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December 29, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT

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New Year's Day Federal, county and administration offices will be closed on Monday to celebrate the New Year.

The Howard County Courthouse will not be open on Monday except the Howard County Sheriff's Office. Other offices will reopen on Tuesday.

City of Big Spring offices will be closed on New Year's Day expect for emergency departments.

Federal offices will be closed on Monday resumoperations Tuesday.

The post office will not be delivering mail on Monday. Mail service will resume on Tuesday.

Due to the holiday, the city will not have a trash collection on Monday. Monday's trash collection will be picked up on Tuesday.

The city will resume trash collection for the rest of the week,

WEEKEND TICKET **TODAY**

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

SATURDAY

☐ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

☐ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☐ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A onetime admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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Sen. Duncan: Ratliff will make a great lieutenant governor

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

White he cast his ballots for another man, Sen. Robert Duncan, (R-Lubbock) he's

said pleased with the choice of Bill Ratliff as the man to take over the post of lieutenant governor. "Bill Ratliff DUNCAN

is very principled. He has an even-handed, good temperament and he is loyal not just to his district, but to the state of Texas," Duncan said.

"He has been a leader in education reform for our state. Everything admires him. And while it was a close vote, afterward there was a unanimous happiness. Everyone was pleased with the results. No one was against the outcome," said Duncan, who has worked

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closely with Ratliff on the Senate Finance Committee.

The 64-year-old Ratliff was chosen over Sen. David Sibly, a Republican from Waco, by a 16-15 margin. Duncan had supported

"I thought there were several candidates who were well qualified. Actually, they all were,"

said Duncan. "But there were three — Bill Ratliff, Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) and David Sibly who had more seniority and higher leadership experience. And ultimately, of course, you have to go with just one person. I thought any of the three would have made a good lieutenant governor."

The somewhat-controversial secret balloting process took eight tries before Ratliff got his one-vote marwas a series of elimination ballots where the candidates getting the lowest number of votes were tossed out. And if there were tie votes for those, then we had a runoff," Duncan explained.

Ratliff will give up chair manship of the finance committee, he said. His position is actually of interim lieutenant governor. He will take on the duties until the post comes up for re-elec tion in 2002.

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By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

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Elected officials take oath of office early

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Howard County Clerk Donna Wright administered the oath of office to newly-elected County Sheriff Dale L. Walker in a short ceremony held today in the courthouse.

Walker was able to be sworn in before Monday, the first day of the year, because that day is a holi-

He will officially take office at midnight Sunday. Others who were in uncontested races in their respective offices and sworn in were Hardy Wilkerson, district attorney; Kathy Sayles, tax-assessor collector; Teresa Thomas, county treasurer; Bennie Green, Pct. 1 justice of peace; and Emma Puga Brown, Pct. 1 county commissioner.

Others to be sworn in later will be Bill Crooker, Pct. 3 county commissioner; Mike Thomas, county attorney; and deputy Gary Pritchett, who will serve as Walker's chief deputy.

Walker, who wasn't even a candidate in the March primary, defeated incumbent Sheriff William "Bill" Jennings on Nov. 7 by a count of 5,287 to 4,296, a margin of 991 votes.

Jennings was only behind nine votes after the early tally came in but Walker,



Donna Wright, Howard County clerk, administers the oath of office to Dale Walker, newlyelected sheriff. Walker will officially take office Monday but because of the holiday, he and other elected officials were sworn in early.

who carried 18 of the 21 boxes, gathered momentum as the boxes began to come in one by one.

Walker was appointed by Howard County Democratic Party executive committee to replace Javier Becerra who eliminated himself from contention for the office by voting for Republican candidate David Mohn in the March primary

Walker, who has 16 years

of law enforcement experience, ran on the motto of restoring the "Spirit of the Law" to the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

spirit of the law in the present administration," said

"It is my goal to restore that spirit to the office and get away from so much of the letter of the law that we

currently have. I plan to be accessible to all the people and will be open to their suggestions.

Pritcheft eomes "I felt when I started the Howard County from Upton campaign and still do now County where he served as that we got away from the the training coordinator with the Unton County Sheriff's Office the past 12 years. He is a certified instructor and served two years with the Big Spring Police Department prior to moving to Rankin.

hour shift today and by 5 p.m., we should be pretty well caught up with what wasn't picked up due to the missed days," said Shivers "We were out Monday and Tuesday due to the

> on Wednesday we weren't able to run due to the weather being so bad. Shivers said that he will have some trucks out Saturday to catch any trash

Christmas holiday and then

last couple of days. He said a revised schedule would be in operation next week due to to New Year's holiday on Monday.

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"Instead of our normal pick-up days of Monday. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we will be doing pick-up on Tuesday. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday," said Shivers. "Hopefully we will get things back on a regular schedule once again by the end of next week.'

Shivers added that live Christmas trees will not be picked up by the collectors.

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Dry but cold weekend in store for Howard County

By Herald Staff Report

A dry weekend is predicted for the Permian Basin with wind and chilly weather rolling in on New Year's

"It looks like it will turn cold on Monday," said Greg Murdock, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland.

A front moving its way through the Permian Basin from the northeast on Monday is forecast to bring strong winds and temperatures in the 30s.

According to Murdock, holiday travelers planning to visit relatives and friends New Year's Eve should expect a dry weekend with the temperatures ranging in the high 40s and low 50s.

Clouds should roll in New Year's Day with continued cloudiness through Tuesday, Murdock said.

Across the state for the weekend, the weather is forecast to be dry although west of the Pecos River and the deep South Texas may have potential for precipitation, he said.

Those traveling in the areas of Wyoming through Arkansas may need to be cautious. Murdock said those areas may have potential snowfall.

The weather forecast this weekend is much different from earlier this week as an ice storm that fell on Christmas Day stranded many area travelers.

Travelers found few vacant room in Big Spring hotels and many had to find alternative lodging while waiting out the icy weather

that lasted for almost three

A thick layer of ice on the roads caused numerous automobile accidents, slowing travel and caused portions of several highways throughout 'exas to close.

Weather cleared up on Thursday, allowing holiday travelers to resume their journeys.

Those traveling this week end may want to contact the Texas Department of Transportation at 1-800-452-9292 to learn about current road conditions.

Flu vaccine shortage should be temporary, officials say

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A shortage of the flu vaccine is causing many area health agencies to restrict their supply

to high-risk patients only. but those who receive shots January and February may still be protected for the flu sea-

"The season in Texas usually peaks in March and April,' said Terese Foran, community outreach specialist for Texas Medical Foundation. "If you get a flu shot before those months, you should be

fine." Many area health agencies are currently out of the vaccine or limiting the shots to staff and those who need them the most.

"We have some flu shots available but they are reserved for high-risk

patients," said Amber Rich of the Family Medical Center. "The flu can be fatal to some of those in the high-risk groups so it is really important they receive the vaccine'

According to Foran, people age 65 or older and those with serious medical conditions such as heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems are considered high risk and more likely to get the flu.

Nearly 20,000 Americans die from flu and its complications every year, she said. In 1998, The flu was the seventh leading cause of death in Texas, claiming more than 4,600 lives, Foran said.

According to Rich, those high-risk patients needing a flu shot who do not have a physician can call Family Medical Center physician Dale Bradley at 267-5531 for an appointment.

Many of the public might have to wait until more vaccine is delivered before receiving the shot.

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Registered Medical Assistant Tracle Watson gives Annetta Montgomery a flu shot while Dr. Dale Bradley of Family Medical Center watches. As a health care worker herself, Montgomery receives a vaccine shot every year. People age of 65 and older and those with chronic health conditions are at high risk to contract the flu.

Laura "Adele" Posey

Mrs. Posey passed away Thursday morning at Covenant Place Waxahachie. She was born to Ted and Laura (Webb) Page in Hillsboro. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1936 and attended Hill Junior College. She married W.W. Posey on Dec. 15, 1940, in Hillsboro. She and her husband owned and operated Posey Tractor Co. in Big Spring and were farmers and ranchers. She was on the board of directors of the Hillsboro Country Club and Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center of Big Spring. She did volunteer work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She loved to play bridge.

She is survived by: one daughter, Ann Brigman and her husband Fred of Maypearl; one sister, Mary Catherine Semmler of Portland, Ore.; one grandson, Ivan Brigman and his fiance Tracy. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Woodrow and one brother.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the Wayne Boze Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Celebration of Life will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 31, at Hillcrest Garden of Memory in Hillsboro with the Rev. Tony Sheffield officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wayne Boze Funeral Home in Waxahachie.

Paid obituary

Vivian E. Harvey

Funeral service for Vivian E. Harvey, 68, of Midland, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Harvey died Mrs. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, in Midland

Pauline Talton

Funeral service for Pauline Talton, 82, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Talton died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in a local hos-

VACCINE

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"The reason for the delay this year is due to manufacturing problems with the vaccine," Foran said.

According to Foran, the vaccine — normally grown in eggs - would not grow this year. Manufacturers had to find an alternate production of the vaccine, she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has produced 94 percent of the virus, Foran

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said, but the vaccine has been bottlenecked in distribution.

The CDC is estimating that all the vaccine will be delivered by early January.

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"We have a drop-off at the landfill for any live trees or they can be taken to the compost facility at the airpark," said Shivers. "As for those unwanted boxes or paper, you can take those to Coronado Plaza, the Big Spring Mall or at our location at Fifth and Nolan where they can be recy-

For any questions concerning waste pick-up, contact Shivers at 264-2378.

Judge grants McVeigh's wish to end appeals, set death date

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh could be put to death as early as May now that a federal judge has granted the convicted Oklahoma City bomber's request to drop all appeals and get a prompt execution date. McVeigh's father said his son concluded "it might as well be sooner than later."

U.S.District Judge Richard Matsch, however, gave McVeigh time to change his mind. After Jan. 11, the judge said he would let the U.S. Bureau of Prisons set a date for McVeigh to die by lethal

'You're making a decision today that may be the final decision on your future," Matsch told McVeigh, who participated in the Denver hearing via closed-circuit television from the maximum-security prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where he is on death row.

"I understand," McVeigh replied solemniy. He offered no clue why he made the request.

McVeigh's father, retired Pendleton, N.Y., factory worker William McVeigh told The Buffalo News that he and other family members are respectful of his son's wishes

"This is Tim's wish. It's up to him. There really isn't much we can say about it," he said in a phone interview late Thursday.

"We spoke to him (by phone) on Christmas Eve. and we spoke to him before that on what he was going to do. He's explained t to us. I gue is his feeling is, he knows he's going to die it might as well be sooner than later.

Some speculated McVeigh wants to become a martyr for anti-government causes. Others said an execution date is the only thing he

can control. Bombing survivor Paul Heath contended McVeigh, 32, is truing to mock the U.S. government with his petition for clemency, knowing Washington hasn't put anyone to death since

"He is arrogantly rubbing the government's nose in that fact," he said. "He's mocking all of us.

The judge reached his decision Thursday after asking McVeigh a series of questions to establish that he knew his rights and understood the conse-

quences of his request. As about 100 people in the courtroom watched, the decorated Gulf War veteran responded quickly and tersely, his hands folded on a table in front of him. A telephone sat nearby in case he wanted to consult an attorney, but McVeigh

didn't use it. McVeigh said he did not foresee changing his deci-

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sion. He made it clear, however, that he reserves the right to seek clemency from the White House, telling the judge: "The president, as I understand it, has almost unlimited power in this respect.

Prosecutor Sean Connelly said, "It's a case in which the jury verdict has been repeatedly affirmed and the death sentence has been repeatedly affirmed by the courts." He added: "At this point, it's for the Bureau of Prisons to set an execution date.'

Earlier this month. McVeigh asked Matsch to stop the appeals process and schedule his execution to take place before the summer

McVeigh said he had researched previous court decisions before helping his lawyers draft the request. He also described his life in a 10-by-8-foot cell on death row, where he eats his meals, exercises and has a TV set. He said he was under no pressure from anyone to make his decision.

Generally, condemned inmates are given four months' notice of an execu-

tion. McVeigh was convicted of murder, conspiracy and other charges and sentenced to die for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured more than

He has lost two appeals, at the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal appeals court, but has not exhausted all appeals.

Friends remember slain Irving police officer

!RVING (AP) — Wearing black stripes across their badges, hundreds of law enforcement officers saluted Thursday as they walked by the flag-draped coffin of a police officer gunned

Eve robbery. More than 1,000 people packed Calvary Temple for the funeral of Aubrev W. lifelong dream was to make the world better by fighting

"Aubrey ended his career and his life doing what he

loved and what he did best trying to help people," said Daniel Rutledge, a childhood friend.

Hawkins, who had joined the Irving police force a little more than a year ago. responded Sunday night to a call at a sporting goods store, where nearly two dozen employees had been

tied up during a robbery. As Hawkins approached the back of the store, he was shot multiple times. By the time other officers arrived, the robbers had fled in a stolen vehicle. No

employees were hurt. The suspects are seven men who escaped Dec. 13 from a Texas prison, and a regional manhunt continued Thursday. Rewards totaling \$23,000 have been offered for clues leading to their arrest.

The slain officer's mother Jayne Hawkins urged mourners not to be angry at the killers but to "use that energy to lift the spirit that

Aubrey lived.' Irving Police Lt. John Thorpe wept as he remembered how Hawkins once insisted that the d partment do more to elp a

troubled child. A during a training ercise Hawkins cheerfully agreed to the dangerous task of being the "bad guy" chased by the police dog.

Friends said the only thing Hawkins loved more than his job was his family,

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especially his 9-year-old son, Andrew, and his wife, Lori. The couple would have celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary next

"It's not how Aubrey died that made him my hero it's how he lived," Irving Police Chief Lowell Cannaday said.

The seven convicts including two serving time for murder — have been on the run more than two weeks, after breaking out of the state prison at Kenedy, about 65 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Leaving behind a note that read. "You haven't heard the last of us," the inmates had stolen about a dozen pistols, more than 200 rounds of ammunition, a rifle, shotgun, clothes and wallets from some prison employees.

More than 200 searchers using helicopters, horses and tracking dogs were unable to find the escapees. Two days later, some or all of the men robbed a store in Pearland, southwest of Houston, authorities said.

Then on Christmas Eve they posed as security guards to enter Oshman's Super Sports USA store in Irving, a Dallas suburb. There they stole \$70,000 in cash, winter clothes, at least 25 guns and more ammunition, authorities

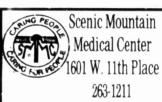
BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AND SUR-ROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's down during a Christmas Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

THE MOBILE MEALS **PROGRAM**, which delivers Hawkins, 29, described as a to the elderly and homekind, helpful man whose bound, needs volunteers to





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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

MARKETS

March cotton 64.88 down 88 points; January crude 27.08, down 88 points; cash hogs \$1 lower 88 even; slaughter steers \$1 higher at 76 even; February lean hog futures 56.10, up 60 points; February live cattle futures 77.02 up 40 points.

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POLICE

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

•CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 55, of 2202 Nolan, was arrested on a charge of public intox-

•ERNESTO MORALEZ, 27, of 1510 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of parole violation. HARASSMENT was

reported in the 3200 block

of Drexel. ·VIOLATION PAROLE was reported in

the 500 block of NW 7th. •THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia, in the 200 block of W. Marcy and in the 400 block of Johnson.

Records

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U.S. population soars, with biggest gains in Southeast, West

WASHINGTON (AP) population soared past 281 million as explosive growth provided Arizona, Texas, Florida and Georgia two more House seats each and cut into the political clout of the Northeast and Midwest, the Thursday.

The first numbers from 2000 national count provided a few surprises — North Carolina picked up a House seat while Indiana and Michigan unexpectedly lost representatives. Florida and Georgia fared better than some experts had predicted.

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trend of a population shift from the North and Midwest to the South and West.

Overall, the U.S. popula-tion rese to 281,421,906 up 13.2 percent from 1990%

"Never have we been so diverse, never have we been so many and never have we Census Bureau reported been so carefully mea-Thursday. Sured," Census Director Kenneth Prewitt declared in releasing the numbers that will reshape America's political boundaries for the next decade.

Pennsylvania and New York lost two seats apiece, with a total of eight other states losing one seat apiece.

"It's more than just losing But the figures otherwise seats," said Pennsylvania confirmed a decade-long Gov. Tom Ridge, whose

CENSUS 2000 STATS ABOUT TEXAS

. Almost one of every eight persons added to the U.S. population in the past decade was added in Texas.

• Texas had 16 House members in 1900. In 2000, the number doubled to 32.

• Texas' population increase of about 3.86 million during the 1990s is roughly the equivalent of adding the city of Dallas, the city of Houston and the city of San Antonio as they existed in Texas in 1990 to the state's popula-

 In the past century, Texas' population grew almost seven-fold, from roughly 3 million to nearly 21 million.

Source: Steve Murdoch, director Texas State Data Center

state's delegation shrink to 19.

"It's also a financial loss because so much of the

tricts."

Many of the changes were predicted months ago, as experts examined 1999 estimoney is tied to the dis- mates, but there were some

Florida's population shot up 23.5 percent, while Georgia's grew by 26.4 per-

"Now, we're where we ought to be and it is a tremendous gain for said Linda Georgia," Meggers, director of the Georgia Legislature's redistricting office, which will now have 13 congressional districts to reshape.

Texas and Arizona also reported huge gains as expected — sparked in part by booming immigrant populations.

Every state increased its population, though many not enough to maintain their congressional repre-

Pennsylvania's population increased 3.4 percent.

sentation.

New York's population jumped 5.5 percent.

Prewitt declared the decennial count to be a success but said he still was concerned that the government did not account for every resident.

Historically, minorities, rural resident, children and the poor are undercounted. Prewitt's agency is in the midst of a politically sensitive task - adjusting the headcount using scientific sampling methods.

Democrats generally support the adjustment, while many Republicans prefer the actual headcount

Texas Senate picks Ratliff for lieutenant governor post

though he has been chosen by his colleagues to take over the post of lieutenant governor, state Sen. Bill Ratliff says his agenda is no more important than those of the 30 other law-

makers in the state senate. "This role is considerably different than a lieutenant governor's job which is elected by 20 million people," Ratliff said.

"I've been elected by my peers to preside over this session over the next two years and that is a different situation. I am still the senator from the First District and because of that, it is my philosophy that my agenda is no more important than 30 other agendas," he said.

That's the kind of attitude that has guided Ratliff, chosen Thursday by his colleagues in a secret vote to take over the post of lieutenant governor, through his 11 years as a state senator.

Ratliff, a Republican from Mount Pleasant, replaces Rick Perry, who was sworn in as governor last week when Presidentelect Bush resigned. He will take on the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor until the 2002 election. Ratliff said he was unsure if he would run

"I may not even like the job," said Ratliff, who 1989.

AUSTIN (AP) - Even spoke to Perry by telephone after the election. The governor offered congratulations and help with

the transition, Ratliff said. As the state's secondhighest ranking officer, Ratliff will keep his vote as a lawmaker as well as control the flow of legislation while presiding over the Senate.

Ratliff, 64, was chosen over Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, in a 16-15 vote.

The vote came after the Texas Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Senate could choose an interim lieutenant governor by secret ballot, overturning a lower court deci-

The justices decided that the courts had no jurisdiction in the matter. Some of the largest newspapers in the state had sued the senators to get them to hold the vote in public.

Now the senate president, Ratliff said he will give up his chairmanship of the senate's powerful finance committee, which helps guide the allocation of state dollars. He says his new role will be one of an "implementer and an expeditor.

"I think my role is to maintain order, maintain efficiency and provide leadership," said Ratliff, a civil engineer who has served in the senate since

picking a man who held the

post a generation ago. Rumsfeld was the youngest

defense secretary when President Ford named him

to the job at 43, late in 1975.

Thompson, 59, will head

one of the government's

largest departments, one

that comprises the Food and

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Health, and the Centers for Control

Prevention, among other

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Philadelphia shooting leaves seven people dead

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activity, police said. Three others were wounded during the shooting Thursday night in the ramshackle home, which one nearby resident described as a "drug house."

No suspects had been

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - no weapon had been recovered.

Deputy Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said two of the victims had been selling drugs. and a small amount of crack cocaine was found in the

Six of the victims were found dead at the home and another died at a hospital.

One of the wounded was in critical condition early immediately arrested and Friday, according to a

University of Pennsylvania adults off the corner to get hospital. A second was in serious condition and the third was listed as stable.

"It's sad," said Eugene Whiters, who lives a block away from the building surrounded by a dozen dilapidated homes with boardedwindows, sagging awnings and overgrown lawns littered with fallen bricks.

Tina Washington, 44, said

spokeswoman at the she had often pulled young them away from drug activ-

"You pray, and you talk to them, and you keep talking to them until you're blue in the face," she said.

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Bush fills more Cabinet slots with naming of Paige, Norton to be his defense secretary,

WASHINGTON (AP) President-elect Bush chose Rod Paige, the Houston superintendent of schools, to be secretary of education today, and named former Colorado Atty. Gen. Gale Norton to be secretary of the interior.

He nominated Anthony Principi to be secretary of veterans affairs, the department in which he once served as deputy.

As expected, Bush named Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson to become secretary of health and human services Paige becomes the second

black member of the Bush Cabinet. The other is Colin Powell, the designated secretary o. tate Thompson, in his fourth

term in Wisconsin, is the nation's longest-serving Republican governor, and was an early leader in the reform movement to cut welfare rolls.

Norton served eight years as Colorado attorney gener-

On Thursday, Bush nominated Donald Rumsfeld, 68,

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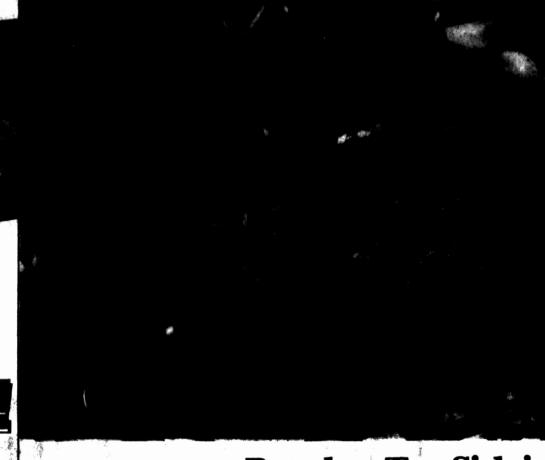
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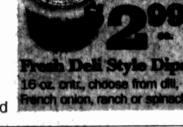
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We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• BOWE BUTLER, Big Spring High School senior, who was selected as a nominee to the U.S. Naval and Air Force academies.

• VALERIE GARCIA and her neighbors who may have saved a residence in the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon by alertly notifying authorities.

• Members of BAKER's CHAPEL AME, MOUNT BETHEL BAPTIST AND NORTH-SIDE BAPTIST who banded together to sing Christmas carols across Big Spring last week.

• CITY OF BIG SPRING WORKERS, who are toiling around the clock to repair water line breaks which occurred after the latest cold snap.

• AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT, who handled more traffic accident calls and stranded motorist reports over the past few days than anyone wants to think about.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If T so, please send us their name and why you are think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing

OTHER VIEWS

With the end of the year approaching, people are m it ing routine plans to ad the holidays travel celebrating and taktme off from work. isy to torget that just r ago the routine of rostine at all. at should have been oly hopy occasion arrival of a new a new century and a nev. millennium was shadowed by a serious fear that computer break downs brought on by the Y2K problem would cause power outages, communications failures, banking disruptions, shortages of basic commodities ar 1, in the worst scenarios, rioting and social chaos. Overnight, doomsayers predicted, the 20th Century would give way to the Dark Ages

Some people bought portable generators and laid in supplies of bottled water and canned goods. Some canceled travel plans, fearing that planes would drop out of the sky at the stroke of midnight College football fans wor ried that some big bowl games might not even take place as planned.

During what is normally a holiday period, lots of workers had to postpone days off and put in overtime at the office or

the plant on New Year's Eve — to head off any computer-related problems that might arise. As the last seconds of 1999 ticked away, many Americans were not sure if they'd soon be drinking toasts to the new millennium or freezing in the dark.

As it happened, the Y2K problem turned out to be largely a phantom. This year, the world can antici pate the new year without the nagging dread that civilization is about to come to a nasty, chaotic end. People who got to spend the last New Year's Eve at work, waiting for computers to go haywire. will get to be at home, out on the town or in some vacation spot with family and friends. Everyone will get to savor the luxury of normality

And if it bugged you that you couldn't fully enjoy the advent of a new millennium, remember that some people insist that it really doesn't arrive until Jan. 1, 2001 So maybe this is the perfect time to celebrate the event the way it deserves to be celebrated and couldn't really be last year. After all, the chance won't come again for 1,000 vears or at least 999

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Bush team shaping up very well

o one expects a president to be an expert on all matters touching government. There really are

only two broad requirements for a successful presidency. First, he must have a firm sense of the "big picture" and know where he wants to go, and second, he

should be a big-enough man to select

Cabinet members and other advisers who are of proven stature. Harry Truman is an

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example of an unexpectedly successful president. When he succeeded Franklin Roosevelt in 1945, he was widely disdained. He was considered to be a Kansas City hack who had come up through the corrupt Pendergast machine. He had little education and had failed as a haberdasher. He didn't have a middle name — the "S" stood for nothing. No one expected much from Truman. He was the Little Man. Only he wasn't. He had a

great deal of common sense

and no patience with pretense. He had the self-confidence to have men of great stature like Dean Acheson and George Marshall on his team. He respected them. but they did not intimidate

And so Truman, in Acheson's phrase, was 'present at the creation," when the foundations were laid down that would contain the Soviet Union and win the Cold War: the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe, and NATO to block a Soviet tank attack on West Germany.

Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" address in Fulton. Mo., with Truman seated behind him on the platform. This amounted to virtually an official declaration of Cold War. When the Soviets blockaded Berlin, Truman's airlift fed the city. When North Korea lunged south, Truman did his duty. And, of course, the

Soviets were aware every waking moment that Truman was the only man in the world who had ever **dropped** "the bomb" — in fact, two of them. Ashad in later years whether in had had second thoughts about that, Truman replied that he acted on the basis of the best information then avail-

able, that other information might come out later, but he never looked back, and he never lost sleep.

Jack Kennedy, who knew much less than he thought he did, deliberately chose a weak secretary of state in Dean Rusk, The idea was that Jack would be his own secretary of state.

With his brother Bobby at his elbow, he gave us a feckless invasion of Cuba that never had a chance, crazy plots to assassinate Fidel Castro and a weak performance with Nikita Khrushchev at Vienna. He managed to maneuver us to the brink of nuclear war. and his national security adviser, McGeorge Bundy, a Harvard dean, thought that a couple of American battalions would settle things with Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap in Vietnam.

Kennedy's administration consisted of know-it-alls who in fact knew little and had even less judgment. So far, George W. Bush has had the wisdom and confidence to choose serious people for his major posts.

Colin Powell, Bush's pick for secretary of state. brings more experience and gravitas. He is a Republican because he doesn't trust liberals with national security. If you think back on the major

secretaries of state, Powell brings a stature comparable to that of Acheson, John Foster Dulles, Henry Kissinger, George Shultz and James Baker. Bush is content to sit across the table from that.

If you think about President Clinton's Cabinet, the only first-rate figure has been Bob Rubin as Treasury secretary. Warren Christopher and Madeleine Albright have had little stature. The attorney general, for some reason, had to be female, so Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood had "nanny tax" problems, and so we got Janet Reno. The Cabinet had to "look like America," so we got Ron Brown and a lot of other forgettable people.

Bush's selection of Condoleezza Rice for national security adviser continues Bush's choosing such high quality. A Stanford professor and expert on Russia, she has the stature for the job.

The important post at defense remains unfilled. Perhaps it is a good sign that Bush is being careful.

There will be a fight in the Senate over John Ashcroft, former Missouri senator. But Ashcroft is meticulously honest. After Reno, he should fumigate the office before moving in.

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Senate's dilemma: What about Ashcroft?

n early test for Democrats in the newly aligned 50-50 Senate will be the confirmation of

Missouri Senator John Ashcroft as the nation's top law enforcement official. An unyielding supporter of the death penalty and opponent of abortion rights. Ashcroft

JACK **ANDERSON**

chills the blood of liberals and has moderates wondering why President-elect Bush picked a man so polarizing when he had other more qualified conservatives to choose from. Democrats will use the confirmation process to embarrass Bush, and make him spend valuable time and political capital defending the nomination.

If Ashcroft weren't a for mer senator, he'd be an easy target for Democrats to defeat. But the betting is that in the end Democrats

will vote to confirm Ashcroft as Attorney General just as they confirmed Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court despite grave reservations about his far-right ideology. Senators are traditionally reluctant to oppose a presidential nominee on ideological grounds. When Republican Senator John Tower lost out as Secretary of Defense, it wasn't because his colleagues on the other side of the aisle disagreed with him. Allegations brought to light about Tower's drinking and womanizing served to discredit him in the eyes of influential conservatives, and they torpedoed his nomination with Democrats happily joining the throng. It is unlikely that information about Ashcroft's private life will prove his undoing. Devoutly religious and known for his abstemious ways, Ashcroft appears every bit the role model he claims to be. Besides, after the revelations of the last few years, from the impeachment of President Clinton to the extramarital misdeeds of leading members of

Congress, the era when scandal could bring down a nomination may be over. That's why Democrats

need to do some soulsearching. If they're opposed to Ashcroft because they don't trust him to enforce the nation's civil-rights laws, or protect women who seek an abortion, why not take a principled stand and vote against him on those grounds? If Democrats think Bush is trying to re-make America through the courts, and that Ashcroft will be his tool, shouldn't Democrats stand up against his nomination?

For those Americans who support a more conservative agenda, and who would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned, Ashcroft is an excellent choice for Attorney General.

It's up to the Democrats in the Senate. Are they more interested in preserv ing the goodwill within their club? Or do they see their role as protectors of hard-won rights?

The fight over Ashcroft is but a trial run for what lies ahead. Bush is likely to get two, three, perhaps even

four Supreme Court appointments to fill. Four of the current justices are over the age of 65, and some, like Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice O'Connor, might retire knowing their successors are safely in the hands of a Republican president.

There are four votes in the current court to overturn Roe, the 1973 decision legalizing abortion, and Bush may wish to strengthen the conservative faction on this and other issues. One name that has been

floated as a possible Bush appointee is Utah Senator Orrin Hatch.

An unabashed conservative, his nomination would satisfy the Republican Right and paralyze the Democrats.

A warm and gregarious man, he enjoys collegial friendships with many Democrats, including Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy. Would Kennedy vote against his good friend knowing that Hatch could well be the fifth vote to overturn Roe? That is the dilemma Democrats in a divided Senate must confront.

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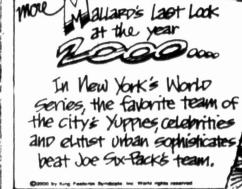
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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks drop opener at tourney

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered a 79-55 loss to Central Arizona during Thursday's opening round of the Scottsdale Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Karmica Freeney led the Lady Hawks with 11 points and 14 rebounds, while Latonya Jackson added 10 more points in the losing effort.

Now 6-6 on the season, the Lady Hawks were slated to play Phoenix College tonight and then face host Cottsdale on Saturday.

Hawks absorb loss in tournament opener

Poor shooting doomed Howard College's Hawks Thursday in an 80-56 loss to Utah Valley in the opening round of the Dixie Tournament in St. George, Utah.

Zach Moss paced the Hawks with 15 points, while Derrick Tarver had 14 and Darius Mattear added 10 more.

Now 5-8 on the season, the Hawks will face Western Junior College Athletic Conference rival Midland College today in consolation bracket play.

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 limit ed 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.

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ON THE AIR

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HOCKEY

Texas, Oregon looking to make more Holiday Bowl magic

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Put Texas and Oregon on the same field, and a classic Holiday Bowl might break

Sports

out. Comeback wins in the fourth quarter or overtime? Oregon had plenty of those this year. Score lots of points? Texas averages almost 40

Yes, the Holiday Bowl might live up to its wild reputation when No. 8 Oregon and No. 12 Texas, both 9-2, play Friday night.

"I'd like that," said coach Mike Bellotti, whose Ducks were part of a Pacific Northwest uprising in the Pac-10 this season.

"I think it can be a great football game. Texas' ability level is greater

play better, play harder. If we can do that, and we match up, that'll be to our advantage."

The Ducks, of course, would be playing in the Rose Bowl if not for their devastating 23-13 loss to rival Oregon State on Nov. 18, when quarterback Joey Harrington committed six turnovers. Oregon was the only team to beat No. 4 Washington, which earned the Pac-10's Rose Bowl berth even though the Huskies, Ducks and Beavers tied at 7-1 in the conference.

While Harrington and Bellotti say the Oregon State loss will stick with them forever, they don't look at the Holiday Bowl as a consolation prize.

than ours, so we're going to have If the Ducks win, they'll have the mammoth All-American linemen first 10-win season in their 105-year history.

"There was a mourning period," Harrington said. "But now everybody's got a spring in their step. I think it's a great chance to go out on top against one of the best teams in the country.

Besides playing a big-name program, the Ducks get valuable exposure to the fertile Southern California recruiting scene.

And Bellotti said this is Oregon's biggest challenge since playing Penn State in the Rose Bowl after the 1994 season. He's not just buttering up his opponent, either. The Longhorns have an edge with two

365-pound offensive tackle Leonard Davis, whose nickname is "Dancin' Bear," and defensive tackle Casey Hampton.

And the Longhorns' six-game winning streak — which started a week after they lost 63-14 to Oklahoma makes them one of the nation's hottest teams.

"If Washington and Oregon State are Top 10 teams, this is a Top 10 team," Bellotti said of the

"They possess as many or more weapons than anybody we've played this year. In fact, they are the best team we've played this year. Hands down, no question."

Florida's Donovan disagrees with poll despite Gators' win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When a college basketball coach disagrees with the Top 25, it's usually because he feels his team isn't as

high as it should be. Florida's Billy Donovan is arguing the other way.

'In my opinion, we are the most overrated fifthranked team in the nation," Donovan said Thursday night after Florida's 103-85 victory over Tulane in the Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans. "I don't even think we should be in the Top 20. I'm not saying that just based on today's performance. It's based on the entire year.

The Gators' current ranking is the first Top 5 appearance in school history and it comes off last season's minutes left. Tennessee's national runner-up finish.

about any of that after of 27 from the free throw Teddy Dupay's career-high line the rest of the way. 28 points, including seven 3 pointers, led the Gators (9-1) to their sixth straight win.

Florida's press forced 25 turnovers, but that didn't satisfy Donovan, either. He was convinced Florida would have lost had it not hit a season-high 13 3-pointers and shot 57 percent from the field in the first half.

"If we didn't shoot the ball particularly well from the 3point line, they would have absolutely destroyed us." Donovan said. "They outplayed us, they outhustled us, they outworked us.

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday, it was: No. 6 Tennessee 92, George Washington 81; No. 8 Virginia 99, Bucknell 49; No. 10 Connecticut 67, Stony Brook 58; No. 12 Arizona 72, Butler 60; No. 15 Syracuse 61, Columbia 47; No. 19 Cincinnati 65, North Carolina-Wilmington 55; and No. 23 Iowa 69, Detroit

Dupay had a different view of the outcome than 3-point range and has 22 his coach after going 8-for-14 from the field, the first time in six games he shot better than 50 percent. "A win is a win," Dupay

said. "We're satisfied, but

we always want to play bet

Brent Wright scored 20 points for Florida and Udonis Haslem added 15.

Linton Johnson was 10for-13 from the field and had 22 points for the Green Wave (5-5).

"They're an excellent team," Tulane coach Shawn Finney said. "There are so many 3-point weapons. When you can score inside and out, that's what makes you dangerous. They're definitely one of the best teams in the country.

No. 6 Tennessee 92, George Washington 81

Tony Harris scored half of the points in a 20-4 run that let the Volunteers (11-1) erase a 64-57 deficit with 12 last field goal came with Donovan wasn't thinking 5:33 to play and it went 23-

Chris Monroe led Colonials (5-5) with 27 points, but SirValiant Brown, who had been averaging 20.7 points, finished with 17 on 4-for-19 shooting.

No. 8 rginia 99. Bucknell 49

Travis Watson had 14 points and 11 rebounds as the Cavaliers (9-0) continued their best start in eight vears. Virginia's man-toman defense held Bucknell (5-5) to 33 percent shooting and forced 27 turnovers. while the Cavaliers finished with a 52-36 rebound advan-

No. 10 Connecticut 67. Stony Brook 58

Tony Robertson had 14 points as the Huskies (11-1) continued to struggle from the outside, going 3 for 10 from 3-point range after missing all nine shots from beyond the arc in Tuesday's win over Rhode Island.

Josn Little was 6-of-7 from points for the Seawolves, who shot 75 percent in the second half and were within 56-53 with less than five minutes left at the Hartford Civic Center.

West Virginia's Nehlen wraps up career with bowl victory Carolina State rallied to edge UCLA vs. Wisconsin in the Sun and two to hdowns, both to Chris

Spring's scorers with 12 points apiece,

while Melissa Forth rounded out those in

Big Spring will face Harlingen South

- Bryant 2, Long 2, Wrightsil 12, Forth 11

Perry 17, Robertson 4, Reyes 6. Totals 23 19-27 64.

Gwyn 6, Rollins 12, Braxton 7, Pudliner 2, Flenniken 1. Totals

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Three-point goal s: Ray 1 (Head), Big Spring 4 (Wrightsil 2,

Rollins, Braxton). Total fouls: Ray 24, Big Spring 22. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Records: Ray 14-3, Big

double figures with 11.

Corpus Christi Ray 64,

Score by Quarters:

BIG SPRING

from the charity stripe.

Herald Correspondent

Ray.

hipping away.

Don Nehlen and Dirk Koetter took care of some unfinished business.

Basketball Tournament in Austin.

AUSTIN — Big Spring's Lady Steers

dropped their opening game Thursday at

the Texas Invitational Basketball

Tournament at Austin Westlake, suffering

a 64-55 loss to class 5A Corpus Christi W.B.

Ray jumped out to a 16-8 first-quarter

lead and led by as many as 19 points in the

third quarter before Big Spring began

Kim Wrightsil's three-pointer late in the

fourth period closed the gap to 54-52 before

Ray stalled and iced the win going 5-for-6

Nehlen closed his 21-year run at West Virginia on Thursday as the Mountaineers ended an eight-game bowl losing streak with a 49-38 victory over Mississippi in the Music City Bowl.

"We're pleased as the devil. We've had a long dry spell," Nehlen said. "If nothing else, the jokes will disappear in Morgantown for a while. This game was something. Koetter, coaching Boise State for

the final time before taking over at Arizona State, directed the Broncos to a 38-23 victory over Texas-El Paso in the Humanitarian Bowl.

"There's a lot to be proud of, and not just in terms of wins and losses." Koetter said. "We improved the infrastructure. We recruited a lot of good, young talent. I think you'll see Boise State be a factor for years to come.'

In other games Thursday, Iowa State beat Pittsburgh 37-29 in the Insight.com Bowl, and North

38-30 Minnesota Micronpc.com Bowl

Big Spring freshman Kim Wrightsil (24) applies defensive pressure during the Lady

Steers win over Lamesa on Dec. 5. Wrightsil and LaTrisha Rollins led the Lady Steers

in scoring Thursday in a 64-55 loss to Corpus Christi Ray at the Texas Invitational

short in tourney opener

Lady Steers' rally falls

Brad Lewis threw five touchdown passes and finished with 318 yards passing in West Virginia's victory in Nashville, Tenn.

"I wanted to walk off this field knowing I played 100 percent for coach Nehlen and myself," Lewis

West Virginia needed just 18 plays to score five first-half touchdowns. and led 49-9 midway through the third quarter.

Mississippi's Eli Manning, the redshirt freshman son of Archie Manning and brother of Peyton Manning, threw three TD passes in the fourth quarter. Both teams fin-

ished the season 7-5. Nehlen, 202-128-8 in 30 seasons as a head coach, had not won a bowl game since the 1984 bluebonnet. That also was the final game as a player for his replacement, Rich Rodriguez.

Today, it is Texas vs. Oregon in the Holiday Bowl, Colorado State vs. Louisville in the Liberty Bowl, Bowl, and Georgia Tech vs. LSU in Nebraska will face Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl.

Humanitarian Bowl Boise St. 38. **UTEP 23**

At Boise, Idaho, Bart Hendricks ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and caught a late scoring pass for Boise State.

Hendricks was 17-of-29 for 247 yards and ran for another 57 yards. The two-time player of the year in the Big West was selected the game's most valuable player for the Broncos (10-2)

Boise State extended its home winning streak to 14 games with its second straight victory in the bowl game. Last year, the Broncos beat Louisville 34-31.

Insight.com Bowl Iowa St. 37, Pittsburgh 29

At Phoenix Sage Rosenfels completed 23 of 34 passes for 308 yards

Anthony, as Iowa State beat the Peach Bowl. On Saturday, Pittsburgh for its first bowl victory Iowa State (9-3), 0-4 in bowl games entering the contest, had its first

> nine-win season since 1906 Pittsburgh's Antonio Bryant, the winner of the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver, caught five passes for 155 yards, including

touchdowns of 72 and 44 yards. Micronpc.com Bowl

NC State 38, Minnesota 30

At Miami, North Carolina State spotted Minnesota a 24-point lead, then roared back behind Philip Rivers and Koren Robinson.

Robinson scored on a 19-yard reverse in a 17-point third quarter, then scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 23-yard pass from Rivers with 11:01 left. The Wolfpack (8-4) rallied for five fourth-quarter wins during the regular season.

Minnesota (6-6) led 24-8 at the half. but wasted a Micron Bowl-record 246-yard rushing performance from Tellis Redmon

SPORTS EXTRA

The top 25 team Associated Press' wom	
basketball poll, with first	
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2 Tennessee	10-0
3. Notre Dame	10-0
4 Georgia	9-2
5. lowa St.	9-0
6. Duke	11-1
7. Rutgers	7 1
8. Purdi =	10-3
9. Louisiana Tech	93
10. Texas Tech	8-1
11 Penn St.	8-3
12. N.C. State	8 1
13 LSU	7.3
14. Auburn	12.1
15 Texas	112
16 SW Missouri St	6.2
17. Stanford	5-3
18. Mississippi St	7-2
19. Florida	9.1
20. Clemson	8-2
21 Xavier	8 1
22. Oklahoma	7-3
23. Utah	10-0
24. Vanderbilt	8-2
25. Oregon	5-3

TOP 25 - MEN

he top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college bas theses and records through

Michigan St. (46) Florida Tennessee Virginia 1 Seton Hall Wisconsin North Carolina 5. Syracuse 5 Southern Cal 7. Oklahoma Alabama

NFL PLAYOFFS

St Louis at New Orleans, 3 p.m.

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midnight Dec 31

Saturday, Jan. 6

FINAL NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFE	RENCE			
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x-Indianapolis	10 6 0	.625	429	320
N.Y. Jets	9 7 0	563	321	32
Buffalo	8 8 0	.500	315	350
New England	5 11 0	.313	276	33
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x-Baltimore	12 4 0	.750	333	16
Pittsburgh	9 7 0	.563	321	25
Jacksonville	7 9 0	.438	367	32
Cincinnati	4 12 0	.250	185	356
Cleveland	3 13 0	.188	161	419
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x Denver	11 5 0	.688	485	369
Kansas City	7 9 0	.438	355	354
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San Diego	1 15 0	.063	269	440
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x-Philadelphia	11 5 0	.688	351	245
Washington	8 8 0	.500	281	269
Dallas	5 11 0	.313	294	361
Arizona	3 13 0	188	210	443
Central				
	WLT	Pct	PF	PA
y Minnesota	11 5 0	.688	397	371
x-Tampa Bay	10 6 0	.625	388	269
Detroit	9 7 0	.563	307	307
Green Bay	9 7 0	.563	353	323
Chicago	5 11 0	.313	216	355
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St. Louis	10 6 0	.625	540	471
Carolina	7 9 0	.438	310	310
San Francisco Atlanta	6 10 0	.375	388	422
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Saturday's Games

Buffalo 42, Seattle 23
Sunday's Games

Washington 20, Arizona 3

Baltimore 34, N.Y. Jets 20 Miami 27, New England 24

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 14 AFC-NFC Championship Games (CBS,

AFC champion vs. NFC champion 5 p.m. at Tampa, Fla. (CBS)

BOWL SCHEDULE

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Sunday, Jan. 28

N.Y. Grants 28, Jacksonville 25 Denver 38, San Francisco 9 Green Bay 17, Tampa Bay 14, OT Philadelphia 16, Cincinnati 7 Pittsburgh 34, San Diego 21 Indianapolis 31, Minnesota 10 Oakland 52, Carolina 9 Atlanta 29, Kansas City 13

Monday's Game ennessee 31, Dallas 0 End Regular Season Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville Sunday, Jan. 7 AFC NFC Divisional Playoffs (CBS.

St. Louis 26, New Orleans 21

(9-2), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Payout: \$1 million UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 1

Payout: \$1.8 million Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 4 m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Payout: \$1.9 million

Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Dec. 30

At San Antonio (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Payout: \$1.2 million Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 6 p.m. (FOXSN)

At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.1 million
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl

At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$2 million Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)

Payout: \$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson
(9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$4 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3),
Moon (APC)

Payout: \$13.5 million
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (101), 3:30 p.m. (ABC) Fiesta Bowl At Tempe Ariz Payout: \$13.5 million
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre
Dame (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$13.5 million
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 7

p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl (National championship game) At Miam

Payort: \$11-13 million
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State
(11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL BOSTON CELTICS—Activated C Mark Blount from the injured list. Placed F Jerome Moiso on the injured

DETROIT PISTONS—Activated F Jerome Williams from the injured list. Placed F Brian Cardinal on the injured

UTAH JAZZ—Suspended G John Starks one game for violating team rulés.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—
Suspended G Rod Strickland for one

game after missing a second prac-FOOTBALL National Football League WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed

WR Corey Allen, WR Jammie Deese DT Jerry DeLoach, T Kareem Ellis, S Martavius Houston, WR Ethan Howell, G Ryan Kalich, WR Tommy Nash, LB Andre Reed, OL Terrance Simmons DE Enc Stevenson, DB Eric Whitfield

Assigned G Robbie Tallas to Norfolk of the AHL. Recalled G Michel

Larocque from Norfolk.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—

Assigned F Steve Maltais to Chicago of the IHL and F Bill Bowler to Syracuse of the AHL. DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned F Yuri Butsayev to Cincinnati of the

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Fired Terry Murray, coach, and Bryan Murray, vice president and general manager, Named Duane Sutter coach and Bill Torrey interim general manager. Traded C Igor Larionov to the Detroit Red Wings for D Yan Golubovsky. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled F Scott Thomas from Manitoba of the IHL. Placed LW Craig Johnson on

injured reserve.
MINNESOTA WILD Reassigned injured reserve.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Traded F

Mike Stapleton to the Vancouver Canucks for a 2001 ninth-round draft pick. Assigned D Mathieu Biron to Springfield of the AHL. Recalled D Ray Schultz from Cleveland of the IHL and F Juraj Kolnik from Springfield. NEW YORK RANGERS—Acquired D

Alexei Gusarov from the Colorado Avalanche for a 2001 fifth-round draft pick. Activated G Mike Richter from injured reserve. Assigned D Bert Robertsson and G Vitali Yeremeyev to

Hartford of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—
Reassigned F Toby Peterson and D
Michal Rozsival to Wilkes-Barre Scranton of the AHL.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Traded D Marc Bergevin to the Pittsburgh Penguins for D Dan Trebil.

Thursday's Games Milwaukee 107, Cleveland 89 Orlando 102, Detroit 96 Boston 112, New Jersey 111 Portland 103, Utah 102, OT Dallas 105, L.A. Clippers 96

Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m. Washington at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 2
Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 3

Today's Games Ottawa at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

NBA

Chicago 105, San Antonio 104 Toronto 94, Denver 93 L.A. Lakers 115, Phoenix 78 Sacramento 91. Charlotte 87

Vancouver at Portland, 9 p.m. Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m

Edmonton 2, San Jose 2, the

Boston at Florida, 6:30 p.m. Atlanta at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m. Carolina at Columbus, 6:30 p.m. Washington at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.

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It's time to start looking for a few tax tips

Correspondent

Tax season is just around the corner, and local experts say preparation and education are the keys to maximizing your refund and putting it back to work

Charitable contributions are on many minds around the holidays, when people often give to the favorites charities and causes. But how do those contributions figure in to your taxes?

Janice Grifford of Honey Service "Charitable contributions are deductib**le** on your income tax. However they may not be usable. There is big difference in deductibility and usabili-

"Charitable contributions are part of Schedule A. A taxpayer would deduct the larger of Schedule A or the

Therefore, if the Schedule A is less than the standard deduction, then the charitable contribution will not be

Next, the taxpayer has to determine exactly what qualifies as a charitable contribution. Grifford compiled a list.

Money or property given

 Churches, synagogues, temples, etc.

· Federal, state, and local governments, if solely for public purposes.

· Nonprofit schools, hospitals, and volunteer fire companies.

 Salvation Army, Red Way, Cross. United Boy/Girl Scouts, Boys/Girls

Clubs of America, etc.

 War veterans' groups "Documentation for any deduction is essential,' Grifford said. "If you are ever audited, organized docTIPS

 Charitable contributions are deductible, but they may not be usable. Remember to check

and see if your contribution qualifier as charitable for tax purposes. Invest your tax refund:

Fund. umentation goes a long way to add to your credibility.'

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What you might think would qualify as a deduction may not. So here is a list of gifts not deductible: Money or property given

 Civic leagues, social and sports clubs, labor unions, or the chamber of com-

· Foreign organizations. Groups that are run for

· Groups whose purpose is to lobby for law changes. Homeowners' associa-

· Political groups or candidates for public office.

· Costs of raffle, bingo or lottery tickets. · Dues, fees, or bills paid

to the country club. Lodges, fraternal orders

or similar groups. Tuition.

· Value of blood given to a blood bank.

 Value of ti or services rendered by the caxpayer.

So take your deductions and enjoy the tax savings and know that not only are you a charitable soul but you are a tax savvy individ-

Do you have plans for your tax refund? Forrest Wester, a Big Spring financial planner, suggests a Tax-Managed Mutual Fund.

"Tax Managed funds buy

investments that aren't the type you would sell but hold for your heirs or your favorite charities without having to pay high capital gains - more taxes!" Wester said.

To illustrate his point, Wester told of a young couple who recently came to him with \$250 in hand, asking what should they do to create wealth. He directed them to a mutual fund and they agreed to a withdrawal of \$50 a month from their checking account to go in the fund.

"They can expect to see their money double every five years," Wester said. "It's a wonder that (a department store) can announce a sale of 30 percent off and we all run to the store to buy, but when the market drops 30 percent, everyone runs away. Now's the time to jump in!'

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will be celebrating the New

Year this Sunday in a very

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service at 10:40 Pastor

Havener will speak on the

subject, "My Predictions for

the Future!" Each year the

National Tabloids are filled

with articles predicting the

future. It is interesting,

however, that in a recent

survey they found that on the

Predictions were only about

3 percent right. Pastor

Havener will be giving

three predictions in this

message that will be 100

The evening service will

begin at 8 p.m. with a great

two hour sing. The sing will

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What a difference a child can make!

Forty-three hours and 1,800 miles after leaving Rainier, Ore.

we arrived at my parents' home. We had made one brief stop my

wife's parents, but other than that, the five of us had lived in the car. Our

month-old daughter had fared best the a n d



DWAYNE WHEAT

arrived rested and full of energy that Christmas morning so many years ago.

After what seemed like a very brief sleep break, we were awakened Christmas dinner

When I walked into the living room, I realized how much difference a child can make – especially a first grandchild. On arriving, we discovered that my dad could hardly move and walk because of the problems that he was having with his arthritis.

Now to my complete amazement, I saw him stretched out on his back with our small daughter beside him.

Their heads were together (under the Christmas tree) as they watched the Christmas lights blink Their mutual fascination and satisfaction were obvious. He who could hardly move a scant five hours earlier, now seemed able to do whatever our daughter required. It was truly an awesome transformation

The Christmas season tells us what a difference a child has made in the lives of people all over the world. The coming of the Christ child revealed God's great love for people, and His readiness to go to extreme lengths to demonstrate that

Paul, in his letter to the Philippians tells us just who that baby is, when he

wrote of Christ: "Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God some thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross!

gave him the name that is above every name. 9, NIV] What a wonderful difference a child makes in our lives. And what an extraordinary difference it made when God chose to come as

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Dwayne Wheat is pastor at Berea Baptist Church.

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Authors ask how we can do good wisely ed resources.

DALLAS (AP) — The title of a new book sounds like an attack on the year's most generous season: The Ethics of Giving and Receiving: Am I My Foolish Brother's Keeper?

The first essay, by University of Chicago philosophy professor Leon Kass, does read a little like "how the Grinch studied Aristotle." Dr. Kass' answer to the title question is a qualified "no."

Philanthropy, he asserts, should be linked with justice. And justice, he writes, creates standards for wise giv-

People responsible for their own misfortune drug addicts, for instance should get bumped to the end of the line. And help should generally be issued with strings attached, such as requiring someone on welfare to eventually get a job.

But the point of the book is really to find an intelligent way to answer the title question with a qualified "yes," said the book's co-editor, Southern Methodist University phi losophy professor William May.

"After all, no single one of us is

exempt from being foolish," he said. The book, published this month by Southern Methodist University Press. tries to make philosophy practical. Using academicians and philanthropy professionals, it brings the tools of philosophy and ethics to bear on the question of how to do good wisely.

Mostly, it suggests that we err on the side of basic benevolence, while admitting that there must be standards set to divide limited resources.

The first section consists of competing essays by Dr. Kass and three SMU ethics professors. But most of the book is about and by people who do philanthropy for a living through foundations, voluntary organizations or faith-based agencies.

While many of the essays are about large-scale giving, the discussion also applies to smaller donations. This is a season when most people's mailboxes are stuffed with requests for donations from a wide spectrum of seemingly worthwhile causes. So anyone but a complete Scrooge gets a daily pang wondering which if any causes are worth supporting.

"We're publishing in a part of the country where many people may not state the argument as well as Leon Kass, but a lot of people are thinking

it," Dr. May said. So what kinds of answers does the book offer? Mostly, it suggests that we err on the side of basic benevolence, while admitting that there must be standards set to divide limit-

For instance, it's pretty hard to decide who is and is not deserving, suggests SMU ethics professor Steven Sverdlik. The close calls would require an unwieldy, courtroom-like, adversarial system.

Robin Lovin, dean of the SMU theology school, is concerned about the physical and emotional distance between the wealthy and the needy in America. He fears more that potential donors will lose the empathy needed for compassion than that they will apply too-strict standards of justice to their charity.

And Charles Curran looks at giving through a Christian lens. The SMU ethics professor suggests that God's expansive compassion, as set forth in Christian Scriptures, offers a model for people to view their obligations to

The writing is high-minded but readable. And that, too, was a goal of the book, Dr. May said. He wanted academic jargon and too-simple popularizing.

"I wanted to encourage a kind of writing that goes out and over to an audience of intelligent inquirers," he Most of the experts in the book

have some connection to the Dallas

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Catholic hierarchy asks for forgiveness

himself stood before the racially diverse congregation to make a confession.

"Among the sad facts of our own early history is that religious communities, Catholic laity and even our first bishop had slaves," Cardinal William Keeler said from the pulpit of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

"The slave of Bishop (John) Carroll was set free in the end, but the Catholic slaves and free blacks were required, when they came to the Basilica in the early days, to take their places in the galleries in the rear of the church.

Keeler asked forgiveness from fellow Catholics for the church's legacy of slavery and segregation, calling racism "a spiritual malady that gnawed at the moral fiber of our nation, our community and our church.

Following the lead of Pope John Paul II — who in March asked forgiveness from God for wrongs committed by the Catholic Church over the centuries,

BALTIMORE (AP) — The cardinal including those inflicted on Jews, women and minorities - church leaders around the world have been delivering messages of regret and reconciliation this year.

It's all part of the church's observance of a Jubilee year, meant to coincide with the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christ. Taken from a Jewish tradition, jubilee years were marked by acts of grace such as forgiving debts and releasing prisoners.

John Paul built on that tradition with his apology and calls to renew faith, reduce Third World debt and abolish capital punishment.

At what he called an "extraordinary service," Keeler tailored his message to the history of Maryland's church, specifically its imperfect record on race relations. Baltimore was the first Catholic archdiocese in the United States

Earlier, Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles and Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston apologized on the church's behalf for sexual abuse, racism, anti-Semitism and mistreat ment of women and homosexuals

"We turn to God and acknowledge

our sins, the sins which obscure the holiness of the church today and the sins which have obscured that holiness in years past," Law said in July at Encuentro 2000, a national gathering of Catholics in Los Angeles.

Bishops in Colorado and Oakland, Calif., similarly apologized and Santa Fe, N.M., Archbishop Michael Sheehan sought pardon from American Indians, among others, for the church's uneven record as missionaries during colonization.

Even three orders of nuns in Bardstown, Ky., apologized for the use of slave labor by their predecessors.

"What ' see is, in each setting, there is a different set of problems, a different set of challenges," Keeler said before his service. "We're responding to the challenges in this setting.

In the past, the church has deflected responsibility by simply acknowledging that its members are sinners, said Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of America, a weekly magazine published by the "In church terms, it's a pretty big

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RELIGION NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — A church wemen's group committed to interdenominational harmony sounded a note of discord when it fired half its staff before Christmas. Now at least two of its member organizations are considering withdrawing funds.

Earlier this month, the board of the New York-based Church Women 'United abruptly fired or asked for the resignations o executive director Kathleen Hurty and six other employees.

In a letter to the group's more than 100 members, Hurty said that she had resigned under duress. "It was in reality not a resignation but a termination,"

Last week, United Methodist Women, Church Women United's largest contributor, decided to suspend its \$32,525 annual contribution "until there is

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WELL SAID

Christmas morning.

I can't imagine a person becom ing a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got.

Walter Cronkite

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

Anonymous

CLUB NEWS

The Mighty Oaks Club met on Dec. 15, at the senior citizens center. No dues were collected, instead \$1 donation by each member was given to the senior center. IdaBelle Bankston handed out new rosters that she had made showing current address and phone number of each member. Amendments discussed at the last meeting were voted on an accepted. Names of new officers taken office in Jan. 2000 were read.

The minutes of the October and November meetings were read by the secretary and accepted as read. Latrice Davis read minutes of last executive board meeting and they were accepted. Corrections for November meeting as for date and time and amount for purchases of gifts were made.

Eighteen members and two guests attended. Eileen Zant, guest of Joyce Walker, and Mamie Madry, guest of Leroy Day, were welcomed. Our party and exchange of gifts while Helen Green played beautiful Christmas music was fun. Also Vera Covington gave a rendition of a Night Before Christmas. Pat Wyrick gave a fun reading of things to be thankful for and the tables were

beautifully decorated by Cletha Clanton. A delicious turkey dinner and fellowship was enjoyed as we admired our gifts.

area. That connection was by design, to demonstrate the quality of local thinking about this subject, Dr. May said.

"Dallas is given to an inferiority feeling and brings its celebrities in from elsewhere," he said.

The book grew out of conferences held at in 1996 and 1997 by SMU's Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, where Dr. May served at the center's first director. One of the center's goals is to find ways to move its work beyond the campus,

he said. 'A book converts a conference into an extended public conversation," he

Dr. May chose Dr. Kass to "keynote" the book partly because the two are friends and partly because Dr. Kass is a particularly articulate advocate of the conservative position on giving, Dr. May said.

"Given finite resources, how should we be good stewards in their use?" he said. "Liberalism, in the past, insufficiently attended to that challenge.

The timeliness of the book, published during the pre-Christmas rush of shopping and charity appeals, was not part of a plan, though.

"The gestation period for books is so long and so erratic," Dr. May said. "I can't claim some mastermind was in the background planning this.'

Steeple chase

Churches sought for cell phone

antenna sites

NEWBURY, Vt. (AP) - IfGod calls, the members of the First Congregational Church will be ready especially if the deity uses a cell phone.

High up on the sides of the 144-year-old church's steeple, barely perceptible from the quiet main road of the village, are two white plastic panels, one facing up the Connecticut River valley and the other facing

Hidden behind those panels, invisible to anyone gazing toward the spire of the traditional white New England church, are two antennas installed about a year ago by Cellular One, a wireless phone company serving the area.

"I've had people riding in the car with me as we come by and they say, 'I thought you were going to put an antenna in your steeple,' said Marlene Gilson, chairwoman of the church's trustees.

The 80-member congregation had fallen on lean times as the new millennium approached. Members were finding it a burden to maintain what the National Register of Historic Places has called "an outstanding example of Greek revival ecclesiastical architecture.' A century and a half of Vermont winters had taken their toll. Paint was peeling, the steeple had been patched numerous times, but still was being invaded by pigeons. The bill for fixing the steeple was expected to be more than \$20,000.

"We're like every other church," said church moderator Bill Ellithorpe. "We have special funds for the carpet, a fund for the stained glass. We had a steeple fund, which didn't have a lot of money in it, compared to what needed to ₿e done.

It was in 1998 that a marriage of needs was pro-Holly Groschner, then a Newbury resident, church member and lawyer representing Cellular One, approached church leaders

Why not put the cellular antenna her client wanted to build in Newbury in the church spire, and have the church collect enough rent to shore up its steeple and its finances'

CATHOLIC

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deal," Reese said. "What's different this year is we're doing this as a community, as an institution, and that's something that's hard for institutions to do.'

The church itself has long been a minority in America. Government leaders and the elite rarely were Catholics, so the church here "couldn't do as much damage," Reese

Still, the church admits it did not lead the way in social justice at times when slavery, segregation and gender inequality were sanctioned by the government, he said.

"When you go to confession, you confess your sins. You don't try to make excuses," Reese said.

Lawrence Cunningham, a theology professor at the University of Notre Dame, said such apologies are uncommon throughout his-

Yet popes and, more typically, saints in the Middle Ages "would talk about faults in the church and the need to correct them," he

The cultivating of "inter-

religious and ecumenical relationships" in the 20th century paved the way for the collective introspection that has helped the church confront its historical legacy, Cunningham said.

"I think there has arisen in the church, at the intellectual and hierarchical levels, a greater historical conscience," he said.

Although some say the apologies are too little, too late, Annette Kane, executive director of the Washington-based National Council of Catholic Women, welcomed them. "Its not just a matter of

saying, 'Sorry,' but saying, 'We're going to do business a different way." She urged that women should be given greater roles in the church. Hilbert Stanley, executive director of the Baltimorebased National Black Catholic Congress, said the

church has made "some progress" in the past 30 years, but he doesn't expect racism to be eliminated overnight.

The apologies were positive steps, he said, as were canonization

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bishop of Lake Charles, La.

Sudan, as a saint in October and appointment of Edward Braxton, who is black, as

But those big changes are ets in this diocese and in the

ones, such as changing the attitudes of local parishioners.

"There are still some pock-

country where blacks are not welcome," he said. "When you go to church. you ought to feel comfortable when you're there.'

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a clear direction set for the national organization and the justice issues regarding the firing of seven staff is resolved.'

United Church of Christ leaders have also expressed concern about the basis and suddenness of the action.

Church Women United leaders say it includes 500.000 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women. Ongoing programs include World Day of Prayer and an anti-violence campaign.

A call to the organization's office, seeking comment, was not retured.

LOUISVILLE, Kv. (AP) -The Rev. Billy Graham has announced a June 21-24 meeting revival Louisville, and also plans to preach in Fresno, Calif., next October.

Last month, after preaching to 242,000 Jacksonville, Fla., the 82year-old evangelist turned administration of his organization over to his son Franklin.

Following a meeting in Nashville, Tenn., last June, he was hospitalized with fluid on the brain. He suffers from Parkinson's dis-

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) - Aman charged with molesting three girls argues that meetings where he discussed the accusations with his Jehovah's Witness elders were confidential and can't be used as evidence.

Gregory Blackstock, 45, of Hollis, faces eight counts of rape, punishable by up to 20 years in prison. He is scheduled to be tried in late January.

Before then, however, Judge Bernard Hampsey must determine whether church elders who met with Blackstock to discuss the accusations involving the sters can be made to testi-

about their conversa-By court rules and state law, church ministers can't be made to disclose confes-

Hillsborough County Attorney Roger Chadwick argues that Blackstock's discussions with the elders does not qualify under the confessional privilege, because the elders also discussed Blackstock's state ments with the girls' moth-

Blackstock and his lawyer, Richard Monteith, argue the meetings were confidential, and to intrude on that privacy violates his constitutional freedom to practice his religion.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A man and woman celebrated the spirit of Christmas by giving to a couple they didn't know \$100.

On Christmas Melissa Bronikowski said she heard a knock on her door here and opened to find the couple standing on the front step smiling. They handed her the card. wished her a merry Christmas, and left.

"Actually, they sort of skipped and giggled down to their van," she said. "I wondered what was going on.

Bronikowski opened the card to find a \$100 bill in it. It also included a handwritten note that read: "Please accept this as a gift from God to celebrate the birth of His son, Jesus Christ, who loves you. Thank only Him. Merry Christmas.

When she ran back to the door to thank the couple, they had already driven off.

"I don't get it," she told the Traverse City Record-Eagle for a story Monday. "It didn't seem churchrelated or anything. I don't even have any kids. It's just me and my boyfriend living here, going to school, going to work, you know. And I wanted to thank them and say Merry Christmas back. I wonder if they were doing this to lots of people.

Bronikowski plans to pay # it forward next Christmas.

"I'm going to do the same thing," she said. "I'll even use the same card."

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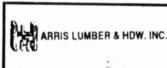
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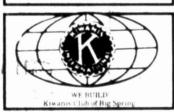


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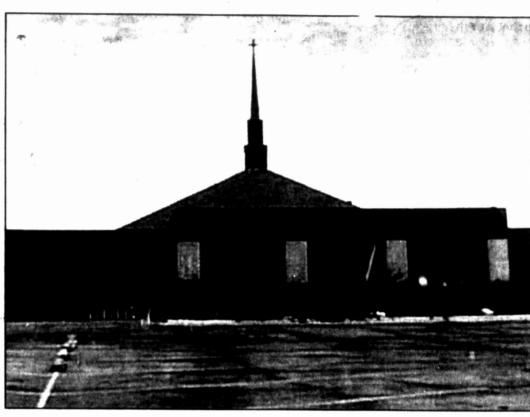
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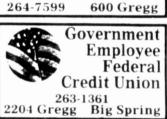
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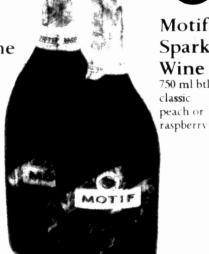


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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** All eyes look to you. Get into a project that helps you relax. You get a lot done very quickly. You're full of energy. Take time for an older relative or boss. You might need to work and get the job done. Stay upbeat. Put your full effort into whatever you do. Tonight: In the limelight.

standing as possible. You're CANCER (June 21-July

***** Stretch and do something adventurous that you might have been putting off. You really feel good about yourself as a result. Don't do anything halfway. You get a change of perspective because of new scenery. A child or loved one expresses his feelings. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Deal with others closely. Even when you're with a group of friends, you do better if you focus on one person. Laughter and lightness mix. You do make a big difference to a special friend. Express your feelings. Tonight: Go for atmosphere and caring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Defer to others and think about your choices. Make a call that you have been postponing for a while. Get over your discomfort. Let someone in on what you are thinking. Make a must appearance. Don't walk away from an opportunity. Another admires you. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Put your feet up and relax. Make phone calls and Tonight: Wherever you are, use the yellow pages rather

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than hopping in your car. Slow down the pace. Some Libras might need to get a little work done in between a snooze or two. Curb spending. Make money instead. Tonight: Rent a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

***** Your high energy leaves its mark. You inspire those around you with your actions and positive attitude. Draw a partner closer to you. This person clearly cannot do enough. Ask for what you want. Don't get shy at the last moment. Tonight: Play the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

**** Stay close to home if you can. Many friends and loved ones would love it if you joined them, but you might need some downtime. Discuss a problem with a family member. Be willing to state what you feel, no matter what happens. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)

***** Reach out for others. You naturally draw others together. Wherever you are, you energize others. Share with friends what is important to you. Catching up on news and holiday happenings adds a sense of happiness to all. Be sensitive to someone who could be blue Tonight: At a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb

**** Expenses go way over board. Be conscious of your feelings toward an older relative or boss. Don't let your emotions sway a decision. Someone could push your limits. Say no to additional spending. Be more creative with plans. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to be expen-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

**** Your emotions run high. Make an effort to reach out to someone at a distance. Others might not agree, but you'll find a middle ground. Listen carefully to a family member. This person is in touch with your feelings. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy

BORN TODAY

Actress Tracey Ullman (1959), baseball legend Sandy Koufax (1935), TV host Matt Lauer (1957)

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Teen's sexually active friends hard to ignore

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. All my friends have started having sex. and I haven't even been kissed yet.

I'm beginning to think that maybe I should tell ABIGAIL I'm VAN BUREN

guys experienced. so I can have sex and be my like friends What do you think?

OUT IN THE COLD UP DEAR OUT THE

COLD: think it's a bad idea. You should thank your lucky stars you haven't been subjected to the pressure that your friends have. Being a teen-ager is tough enough without worrying about getting a sexually transmitted disease or accidentally

becoming pregnant. I can think of no worse reason to have sex than the fear that you're being left out. While we're on the subject of sex, read on for an

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters in your column concerning teens and safe sex or abstinence. I sometimes chuckle at the naivete of parents.

Yes, it's mandatory to have frank discussions with your children about sex. birth control, abstinence all of it. Sharing whatever moral values you want to pass on to them is extremely important. However, having been a teen-ager and then a college student, I think it is naive to think that young adults make important decisions about sex only when they are

The truth is, many of my friends lost their virginity at a party and barely remembered the experience. When alcohol or drugs are introduced into a social situation, a normally mature young adult may not make decisions wisely.

Abby, please remind parents how important it is to talk to their sons and daughters about alcohol. drugs, and finding themselves in party situations. The combination of alcohol and sex really can be dan-- REALISTIC IN gerous.

DEAR REALISTIC. You're absolutely right. American culture abounds in images that link alcohol with romance and celebration. from movies to television shows to romantic images portrayed in alcohol adver-

According to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, teenage girls who drink are more likely to have unprotected sex than those who do not drink

Sexually active teens who average five or more alcoholic drinks daily are three times less likely to use condoms placing them at greater risk for sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS. Binge drinkers appear to engage in more unplanned sexual activity than students who do not binge-drink.

Researchers estimate that alcohol use is involved in up to two-thirds of cases of sexual assault and acquaintance or date-rape among teens and college students A survey of high school stu dents found that 18 percent of females and 39 percent of males (a frightening statistic') say it is acceptable for a boy to force sex if the girl

is stoned or drunk

A Centers for Disease Control study analyzed changes in gonorrhea rates among teens 15 to 19 and young adults 20 to 24 in the year following an increase in the state beer tax or a raising of the drinking age States that changed policy were compared with those that didn't Among states that increased the tax on beer, two-thirds showed a decrease in gonorrhea rates for teens and three fourths showed a decrease for young adults.

A final thought Two thirds of the people who get STDs are under 25, and more than 3 million young people are infected annually and all of them LOOK healthy

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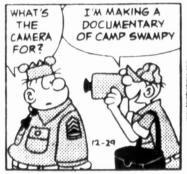


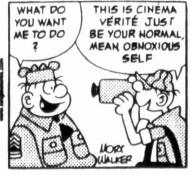
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THIS DATE

IN HISTORY Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 29, the 364th day of 2000. There are two days left in the year Today's Highlight in

History: On Dec. 29, 1890, the

Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as some 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them. On this date:

In 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in England. In 1808, the 17th president

of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized, in Boston.

In 1934, Japan renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and the London Naval Treaty of In 1940, during World

War II, Germany began dropping incendiary bombs on London. In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme

Nev. In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia

were married in Las Vegas,

Airport, killing 11 people. In 1996, war-weary guerrilla and government lead-

ers in Guatemala signed an accord ending 36 years of civil conflict.

Ten years ago: Iraq denied a report that it was engaged in secret contacts with the United States to avert war, and might withdraw from Kuwait before the Jan. 15 United Nations deadline.

Five years ago: Japan's finance minister, Masayoshi Takemura, announced the resignation of the deputy finance minister, Kyosuke Shinozawa, over several scandals, including the ministry's cover-up of trading losses at Daiwa Bank's New York

One year ago: The Nasdaq composite index closed above 4,000 for the first time, ending the day at 4,041.46.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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