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TONIGHT 32°-37°
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Cold weather heading this way once again

Cold weather is expected to return to West Texas on Saturday, with the high forecast in the upper 40s.

Light snow flurries may hit some areas of the region according to the National Weather Service.

Saturday evening, the temperature is expected to dip around 20 degrees.

Sunday's high will be in the mid 40s with clear skies. The low is expected in the 20s.

It should begin warming up again Monday with a high in the 50s and on Tuesday Howard County residents can look for sunny skies and temperatures in the 60s again.

Credit unions helping with child ID kits

Credit unions across Texas — including the eight in Big Spring — have joined with the American Football Coaches Association to provide identification kits for school children across the state.

A \$5 donation will purchase three of the Texas Child Identification Program kits. The kits contain an inkless process for fingerprinting and have a space to hold a child's picture, a record of identifying marks and other information such as the location of the child's medical and dental records.

The information is kept at home by parents and provided to law enforcement authorities in case the child is missing.

Funds go directly to the Texas Child Identification Program and the kits will be passed out to the schools by the AFCA.

Howard County residents interested in donating funds to help purchase the kits may contact any credit union.

WEEKEND TICKET

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

SATURDAY
□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone is welcome.

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Bealls and Stage plan to change their focus, specialize

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The first part of 1999 will find changes taking place at Bealls Department Store and Stage, as the two stores are changing their focus by expanding and specializing their merchandise.

"We're going to have a Bealls for Her and a Bealls for Him. Our grand opening is scheduled for March 4," said Bealls manager Sam Gutierrez.



GUTIERREZ RODRIGUEZ

"We are thrilled and we are able to do this because of the wonderful support we receive from the Big Spring commu-

nity. This community has given to these stores and this company and people shop here," he said.

Both stores will expand their line of clothing and feature a wider select of famous name brand clothing. Currently Guess, Liz Claiborne and Nike, among others, are brands available at the stores.

"We'll be adding exclusive lines to both stores. We won't know exactly which ones until February, but we may have Tommy Hilfiger here,"

said Stage manager Lisa Rodriguez.

Stage will become Bealls For Him, and the projection is a wide range of men's fashion, including formal and casual wear, she said.

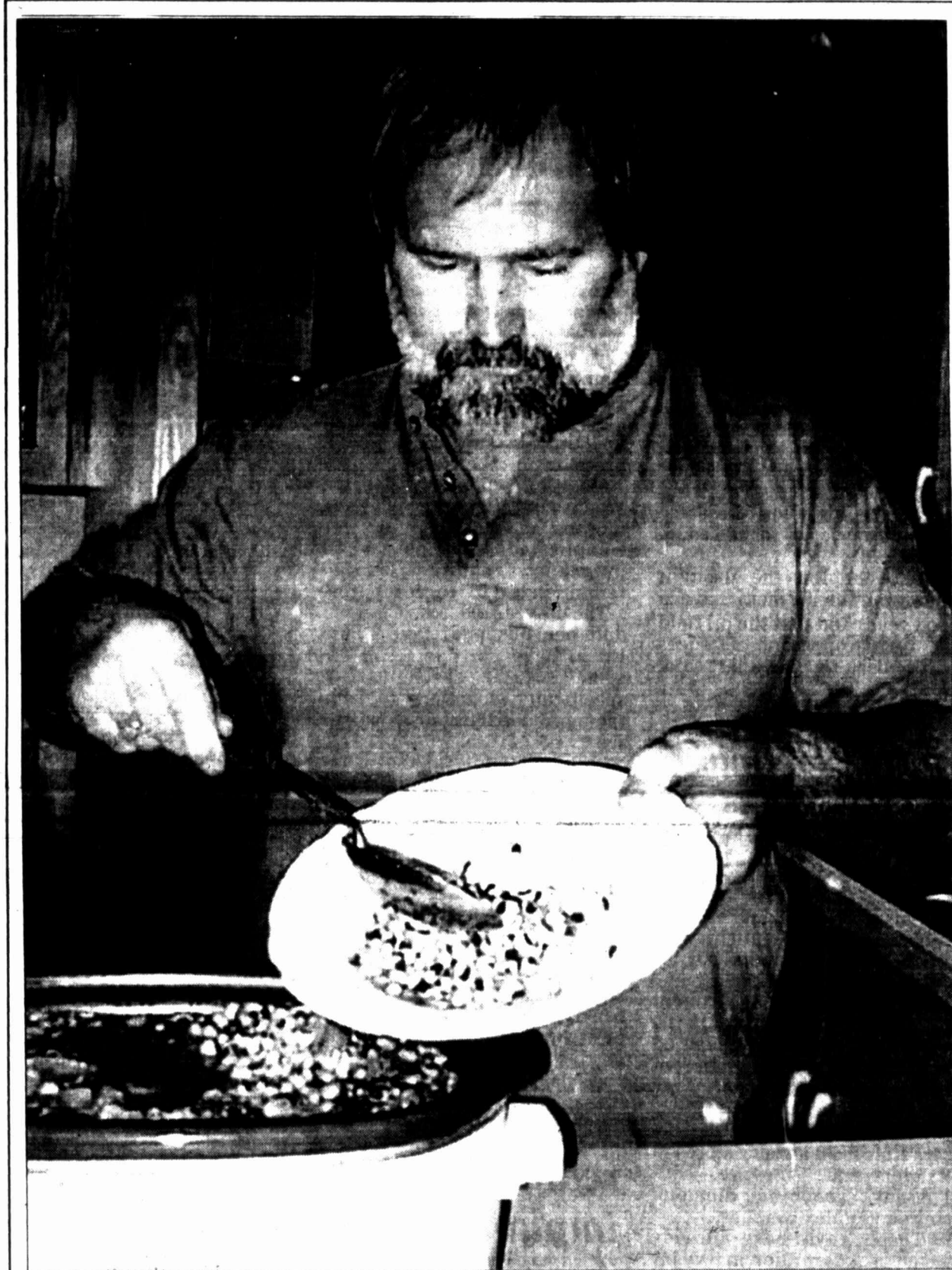
Bealls For Her will expand their line of women's apparel, and include more selection, Gutierrez said.

Another novelty both stores will offer is a 'store within a store' concept. The two businesses will feature a sports



Stage, which opened here last spring, will become Bealls For Him in March.

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Tommy Tilley prepares blackeyed peas for New Year's Day. Eating blackeyed peas on the first day of the year is a tradition which some believe brings good luck.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate

'I resolve...'

Putting down cigarettes, improving relations are among goals for new year

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

From their health to their attitudes, Big Spring residents plan to make some changes for the new year.

"I'm going to quit smoking," said Polly Pierce, a 60-year veteran of the habit who is now entering her 80s. But she doesn't plan to use the nicotine patch or gum to help her reach the goal.

"I'm just going to put 'em up," she said. "I only smoke five or six a day, so it shouldn't be that hard."

Marcella McCabe said her resolution is to get involved in more activities at Canterbury, where she lives.

"They're always having nice things," McCabe said. "I've just got to get down there and join in."

At her age, the senior citizen said, a good new year's resolution is just "to keep going."

J.D. and Evelyn Roland have a similar plan. The two newlyweds say they will "stay up and active." They met at a dance at the Spring City Senior Center, and say they will attend more of

the dances in 1999, despite the fact they've moved to Odessa.

Thelma Roberts said she wants to improve her relationship with others in the new year.

"I'm going to be good to everybody, be kind to everyone," she said. "Then good things will come back to you." Like many people, Cindy Kincaid wants to get her finances in shape for the new year, and into the new millennium.

"I'm going to pay off all my bills before the year 2000," said Kincaid, who admits to spending a bit too much on credit cards.

Jason Campos said his resolution will probably please his mother, Margarita Robles.

"I'm going to be more family-oriented," the young man said. "I'm going to spend more time with my parents."

Marlena Light also resolves to make her parents happier in 1999.

"I'm going to listen to my parents and mind them," the teen said.

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City, county officials look to the new year with optimism

Housing for inmate work program, Permian Building high on list for city council

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

City officials see continued growth and prosperity for Big Spring in the coming year.

Continuing with projects under way, as well as looking toward future projects, are a priority in 1999.

"Our basic goal is to offer more productive service to the city, both cost wise and time wise," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager.

"We will continue with the infrastructure project, and we've got a lot of patching to do after this last freeze," she said.

Along with continuing to replace water lines within the city, Bogard said city employees will also be continuing the ongoing seal coating projects.

"And a top priority is the housing situation with our inmate work program," she

said. Parks and Recreation will continue with the golf course improvement plan, and new restrooms are scheduled to be built at Morgan Park, she said.

"We have completed new restrooms at Kids Zone," Bogard said.

Police protection continues to be a priority with city government as well, and new technology is expected to help lower the crime rate and combat rising juvenile crime problems, she said.

"And we're making an effort to watch vandalism and we're trying to come up with ideas to help stop the vandalism. We've closed Comanche Trail Park at night, and we're looking for other measures to cut down on the vandalism," she said.

City councilman Chuck Cawthon said continuing with the cleanup in Big Spring will add to the quality of life in the city.

By beautifying Big Spring through site cleanup or demolition of condemned structures,

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CAWTHON



Demolition of the Permian Building is one issue Howard County will have to deal with in 1999, officials say.

HERALD file photo

Judge sees 1999 as chance for economic growth

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

County Judge Ben Lockhart sees 1999 as a good year for Howard County.

"We're hoping the economy continues improving,"

Lockhart said.

And 1999 will bring many additional services to Howard County, with the new junior high school, the new veterans home and the old library remodeling into a district court building, he said.

The Big Spring Junior High School should reach completion and become part of the district in April of this year, according to the December school board meeting.

"This is a super building and we're expecting it to perform just as nice as it looks," said Tommie Huckabee, architect



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OBITUARIES

Billie Louise Wood

Graveside service for Billie Louise Wood, 68, Big Spring, formerly of Colorado City, will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, in the Dorn Cemetery with Roger Huff officiating.

Mrs. Wood died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, in a Big Spring nursing home.

She was born on May 16, 1930, in Westbrook. She had lived in Big Spring the past 12 years. She married Eugene Wood on July 17, 1948, in Big Spring. Mrs. Wood was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include: her husband, Eugene Wood of Big Spring; her mother, Erlene Dorn of Levelland; three daughters, Nita Lelek, Connie Lesser and Tina Sundry, all of Big Spring; three sons, Fred Wood of Dallas, Robert Wood of Washington, and William Wood of Nevada; four sisters, Wanda Hill of Odessa, Katherine Leach of Lubbock, Vesta Shaw of Colorado City, and Sug Hodge of Levelland; and one brother, Johnny Dorn of Stephenville.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Martha Alvarez

Rosary for Martha Lara Alvarez, 47, Pflugerville, will be 8:30 p.m. today, Jan. 1, 1999, in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Alvarez died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1998, in Austin following a three-month illness.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1951, in Big Spring. She married Raymond Alvarez. She had lived most of her life in Big Spring until March of 1998. She was of the Catholic faith. Mrs. Alvarez had graduated from Howard College and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin (UTPB), and received a degree in sociology. She was employed by the State of Texas as a social worker for Child Protective Services in Big Spring and Austin.

She is survived by: her husband, Raymond Alvarez, Jr., of Pflugerville; one son, Raymond Alvarez III of Lubbock; one daughter, Christina Alvarez of Pflugerville; her father, Guadalupe Lara of Brownsville; two sisters, Celia Rodriguez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Victoria Escovedo of Big Spring; four brothers, Lupe Lara of Big Spring, Ramiro Lara of Brownsville and Jesse Lara and Ramon Hernandez, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three grand-

children. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Abbey Manning

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Abbey Manning of Big Spring. She died at 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Carriage Inn following a long illness.

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The overall look to the city improves, he said.

"And on the Permian Building, the taxing entities need to work together to get that building torn down," Cawthon said.

By upgrading cleanliness of the city, the quality of life improves, he said.

"And we need to keep taxes down," Cawthon said.

Tommy Tune, District 4 council member, agreed with Cawthon and added that responsible management of tax money is an important goal in the new year.

"We've done a good job being stewards of the taxpayer's dollar so far, and we will continue to do so," Tune said.

A large number of community volunteers help make Big Spring a great community, and speak well for the city, he said. Fostering economic development is another long term goal for the city, he said.

"In general, we need to keep improving the city and keep things on the right track. We're looking forward to a very nice year," Tune said.

But Tiffany Garza, another teenager, has another goal in mind.

"I've got to pass my math class," Garza said, admitting that math is not her strongest subject. And her plan?

"I'm going to go (to school) early in the morning and get help."

But there are always those who don't make resolutions, preferring to make changes when they feel the need, not according to the calendar.

"You just make 'em to break 'em," said a woman who asked not to be identified.

Doyce Reed had a different view. She said she does make resolutions, but she doesn't tell them.

"The ones you make out loud," she said, "you don't keep."

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store, with sporting equipment as well as apparel available.

"And we will have closed circuit television, and video games within the sporting center," said Rodriguez.

Stage Stores Inc., formerly Specialty Retailers, out of Houston, has selected 10 locations for these new specialty stores, Gutierrez said.

"They tried this idea last year and it worked really well and was very successful," he said.

With more than 200 stores in 24 states, Stage Stores Inc. is experiencing rapid growth and financial success, and intends to continue their emphasis on customer satisfaction while providing quality products, he said.

"This will really enhance both stores, and the selection of merchandise will be larger," Gutierrez said.

The expansions will mean additional jobs for Big Spring, he said, although how many more employees needed is still to be determined.

"Because we will be larger, the company has told me we will need more employees," he said.

Rodriguez and Gutierrez laughed at the irony that the man's specialty store will have a woman manager and the women's specialty store, a man.

"But we're familiar with our own store and all the merchandise within, so this really isn't that odd," they said.

BEALLS

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HOUSTON (AP) — Seven of the eight Houston octuplets remained in critical condition Thursday, hospital officials said.

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The surviving seven will remain at Texas Children's Hospital at least until March, officials say.

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The children's departments may be separated into the same sex store, or the entire department may be in one of the stores, Gutierrez said.

"We haven't decided yet," he said.

And Rodriguez said the expansion and specialization is just the sort of focus Big Spring needs.

"We are really excited about these changes," she said.

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with Huckabee and Associates who designed the building.

Construction on the new veterans home should begin during this year. A ceremonial ground-breaking showcased several local and state dignitaries in November.

The home will house 160 veterans, and will be located near the Big Spring State Hospital on North Highway 87.

"This is a really strong project," said Rees Associates architect David Schall, designer of the home.

"We were lucky enough to come into this with a really good site to work with. When the home is completed, it will be one of the largest in the state, and will have state of art equipment to help provide the care that the veterans deserve," Schall said during a Veterans Land Board meeting in October.

Also, the old county library building on Scurry to the west of the Courthouse may become a district court building for the judge and attorney offices this year, Lockhart said.

"I'm hoping we get all the plans to that worked out soon," he said.

And keeping taxes the same remains a priority for the county, he said.

"We're hoping the drought ends and the farmers have a good year. And that the oil field will turn around and oil prices will go back up," Lockhart said.

Robbers hit

North Carolina, Georgia stores

ATLANTA (AP) — Detectives say sledgehammer-wielding robbers who stole expensive watches from the Neiman Marcus store at Atlanta's Lenox Square shopping mall hit two North Carolina stores earlier this week.

The Dallas-based department store chain is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of both men, spokeswoman Amy Doelling said.

"Police believe the same robbers stole from jewelry stores in Raleigh and Pineville, N.C. Tuesday, grabbing diamond rings and Rolex watches.

"These guys have already stolen over \$1 million in jewelry in a two-day period," said Atlanta robbery Detective Ed Christian. He said they seem to be after watches worth \$30,000 to \$40,000 apiece.

Christian said the masked robbers use stolen vehicles that they later dump near the crime scene. They always leave behind a small sledgehammer.

The thieves entered Neiman's precious jewelry salon around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

One of the robbers headed toward a display case filled with precious watches made by Piaget and Lucien Piccard. The other headed toward a cluster of employees and whipped out a gun. When some employees dropped to the floor, the other robber smashed the case and stuffed as many watches as he could into a bucket.

Surviving octuplets still termed critical

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN



Randy Crockett, owner of Buffalo Fina on south Highway 87, and his dog Griffin change out the calendar to mark the beginning of the new year.

Three — boy Ikem and girls Ebuka and Gorom — are still on ventilators. The other four — girls Chidi, Echerem, Chima and their brother Jioke — are breathing on their own.

Ms. Chukwu arrived home Wednesday after three grueling months in the hospital. Her complicated multiple birth pregnancy required her to remain in bed for three months.

The 27-year-old Ms. Chukwu and her husband, lyke Louis Udobi have put out a call for some secular assistance — specifically, donations to help them provide for their new family.

"I'll get help from the members of my church, our friends," Ms. Chukwu said Wednesday before she was released from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

"God has been my great provider, and he will continue to provide for me and the babies," she added. "I know he'll take care of them."

"Whatever we have now will be multiplied by seven," said her 41-year-old husband, a respiratory therapist. "We'll still need a bigger house, car or van."

Nevada court reduces breast implant award

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The Nevada Supreme Court has trimmed \$10 million from a \$14.2 million award in a breast-implant case, saying there was no evidence Dow Chemical tried to conceal defects.

However, the court affirmed the jury's decision that the silicone implants made the woman sick.

Charlotte Mahlum of Las Vegas, who claimed her leaking implants caused a host of health problems, was awarded \$10 million in punitive damages and \$4.2 million in compensatory damages in 1995.

But the court ruled 4-1 on Thursday that she was not entitled to punitive damages, which require proof of fraudulent concealment. In a 3-2 vote, it kept intact the compensatory damages pertaining to pain and suffering, with two justices claiming Mahlum and her husband, Marvin, deserved nothing.

"I better wait until I speak with my attorney," Mahlum said when contacted at her home in Las Vegas. "But I can say I started crying. I'm very happy for everyone."

Her lawyer, Geoffrey White, called the decision a major victory.

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can cause disease in women, will resound across the nation," he said.

Dow Chemical spokesman John Musser said the company was "extremely disappointed that the court has decided to allow a verdict to stand that was so heavily influenced by emotion rather than facts or medical evidence."

In a report issued last month, a scientific panel appointed by a federal judge to review conflicting scientific claims about implants found that no definite links existed between implants and disease.

center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 377-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 8 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

•West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group (Celiacs helping Celiacs) will meet Jan. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital, room E-18, 2200 W. Illinois, in Midland. We will sample foods from Menu Direct. You may bring a gluten-free goodie and recipe to share. For more information call (915)520-2119 or (915)684-4671; or write to Glute Free Awareness; 11809 WCR 54; Midland; 79707.

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Jesus Perez, 68, died Tuesday. A rosary will be 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Martha Lara Alvarez, 47, died Wednesday. Rosary will be 8:30 PM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 9:30 AM Saturday, at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.
Abbey Manning died Thursday. Services are pending.

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Countdown for 2000 really begins

NEW YORK (AP) — From Times Square to the Space Needle, hundreds of thousands of people celebrated amid pyrotechnics, balloons and confetti as they ushered in the new year with an eye toward the real party 365 days from now.

In short, a party like it's 1999. Bundled in layers and wrapped in blankets, an estimated 500,000 people jammed Times Square in 20-degree weather that felt more like zero in the wind chill.

Three... two... one... Happy New Year! "It's beautiful, Moët & Chandon, New York, fireworks. ... I love it," said Opher Heyman, 24, of Miami as he tipped a plastic glass of champagne toward a flashing 1999 sign.

"This is the most awesome thing I've ever seen," Shari Rossoy of St. Paul, Minn.

At the stroke of midnight, more than 15,000 balloons showered the crowd and fireworks

and 42 spotlights — including the "50K Space Cannon" — illuminated the sky. The light cannon is said to be visible from Mars.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Chinese gymnast Sang Lan, paralyzed in a fall at last summer's Goodwill Games, pressed the button that sent the New Year's Eve ball on its last, slow descent at One Times Square. It will be replaced by a Waterford Crystal ball for New Year's Eve 1999.

Midnight meant fireworks at Seattle's Space Needle. And in Boston, with a cacophony and burst of color to rival any Mardi Gras, a parade of costumed monsters and the planets of the solar system kicked off the city's First Night festivities, culminating in midnight fireworks over Boston Harbor.

It wasn't exactly Times Square, but about 5,000 people gathered in the Lake Erie resort city of Port Clinton, Ohio, to welcome 1999 with a salute to the town's biggest industry —

sport fishing. The crowd braved the 15-degree weather to watch a large Fiberglas walleye lowered from a crane.

Las Vegas authorities had canceled many outdoor activities to control the crowd this year. Still, an estimated 250,000 to 400,000 lined the Strip as the clock struck midnight.

Local resident Matt Berry, 25, opted for a subdued celebration. "The past two years we would go with the crowd, but that was just too tiring," said Berry as he sat in a lawn chair, wrapped in a blanket. "This year we're just people watching. Next year we may go to Pasadena because we think they'll have trouble controlling the crowds here."

Just across the state line, in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., some revelers got a little too rowdy, as police arrested more than 100 people at a street party.

"It's typical New Year's craziness, bizarreness," said Leona Allen, a South Lake Tahoe

police dispatcher. "It's just one major orgy and it gets really, really ugly."

For many organizers, this year's celebrations served as a run-through for the next New Year's Eve.

In Las Vegas, authorities say as many as 700,000 people will welcome in the new millennium on the Strip next December. Police used Thursday night to gauge how well they might be able to control next year's crowd.

"We're expecting next year to be very large," said Steve Meriwether, a Las Vegas police spokesman.

Organizers of the Times Square bash tested some of the special effects planned for next time.

"We only get one chance to try this out live," said Jeffrey Strauss, president of Countdown Entertainment, a marketing company that represents the ball and the building on which it sits.

Sex offender arrested during counseling for having sex with minor

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite extra conditions placed on his release from prison, a two-time convicted sex offender was arrested at his state-imposed counseling session on a new accusation that he had sex with a minor at a hotel, police revealed Thursday.

Mitchell Ray Nicholas, 38, was charged Dec. 15 with aggravated sexual assault after Houston police arrested the self-employed caterer at his sex offenders counseling session, said Sgt. Clarence Douglas.

Nicholas remained at the Harris County Jail on Thursday, held without bond.

A videotape turned over to police, shows Nicholas performing sex acts with another minor child, but no charge in that incident has been filed because the victim could not be identified, officials said.

The arrest warrant for the motel incident was actually issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's parole division after Houston police investigators notified the agency that Nicholas was suspected of having sex with a minor on Oct. 25.

Douglas declined to discuss exactly how the Houston Police Department became familiar with Nicholas' suspected activities, saying only that the department had received information from another local agency.

Nicholas, who had been working for his own "At Your Service" catering company, was released on "mandatory supervision" on Jan. 29, 1993,

after serving less than four years of a 15-year sentence for indecency with a child by contact.

Prisoners on mandatory release are those who entered the prison system between 1977 and 1996, when early release was required if an inmate's "good time" and actual time served added up to their sentence. Such inmates, while free, remain under state supervision for the balance of their sentences.

"We had no alternative but to release this man the day he was released," explained Stennett Posey, spokesman for the TDCJ's parole division. Not only was Nicholas to meet regularly with a parole officer, he had several other conditions placed on his release, including having to enroll in a sex offender treatment program and to have no contact with minors.

On Jan. 21, 1985, Nicholas was sentenced to five years for two counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of sexual assault. State records did not indicate when Nicholas was released on mandatory supervision from that offense.

It is not known if Nicholas received sex offender psychological treatment while in prison because such information is considered private and not subject to Texas open records.

Houston police were asking anyone with information about other possible victims to call the Houston Police Department at 713-731-5826 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Kirby held liable for suspected rape by salesman

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has held the employer of a door-to-door vacuum cleaner salesman liable for injuries to a woman he is alleged to have raped.

By a split vote, the court ruled Thursday that The Kirby Co. should have required its distributor to do a background check before hiring salesman Mickey Carter, which would have revealed previous complaints of sexual misconduct.

"I hope this decision will cause Kirby to change its ways to make sure that criminals are not sent into people's homes to sell Kirby vacuum cleaners," Dena Kristi Reed, the rape victim, said in a statement.

Mrs. Reed said earlier this

year she was willing to have her name used because she believes she can have a bigger impact that way.

"I also hope that it will prevent another woman from having to go through what my family and I have been through."

Justice Raul Gonzalez, writing for the 6-3 majority, said Kirby's way of doing business — selling its products in customers' homes — posed a potential danger.

"Kirby dealers, required to do in-home demonstration, gain access to that home by virtue of the Kirby name. A person of ordinary intelligence should anticipate that an unsuitable dealer would pose a risk of harm," he wrote.

David Kutik, attorney for Kirby, said the decision sets a dangerous precedent.

"Any business that hires any independent contractors is subject to a lawsuit ... if they do something to harm someone else," Kutik said. "It's a very unfortunate decision in that regard."

Kiriky has argued that the distributor, which hired Carter, was negligent for failing to check the criminal records of its sales staff. The company said it's their duty to hire competent distributors, but it's the distributors' duty to hire competent salespeople.

The court stretched the liability too far in including them, Kutik said.

While the majority of the nine-member court disagreed, Justice Greg Abbott, writing a dissenting opinion, sided with Kirby.

"Kirby retained control over where the work was to be performed, not over who was to perform that work," Justice Abbott wrote.

Mrs. Reed told authorities that Carter raped her in her Seguin home as her children slept in the next room.

Carter wasn't prosecuted for the rape, but the accusation was used to revoke his probation on an unrelated charge of indecency with a child, which Mrs. Reed agreed was the easiest way to have him taken off the streets, said her lawyer.

Microsoft files lawsuit against Texas men who registered Internet domains

HOUSTON (AP) — Microsoft has filed suit against two Texas men for "cybersquatting" — registering and offering for sale the software giant's name and the name of its products as registered Internet address names.

In a federal lawsuit filed Dec. 21 in Houston, Microsoft claims Kurtis K. Karr and Kenny Brewer, both of the small Rio Grande Valley town of La Feria, stockpiled dozens of Microsoft product names, then registered them as Internet domain names.

An Internet address includes a domain name, which pinpoints the location on the World Wide Web of a particular site in the same way the name of a city and state helps the postal service locate a residential address.

Microsoft's suit claims pirated domain names include microsoftwindows.com and microsoftoffice.com. Other combinations now under Karr-Brewer control include windowsfiles.com and microsoftkids.com and

microsoffrontpage.com. The Redmond, Wash.-based software maker first approached the two men in mid-September and asked them to stop using the names and to cease offering the domain names for sale.

When they refused to do so — and even offered to sell Microsoft the rights to their own name on the Internet — the company filed the suit in federal court in Houston.

"Microsoft was left with no choice but to seek relief from the courts," attorney Ron Secrest, who represents Microsoft in Houston, said Thursday.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, claims the two men are infringing on trademarks for popular Microsoft products and are misleading the public.

The two have also registered other Internet domain names nearly identical to Airborne Express, Wal Mart, Alamo Car Rental and The Associated

Press. "The defendants' registration, use, claim of ownership, sales and offers for sale of the infringing domain names diminishes and dilutes the value and distinctive quality of Microsoft's famous trademarks Microsoft and Windows."

Windows is the computer operating system developed by Microsoft, a company organized in 1971.

The Redmond, Wash.-based software giant is seeking unspecified damages, all profits from the sites and full possession of the domain names.

According to the lawsuit, the two are doing business as TexasRGV.com and Trademarkdomain.com. TexasRGV.com is now operating online as launchbase.com.

According to the launchbase Web site, the company has registered domain names including am-ex.com, fiesta-texas.com, grayhound.com, guidinglight.com, mouseketeers.com, and nati-onalinqurer.com.

Government collects \$14.4 billion in 1998 from deadbeat parents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reports a significant increase in collecting overdue child support payments from deadbeat parents.

The total number of delinquent payments that the government collected rose 7 percent this year to a record \$14.4 billion, an increase of 80 percent over the past six years, according to the reports. The number is a compilation of both federal and state efforts nationwide.

Thousands of deadbeat parents across the nation opened their tax refund envelopes only to find that the money they were expecting was used to pay their delinquent child support, officials said.

The Department of Health and Human Services seized \$1.1 billion in tax refunds from parents who were delinquent in their child support payments. More than a million American families in all 50 states received money owed to them by delinquent parents through the program.

Under the program, state governments report the names of parents who owe child support payments to HHS, which then notifies the delinquent parents of the impending tax refund seizure.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, 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:

- **THE UNNAMED STRANGER**, who fought off two pit bulldogs and saved Boomer, the pet beagle owned by K-Bob's manager John Rink and his daughter, Jessica.
- **LOCAL CREDIT UNIONS**, who are joining other credit unions across Texas and the American Football Coaches Association to help provide every school-aged child in the state a child identification kit.
- **TCA CABLE OF BIG SPRING** for their annual canned food drive for the Salvation Army and to the Howard County residents who participated.
- **EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CANNED FOOD DRIVE** sponsored by KBST, Mix 94.3 and TCA, which brought in more than 1,000 pounds of food for the Big Spring Humane Society.
- **FORMER BIG SPRING STANDOUT DANIEL "BUBBA" FRANKS**, Miami Hurricanes tight end who earned first team All-Big East honors.
- **CITY CREWS**, who worked through the holidays repairing broken water lines.
- **COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**, who donated money they had been saving for a holiday pizza party to a family in need.
- **DEBRA JACKSON**, who celebrated her first Christmas together with her dad in 37 years after being separated through the Internet.
- **THE RED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**, which collected presents for babies and donated them to Birthright.
- **THE ANONYMOUS PERSON** who donated \$1,000 to help out a Big Spring family who lost their home in a fire.

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

OTHER VIEWS

Earlier this month, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed lawsuits against six health maintenance organizations, claiming they illegally compensated doctors who limited patients' medical care and penalized those who would not. Each lawsuit accused the HMOs of fixing budgets for services like hospital admissions and forcing doctors to stay within those limits. Doctors who came in under budget were given a percentage of the surplus. They were expected to compensate the HMOs when they went over budget, according to the lawsuits. Morales contends that these arrangements give HMOs leverage to limit treatment to improve their bottom lines. His suits further assert that

the HMOs in question gave patients deceptive or untruthful coverage information. The HMOs deny those assertions and maintain their policies are approved by Texas and federal regulators. Until the lawsuits come to trial and the evidence is heard and weighed, it will be impossible to judge the merit of these charges. However, there have been so many complaints by patients and doctors themselves about lawyers and administrators limiting care and making medical decisions to warrant test these allegations so that changes can be made if in fact they are needed.
HOUSTON CHRISTIAN

New Year's resolutions that can be kept

Well, I've at last come up with a series of New Year's resolutions that I can keep.

1. I will never climb Mount Everest or direct another film in which Val Kilmer has a part. I stole that one from a director who had directed a film with Val Kilmer, but it's such a great line, I'd like to share it with you.

2. I will not visit the Congo, Northeast Brazil, Indonesia, the North Pole, the South Pole, the moon, or New York City. Crowds, crime, civil wars, decayed infrastructure, bad weather and no oxygen are the criteria which knock places off my holiday dream list.

3. I will not buy a ticket to any film in which Alec

Baldwin appears. Baldwin is the jerk who said on national television that people should kill Rep. Henry Hyde and his family. Granted, many actors have the emotional maturity of 5-year-old brats, but that's beyond tolerance.

4. I won't watch (this one's real easy) Conan O'Brien's show because he should have thrown Baldwin off the show instead of giggling.

5. I will not read the complete works of Henry James. I hear you laughing. Well, I actually owned the complete works of Henry James at one time but I gave the set to the public library. Except for "Turn of the Screw," I couldn't stay awake long enough to read more than five pages. If you can't sleep but are afraid to take drugs, try reading "The Bostonians." It'll give you some Z's with no hangovers.

6. I promise to turn down all the invitations from the president for cozy lunches or formal dinners in the White House.

7. I will eat at least one slice of lemon icebox pie every sin-

gle month of the new year. 8. I will catch one fish sometime, somewhere, somehow during 1999. If I have not accomplished this by next December, I'll buy a goldfish and catch it.

9. I will learn to play "Dixie" on my secondhand upright.

10. I will extend to 33 years my record of having never attended another opera. Actually, I like a lot of operatic music but I don't care for the connective songs like, "Open the door," and "Where's my cloak?"

Ah, that's enough. If you have to make too many changes for the coming year, you're not living right in the present and, as the Buddhists say, that's all anybody's got.

It's tempting to wish we could make national resolutions, such as being more civil. Unfortunately, all nations are merely collections of individuals within political boundaries, and the only jurisdiction any individual has is over himself.

I can resolve to be more civil. You can resolve to be more

civil. But as for the other 260 million or so Americans, who knows what they will decide to do? You should keep in mind always, though, that Americans and everybody else are not as bad as they are depicted in the media. The media present a distorted mirror which by definition focuses on the commercial, the melodramatic, the corrupt and the tragic.

Millions of good lives are lived and millions of good deeds are done that are completely invisible to the news media which, to be honest, have not the slightest interest in any of them.

I still advocate occasional media fasts for mental health. For a few days, eliminate all commercial entertainment and news (TV, newspapers, magazines, radio, movies). You'll be surprised how quickly the world will begin to seem not only normal but pretty darn pleasant.

I wish you all joy.
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CHARLEY REESE



Tales from a veterinarian

After a hand count of who wants his steak cooked rare, medium or well-done, election of new officers -- same ones as last year -- and a prayer, it's time for Athens veterinarian and author John E. McCormack

to punch a few cows.

It is ladies' night at the Laurens County Cattlemen's Association. Cow humor works. It works so well that pretty soon the wives in their Christmas sweaters and the men who brought them are roaring.

Doc McCormack likes the look of a crowd doubled in laughter. So he tells another story, and another, most of them about his first practice in rural Choctaw County, Ala.

"In Choctaw County in 1963, they liked to give nature every chance to work before they call a veterinarian," he says. Before 1963, the only "vet" there was unlicensed. He was also the taxidermist. "Either way, you get your dog back," McCormack quips.

John McCormack didn't mean to become an after-dinner speaker or an author. He was happy being a professor of veterinary medicine at the

University of Georgia. Sure, he wrote a few short pieces for a trade journal called Hoard's Dairyman that were popular and collected in a couple of books. But he never thought of a writing career.

Then a New York literary agent phoned.

"Large animal vets don't get calls from New York," he says. Next thing he knew, he and his wife, Jan, were in the Big Apple, meeting with editors and marketing gurus, trying to decide how to promote his first book, "Fields and Pastures New."

"Why don't we bring a big boar hog in, and we'll cut him?" McCormack suggested.

The book did so well there was a sequel in 1997 called "A Friend of the Flock." And last week, when I met him in Dublin, Ga., McCormack had just sent off a third manuscript that actually finds humor and wisdom in prolapsed bovine uteruses and midnight calls about dogs with chicken bones in their goozles.

The late James Herriot said McCormack "beguilingly captures the laughter and tears of the veterinary scene."

And while McCormack's not the polished poet Herriot was, the Auburn-educated vet has a cast of dimensional characters that Dickens would envy.

And you have to like him. Tall and curly-haired, he wears cowboy boots, calls other men "Hoss" and treats his wife of many years as if she's his first date. McCormack, 63, writes in

a basement office that doubles as Jan's sewing room. He uses a computer now, but his first work was written longhand with arrows up and down the margins, which often confounded his typist-- Jan.

Once McCormack started writing, he found a trove of material in memories. Like the cigar box cash register with mostly \$1 bills that smelled of sour mash whiskey. And the Rudder Hill Hunting Club and Carney Sam, the taxidermist/vet.

He changed a few names to protect the innocent, but Choctaw County loves the series. They sell his books at library fund-raisers and look for their neighbors in the funny stories.

They might see themselves on the big screen sooner or later.

McCormack recently sold the movie rights to his trilogy. "But I don't want it to be any kind of Jerry Springer thing," he insists. His books, despite bloody medical details, are G-rated.

A few at the Cattlemen's meeting have read his work. Some saw excerpts in Reader's Digest. McCormack is not selling books tonight, however; he seems perfectly satisfied with a free steak and a few laughs.

At the end, he turns serious: "As the world gets more urbanized, we miss the honesty and important things in life that people come up with when working on the farm. Take pride in what you do."



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Ring in the new — 1999 brings slate of new laws

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Happy New Year, Hollywood! If you're a celebrity, 1999 means you can now slap those pesky paparazzi with invasion of privacy lawsuits.

Around the nation, the new year brings thousands of new rules and regulations governing everything from drunken teen-age drivers to the folks who haul kitchen grease.

The laws range from the sweeping — a complete rewrite of Delaware's tax code — to the extremely specific, such as a Florida measure that requires pet ferrets that bit someone to be quarantined and tested for rabies instead of being automatically destroyed.

Many of the new laws of 1999 are aimed at young people.

Children with asthma in Wisconsin

can now carry inhalers to school. Parents whose children are killed can sue for loss of companionship in New Hampshire.

Hoping to crack down on minors who steal cigarettes, Idaho requires that tobacco products be kept in locked displays or behind counters. Indiana, Minnesota and Nebraska create more restrictions on young drivers. New Hampshire makes it easier to try juveniles as adults if they're charged with negligent homicide for driving drunk.

New laws raise penalties for people who harm children, such as adults who buy liquor for teens in California or those in New Hampshire who use child pornography, molest children or make them fake IDs.

Also bringing harsher penalties:

— Evading a police officer in your car in California, or chasing another driver who ultimately gets seriously hurt or killed.

— Driving drunk in Washington state — an automatic license suspension.

— Assaulting a pregnant woman and harming her fetus in Michigan.

— Harming a police dog or horse in New Hampshire.

Supervising or recruiting prostitutes will now be illegal in California, as will having body armor if you've been convicted of a violent felony. Felons in Utah prisons will not be allowed to vote in 1999.

You won't have to be a criminal to feel the grip of government under other new laws.

In Florida, couples who don't agree to four hours of marriage-preparation counseling will have to wait three days to tie the knot and pay \$88.50 for a marriage license instead of \$56.

Also in California, the Highway Patrol will be allowed to stop truckers who haul kitchen grease to make sure they really own the goop. Apparently there's a market for the stuff and it gets stolen regularly.

The new year puts a little more money in some people's pockets in New Mexico, where a sales tax on prescription drugs will expire, as will property taxes on business computers in Wisconsin. That law is worth an estimated \$64 million a year. Car taxes are going down in California, and the minimum wage is going up in Oregon

and Washington state.

California repealed a slew of outdated laws, including a World War II measure making it a crime to buy, sell or forge ration checks.

It "will eliminate excess verbiage to offset all the excess verbiage the Legislature adds each year," state Sen. Quentin Kopp said.

Massachusetts residents will certainly know something's changed in 1999, when "Say Hello to Someone in Massachusetts" becomes the official state polka, which goes, in part:

"Tip your hat to every lady that you meet,
Shake a hand, you'll make a friend in Massachusetts.

That New England old time custom can't be beat."

One killed in massive Michigan wreck

GRAYLING, Mich. (AP) — In the blank whiteness of the snow, some of those trapped in the deadly, "never ending" highway pileup bailed out of their cars and ran. Morgan Cadene didn't dare move.

"You could hear people screaming, 'Don't get out of your car! You'll get hit! Don't get out of your car,'" said Cadene of Thunder Bay, Ontario, whose Ford Explorer was wrecked. "It just kept going — the crumpling of metal, time after time. It was sickening."

Drivers heading north on

Interstate 75 ran into blinding snow at about noon Thursday, setting off a 100-car collision stretching over a mile that left one dead and 41 more injured. The pileup happened about 180 miles northwest of Detroit, in a remote part of northern Michigan.

Some cars and pickups were on top of other vehicles, while other cars had skidded into the ditch beside the tree-lined road. Some 150 people were stranded, and had to be bused to area shelters.

Elaine Lockitski of White Lake Township was traveling

with her husband to meet relatives and go snowmobiling. She said the whiteout came on suddenly and didn't last long.

"I could see in the distance it was getting really fuzzy. I told my husband to slow down. Then all of a sudden, all we saw was red lights," she said. "All of a sudden my husband said, 'Oh my God, hold on!'"

The couple didn't hit anyone, and Ms. Lockitski remembers the silence after the crash.

"And then in the distance you could hear 'bam, bam, bam.' It was never ending," she said.

New Year's fireworks explode, killing two

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Fireworks being loaded onto a barge exploded minutes before the craft was to be towed into the Mississippi River for a New Year's Eve display, killing two workers and severely burning a sheriff's deputy.

Tugboat workers found the deputy running around the dock area, his clothes in flames. They doused him with water before rescue workers arrived, said Terry Thibodeaux, assistant chief of the Harvey Volunteer Fire Department.

The cause of Thursday night's explosion was not known.

The blast involved as many as

200 shells and several hundred pounds of explosives, authorities said. The show, which was to have been viewed by an estimated 100,000 people, was canceled.

Austin Banks, spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said two men died.

Their names were not made public, but officials said both worked for Classic Fireworks By Events Inc., the company handling the event.

The men were about to shove off on the barge owned by McDonough Marine Service when the explosion happened at

about 8:30 p.m. in suburban Harvey. The barge was to cruise into the river off the French Quarter for the pyrotechnics show.

The off-duty Jefferson Parish deputy sheriff was being paid to work at the event. A sheriff's spokesman said Sgt. Eddie Benoit, a 15-year-veteran, was in the hospital with second- and third-degree burns over half his body.

Banks said there were no witnesses, so they have few details about the size of the explosion or what happened, but it appeared there was a single explosion and no fire.

'Ready-to-go explosives' found in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A veteran utility worker has been arrested after authorities discovered a bomb and enough bomb-making materials to blow up a house at two Pacific Gas & Electric Co. warehouses.

"Ready-to-go explosives" and raw material, including calcium nitrate and more than 250 pounds of ammonium nitrate, were found Thursday at the downtown warehouses, said Special Agent Tracy Hite of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Additional evidence was found at the home of Paul Madronich, 44, who has worked at the utility for 19 years, Hite said.

Ammonium nitrate, commonly used as fertilizer, was combined with fuel oil to make the

4,800-pound bomb that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995, killing 168 people. Calcium nitrate, also a fertilizer, was found at the house of bombing conspirator Terry Nichols.

Madronich is accused of possessing a destructive device, possessing a destructive device in a public place and possessing of a destructive device as a public nuisance. He was being held in San Francisco County Jail on \$55,000 bail and is initially charged Tuesday in municipal court.

Hite said that the bomb did not contain ammonium nitrate and that authorities were analyzing it to determine its contents. Hite declined to speculate on a motive and would not say whether others were involved.

Iraq keeps moving surface-to-air missile sites to thwart detection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq frequently is moving anti-aircraft batteries to keep U.S. and British pilots guessing about where the next enemy missile might be launched as Western warplanes patrol "no-fly" zones over the country, U.S. defense officials say.

Iraq's estimated 60 surface-to-air missile, or SAM, batteries have proved hard to find and hard to hit. "They are moving their batteries around quite heavily" now from one launch site to another, the official said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The increased shifting in the missile sites comes as Iraq twice this week tried to shoot down U.S. and British aircraft patrolling "no-fly" zones in southern and northern Iraq.

American fighter jets destroyed two of the Iraqi mis-

sile sites Monday and Wednesday by firing radar-seeking missiles and laser-guided bombs. The action responded to attempts by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's military to strike U.S. and British warplanes with missiles.

U.S. planes aimed at smoke and dust plumes immediately after the Iraqi missiles were launched and locked on the brief Iraqi radar used in the attacks.

But when they are not being fired, on-the-move SAM batteries are harder to find and to hit — as was seen during the Dec. 16-19 U.S. and British airstrike against Iraq.

A Desert Fox battle damage assessment indicated U.S. and British attackers struck 65 percent of Iraqi surface-to-air missile sites and batteries targeted, or 22 out of 34.

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Cuddly critters

Drive will provide donated toys for children in trouble

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Sometimes, a stuffed animal seems like the only friend for a child in trouble.

That's why Big Spring Chapter 67 of Order of the Eastern Star is sponsoring a stuffed animal drive for children in difficult situations. They will donate the animals to Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Child Protective Services and the Big Spring State Hospital adolescent unit.

The drive is being conducted statewide by Order of the Eastern Star, an organization for relatives of men in the Masonic Lodge.

"It's the 'cuddly critters' drive," explained local member Linda Holmes. "Each local chapter is to conduct a drive and find organizations in their community who can use the animals."

At Rape Crisis, the animals will be used with children and adults who were victims of crime. At Child Protective Services, the animals will be sources of comfort for kids who have been removed from their homes because of problems there.

At the state hospital, the donated animals may be the only possessions for some of the young patients. For them, a stuffed animal might become a familiar friend in an otherwise scary place.

Anyone who wants to participate can drop off a new stuffed animal, or a clean, used one, to the bin located at Athletic Supply in Big Spring Mall, or either of two bins located at the entrances to Wal-Mart.

The drive continues through Jan. 7. Then the members of Eastern Star will take the animals to their district meeting to show them off, and return them to Big Spring to be distributed.



Sheila Welch of Order of the Eastern Star, and Dick Helms of Athletic Supply, pose with the collection bins for stuffed animals at the store. The animals will be donated to agencies that serve children in difficult situations.

A new year and a new surprise

The time of changing over to a new year reminds me of an old, old beautiful song that goes something like this: "Ring out, wild bells, ring to the sky, the flying cloud, the frosty night - the year is dying in the night, ring out, wild bells, and let him die."

Can there be joy in letting go of the year that is past, in "letting it die?" I believe there can be.

We have a saying in modern Christianity - "Let go and let God!"

There comes a time when we have to let go of things.

When we move into adulthood we let go of the toys of childhood, because we are ready for the things of becoming an adult.

When a tragedy comes upon us and it is finally over, we must let go of its reminders and turn our eye to the future. Letting go is essential to growing.

When the old Western pioneers faced pain and death and loss on the plains, they would bury it all, and turn their faces to what lay ahead, and they sang the hymn, "Onward ye people!" as they moved on toward the new land and the new life.

That is something of the spirit we, too, must have as we go into a new year - "Onward ye people!"

Jesus was a forward-looker, and he was always trying to get his followers to do the same. "Don't look back!" he told his disciples again and again. If we dwell on the past, we become chained to "what Jesus believed that for every man and woman, every boy and girl, that the BEST part of life could be - what was on up AHEAD...if we didn't look back."

A good new life may be on up ahead! A new love may be on up ahead! A new friend may be just around the corner! A new time of joy may be in your future, and may totally surprise you with how wonderful it may be!

There once was a man who was more than halfway through his life, and he thought he knew everything that life had to offer. Yes, he thought he had "seen it all." He was a smart man who talked every day with some of the smartest people in the world. He had been in love, and he thought he knew all about love.

And yet, in this time in his life, he found himself incredibly sad. He was much like Alexander the Great, whom, when he finished all his wars, was said to have knelt down and cried because "he had no more worlds to conquer."

But then one day, that man, named C.S. Lewis, opened up his heart to Jesus Christ, and he said he was "surprised by joy!" like he had never known.

Just when he came to the darkest night of his soul, he saw a new and surprising sunrise, when THE SON of God began to rise up in his life!

The best can yet be, for you.



ED WILLIAMSON

CHURCH NEWS

East Side Baptist Church

The East Side Baptist Church invites you to get the New Year started with a bang by attending a night of gospel music Saturday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m. at the church.

The evening will feature a concert by the Toney Brothers, an award winning gospel music group from Allen. The Toney Brothers spend about 250 days a year touring the United States and Canada, appearing with well known gospel music groups as Bill Gaither, Cathedral Quartet, The Statesmen, The Blackwood Brothers and many others.

Saturday's concert will mark the group's third appearance in Big Spring and second concert at the East Side Baptist Church. The concert is free, however, a love offering will be taken.

The East Side Baptist Church is located at East Sixth and Settles. Doug Shelley is pastor of the church.



The Toney Brothers will appear Saturday at East Side Baptist Church, East Sixth and Settles.

First United Methodist Church

"The Road To Your Good Father's Home Place" (Luke 2:41-52) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about finding a home in God's house. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is www.xroadstx.com/dove.

For teenagers who need guidance in morality and healthy friends, we have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister,

Vergil Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Pardee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. Call Feinsod at 267-6394.

There are children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday mornings.

United Methodist Men will meet for their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 8 a.m. in Garrett Hall.

Everyone is invited.

First Church of God

Happy New Year from all of us at the First Church of God, 2001 Main.

If you don't have any place to worship regularly, you are welcome to visit us. We have classes for all ages. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m., morning worship is at 10:45 a.m. and the evening service is at 6:30 p.m. Darrell Hendrickson is the pastor.

Baptist Temple

Would you like to know how to manage your money? Starting in January 1999, Baptist Temple Church will offer an opportunity for you to learn how to get out of debt and stay out of debt. There will be a "Financial Planning" class offered on Thursday nights that will run for eight consecutive weeks dealing with managing your money.

The only cost to those who attend will be a workbook and your time. Please sign up by Jan. 10, so we can have enough time to get the material. The cost of the workbook is \$10. If you are interested in this class, please call the church office at 267-8287.

Rabbis and priests broaden religious horizons

FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa. (AP) — Howard Cove's classroom looks like any other at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School. A crucifix hangs on a wall. In front of him, one student slouches back in her chair and another struggles to stay awake.

Then 15-year-old Joe Stevenson notices Cove's yarmulke.

"What's the hat for?" he asked, sitting at the front of a class of about 20 in this Philadelphia suburb.

"This is called a yarmulke, and it's a symbol that we are in the presence of God," Cove, a rabbi, replies.

It's the type of question Cove often faces and he is not the least bit offended. It's his job as part of a new teacher exchange program in the Philadelphia area.

The Catholic/Jewish Educational Enrichment Program is among a handful of efforts putting a new twist on educating private school students about other faiths. Similar programs also exist in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"It is challenging in terms of trying to share your faith to people who don't know it," said the Rev. Paul Daugherty, a Catholic priest who is Cove's teaching counterpart at the Akiba Hebrew Academy in the Philadelphia suburb of Bala Cynwyd.

The program is funded by a grant from the Righteous

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Bible film history

Moviemakers got expert help for 'Prince of Egypt'

AUSTIN (AP) — The Bible story about Moses and his people's exodus from Egypt sounded like a sure box office flop to Old Testament expert Stephen Reid before he met with DreamWorks producers.

"I remember flying out to Los Angeles the first time thinking, 'How are they going to make money on this?'" Reid said. "And I remember flying back the last time thinking, 'They are going to make a lot of money on this.'"

Reid, an associated professor of Old Testament studies at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, was one of 350 religious leaders

"They really set a level of excellence on biblical material that others will be judged by."

Stephen Reid
Old Testament expert

and scholars who served as a consultant on "The Prince of Egypt," the animated movie about the Bible's story of Moses freeing the Israelites from slavery.

Reid, in an interview with the Austin American-Statesman, said his job was to view the film from an African-American perspective while applying his biblical and cultural knowledge. DreamWorks also had input

from a spectrum of experts in Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

"They really set a level of excellence on biblical material that others will be judged by," Reid said. He predicted the movie "will go down in Bible film history."

Reid said two of his favorite scenes are when the baby Moses is set afloat in the Nile by his mother and the parting of the Red Sea.

The film took more than four years to make, and though DreamWorks has not revealed the cost, industry analysts estimate that the company spent more than \$100 million.

"The Prince of Egypt," which brought in \$14.5 million in its first week, was released Dec. 18, the sixth night of the Jewish holiday Hanukkah.

"Many people think of it as being released in time for Christmas, but I like to think it was released for Hanukkah because Hanukkah is the story of religious freedom, and Moses is the story of justice and freedom," Reid said.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

The training will be at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Monday, Jan. 11, until Friday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. to noon each day. Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for working with the VITA program.

Tax assistance will be available from Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

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THE LAST WORD

All science is either physics or stamp collecting.
Lord Kelvin

Light is the ultimate messenger of the universe
BBC World Service

Reason, observation and experience: the holy Trinity of science.
Robert G. Ingersoll

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too! There is a new year ahead. Don't let the old year die. A new year is coming. It can be a year of surprises. Jesus in, real life! your life!
Ed Williamson
First United Methodist Church

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Ed Williamson is pastor at First United Methodist Church.

RELIGIOUS

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Persons Foundation, which was established by movie director Steven Spielberg in an effort to strengthen interfaith relations.

The response from students has been overwhelming, and the questions challenging, participants say. One recent afternoon, Cove answered questions about the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, and Jewish stereotypes.

"The initial questions are based on TV and the movies and how they see Jewish people portrayed, they are based on superficial roles of Judaism," Cove said. "Seeing these kids reinforces the need for me to be here."

Cove teaches classes once or twice a week at Conwell-Egan, while Daugherty is at Akiba every several weeks. Both will keep their respective jobs, but will be tied to the program for at least the next several years.

Except for the yarmulke, Cove is dressed like most other lay teachers at the Catholic school, attired in a simple gray suit and glasses. Daugherty is a bit more conspicuous. He arrives at Akiba in a black priest's robe and white collar.

"Whoa, what's going on here?" one student asked another when she saw the priest walk into Gail Simon's ninth-grade classroom.

Inside, the 12 students are wary at first, quietly sitting in their seats as Daugherty introduces himself. Then the questions start rolling off their tongues.

"Why are priests celibate?" one student asks. Others ask about the church's view of homosexuality.

"Do you believe that we as Jews are going to go to hell after we die?" Ilana Jerrod inquires.

Daugherty responds calmly each time. Swamped with questions, his presentation overran the class period by 15 minutes. He answered more later in the library.

"This is really very interesting and informative," student Hannah Arem said. "It's was important to get from him the Catholic perspective."

Cove and Daugherty say they hope to meet soon to compare experiences.

"In being able to try to make faith a little more understandable, it betters my understanding of their faith," Daugherty said. "Just understanding what other people believe in helps to wipe out a lot of people's prejudices."

Reaching out through Ramadan despite air strikes

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. air strikes in Iraq that subsided just after the start of Ramadan left American Muslims contemplating anew the meaning of their holy month.

Many non-Muslims, unaware of Ramadan until President Clinton referred to it as he announced the attack, wonder what it means at all.

For years American Muslims have been trying to educate people about Ramadan with limited success. Sayyid Muhammad Syeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of America near Indianapolis, says that after four days of bombing, he's been barraged with phone calls about this season of praying and fasting.

It's an opportunity, he says, to talk about Islam not as defined by controversial figures, such as Saddam Hussein, but by Muslims in the United States. Syeed estimates that there are 6 to 8 million American Muslims, though some sources cite lower figures.

For years, few Americans realized that millions of observant Muslims were going hungry from morning until night during Ramadan. Some Muslims rise before dawn to have a meal. But during the daylight hours, they forgo the pleasures of the senses: eating, drinking, listening to music, and sex.

"You cleanse yourself by fasting to become a repository for this great message from God," Syeed says.

That message, he says, is the revelation of the holy book of Islam, the Koran. Beginning about 610, Muslims teach, the Prophet Muhammad was meditating when the angel Gabriel appeared to him with the first revelation of the Koran on one of the last nights of the month of Ramadan. The ninth month in the lunar-based Islamic calendar, Ramadan can fall at any time of year in the Gregorian calendar used in the West.

President Clinton told American Muslims that he tried to avoid military action in Iraq during this time of revelation. "But whether it's during holy time or not, it's still painful for us to see innocent people dying," says Imam Talal Eid of the Islamic Center of New England in Sharon, Mass.

Many Muslims, he says, are thinking of the Iraqi people as they reflect on the meaning of Ramadan. In the heightened spiritual atmosphere of the season, God's grace is seen as

more accessible. Muslims read the Koran and pray to God with added intensity, says Eid, "to help humanity overcome its misery."

During Ramadan, Muslims give money to charity in what Syeed calls a "a journey to generosity." The donations include the Zakah, the obligatory donation based on one's wealth.

In the Islamic Center of America near Dearborn, Mich., "thousands of dollars are collected and sent to poor people, especially in Islamic countries that suffer a lack of food, such as Iraq, Sudan, Bangladesh, and Lebanon," says Imam Hassan Qazwini.

Even in times of distress, the holy month brings together the larger Muslim community in the nightly ritual of breaking the fast and prayer.

"People shouldn't break the fast alone," says Syeed. "In different Islamic centers in America you see several hundred people break the fast together, people who might not meet otherwise. This creates an overwhelming spiritual environment."

"They say if there were no Jews, there would be no Sabbath, but if there were no Sabbath, there would be no Jews," he says. The same, Syeed says, is true of Ramadan for the Muslims.

The holy month ends with Eid, a day-long celebration and feast.

"In Chicago last year, 20,000 people celebrated in the convention center. After a worship service, the imam, or leader of prayer, congratulates the men and women for completing the fast, and gifts are exchanged."

"It's not about the birth of Christ," says Syeed. "It's about the birth of each individual. Everyone feels he is borne again himself and has gone through a process of cleansing."

After the sermon, he says, men hug men and women hug women. When Syeed led the prayer at the Chicago convention center, "everyone had to come and hug me," he says. "It took three or four hours."

Some Muslims say they doubt the sincerity of the president's concern about avoiding air strikes on Ramadan. But, says Syeed, Clinton was aware of the holy month long before the bombing in Iraq.

"A few years ago," says Syeed, "they started to have a breaking of the fast at the White House."

Muslims only hope they break this year's fast in peace.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Muslim girls relocated from Christian foster home
LIVONIA, Mich. (AP) — After more than three months in a Christian foster home, three Muslim Iraqi sisters now are in the care of a Detroit-area Muslim leader.

Arab-American religious and community leaders had criticized the girls' treatment by their original foster parents, alleging that they gave them Christian crosses to wear and took away their traditional hijabs, or head scarves.

The girls, ages 12, 14, and 16, were removed from their parents' home in August after state child welfare officials accused their parents of physically abusing them.

The girls now live with Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi, leader of the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights, and his wife and three children.

"We give them all the flexibility and freedom they want both inside and outside our home," Elahi told The Detroit News. "We take care of them better than our own children — honestly — because we want them to realize they are in a safe and warm atmosphere. We want to make them happy and give them a sense of belonging."

Widower, father of four, ordained as priest

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — Bernie Gruenes, who has four children, is becoming a father.

Gruenes, 64, a retired banker and widower, was to be ordained Friday night as a Roman Catholic priest.

Those who know him say he'll do an excellent job.

"He brings a wealth of life experience with him," said the Rev. Robert Pierson, rector of the School of Theology at St. John's University, where Gruenes has been studying.

Gruenes has served as deacon at the Church of St. Michael for the past 3 years. Retired for two years, he has known for some time that he was destined for the priesthood.

"The whole idea of service was attractive. I just felt there was such a need in the church for people to serve," said Gruenes, whose wife, Cathy, died in 1992. He also lost a son,

Bob, in 1976.

"I talked to the bishop and he said, 'Give us five good years.'"

"There is a history of ordination for older men," said Gruenes, who took a vow of celibacy when he became a deacon. "I think more and more widowers are considering it."

Janitor leaves fortune to Ankeny Bible college

ANKENY, Iowa (AP) — Christian Thomsen lived a frugal life as a janitor before he died at age 101.

So many were stunned when he left behind \$1.1 million to Faith Baptist Bible College and a "substantial sum" to his church in Ames.

"We're reaping the benefits of a man who dedicated his life to the Lord for 101 years," said Craig Hastings, Thomsen's friend and executor. "But our enjoyment of him had nothing to do with his money."

Hastings, who would not disclose the sum left to Campus Baptist Church, called Thomsen a dedicated member of the congregation. Campus Baptist is among many churches that support the college that Thomsen never attended.

Thomsen, who died Nov. 5, came to Des Moines from Denmark for training at a theological seminary; then, for a time, he returned to his native country. He never married, never owned a car.

He returned to Des Moines in 1927 and worked as a janitor for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. well into his 80s. Then he retired and moved to Ames.

CLUB NEWS

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will meet Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. for a stated meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring a "stuffed critter" used, but in good condition. This is a project of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Big Spring Women's Club

Big Spring Women's Club met Nov. 16, in the home of Niki Broman. Our guest speaker was Nathalie Neill; she demonstrated stamp art. Everyone had the opportunity to learn creative ways to make Christmas cards and customized gift sacks and wrapping paper. We continued to collect for our Christmas baskets and toys for Westside Day Care.

Our next meeting was Dec. 21, and we enjoyed the traditional Christmas progressive dinner and Chinese auction. We began our evening with soup in the home of Julie Wolf. Our second course was appetizers and sandwiches in the home of Kellie Wash. We completed the evening with dessert, coffee and gift exchange in the home of Nancy Spurgin. All three homes were unique and beautifully decorated for Christmas.

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All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.
Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.
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IN BRIEF

Birdwell posts second hole-in-one of career

Jack Birdwell, superintendent of the Comanche Trail Golf Course, fired a hole-in-one Monday while playing the No. 4 hole at the course.

Birdwell used a 6 iron to record the ace, the second of his golfing career.

Witnesses were Jim Roger, Steve Hedges and Dr. Dave Miller of Roswell, N.M.

YMCA sets meetings for hoops participants

The Big Spring YMCA has scheduled meeting for parents of youngsters who will be participating in its basketball program this season.

The meetings are set for Saturday, with parents of youngsters in kindergarten through the fourth grade meeting at 10 a.m. Parents of players in the fifth through eighth grades will meet at 11 a.m.

Team coaches will meet at noon and a coaches training clinic will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Practice sessions for the YMCA basketball league begin the week of Jan. 4.

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

Parents of BSHS frosh baseballers to gather

A meeting for parents of all prospective freshman baseball players at Big Spring High School has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The meeting has been slated by the Steers Baseball Boosters Club in order to let parents of new players meet the club's officers and provide answers to questions concerning the program.

For more information, contact James Clements at 267-1069.

YMCA swimmers take awards at Midland meet

A total of 17 swimmers from the Big Spring YMCA swim team took four of the eight high-point awards presented in various age groups during the Midland COM Aquatics Meet on Dec. 12.

Will Liggett, Wendy Mayfield, Karl Brode and Kelly Sage all took top honors in their respective age groups. Ryan Hughey, Wendy Mayfield and Allan Sheedy were among the Big Spring swimmers earning "B" times in their events.

The team invites all swimmers between 6 years of age through the eighth grade who can swim the length of the pool to join the team. Practices are from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in the Panhandle and West Texas.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch-umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. — Sugar Bowl, Texas A&M vs. Ohio State, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

HOCKEY

8 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Phoenix Coyotes, FXS, Ch. 29.

TCU upsets Southern Cal with 28-19 Sun Bowl win

EL PASO (AP) — Tailback Basil Mitchell ran for two touchdowns and 185 yards and Texas Christian won its first bowl game in 41 years Thursday, beating Southern Cal 28-19 in the Sun Bowl.

TCU, 6-5 during the regular season and no better than a .500 team in the Mountain Division of the Western Athletic Conference, scored on its first three possessions with its potent option offense, then turned to its defense to hold off a second-half comeback by USC (8-5).

TCU's defense shut off USC's running game, holding the Trojans to a Sun Bowl-record minus-23 yards rushing.

The Sun Bowl victory climaxed the Horned Frogs' impressive turnaround under first-year coach Dennis Franchione. Franchione, who last year led New Mexico to its first bowl game in

36 years, worked the same magic in Fort Worth. He took over a program that went 1-10 last year under Pat Sullivan and led the Horned Frogs to their first bowl victory since beating Syracuse 28-27 in the 1957 Cotton Bowl.

It wasn't easy. TCU had a 28-3 lead after quarterback Patrick Batteaux scored from 3 yards out with 10:32 left in the third quarter.

The Trojans, whose offense was sluggish throughout the first half, struck back with 17 straight points by abandoning the run and going to the air with freshman quarterback Carson Palmer. He threw a 23-yard scoring pass to Billy Miller and set up a 1-yard TD by Petros Papadakis that made it 28-16 with 1:34 left in the third quarter. Papadakis' touchdown was set up by an 18-yard Palmer-to-Larry Parker pass to the TCU

4 on fourth-and-8. The Trojans' defense, unable to solve the option in the first half, also started to dominate and on their next possession, the Trojans drove to the TCU 20. At that point, the Horned Frogs' defense made the big play.

Defensive ends Aaron Schobel and Loren Dunlap sacked Palmer on successive plays and the Trojans settled for a 46-yard field goal by Adam Abrams with 12:30 remaining.

The stalled drive killed USC's momentum and the TCU running game ate up the rest of the clock.

TCU, a 16-point underdog, scored on its first three possessions, Mitchell on runs of 3 and 61 yards and Batteaux on an 8-yard run for a 21-0 lead with 9:27 left in the first half.

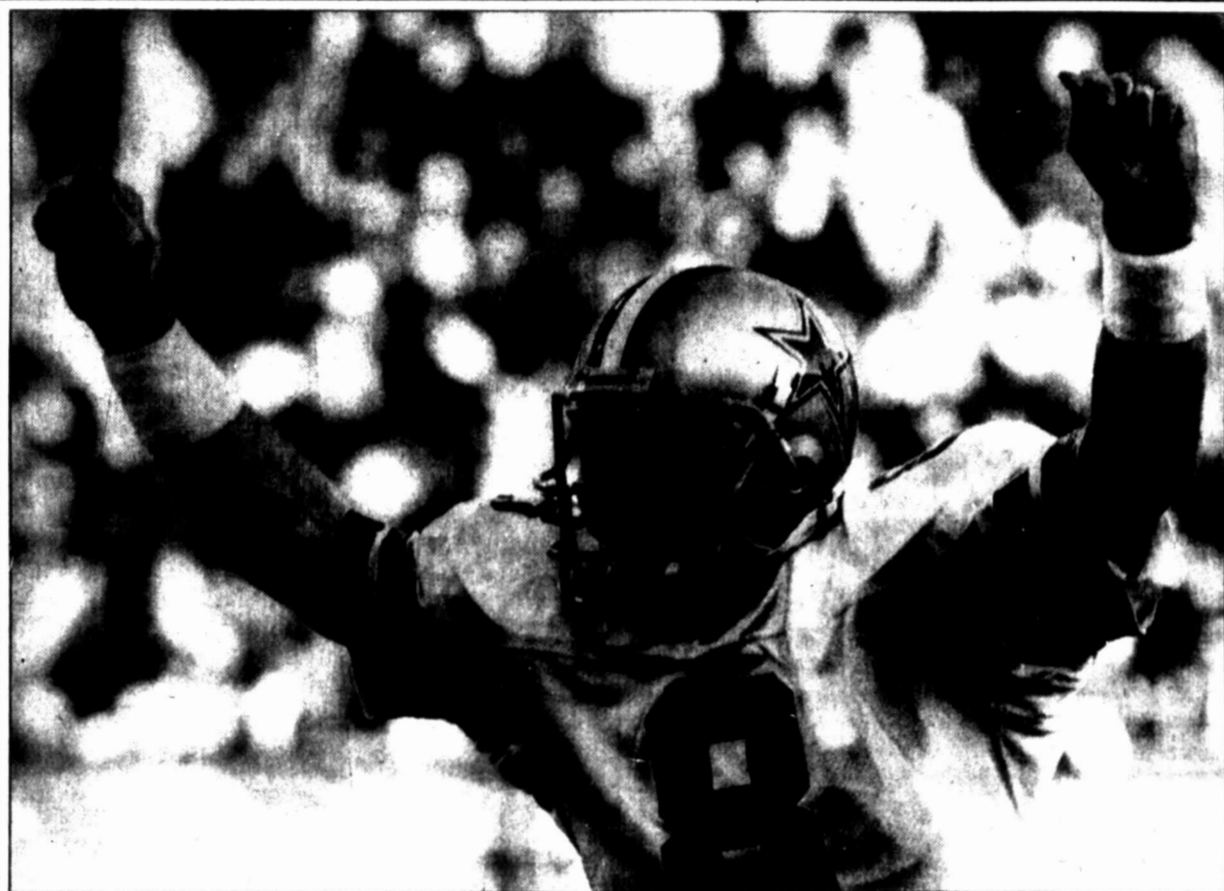
While TCU was driving into USC terri-

tory and working down the clock the Horned Frogs had the ball for 20 minutes, 15 seconds in the first half — the Trojans were living in third-and-long and failing to convert. By halftime, TCU had 200 of its 314 yards rushing and had held USC to four first downs.

The Horned Frogs had scoring drives of 79, 64 and 86 yards in the first half and just one punt, that with just 5.45 remaining in the second quarter.

USC's only big play of the first half, a 50-yard pass from Palmer to Parker, set up a 35-yard field goal by Abrams with 3:15 left in the second quarter.

TCU's front line also stopped USC All-American linebacker Chris Claiborne. Claiborne failed to come up with a big play and like the rest of the USC defenders had trouble all day slowing the option.



Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman celebrates a first-quarter touchdown during the Cowboys' win over Pittsburgh during Super Bowl XXX. While the Cowboys have more playoff experience, Aikman says the close games Phoenix has played this season have made the entire season a playoff atmosphere for the Cardinals.

Close games give Cards playoff-like experience

IRVING (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals haven't been to a playoff game since 1982. The Dallas Cowboys own three Super Bowl titles in the 1990s.

The experience advantage goes to the Cowboys in Saturday's NFC wild-card game in Texas Stadium.

"We probably do have an edge in playoff experience," said Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman. "However, the Cardinals played so many close games this year it was almost like the playoffs for them."

"It's the first time for all of us," said Arizona quarterback Jake Plummer. "Playoff experience might help the Cowboys. We just hope it won't make a difference. This is something new for us. We just want to go out and have some fun and try to pull off a win."

Arizona has lost nine consecutive games to Dallas in Texas Stadium.

"It's tough playing on the road," Plummer said. "But I think we'll adjust."

Arizona will have to stop Dallas running back Emmitt Smith who ran wild against them twice this year.

In the season opener, Smith ran for 124 yards on 29 carries in a 38-10 win.

On Nov. 15, he ran 26 times for 118 yards and scored three touchdowns in a 35-28 win.

Smith is at a loss to explain why he has had such success against Arizona which ranks 21st in the NFL against the run. Dallas is No. 8 in the league running the ball.

"I'm at a loss to explain why I've had such big games against them," Smith said. "It wasn't easy for me in either game and it won't be easy Saturday. They know us and we know them. It's never easy playing a team three times in one

season. Now, we're down to a one-shot deal. Lose and you go home."

He added "there are no guarantees in this league. You have to earn everything you get."

Smith has had eight career 100 yard rushing games against the Cardinals and is coming off a solid season, finishing fifth in the NFL with 1,332 yards. He had seven 100 yard rushing games this year.

He said not being in the playoffs last year has given the Cowboys plenty of incentive this time around.

"We left Valley Ranch suffering after the way we ended the season last year," Smith said. "But we got our stuff together this year. We don't want to suffer again."

Smith said he believes the NFC East champion Cowboys, who closed out a 10-6 turnaround season with two consecutive victories, can be a threat to go all the way in the playoffs if play at a little higher level.

"I honestly believe we belong in the NFC playoffs along with all those other guys," Smith said. "I feel this team is the most underrated in the playoffs. Nobody can get a gauge on us. We can get the job done."

Smith broke the NFL career record for rushing touchdowns this season but hasn't decided yet what to do with the footballs which gave him Nos. 124 and 125 to surpass Marcus Allen's 123.

"The Pro Football Hall of Fame called and asked for one of them but I didn't let them have it right away," Smith said. "I might give it to them someday in the scheme of things."

The last time the Cardinals franchise won a playoff game was 1947 when Jimmy Conzelman coached the Chicago Cardinals to a 28-21 NFL championship victory over Philadelphia.

Five Vikings highlight All-Pro team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

One longtime defensive star and a few new ones making their debuts highlighted The Associated Press' NFL All-Pro team.

Reggie White, who made his final season a special one by leading the league in sacks with 16, joined newcomers Ty Law, Zach Thomas, Mo Lewis, Darrell Russell and Rodney Harrison on the squad announced Thursday.

White said he was retiring after last season, then unretired. His stellar play put a superb cap on his Hall of Fame career, in which he set an NFL career mark with 192½ sacks.

"I wasn't coming back to have a mediocre season," the Green Bay star said. "I was coming back to have a great season."

He did, making the All-Pro team for the seventh time in balloting by a national panel of 47 sports writers and broadcasters.

Thomas felt some vindication after not being voted to the Pro Bowl by players, fans and

coaches. The leader of the Miami defense, which was the stingiest in the league, joined San Diego's Junior Seau at inside linebacker.

"Now that I am getting a little respect from AP, that's awesome. At least somebody knows you're out there playing well," Thomas said. "It means a lot. It gives me more confidence. It gives you a hunger to keep going. I'm just glad I'm getting a little respect."

Law might have surpassed his partner at cornerback on the All-Pro team, Dallas' Deion Sanders, as the best coverage back in the league.

"I had more votes than Deion? Wow," he said with a big smile. "That's incredible, man. ... It's just a shock that I have made something like the All-Pro team. That's the biggest honor that you can get."

Lewis, who was overweight and mediocre when the Jets were floundering at the bottom of the league, has revived his career under coach Bill Parcells. He was picked along with Seattle's Chad Brown at outside linebacker.

Mississippi takes Independence from Red Raiders

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Mississippi fans can only imagine what their team will do once coach David Cutcliffe has had several months to fully implement his plan.

Cutcliffe, still in pain from an inflamed pancreas that put him in the hospital over Christmas, was a winner in his Ole Miss debut as the Rebels beat Texas Tech 35-18 in the Independence Bowl on Thursday night.

"This was a little harder than I thought it was going to be to get everything ready," said Cutcliffe, the former Tennessee offensive coordinator who was hired by Mississippi on Dec. 2.

With only about a dozen pre-bowl workouts, there was not time for a total overhaul of the offense. Instead, the new coaches were forced to learn the system that the Rebels (7-5) had run all season.

The players responded with 355 yards against Tech, which was ranked eighth nationally in total defense (285 yards per game).

Quarterback Romaro Miller, playing for the first time since breaking his collarbone Nov. 21, made it easy for Cutcliffe. He threw an Independence Bowl-record three touchdowns and was 14-of-23 passing for 216 yards while being named the offensive MVP.

"It's OK, it felt good to me," Miller said of his arm. "All week I have been throwing without it hurting. It showed tonight."

Miller is already looking ahead to next season, when Cutcliffe will have his offensive system installed.

"We can come back and do it better next year," said Miller, a sophomore who threw for 2,273 yards in 10 regular-season games.

Cutcliffe, about 20 pounds lighter than when he was hired, became the first Ole Miss coach in 20 years to win his first game. And he did it with a squad with just six seniors.

"I am not tired ... not a bone in my body," Cutcliffe said. "We had a plan from the very first meeting ... and we stuck with that plan."

Deuce McAllister, another sophomore and a 1,000-yard

BOWLS GLANCE

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
Tulane 41, Brigham Young 27
At Memphis, Tenn.
Texas Christian 28, Southern Cal 19
Sun Bowl
Texas Christian 28, Southern Cal 19
Peach Bowl
Georgia 35, Virginia 33
At Atlanta
Georgia Tech 9-2 vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi 35, Texas Tech 18
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Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), Noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)
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Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)
...
Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

rusher during the regular season, scored three touchdowns. He turned a swing pass from Miller into a 32-yard TD, scored on a 4-yard run and returned a Texas Tech onside kick 43 yards in the final minute.

"We didn't want them to get the ball back. When it short-hopped, I just picked it up and ran," McAllister said.

Ole Miss had clinched the game 30 seconds after Miller's third TD when Anthony Magee intercepted Matt Tittle's pass.

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Lady Hawks romp to win; Howard men suffer defeat

HERALD Staff Reports

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Howard College's Lady Hawks had little trouble in improving their record to 13-1 Thursday at the Scottsdale Classic with a 75-57 win over host Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College's Lady Artichokes.

In Nevada, however, Howard's Hawks didn't fare so well, dropping an 87-77 loss to Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College at the Las Vegas Shootout.

The Lady Hawks put four players in double figures as they prepared for today's showdown with defending national champion Central Arizona.

Karlita Washington paced the Lady Hawks with 16 points, while Latasha Moore added 12, Caryn Ross chipped in 11 and Aisha Love scored 10.

Ross added six rebounds, sharing Jovanae St. Cyr for the team lead, while Washington pulled down five boards.

"I feel like we played good half court defense," Lady Hawks coach Matt Corkery said following the win. "but we didn't play our tempo on offense and we need to correct that."

The Hawks, who saw their record drop to 9-4 following Thursday's loss, were paced by Larry Alloway's 25 points, but couldn't overcome 35 turnovers.

"We were unable to handle their pressure and our lack of rebounding and horrendous free throw shooting killed us," Hawks coach Tommy Collins noted as he looked ahead to today's game with Lansing (Calif.) College. "We haven't played that poorly since our Midland game. It was very disappointing."

SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

RESULTS: Del's Cafe over Hesters Mechanical 80, Head Hunters Beauty Salon over Greenhouse Photography 80...

NFL FINAL STANDINGS

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Georgia takes 35-33 win in Peach Bowl

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Tulane finishes undefeated topping BYU

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Maybe No. 10 Tulane will get some respect now. Michael Jordan returned an interception 79 yards for a touchdown and Shaun King threw for two TDs...

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 28. (Report also available on Web as www.txdishing.com)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on 7" black Power Worms (rig to make a lot of noise) fished in the river along the bank and stump beds. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the docks at night under lights in 16 to 20 feet of water. Hybrid stripers are fair on jigs and spoons fished in 30 to 40 feet of water. Catfish are slow on cut baits fished in the river.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 61 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 4.3 pounds are good on shad pattern crankbaits, Terminator spinnerbaits and Lake Fork ring fries fished off the deeper lake points. Crappie are fair on minnows and Road Runner jigs. White bass are fair on Horizon spoons. Striped bass are good trolling bucktail jigs and live bait. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 50 degrees; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits fished along the north bank. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs fished at the dam. Hybrid stripers are poor.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water murky; 60 degrees; 27' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are good on slabs. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut and prepared baits fished in 60 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are fair on slabs.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 44 degrees; Black bass are fair on jig and pork combinations fished in the creek channels. All other fishing has been slow. Exercise caution at the boat ramp.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 54 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on orange buzzbaits. Crappie are good on shiners fished in 15 to 18 feet of water near the derricks. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on large shiners fished at night.

BRIDGEPORT: No report available this week.

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 44 degrees; 13' low; Redfish are becoming active near the hot water discharge (live shad and Rat-L-Traps working best). Few fishermen out due to poor weather conditions.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 45 degrees; 16.5' low; Hybrid stripers to 9 pounds are good on live shad fished in 4 to 6 feet of water on the West side of the lake. Blue catfish to 19 pounds are good on shad fished in 4 to 6 feet of water on the West side of the lake. Few fishermen out due to poor weather conditions.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water fairly clear; 47 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are very good on minnows and jigs fished in the creeks in 8 to 12 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 25 pounds are good on live baits fished in 25 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 50 pounds are good on live perch fished in 25 feet of water.

KEMP: 11' low; No fishermen out due to snow and cold temperatures.

NOCOMA: Water stained; 56 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Also try jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 18 feet of water. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 18 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on slabs and jigs fished in the main lake. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water fairly clear; 43 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 12 pounds are fair on minnows, spinner and buzzbaits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are slow on stinkbait and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 45 degrees; Black bass to 11.54 pounds are slow fished on the drop-offs in 25 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in the Colorado and Concho Rivers. White bass are excellent on slabs and minnows fished on the flats in 25 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on stinkbait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are slow on jigs and crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are excellent on live shad fished in 24 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut baits fished in 30 to 45 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees; Black bass are good on dark colored Texas-rigged worms fished off the bank. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows fished in 2 to 18 feet of water. Striped bass are good on slabs and shad fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 4 to 12 feet of water.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 50 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, goldfish and perch fished in 2 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 56 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits fished in the shallows. Few people on the lake due to poor weather conditions.

TWIN BUTTES: The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: This report will be temporarily suspended pending some change in the condition of the lake. Water level is down about 20 feet and boating on the lake is hazardous (very little activity).

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But this I say, brethren, the time is short; it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none.
I Corinthians 7:29

On Divine Forgiveness


It seems that human nature is such that no one likes to admit being wrong. Perhaps we hesitate to admit being wrong, and tend to blame others, because we fear reprisals and do not want to lose face.

However, as the poet said, "To err is human, to forgive divine." Everyone makes mistakes, and if we cannot admit them out loud, at least we can make peace in our hearts.

God ordained forgiveness, and the Bible tells us that if we are truly sorry for our sins, He will forgive us. Jesus told Peter that he should forgive not seven times, but seven times seventy.

Our lives are truly our own responsibilities. If we regret our mistakes, God will forgive us; and if God can forgive us, perhaps we can find it in our hearts to forgive those who have wronged us. Truly, the gift of forgiveness comes from our Heavenly Father.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 2:

Recognize when pressure makes it necessary to pull back. Many demands will be made of you in different realms of your life. Because you like to perform at a high level, you often could be overwhelmed. Career is requires extra effort. You, like everyone else have only so much energy. Partners also expect a lot from you. If you are single, an involvement might be off and on. Give this bond time to develop. If attached, you could go through several mental and emotional changes within your partnership. You will learn when to give less and when to offer more. Boundaries will be a primary matter under discussion. CANCER pushes your buttons. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You feel like a lit fuse, full of energy. Take off, get into a project or visit a family member. By being totally spontaneous, a lot happens quickly. Someone is enamored. Good feelings come from discussions and sharing. Tonight: Have fun.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Reach out for others. What someone shares jolts you. You don't always have a sense of what goes on with this person, even if you're together a lot. Express your caring nature so others can hear. Get errands done, then visit a friend. Tonight: More New Year's partying.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Recent risks stun you. Take a hard look at what is going on. Let others share their feelings with you. There is a lot of tension between you and a loved one. Discussions become loving after a quarrel. Tonight: A must appearance.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You juggle a lot of requests. A family member is on the warpath. This mood has been building for a while. You are amazed by what a loving talk does. Don't get stuck in an untenable position. Be more flexible. Walk in his shoes. Tonight: What you want.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Take a deep breath and think. Emotions run high, so keeping your temper is a tall order. Remain nurturing. Take that extra step. Others appreciate your directness. Make time later for that special person in your life. Tonight: Mellow is best.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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To one and all: a happy, healthy new year! -- LOVE, ABBY

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Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise -- even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You feel under the gun with all that is going on. Your temper flares. Think about what is ailing you. You are misdirecting your anger. Recognize your emotional and professional limits. You tend toward negativity right now. Let time intercede. Tonight: Make a must visit.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Arrange a day trip or a vacation. A change in scenery could do you a world of good. A fresh perspective revives you and you feel more in touch with yourself. Take care of details, calls and messages. Others await word from you. Tonight: Call it an early night.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Deal with discrepancies. Errors are possible with this hectic pace. You are worried about meeting obligations, but you will. An associate is demanding without intending to. Establish limits with loved ones who need a reminder. Tonight: A good conversation.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are out of sync. It seems that every project, idea or plan you put forth fizzles out. Partners and friends have strong opinions; let them call the shots. Take a hard look at yourself. Consider a diet or exercise plan. You can control that! Tonight: Maintain the status quo.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)


You can only do so much. Pressure to perform is unusually high. Listen to instincts regarding others. Take better care of yourself. You are out of sorts, do something for you. Take advantage of the season's sales, and by something you want. Tonight: Order in.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your positive attitude gets past a partner's volatile temper. Have a long-overdue discussion. Opportunity strikes, as you breed greater understanding and closeness. Juggle your plans so that you have time to visit friends and loved ones. Tonight: Don't go overboard.***

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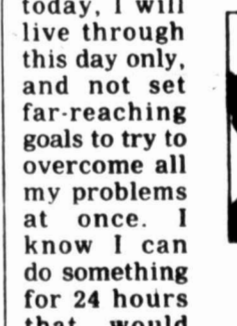
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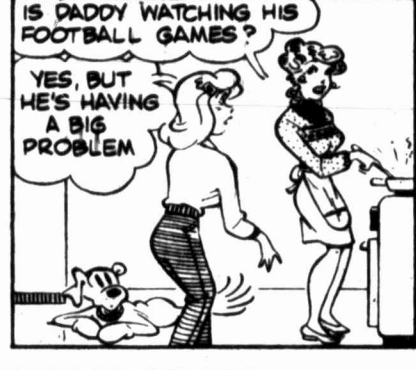
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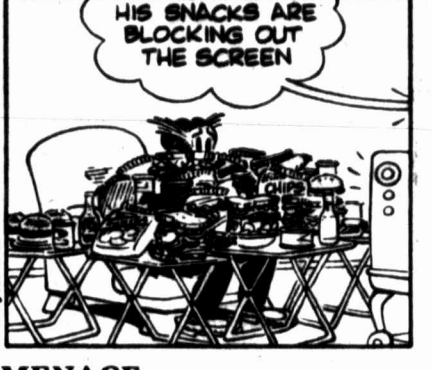
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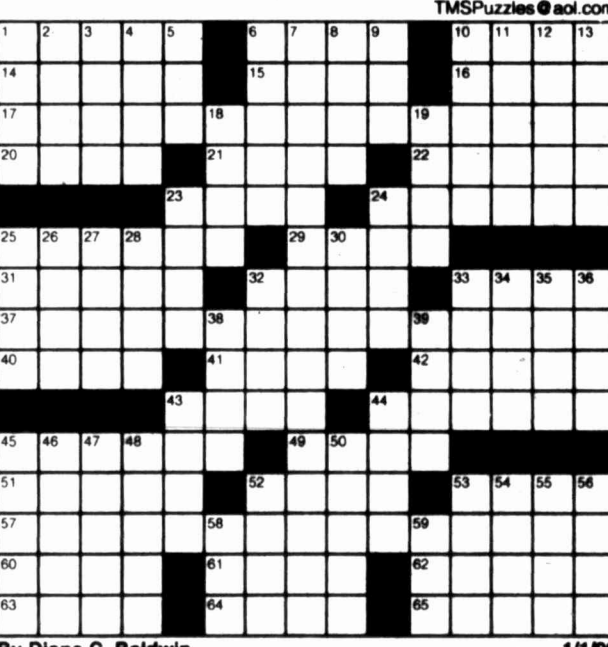
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