performances.

Did I say that David wears taps on his shoes and taps out rhythm with his feet while he's slapping himself, clapping his hands, playing the harmonica and singing? He's a percussionist of the first order.

I'm seriously considering taking up the washboard and jaw harp.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Officials say rampage may have been triggered by IRS dispute

WAKEFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A software engineer accused of targeting seven co-workers at their Internet consulting company for methodical slaughter was denied bail today after pleading innocent to seven counts of murder.

Michael McDermott, 42, stood impassive as a prosecutor described how the shooter blasted through the offices of Edgewater Technology with 37 rounds from a semiautomatic rifle and several from a shotgun, striking co-workers in their heads and backs as they tried to flee.

"There was very little, if any,

missed shots. Most of the wounds went through and through the bodies," said Tom O'Reilly, an assistant district attorney.

"One of (the victims) was underneath his desk. He had been shot numerous times. Another was a young lady slumped over her keyboard of her computer. She had been shot in the back of the head," O'Reilly said.

Some of the four women and three men killed worked in the accounting department, which was recently served with an order from the Internal Revenue Service to begin to garnishee McDermott's

wages. Last week, he had an angry outburst over the dispute, said one employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"Everything appears to be targeted at the individuals, rather than indiscriminate spraying of gunfire," said Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley said Tuesday.

Edgewater had recently agreed to the IRS order but was going to wait until after the holidays to start taking out what McDermott owed in back taxes, plus interest, Coakley said. The amount owed was "a couple thousand" dollars

said a person familiar with the IRS order, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

In a statement, the company said McDermott's actions "apparently stem from occurrences in his personal life."

"There was no way to anticipate his actions or any apparent reasons to restrict his access to the building," the company said.

Coakley said McDermott did not have a permit for any of the weapons he was carrying. She said he had no prior criminal record.

Police found McDermott sitting

silently in the reception area, a body nearby, his weapons within reach. He was arrested without gunfire. Co-workers and neighbors described the former U.S. Navy submarine electrician as quiet, surly and quirky.

Defense attorney Kevin Reddington, who met with McDermott, was hired by McDermott's family.

"They are a very nice family. Obviously they are very distraught," he told the Boston Herald. "But they are standing by and supporting their son and brother."

Alleged deserter rescued after 16 days in the snow

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Chuck Bloom noticed it first — a patch of black fabric buried in the snow, uncovered by the blades of a snowmobile as he and others rode along a desolate trail.

Bloom tossed the frozen bag aside. The backpack hit a drift, knocking some snow away and revealing the glint of a car window. What happened next was a miracle, his wife said.

"All of a sudden this little claw hand comes up and taps twice," June Bloom recalled. "It just scared us to death. We thought, 'Oh my God, there's somebody in there.'"

Thomas Wade Truett, 29, was buried in the snow for 16 days in his sports car, in blustery winter weather in central Oregon's Deschutes National Forest. He had uttered his last goodbyes — scrawling a note to his parents in Florida — after deserting his job as a fuel manager in the Air Force,

police said. He had lost 20 pounds and exhausted his supply of orange juice, a quart of water and a package of almond M&M candies, police said.

"We gave some guy his life and we didn't even set out to do anything remarkable that day," June Bloom said. "I'm not real religious, but somebody was directing all of us up there."

Truett was in fair condition late Tuesday at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend and recovering from advanced hypothermia, according to hospital administrators.

However, Truett's odyssey hasn't ended.

When the hospital discharges him — expected within a week — military police from Fort Lewis, Wash., will return the lost airman more than 800 miles to Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D., on federal desertion charges, said Cpl. Neil Mackey of the

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office and medical center denied The Associated Press access to Truett. It is not known if he has obtained a lawyer.

Truett allegedly fled the base on Dec. 3, driving to northern California and then to Oregon, the sheriff's office said. He enlisted in the Air Force in early summer and recently succumbed to personal problems, Mackey said.

Four days after he abandoned the base, Truett's car became stuck on a snowy, rural Oregon road, Mackey said. He survived four days in the woods, using a cigarette lighter to build small fires.

After depleting the lighter fuel, Truett tried hiking out of the forest, but was too weak.

He retreated to the car and consumed his meager rations, remaining there until he was discovered. "Here is this poor little

guy sitting in there with his hand all frosted up like a little claw wearing nothing but a T-shirt. He was so thin and gray in the face," said June Bloom.

On Dec. 22, Truett heard passing snowmobiles passing and threw his backpack, a notebook and some clothing out the window to let people know he was there, Mackey said.

The next day, the Blooms and their snowmobiling friends found Truett stuck in 5 feet of snow. They found the note to his parents, dated Dec. 13.

Chuck Bloom went for help while his wife started shoveling with other snowmobilers. She reached through a window, sliding socks over Truett's hands and feeding him two containers of orange juice.

Within three hours, rescuers had pulled Truett from the car and carried him out on a backboard. He was then airlifted to the hospital in Bend.

Figures on U.S. population due from Census this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first fruits of the Census Bureau's 2000 count will be visible later this week when officials release numbers that will document changing population trends.

In fact, the statistics due for release Thursday spell out which states are winners and which are losers in terms of the number of seats they have in the House.

This comes after a year in which the bureau, part of the Commerce Department, spent \$168 million on advertising, sent out questionnaires to more than 120 million homes and hired 446,000 part-time workers to do the door-to-door questioning.

Although the process was fraught with controversy, the Census Bureau director, Kenneth Prewitt, talked in optimistic terms

about the results. "We are convinced that when the data are out, it will underscore what we've been seeing, which is that Census 2000 has been operationally a successful census," Prewitt told reporters.

The first results are raw state population totals. They are expected to confirm trends that estimates have hinted at since the last census a decade ago: booming populations in the South and West, slower growth in the North and Midwest.

That report will be followed by more detailed statistics in March, which will reveal America's new racial makeup.

The 2000 questionnaires allowed people for the first time to check off if they were of more than one race, providing a rich portrait of racial identification never before available

President-elect Bush splits attention between transition and fishing

BOCA GRANDE, Fla. (AP) — President-elect Bush, unwinding at an island resort renowned for its fishing, said Wednesday he hopes to name "a couple" Cabinet members this week.

As he boarded a boat for a fishing trip with family

members, Bush declined to say whether he has settled on a nominee to be defense secretary. "Nobody's out of the running," he said.

Bush plans to be in Washington Thursday and Friday and suggested the next round of announce-

ments would come there. He said prospects are good for announcing "hopefully a couple of Cabinet secretaries ... in the next couple of days."

Bush and his father, former President Bush, set off in a skiff to fish for snook.

Immediately behind them in a second boat were the president-elect's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and sister, Dorothy Koch. In a third skiff were two of her children.

"Assume I caught a good one," Bush cracked to

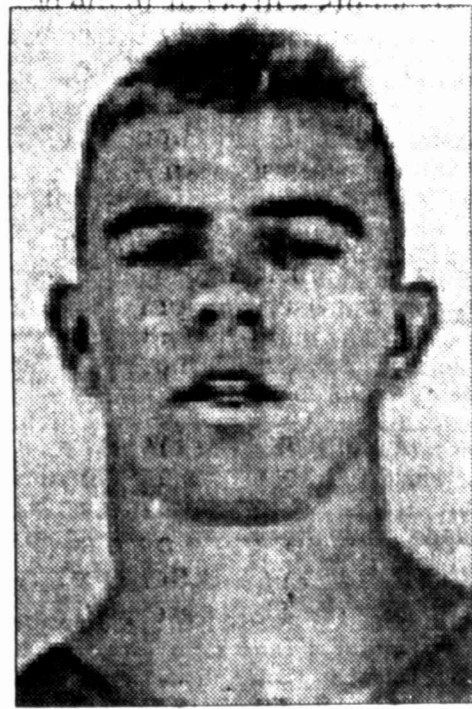
reporters. Pointing to his father, Bush said, "He's a better fisherman," to which the elder Bush replied, "No, no."

The former president, who recently had hip surgery, boarded the boat slowly, carrying a cane and fishing

rod. Aides to the president-elect said one of his twin daughters, Jenna, who underwent an emergency appendectomy Christmas night, would join the family at the resort later Wednesday.



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Heirloom necklace has been worn by 68 brides Children can learn to save money

EL PASO (AP) — R.C. Lovelace bought the simple necklace for his beloved's 16th birthday.

Little did he know, the plain gold chain and pendant with the amethyst stone and sweetwater pearls, would become a symbol of love for generations of brides.

Lovelace paid \$19.95 — a whole week's salary during the Depression — for the necklace. But he wanted to give the country girl he loved something special. The year was 1929.

Faye Williams and R.C. Lovelace were married a year later on Dec. 30, 1930. She was the first to wear the necklace at her wedding.

The second was her best friend, Fayrene Meyer, who wore it as "something borrowed" at her 1935 wedding to John M. Peters.

In the 70 years since, 68 brides from across the country have worn the necklace, either as something old or something borrowed, or both.

The gleaming piece of jewelry that first caught Lovelace's eye in a little drugstore window has become a legend and a tradition.

On Dec. 30, the Lovelaces will celebrate 70 years of wedded bliss. On the same day, Rachael Eveler will be the 69th bride to wear the necklace. She will marry Eric Williams.

"I don't know if the necklace has made a difference in any of those couples' lives," Faye Lovelace said. "I know some of them have had good marriages. Others, I really don't know what's happened to them. All I can say is that we could not have had a better marriage."

Theirs was a love story from the beginning, R.C. said, recalling that he had first seen the woman he would marry in the stands of the high-school football field in Vernon, Texas.

"I didn't catch up with her until 11 p.m. that night at a friend's house," he said.

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Faye Lovelace

"She was 15 then, and it was love at first sight. I have never changed my mind since."

The Lovelaces, who moved to El Paso in 1939 from Vernon, have three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. R.C. Lovelace looks much younger than his 91 years. At 87, Faye Lovelace still shows signs of the beauty that modeled for the old Popular store.

The couple have made

many friends in El Paso and will have a party to celebrate their anniversary.

That's how the necklace got around, R.C. points out — through word of mouth, with friends and relatives.

"We've offered it to some people," he said, adding that in some families, three generations of brides have worn the necklace. "Others who learned about the necklace have asked us for it."

Marianne Farrier, who wore the Lovelace necklace at her wedding to Frank Owen III in June 1947, describes it as a family tradition. She was No. 5 in the list to wear it. Her sister-in-law, Betty Ruth Owen, was No. 8. She married Jimmy Bowden in August of the same year.

"The Lovelaces and my husband's family were good friends, so they offered it to me," said Farrier, a mother of six and grandmother of 17. "I borrowed it when my four daughters got married, and I'm sure my granddaughters will wear it

before too many years." Rachael Eveler believes it will be a great honor to wear the necklace at her wedding.

"It's a fine old piece of jewelry and a wonderful tradition," said the recruiter for Texas Tech University. "I will be the first in my family to wear it."

The necklace, which has been valued for insurance purposes at \$10,000, has been at weddings in Florida, Missouri, Wyoming, Louisiana, California and all over Texas. Have the Lovelaces ever worried about losing such a valued family heirloom?

No, R.C. said, recalling that one time a couple lost the necklace after the ceremony. The family spent all night, looking for it in the church. They found it the next morning on the curb.

"I've always been sure it will come back," he said. "People want the necklace to be there for them to use again."

Teaching young children to save is an important step in building resilient families in the future.

It's a challenge to teach young people the value of delayed gratification, especially when their friends are allowed to spend, spend, spend. But if we want to prepare them for greater financial stability in their adult lives, then we need to start those habits at a young age.

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Even something as simple as putting their change in a non-breakable piggy bank instead of spending it at the store is a start. When that bank gets full, you can let them spend part of the money saved on something they want and put the rest into a savings account.

In addition, parents can strengthen their children's math skills by letting them count their own money and keep a weekly statement or poster of how much they have saved.

Having a savings goal is also important. If there is a special toy they want to buy or if they want to go to an amusement park, parents may want to tape a picture of that "goal" on the bank to help their child visualize why they are saving money.

Another technique is to challenge your child to save money by matching the amount. For example, you may set a \$5 savings goal for the month and promise to match it if they meet their goal. If you make that promise, be sure to keep it.

Saving can be learned, no matter how old you are. By getting your children into the practice of savings, it will become a habit they're likely to carry into their adult years, giving them a head start toward their own financial security and future success.

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Poor children's toys speak to the magic of childhood

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — It's a simple toy made of other people's trash. But two very different children have felt its charm.

For 8-year-old Piedade, who scavenges for food in a dump outside of Dili in the Asian country of East Timor, the little car he fashioned out of a plastic bottle and thong sandals gave him some much-needed play-time.

And for Michael Davey, a 7-year-old Richmond boy who is used to seeing the latest from America's high-tech toy stores, Piedade's toy was an inspiration.

"I think it's really cool how some people can make this out of trash," Michael said Thursday.

Piedade's toy, held together by two bamboo twigs, is one of about 300 that the Richmond-based Christian Children's Fund collected from about 60 poor countries.

"In Asia, Africa and Latin America, children most typically are presented in terms of need," said fund President John F. Schultz. "This presents children in terms of capability. It's a way of presenting children around the world in a very positive way."

For Piedade and other poor children in Dili, raiding the city dump was routine following the Indonesians' retreat from East Timor last year.

Like other families that are a part of the fund's program there, Piedade's parents have no fixed income and used to rely on the money they made selling what their children could find in the dump, which has since been moved away from the city.

"What they used to pick up was leftover food that foreigners would throw away, like bread and fruit and other expired foods, or old clothes that were thrown away," said Lola dos Reis, who runs the fund program in Dili.

The children's fund is a non-denominational group

For more information on this story, check out the Internet.

Christian Children's Fund: <http://www.christianchildrens-fund.org>

that provides health services and education to about 2.5 million children, mostly in Third World countries.

The idea of collecting such toys was born in May, when Schultz was visiting an area of northwestern Kenya that had been struck by famine and escalating violence. He came across children playing with homemade toy sailboats along a lake.

"I was expecting to see children and their families either begging, or sitting idly by the side of the road waiting for their fate," Schultz said. "But I was struck by the fact that they were having a childhood."

Inspired, Schultz asked children's fund members around the world to bring along toys built by children when they gathered for a conference in Williamsburg, Va.

The collection includes dolls, animals, doll houses, soccer balls and miniature cars, trucks and bicycles. They range from the very basic, such as Piedade's car and the Kenyan boy's sailboat, to extremely intricate and sophisticated.

A miniature Jeep, for example, was built by 15-year-old Modou of Senegal out of beer cans for his younger brother. The seats are fashioned from cans of Castle beer to differentiate them from the vehicle body, made with Heineken cans.

"What it shows," he said, "is that the children and their families are not helpless just waiting for someone from abroad to come to their aid."

Man called remarkably fit despite obesity

PHOENIX (AP) — Dave Alexander's overweight body doesn't stop him from being an ironman.

The 5-foot-8, 260-pounder estimates he has finished 276 triathlons since 1983, causing his doctor to marvel at this remarkable combination of fitness and admitted obesity.

"I am fat," said Alexander, 55. "I was born a big boy, and I'm always going to be big. But I'm healthy."

Like many men his age, Alexander's silver hair is thinning. His bright blue eyes are going bad, and his barrel stomach is getting bigger. Other triathletes often mistake him for a race organizer.

"I'm a great bar bet," he said, laughing. "I don't look like I can walk across the street, let alone run a triathlon."

Steven Blair, senior editor of the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, said a surprising number of people are both fit and obese.

In a recent study of obese men, Blair said that 46 percent had zero or only one of the major risk factors for an early death — smoking, bad eating habits, a sedentary lifestyle, a history of heart disease.

These men, despite their obesity, had no increased mortality rate.

"Most people see an obese person walking down the street and they think, 'This guy's a time bomb.' It's not necessarily so," said Blair.

Alexander is living proof. In a recent super-triathlon in Eastern Hungary, he swam 9.6 miles, cycled 448, and ran what he calls, "a 104.8-mile Bataan death march."

Alexander attributes his great shape to persistence.

He said he competes at a furious pace, sometimes completing two triathlons in a week. He sleeps about 4 1/2 hours a night so he can put in the long hours he needs to train and conduct business at the oil company he co-owns.

Dr. Craig M. Phelps, his doctor for 15 years, called Alexander "one in a million."

"And I say that statistically," Phelps said. "I haven't known of anyone his size who can do the swimming, the running, the cycling, at the ultra-distances Dave competes at. To be able to put all those things together at Dave's size is truly unique."

Tiny orphan home with relatives

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — She wasn't even 3 weeks old when her parents were killed.

As she curled into her car seat in the back, the Ford Explorer shuttled through the darkness and splashing rain. It was just a few days before Thanksgiving, and the new family was headed home after an evening with relatives.

Then everything went wrong. The wheels skidded on the slick highway. The Ford overcorrected, flipped and rolled three times.

When the vehicle came to rest, tiny Olivia Russell had tumbled from her car seat to land on the roof of the upside-down Ford. Both of her parents were thrown from the car. Her mother, Lori Ann Russell, died at the scene. Her father, Zachary Russell, died that night.

Investigators sent to the scene couldn't tell who had been behind the wheel. Lori's blood showed traces of alcohol; Zachary's blood alcohol content was 0.11, higher than the legal limit of 0.08.

Did Olivia realize what was happening? A warning cry, a lurch and a swerve, the roll of scenery in the windows, the sensation of falling — will they lurk in her memories?

The family dog, a dachshund named Annabelle, was tossed from the window. Five days later, a neighbor found Annabelle roaming a nearby street, scraped and half-starved.

Since then, both dog and baby have been taken in by Zach's sister and her husband, who have not spoken publicly since Olivia's parents were killed.

"She's going to live in a very healthy, stable environment," Nicki Brun, Lori's sister, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "She couldn't be placed in a better home."

Except, of course, the one she'll never know.

When they died, Lori was 32, and Zachary was 30. They met in high school, had been longtime sweethearts. They wed two years ago, after dating for more than a decade.

A graduate of the

University of Texas law school, Zachary was a defense attorney with Porter, Rogers, Dahlman and Gordon in Corpus Christi. Below the wide office windows, the blue Gulf of Mexico spills to the horizon.

The couple had been in Corpus Christi for only a year. They'd moved back from Austin to be close to their parents, to build a house and start a family. They were coming home.

A former football player at Texas A&M-Kingsville, Zachary built furniture in his spare time. On Saturday afternoons, he tiled the floors and planted oak trees outside the Padre Island house he built for his fledgling family.

As for Lori, she was small in stature and sweet by nature, a woman who dreamed of holding her first child.

"All she wanted to do was be a mother," Brun said. "This was a wonderful, joyous event for her. She was thrilled."

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SLICE of life!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Barbra Streisand's son says his mother was not surprised when he told her he was gay.

"I think she probably already knew," Jason Gould said in an interview in the latest issue of The Advocate magazine. Gould, 33, said his father, actor Elliott Gould, "did not suspect. It was much more difficult for him."

The younger Gould talked his father into playing one of his parents' "inside out," one of five segments of the film "Boys Life 3." Gould wrote, directed and starred in the short, playing the gay son of two famous parents who joins a support group for children of celebrities.

NEW YORK (AP) — "What a Girl Wants" singer Christina Aguilera knows exactly what to ask for. The pop star makes sure concert promoters will stock her dressing room with her favorite dairy products.

Aguilera's contracts include a detailed rider listing such favorites as Carnation Instant Breakfast, chocolate Nesquik, organic whole milk, full-fat vanilla soy milk, Soya Vitasoy cheese, a platter of cheddar, Jack, Gouda and Swiss cheese, small-curd cottage cheese and an undetermined number of votive candles. Aguilera also demands 12 dressing rooms for herself and her entourage, as well as a police escort to and from her concerts.

LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive letters from home. Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to: bsherald@xroadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing.

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Winter has barely begun, but homeowners feeling the chill

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — The Winters took his children out to cut down a tree. But instead of decorating it for Christmas, they used it for firewood.

Nearly out of heating oil last week, the single father of six grew nervous waiting for the federal assistance he had applied for.

"I didn't have money to buy fuel, so I went out in my yard and cut some trees down," he said. "For the last three weeks, I've used the wood stove."

Predicted increases in heating costs this year are as sharp as the pointy icicles hanging from snow-covered roofs: Heating oil costs nearly 30 percent higher this winter than last, and natural gas prices 40 percent higher, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates.

Less than a week into winter, agencies that help the poor pay for heat are swamped with applications. At the Home Energy Assistance Program office in Buffalo, N.Y., the line often wraps around the

Cut costs, but stay warm

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some tips on how to lower your heating bills this winter:

- Insulate attics and walls.
- Seal around areas where heat can escape, such as windows, doors, bathroom vents and chimneys.
- Check the manufacturer's label before insulating your water heater; set the temperature to about 120 degrees.
- Properly maintain your heating system: Have it inspected and cleaned annually; replace furnace filters once a month.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed.
- Make sure furniture, carpeting and drapes do not block them.
- Reduce the thermostat setting when everyone is asleep or away from the home. Consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Install storm windows and lock your windows to create a tighter seal; use drapes and shades at night to conserve heat.
- Close the damper on your wood stove and/or fireplace when not in use.
- Consider using compact fluorescent bulbs for most commonly used lighting.
- Invest in energy efficient appliances. Look for appliances with the EnergyStar label.

building and many people are told to come back later. "You have to go outside and tell some single mom

who took the day off from work to wait outside in the cold that she needs to take another day off next week,"

said the program's Nicole Williams, whose office sees about 200 people a day. "That's a hard thing to do."

High crude oil prices and low inventories pushed heating oil prices to a nationwide average of \$1.56 a gallon toward the end of last week, said Jonathan Cogan of the federal Energy Information Administration. That compares with \$1.12 a year ago at this time.

For natural gas customers, the problem is mismatched supply and demand. For the last few years, supply was flat or declined because low prices gave producers little incentive to drill, Cogan said. Meanwhile, demand increased as more utilities turned to natural gas. Wholesale prices that were as low as \$2 per thousand cubic foot a year ago are now between \$9 and \$20.

Drilling is expanding, but it won't help those who are struggling now, especially in places where cold weather arrived faster than usual. In St. Paul, Minn., single

mother of three Collette Moriarity asked for energy assistance for the first time in November, when her furnace broke down. A local agency helped replace the furnace, but she still faces hefty fuel bills.

"This last bill was almost \$300. I couldn't believe it! Thank God it's not due until January, or we wouldn't have Christmas," she said. "You shouldn't be nervous to open your mail, but I was nervous."

The Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation had to hire temporary workers to answer phones after the state had its coldest November in 120 years. The stories they hear are heart-wrenching.

"They're giving up medications and cutting into their food budgets," said development director Larry Kinnaird.

Even heating with wood is expensive this winter. A salesman at one New Hampshire wood stove shop said some customers are paying \$200 for a cord of wood, compared with about \$130 last winter.

"Some people seem to think wood would be a lot cheaper," said Natalie Davidson, whose husband owns a logging and firewood company west of Denver. "I think they're trying to find the best deal they can."

The elderly on fixed incomes have been hit especially hard.

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'Santa trackers' fielded kids' Claus questions

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A general at the North American Aerospace Defense Command and several staff members continued the NORAD tradition of tracking the progress of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve — and fielding questions from curious youngsters.

About 120 off-duty staff and their families volunteered Sunday to answer the thousands of questions, ranging from "When is Santa getting to my house?" to "Is Santa lactose intolerant?" said NORAD spokesman Maj. Jamie Robertson.

One common question: "Does Santa exist?"

"Santa is very much alive in the hearts of parents and children around the world," comes the reply from the volunteers, Robertson said.

NORAD's Web site had logged millions of hits and more than 1,600 e-

mail messages from 32 countries by nightfall on Christmas Eve. Last year, it had 52 million hits in less than 24 hours.

One youngster from Bernd-Hozminden, Germany, wrote: "Dear Norad. My first and only thought by watching your pictures was that your NORAD may only find Santa Clauses on the radar and no bombs and other bad things."

To which Maj. Barry Venable replied: "Dear Max. We feel the same way you do! Thanks for the note. Merry Christmas."

Another youngster, identified as Brittany, 11, from Rochester, N.Y., wrote:

"Hello NORAD. Is it true that Santa is lactose intolerant. That's what every movie says, and if it's true please let me know before I go to the store."

Venable replied: "To the best of our

knowledge, Santa is not lactose intolerant. An idea to get around the whole milk question might be to leave him a glass of water instead."

The joint U.S. and Canadian operation that monitors manmade objects in space and events around the world that could signal a nuclear missile attack continued its normal vigilance from deep inside Cheyenne Mountain. Some personnel coming off their shifts stayed to help with the Santa-tracking.

"We have a very serious mission, so come Dec. 24, it's nice to do this," Robertson said.

NORAD's predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command, began the tradition of tracking Santa Claus in 1955 after children who saw a misprinted Santa hot line number in the newspaper started calling NORAD with questions.

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In the days after Olivia's birth, Zach was giddy. He'd burst into a colleague's office brandishing a framed snapshot of his baby girl.

"She's more perfect than she was yesterday," he'd say with a grin. "She's so perfect."

"He was exquisitely happy," said attorney Tonva

Beane Webber, who worked with Zach. "He had a new home, a gorgeous wife, a beautiful baby."

These days the firm is busy gathering donations for the Olivia Russell Fund, a trust at Wells Fargo Bank in Corpus Christi. They are writing out their memories of her parents, so one day

she can read about them. Olivia will be 2 months old on New Year's Day.

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YMCA schedules basketball camp

Elementary school students may now register to take part in a YMCA basketball camp conducted by former Big Spring Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter.

The camp is set for Jan. 3-5 with students in grades K-2 attending at 9:15 a.m. and those in grades 3-6 meeting from 10 a.m. to noon.

The camp will be limited to 40 youngsters per age group.

Fees are \$10 for non-members of the YMCA and no fee will be charged of members.

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

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

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

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs.tx.org.

Tiger Woods repeats as AP athlete of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiger Woods was a repeat winner Tuesday as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year. Like so many of his amazing victories, it was no contest.

Fresh off his incredible season of nine victories, three straight majors, the career Grand Slam and shots that had to be seen to be believed, Woods joined Michael Jordan as the only three-time winner of the AP award since it began in 1931.

He received 47 first-place votes and 160 points to easily defeat back-to-back Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong.

Marion Jones is AP's female athlete of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Marion Jones gambled then won and lost.

Boldly predicting she could become the first track and field athlete to win five gold medals at a single Olympics, Jones' drive for five left her with three golds and two bronzes.

The five medals represented a first for a female track and field athlete at one games, and for that Jones was chosen as The Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Galleryfurniture.com Bowl, East Carolina vs. Texas Tech, ESPN2.

NBA
7 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat, TNT, Ch. 28.

NHL
6:30 p.m. — Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7:30 p.m. — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Red Raiders play tonight in galleryfurniture.com Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — Promoters of the galleryfurniture.com Bowl have done their best to make a success of the first bowl game played in the Astrodome since 1987.

Now it's up to Texas Tech and East Carolina to put on a good show and the fans to show up to see tonight's game.

"If we do a good job marketing this, we should have between 30,000 and 40,000 people at the game," sponsor Jim McIngvale said. "I think 40,000 would exceed my wildest expectations."

That might be a stretch since icy weather threatened to sock in Tech fans from West Texas and East Carolina fans purchased only about 3,000 tickets, well below expecta-

tions. Early on, there were misunderstandings over the progress of ticket sales. Promoter Jerry Ippolito said in early December that 28,000 tickets had been sold. In reality, only 4,200 tickets had been sold at that point.

Despite the early oversteating, McIngvale expects a good first year after giving away 250,000 memorabilia items and heavy advertising to promote the game.

"Houston is a football town," McIngvale said. "We have been without the NFL for several years now, and it's coming back. The college bowl game is coming back."

Texas Tech (7-5), the No. 7 from the Big 12, and East Carolina (7-4),

Conference-USA's No. 3 team, have their energies focused on the field.

Both teams offer potentially high-scoring offenses with Tech led by quarterback Kliff Kingsbury and East Carolina's more balanced offense, led by junior quarterback David Garrard.

"We have to step up and play like it's our last game," Garrard said. "It is the last game of the season but we've got to play like it's the last game you'll play in your life."

"We are kind of known as a slow-starting offense but we can't do that in this game. Once you put yourself in a hole it's hard to come out of it. We've had that happen to us this year."

Garrard completed 164 of 312 pas-

ses for 2,332 yards and 19 touchdowns this season and ranked 32nd nationally in passing efficiency. He was East Carolina's second leading rusher with 358 yards.

"The main thing we have to do is swarm to the ball and gang tackle him, don't let him get loose," Tech defensive tackler Kris Kocurek said. "We can't give him time in the pocket to set up and throw the ball. We have to get heat on him and make him throw the ball quick."

East Carolina's defense will also have a big problems with Tech's pass-oriented offense and Kingsbury was quick to grasp the offense Leach brought from Oklahoma that helped propel the Sooners into the national spotlight.

Cowboys forced to face reality

IRVING (AP) — For several years, Jerry Jones has worked under the premise that with some fine-tuning the Dallas Cowboys could make another Super Bowl run.

The 2000 season proved it is time for an overhaul.

Dallas went 5-11, its worst record since 1989, and finished with more key players hurt than healthy, yet another sign the Cowboys need to stop relying on aging championship holdovers and start rebuilding.

"I thought when we started this year that we had a chance since we had a core base that won three Super Bowls as early as five years ago," Jones said Monday night following a season-ending press conference in Tennessee. "I will have to do some head scratching and see how we go from here."

Whether Troy Aikman retires, returns or is released will be the major drama of the off season.

Other looming decisions include whether to keep former 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Woodson, Erik Williams or Leon Lett and what to do about recent, expensive acquisitions like Alonzo Spellman and Ryan McNeil.

Ataman, Woodson, Williams and Lett were all part of the Dallas teams that won three Super Bowls in four years in the 1990s. Two more years, Chad Hennings, who is likely to retire because of a neck injury, and deep snapper Dale Hellestrae, who may be too expensive even at the veteran minimum.

If all six leave, Emmitt

Smith would be the lone survivor — or, as he likes to put it, "The Last of the Mohicans."

"Obviously, changes will be made," said Smith, who needs 104 yards to pass Barry Sanders for No. 2 on the all-time rushing list. "Whether or not the changes will be productive, you cannot tell until the season gets started."

Revamping the roster won't be easy.

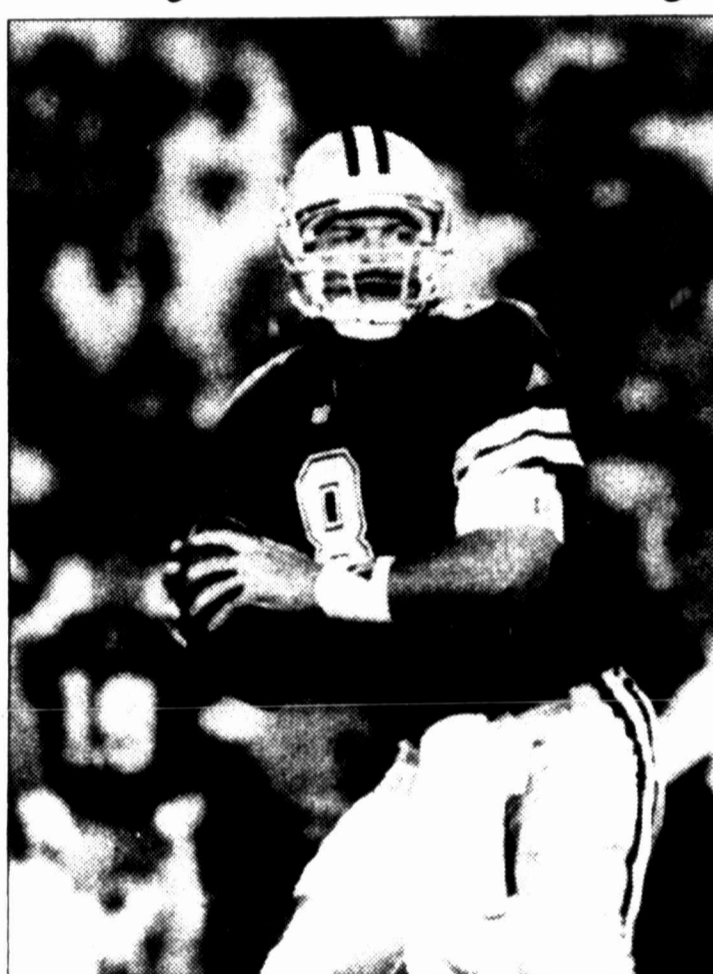
The Cowboys have traded their first-, fourth- and seventh-round picks in the April draft and a large chunk of next year's salary cap is committed to players no longer on the roster. Jones may add to that total in 2001 to make things easier in '02.

"I see teams like New Orleans that have come back and are right in the thick of it," Jones said. "While I'm not pleased with the year, I don't feel dismal about the future."

The season came to a bitter end in Tennessee. It was the second time Dallas was shut out this season after being blanked only once in the previous 10.

The Cowboys trailed only 7-0 at halftime and had chances to be way ahead because of uncharacteristic mistakes by the Titans. Then Dallas began making turnovers in the second half and Tennessee cashed in.

"Very simply, we need to be better players or we're not going to be around," first-year coach Dave Campo said. "We want to remember this season and remember how it feels to be sitting here at 5-11. We don't want that to happen



Whether or not quarterback Troy Aikman, pictured here during a 1993 game, will return to the Dallas Cowboys' lineup is one of the major questions team officials have to answer during the offseason.

again, that's for sure."

The Cowboys are 29-35 since 1997. They've had three head coaches in those four years yet only two playoff games — both of them first-round losses.

This season, Dallas allowed the most yards rushing in franchise history (2,637) and failed to win consecutive games for just the fourth time in its 41 seasons.

Defense was the major

problem the first half of the season, then it was the offense's turn. The Cowboys went through four quarterbacks and it's possible that the only ones returning will be Anthony Wright and Clint Stoerner, both of whom spent most of the year on the practice squad.

"We have to work awfully hard," Campo said, "to avoid having this feeling at the end of next year."

McKie, 76ers continue to surprise NBA foes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Philadelphia 76ers are surprising themselves and the rest of the NBA.

Aaron McKie emerged as an unlikely leader as the 76ers ended more than a decade of futility in Utah on Tuesday night with a 97-91 victory.

McKie stepped in for injured Allen Iverson and scored a season-high 24 points as the 76ers ended a 13-year losing streak in Utah.

The Sixers, who lost 91-89 to the Jazz last week in Philadelphia, completed the surprising turnaround with

a patchwork lineup. Iverson partially dislocated his right shoulder in Friday's game against the New York Knicks and will miss 1-to-3 weeks.

Kevin Ollie, waived by New Jersey on Dec. 15, started in place of Eric Snow, out after surgery to repair a broken right ankle. Rodney Buford, signed last week, stepped in for Pepe Sanchez, out with a sore hip.

"This is a strange team," said Toni Kukoc, who scored 15 points on 4-of-6 shooting from 3-point range. "Whenever everything's right, someone finds a way

to make something wrong. When everything's wrong, we find a way to win."

In other NBA games, Charlotte defeated Cleveland 115-110 in overtime; Detroit topped Boston 101-96; Atlanta beat New Jersey 81-76; San Antonio upended Houston 103-95; Milwaukee stopped Orlando 89-77; Dallas beat Seattle 114-93; Minnesota edged Toronto 100-97; Denver slipped past the Los Angeles Clippers 109-108; and Phoenix topped Vancouver 97-95.

Theo Ratliff, also feeling ill, joined Tyrone Hill with 13 points.

John Stockton had 19 points and 12 assists for the Jazz, who were foiled by 45 percent shooting.

Bryon Russell scored 17 points, John Starks had 14 and Danny Manning 13, for Utah.

Mavericks 114, SuperSonics 93

In Dallas, Michael Finley scored 38 points, including 27 in the first half, as the Mavericks made coach Don Nelson the third-winningest coach in NBA history.

Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points and 11 rebounds for his third straight double-

Boston College rips Arizona State in Aloha Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — If Tom O'Brien decides to leave Boston College, the Eagles made sure he went out in style.

Tim Hasselbeck threw two long second-half touchdown passes and Cedric Washington scored on an 11-yard run as Boston College beat Arizona State 31-17 on Monday in the Aloha Bowl.

Rumors were swirling around the Eagles this week that O'Brien would leave the team to take over for the retired George Welsh at Virginia.

But O'Brien didn't sound like a coach on the run.

"There is a future for this program, a great future," he said.

When asked if there was a future for him at Boston College, O'Brien succinctly answered, "Yes, absolutely."

BOWLS ROUNDUP

The Eagles got two quick touchdowns in the third period and added another in the next quarter to put away Arizona State, which was trying to win the final game for fired coach Bruce Snyder.

Hasselbeck threw scoring passes of 58 yards to Dedrick Dewalt and 40 yards to Ryan Read within a two-minute span and Washington, carrying the rushing load for suspended Willie Green, rushed for 109 yards and two touchdowns.

"We didn't do anything different," Hasselbeck said of BC's game plan. "Cedric's a great running back and we have a great offensive line."

For good measure, Mike Sutphin added a career-best 50-yard field

goal. Hasselbeck did not post impressive numbers, going only 9-of-21 with one interception. But he finished with 209 yards.

For the Sun Devils (6-6), it marked the end of Snyder's term. He was fired late in the season and will be replaced by former Boise State coach Dirk Koetter.

Gray 40, Blue 37

Richmond Flowers III, whose name was more famous in Alabama among political junkies than football fans, made a few fans of his own.

The Tennessee-Chattanooga receiver caught a game-record 12 passes for 169 yards, including the 21-yard game-winner from Jason McKinley with 59 seconds left to

give the Gray a 40-37 win in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic on Monday.

Flowers, who had already graduated from Duke, transferred to Chattanooga for his senior season. He caught a school record 86 passes for 1,035 yards this year.

He was just one of many offensive stars in a game that was kept close by a 10-point rule.

Under the rule, when a team trails by 10 or more points after it scores it receives the ensuing kickoff.

That gave the Gray, which trailed 23-6 at halftime, several extra possessions and a chance to rack up game records with 613 total yards and 31 first downs.

The game, pitting the North against the South, is for seniors whose schools were not playing in bowl games.

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lems apart and look at your
role in what goes on. Your
honesty and sincerity in
dealing with your life
draws others' attention.
You will become almost
instinctive when dealing
with funds. Curb a tenden-
cy to piddle money away.
Make a financial plan and
stick to it. If you are single,
your romantic life takes an
upward turn this year. Be
open to someone with a
very different style. If you
are attached, schedule special
weekends away together.
You will naturally gain
as a couple. AQUARIUS
could be possessive of your
friendship.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Use your daydreams
for feedback and direction.
Remember, this is the key
to your unconscious mind.
Not everyone agrees with
your perspective. Absorb
other views. Live them and
feel them before you come
to a conclusion. You are on
a winning path. Tonight:
Join a friend for dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Pressure builds as you
look at another holiday
weekend. You might feel as
if you must accomplish
something for work or for
an older relative before you
can really let go. Make time
for an associate and go over
financial plans with care.
Listen to a dear friend.
Tonight: You're the lead
actor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Reach out for another.
What this person says and
what you hear could be two
different things. Carefully
review a situation that
involves a partner who can
be testy. Use your imagina-
tion and creativity when
making plans. You find
amenable solutions for all.
Tonight: Relax to good
music or surf the Net.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Emphasize your special
someone, who needs to
know how much you care.
Cruise through work. Be
willing to reorganize or
look at a problem from a
different angle. Answers
come forward when dealing
with others. Tonight: Cozy
up in front of a fire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Others seek you out to
test ideas and perhaps to
partake in a little healthy
fun. Openly indulge others.
You might put someone on
a pedestal, whether he
belongs there or not. Let it
all hang out. Tonight:
Follow another's lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Your energy helps you
and others clear out work.
You might need to reorgani-
ze. Stop thinking about a
home office and start acting
on it. Be honest with your-
self about what isn't mak-
ing you happy. Now or in
the near future, start mak-
ing changes. Tonight: Don't
push. Take it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Creativity separates
you from many. Your
vision often inspires you,
but remember, it can also
get you in a lot of trouble.
A little realism goes a long
way. Test your ideas on
someone who plays devil's
advocate. Dance to someone
else's tune. Tonight: Let
your caring be known.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Family remains your
highest priority. You might
put a family member on a
pedestal and see this person
unrealistically. Perhaps
this is where disappoint-
ment sets in between you
two. Work on realism.
Revise a financial commit-
ment. Tonight: Happy at
home.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)**
**** You reverse gears and
stun not only others but
yourself as well. You have
a strong sense of what to do,
but your logic doesn't nec-
essarily follow. Stay upbeat
and make strong decisions.
Your intuition serves you
well. Tonight: Where the
music is.

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19)**
**** Take charge of your
financial life. You know
what you would like it to
look like. Do not negate
what is happening with
excuses or avoidance. You
need to be realistic about
your funds. See how money
drips out of your wallet.
Only you can put a stop to
this. Tonight: Play it low-
key.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18)**
**** Your imagination
amuses many and helps
you find solutions when
others can't. "No" simply
doesn't work for you.
Revise your goals and take
a hard look at facts. You
might find a different
course to the same end.
Tonight: It is your call.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20)**
**** Sometimes you are your
own harshest critic. Know

what is workable, and don't
step back from a problem.
A boss does reverse him-
self, but don't you dare try
to tell him this. Remain
upbeat and creative. An
intuitive reaction is right
on. Tonight: Get a good
night's sleep.

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DEAR ABBY: In the con-
tinuing saga of how men
are different from women,
let me share this with you.

Peter, my significant
other, was involved in a
men's counseling group.
One of the topics about
which they were to
report back during their
next meeting was "What
Women Want From Men
in Their

Relationships." Members of
the group discussed reading
the "Women Seeking Men"
persona' ads to get a better
understanding of what
women want. (Pretty inge-
nious if you think about it!)
I told Peter he should do
some home study and ask
me. I explained that women
need to feel loved, wanted,
beautiful and needed by
their partner. I was in the
only bathroom of our home
putting the finishing touch-
es on my face, and I asked
Peter if he thought he had
recently met these qualities
in our relationship.

His clever reply was: "I
LOVED you last night. I
WANTED you to make coffee
this morning. You look
BEAUTIFUL today and I
NEED you to get out of the
bathroom RIGHT NOW!"

May I add that one impor-
tant quality women need
from men in a relationship
is HUMOR. Humor makes
anything possible and I
thank the Lord that my dar-
ling has it in abundance. -
SUSAN IN SANTA FE, N.M.

DEAR ! SAN: Peter got
his message across, so he is
a skilled communicator.
And because he's in a coun-
seling group, it's apparent
he's interested in personal
growth. I think you've
found a "keeper."

DEAR ABBY: My 10-year-
old daughter, "Amber,"
stays home one or two
hours by herself after
school until I return home
from work. She has rules to
go by; however, she has

been known to break them.
Amber answers the door
when she shouldn't and
leaves the door unlocked.
She doesn't take seriously
the bad things that can hap-
pen to her.

I have an idea that may
put her in touch with real-
ity. I'm thinking of asking
a male friend to go to my
house and knock on the
door - which I know
Amber will answer. At that
time, my friend would pre-
tend to be a pushy sales-
man. He would insist on
coming into the house and
waiting for her mother.
That's as far as I've gotten.

Is this a bad idea? I don't
want to scare her into hav-
ing nightmares, but I want
her to know how important
it is to be wary of strangers
and to follow the rules. -
CONCERNED KNOXVILLE
MOM

DEAR CONCERNED: Yes,
it's a bad idea. I know it's
tempting, but such a ruse
would be dishonest and
potentially traumatizing.
When your daughter dis-
covers you play "tricks," it
might give her a false sense
of security. Also, your cred-
ibility would be damaged
for years to come, and your
daughter would always
wonder what kind of trick
you would pull next - and
I wouldn't blame her.

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your husband is cheating
with another woman, do
you think it's all right for
the wife to ask the woman
if she's having an affair
with her husband? - WIFE
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By BETTY DEBNAM

Important Events of the New Year A Kid's 2001 Calendar

Keep this 2001 calendar and watch for coming special events.



Our first president, George Washington, was sworn into office on April 30, 1789.

Special 2001 events

The year 2001 will be a special year filled with celebrations of the past and future.

On Jan. 20, a new president will take the oath of office. His inauguration will mark the end of one of the most unusual elections in American history. For weeks after the election, no one knew who won.

Although people started celebrating last year, the new millennium actually begins Jan. 1, 2001. (A millennium is a 1,000-year period.) The first year of the third millennium is 2001.

This year there will be special celebrations on the Fourth of July. It is the 225th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

January

20 Inauguration Day
24 Chinese New Year (Year of the Snake)
28 Super Bowl XXXIV

February

14 Valentine's Day
19 Presidents' Day
22 Washington's Birthday

March

17 St. Patrick's Day
20 First day of spring
26 Islamic New Year

April

15 Easter
22 Earth Day
27 Arbor Day

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Go dot to dot and color.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way words sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the CH blend, as in the word chimney.

Patty: Do you serve chicken here?
Greg: We serve everybody!

Steve: What did the beach say to the ocean?
Anne: "Hi, tide!"

Susie: What's red and goes ho, ho, ho?
Sam: I don't know, but I think there's one stuck in my chimney!

Lisa: May I borrow a piece of scratch paper?
Sean: Why? Does your pen itch?

Go on a CH word hunt. What other words can you find using the CH blend? What sound do you hear?

Rookie Cookies Recipe

2001: A Soup Odyssey

You'll need:

- 1 (16-ounce) can corn, drained
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 potato, peeled and diced
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 can cream of celery soup

What to do:

- In a medium saucepan, combine the first four ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
- Cover and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes or until vegetables are soft. Stir often.
- Add soup. Mix well. Cook 10 minutes or until warm. Stir often. Serves 6.

May

6-12 National Wildflower Week
13 Mother's Day
28 Memorial Day

June

14 Flag Day
17 Father's Day
21 First day of summer

July

4 Independence Day, 225th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence
15 National Recreation and Parks Month
National Ice Cream Day

MILLENNIUM TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the millennium are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MILLENNIUM, YEAR, MONTH, AGE, DECADE, CENTURY, DAY, HOUR, TIME, CALENDAR, MINUTE, FALL, SECOND, ANNIVERSARY, HOLIDAY, SEASON.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR?

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August

9-13 F-rased Meteor Showers
17-25 Little League Baseball World Series
19 National Aviation Day

September

18-19 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
22 First day of fall
27 Yom Kippur

October

14-20 National School Lunch Week
21-27 National School Bus Safety Week
31 Halloween

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are putting up a new calendar for the new year. See if you can find:

- key
- ruler
- word MINI
- kite
- safety pin
- ear of corn
- letter C
- cheese wedge
- arrow
- heart
- fish
- lima bean
- letter O

Year of the Volunteer

The United Nations has named 2001 as the International Year of the Volunteer. It is honoring all the people who give their time to help others. The United Nations hopes even more people will volunteer this year.

What do you do to help in your community?

Look through your newspaper for stories and ads about upcoming events. Circle those days on your calendar.

Next week The Mini Page is about the kids and facts of 2000.

November

12-18 Children's Book Week
16-18 Ramadan, Islamic month of fasting
22 Thanksgiving

December

6 St. Nicholas Day
10-17 Hanukkah
21 First day of winter
25 Christmas
26-Jan. 1 Kwanzaa
31 New Year's Eve

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