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Jennings takes oath as Howard County's new sheriff

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Bill Jennings officially became the new sheriff of Howard County at 12:01 a.m. today and, for the first time in 32 years, residents have a new top county law enforcer after former Sheriff A.N. Standard decided to not seek re-election.

Jennings was sworn-in during a ceremony Tuesday afternoon in the county courtroom with County Clerk Margaret Ray handling the duties.

Ten out of the 11 deputies who worked for Standard re-applied for their jobs with Jennings. Barney Edens, Jennings opponent in the November election, was the only one not seeking re-employment. Of those 10, seven were retained.

Jennings said two of the remaining three were not rehired and the third, Juan Palacios, decided to retire as a full-time deputy but keep his reserve deputy status. Jennings said each employee who wanted to remain with the department was asked to submit an application and employment decisions were then made.

Those staying at the department include Ed Covington, Bennie Green, Cliff McCartney, Ron Allen, Tony Chavez, Bill King and George Quintero with Quintero and King in charge of the jail. Keith Burnett, a former jailer and reserve deputy, was promoted to full deputy status.

New personnel in the department includes Kerry Fritz, former chief deputy in Scurry

County with 18 years experience; Randy Ravies, city police officer in Stanton with four years experience, and Oscar Carrillo, former chief deputy in Culberson County with five years experience. Mike West Sr., formerly with the Big Spring Police Department, will be Jennings' chief administrative assistant in charge of the identification department.

"Right now, there aren't any sergeants or a chief deputy. Everyone starts out at the same level. Those who show a willingness to work will rise to the top and show me they want to be a sergeant or chief deputy," Jennings said.

Mary Garcia and Vicky Walker remain with the department as clerks. Garcia is in charge of paperwork, writs and warrants while Walker keeps the monthly reports, among other duties. Bud Hunt remains as the nighttime dispatcher and booking officer. Louise Stanley will be a new employee as booking officer and in charge of communications and the jail's commissary.

On Friday, Jennings will introduce all the new employees to the county commissioner's court.

"I appreciate all the efforts the elected officials have shown me during this transition time," Jennings said. "Sheriff Standard did a good job for the people of Howard County for 32 years and I appreciate his help."

All employees of the sheriff's office were to

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

County Clerk Margaret Ray swears in the new Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings during a ceremony Tuesday afternoon in the Howard County Courtroom. Jennings officially took office at 12:01 a.m. today and replaces A.N. Standard who was sheriff for 32 years.

NICE WINTER WEATHER



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Barry Dunnam joins his family, from left, Sean, Shaina, Annaliese and Marie, in making one of the see-saws at Comanche Trail Municipal Park a group ride, as they to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather.

Three! Two! One! Change! New year brings new laws

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Florida lawmakers who take a cup o' kindness from lobbyists in 1997 had better report it. In Michigan, should parents become old acquaintances and forget to pay child support, their driver's licenses may go the way of auld lang syne.

Across the country, thousands of ideas that made the blustery journey from committee to governor's desk become law Wednesday.

Chemical castration, race-track card games and mandatory bike helmets are in. Drive-through deliveries, drunken hunting and kiddie boating, out.

Kansas, Indiana and Florida are among those getting tough on underage drinking and driving. Those states now label

any young driver with a blood-alcohol content of .02 — about one drink's effect — legally drunk and subject to a license suspension.

"This no-nonsense, anti-DUI law will meet its potential as the most powerful preventative measure possible against teen drinking and driving," said state Rep. Bob Casey, a Republican who sponsored the measure in Florida.

Deliveries in which new mothers are hustled out the hospital door at the behest of the insurance company were halted in New York and New Hampshire. New York guarantees a two-day maternity stay for mothers who want it, and a four-day stay after Caesarean sections. A similar federal law takes effect in 1998. New Hampshire's new law lets moth-

er and doctor decide when to go home.

In California, Gov. Pete Wilson signed into law 1,171 bills that, among other things, require some child molesters to undergo chemical castration with injections of Depo-Provera, which dampens sexual desire.

California also increased prison terms for vehicular manslaughter from four-to-10 years to 15 years-to-life under "Courtney's Law," named for a Roseville teen killed by a man with previous drunken driving convictions.

The state also tinkered with its labeling law to allow strong malt drinks previously classified as ale, porter or stout to be called beer.

Among other notable laws: —North Carolina, via a constitutional amendment, finally

gave veto power to its governor. It was the last state to do so.

—Florida passed laws requiring children under 16 to wear helmets while bicycling and to allow racetracks and jai alai frontons to set up low-stakes card rooms. The state also added food and drink to the list of gifts lawmakers must report.

—Michigan and Wisconsin may strip deadbeat dads of their driver's or occupational licenses for being 90 days late with child support.

—Arizona eased its ban on fireworks to allow the sale of sparklers, poppers and other non-explosive devices. Also, the state now requires divorcing parents to take a course on the impact of divorce on children.

—New Hampshire will now

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BSISD trustees, all school boards to get recognition

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed January as "School Board Recognition Month," to build awareness of the important function an elected board of education plays in the communities and schools.

"For more than 200 years, local school boards have governed and guided local schools in accordance with the will of the people," Bush said, in making the proclamation. "They have ensured that citizens control and are accountable for the school in each community."

"Today the school board's role is more vital than ever before," he added. "Schools face great challenges and great opportunities. Texans appreciate their local school board members who are working diligently to improve education in their districts. We encourage them to set high standards of academic excellence for all our children."

Big Spring Independent School District Trustee Steve Fraser said he is really excited about the future of the BSISD board because the Legislature will be tackling the issue of more local control for the state's school districts during its upcoming session.

"Government running school boards is not a good idea,"

Fraser said.

A lot of Fraser's opinions, by his own admission, come from his brother, State Sen. Troy Fraser, who member of the Senate Education Committee, and State Sen. Robert Duncan.

"I've talked to these two men and I think they have a pretty good line on things," Fraser said.

More local control, according to Fraser, will also mean school districts will have to implement fewer and fewer unfunded mandates, which can be a real burden on local budgets during lean times.

Fraser also believes smaller, more conservative communities like Big Spring create an atmosphere that allows a local school board to be more effective.

Fraser was active on several BSISD committees before being appointed as a trustee and said he believes a conservative school board does make a difference in its community.

Fraser referred to an upcoming issue he says will definitely require hard work, cooperation and communication between school board trustees, administrators and parents — sex education.

In late November, the BSISD board and administrators met to discuss the issue and some of the things that will happen

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Three Big Spring girls involved in Citrus Bowl's halftime show

HERALD Staff Report

Three Big Spring High School students will take part in half-time festivities during the Citrus Bowl game featuring Northwestern and Tennessee scheduled for a noon local kickoff and telecast on ABC today.

The three girls, senior Amanda Hale and sophomores Lorie Broussard and Lacey Lyons, were among a field of 300 that took part in tryouts for spots on the All-American Color Guard.

Hale, Broussard and Lyons left Big Spring Dec. 28 and have spent the last few days taking part in practices for the show.

TCADA drug, alcohol course can mean insurance discount

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will attempt to deter alcohol related traffic accidents during today's celebration of the New Year and try to avoid the 15 deaths it has predicted during its 30-hour Operation Motorside program that began at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Drivers can also assist with programs like this as well as lower their insurance rates by participating in a special program certified by the Texas

Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA).

Texas drivers can reduce their auto insurance premiums by as much as 5 percent by taking advantage of the TCADA's drug and alcohol driving awareness course.

The problem is only a few people are aware of the savings to be had by taking an approved drug and alcohol awareness course.

According to the TCADA, only 1,600 drivers qualified for the mandatory 5 percent discount last year.

"People who would like to reduce their insurance rates should consider taking this course," Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said. "It's obvious that very few people are even aware this discount exists."

The 5 percent discount associated with the program, which applies to liability, medical payments, personal injury protection and collision coverages provided by rate-regulated companies, is applicable for three years.

Texans who have been con-

victed of DWI, driving under the influence or minor in possession within the past seven years are not eligible for the discount.

The cost to participate in the course ranges from \$10 to \$40.

The TCADA has certified 51 programs in 31 cities around the state to give the course, which consists of six hours of classroom instruction divided over a two day period.

Big Spring residents and residents in surrounding counties

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TODAY'S WEATHER

75 ▲ Highs
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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Tonight, fair with a low around 40.
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 80. Night time skies partly cloudy with a low in the 40s.

Extended outlook: Friday, partly cloudy. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the 60s. Low in the upper 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. High in the 50s.

OBITUARIES

Sam Richardson

Sam Richardson, 75, of Wichita Falls, formerly of Colorado City, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Wichita Falls.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will be in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Richardson was born on July 8, 1921, in Mitchell County. He married Jonell Posey on Aug. 25, 1941, in Big Spring. He worked as a car salesman and insurance salesman for many years in Colorado City. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Wichita Falls and a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jonell Richardson of Wichita Falls; a daughter, Sammy Jo Waldrip of Wichita Falls; two sons, Terry Lee Richardson of Nacogdoches and Tommy Ray Richardson of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lucy Barnard

Lucy Barnard, 78, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, in a Big Spring hospital.

Service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Course

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may take the course at one of the following West Texas locations:

•Western Texas College, 6200 S. College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549.

•Floyd, Hale, Lamb County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, 812 W. 8th St., Suite 8-B, Plainview, Texas 79072.

•Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, 616 N. Polk, Amarillo, Texas 79107-5234.

Other Texas cities offering the program include Borger, Henrietta, Plano, Duncanville, Dallas, Greenville, Fort Worth, Irving, Tyler, Athens, Longview, El Paso, Austin, San Marcos, Houston, College Station, Rosenberg, Pasadena, Angletown, Kerrville, San Antonio, Harlingen and Sherman.

Laws

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subject anyone convicted of boating while intoxicated to the same penalties imposed for driving drunk, including license revocation. The state also created a prison term of up to seven years for hunters who hurt someone while drunk.

Minnesota will bar children under 12 from operating motorboats of more than 75 horsepower. They can still drive less powerful boats, as long as an adult is near the controls.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry, mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431, or faxed to 267-7205.

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Boards

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early in 1997.

Trustees and administrators plan to have a sex education curriculum, as required by Senate Bill 1, approved and in place by the start of the 1997-98 school year.

The district's Health Advisory Council (HAC) and a sex education curriculum is a requirement of Senate Bill 1. The HAC is a true health advisory council and not a sex education committee.

The council is made up of six parents from around the district and four BSISD administrators.

The council began meeting in September of 1995 with the intent of reviewing the district's current sex education curriculum.

After careful review and discussion had taken place, the council formed a subcommittee to review four sex and health education related curriculums. All of the curriculums are abstinence based.

The curriculums studied by the subcommittee included Choosing the Best by Bruce Cook; Sex Respect by Respect Incorporated; Sex Can Wait by ETR Publishers; and RSVP (Responsible Social Values Program) by Abstinence, The Better Choice Inc.

The subcommittee finished studying the four curriculums prior to the school district's Christmas break.

During the week of Jan. 20 through Jan. 24, the district will open its administrative board room for public review of the curriculums being studied.

On Feb. 6, the district will have a public forum for concerned residents to voice their concerns about the curriculums.

February's public forum will be followed by the subcommittee making its recommendation to the HAC of one or more of the curriculums for the district to adopt.

Signed permission slips will be required of each student before they will be allowed to participate in the curriculum.

"It's easier for a school board to work in a place like Big Spring because we do have teachers who care as well as a hard-working administration," Fraser said.

Sex education is a tough issue for trustees because of the varying opinions throughout the community, but Fraser sees it as one of the many challenging issues the board will face in the future.

According to James B. Crow, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), as citizen advocates, individual school board members face a complex and demanding job, yet few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of boards' responsibilities.

According to the TASB, school board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$18 billion and employ more than 450,000 people.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by school board members," Crow said. "These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their timeless efforts."

Jennings

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have been given new policy handbooks today and Jennings said a committee of two or three deputies will soon sit down and decide on a uniform for the department.

He said one thing that will change is the deputies will no longer wear baseball caps but Western style, or cowboy hats.

"The hats and uniforms will be designed to fit the image of a West Texas sheriff's office. I'm also working on getting the best possible equipment within our budget including rechargeable flashlights for the cars, weapons, current radios and (bullet-proof) vests," Jennings added.

Some other items and changes Jennings has planned including looking for various schools and training courses for the deputies to take so they can continue their education. "With the deputies we have, we will provide the best quality service to the citizens of Howard County. We are going to do our job. We're going to enforce the law and I want the deputies to feel free to do their jobs."

"I want them to be able to take

coffee breaks so they can get out and socialize and get to know the citizens. Any violators of the law will be handled by the deputies fairly and equally, no matter who it is, under the law. We're going to enforce the law."

The first major task Jennings faces is a jail inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards set for Tuesday. Jennings has purchased a jail standards manual and said he has read it from cover to cover to prepare for the inspection.

"I'm doing everything I can to get everything ready so the Howard County jail will pass inspection again," he said.

Jennings also said an ongoing investigation involving former chief deputy Robert Puente will be continued. Puente recently resigned from the department after he said a man shot at him while he was on patrol one night. Texas Rangers investigated the incident and have said they found no evidence to support Puente's story.

IN BRIEF

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR Christmas cards! Rainbow Girls are recycling cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children as a service project. They will pick up the cards anytime. Call 264-9455. They are also collecting panty hose and canceled stamps still attached to envelopes.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL students involved in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) are currently selling a Big Spring Steer card for \$10 offering discounts at various merchants. The owner of the card can use it once a day for a full year to receive such discounts as buy one food item, get one free, discounts on oil changes and dry cleaning, free second set of prints and buy one bowling game and get one free. For more information and to purchase a card, contact DECA Sponsor Lee Lowery at the high school at 264-3641, extension 151.

AN ALICE HAYNES SCHOLARSHIP Fund has been established at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Cheri Sparks, President.

The Alice B. Haynes Dental Hygiene Scholarship will be awarded each year at Howard College to a deserving dental hygiene student, in honor of Dr. Haynes.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

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

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

THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS at Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE 1996-97 SANDS PTO cookbooks are in. "Cooking Country Style" contains 1,284 recipes from appetizers to main dishes and desserts. The cookbook is dedicated to the students of Sands CISD and all proceeds from the book will be used to provide scholarships for the students.

In Big Spring, contact Connie Zant at Elrod's or Dorothy Ringner at Jiffy Car Wash for the cookbooks. You may call Sands School, Zelda Bilbo 353-4314, Sharon Hambrick 353-4744 or Alison Foster at 353-4574 for a

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copy of the cook book. The cookbooks are also at McCall's and Ford Pharmacy in Lamesa.

THE HOWARD COUNTY SPELLING BEE is set for March 3-7, 1997. Paideia spelling bee books are now available at the Big Spring Herald. To order yours, contact Katy McAteer at 263-7331.

THE WORLD WAR II Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25, 1997, at the Harvey Hotel in Irving. Any branch of service involved before, during or after the Iwo Jima Invasion in February and March of 1945 is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Iwo Jima Survivors Association is searching for any Americans that served in Japanese P.O.W. camps during World War II to be special guests. Anyone fitting that description or interested in attending the Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion should contact Cy Young at 817/845-3261 or write to the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at Iwo.

THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is still taking registration for the Youth Basketball League. There are no try-outs and the emphasis is on participation, not winning. Fundamentals are stressed. This is for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade. Although the registration deadline was Dec. 8, the YMCA is still accepting applicants at an additional \$5 late fee charge. Practice starts the week of Jan. 6 and the first game is Jan. 18. Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art class, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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PICK 3: 7,4,1

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1637 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

•Big Spring High School Choir Boosters, 7 p.m. BSHS choir room.

•Big Spring Outreach Aglow, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Tammy Woods will speak about "Can We Have a Davidic Relationship with the Lord?"

TUESDAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

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•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•ARUEL WAYNE STANSEL, 50, 3706 Calvin, was arrested on a charge of Class C assault/family violence.

•PATRICIA LOPEZ, 41, 209 Circle, was arrested on a charge of Class C assault/family violence.

•BOYCE LEE HORTON, 38, Rt. 2 Box 158, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•KAYLA HORTON, 33, Rt. 2 Box 158, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•JESUS VILLALOBOS, 24, 1505 Wood, was arrested on local warrants.

•JEREMIE WILLIAM EBBERSOLE, 21, Rt. 2 Box 25, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•RAYMUNDO GONZALES, 26, 706 Creighton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•ANTHONY ARISTA, 37, 306 N.E. 10th, was arrested on charges of Class A assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

•GUADALUPE LEDEZMA, 45, 1311 Mobile, was arrested on local warrants.

•EDITH ORTEGA, 25, 2911 W. Hwy. 80, was arrested on local warrants.

•ARNULFO MELENDEZ, 32, Stanton, was arrested on local warrants.

•ROSENDO YANEZ, 27, 107 N.E. Ninth, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•EMMA N. LESSON, 47, 1014 Sycamore, was arrested on local warrants.

•ROYCE WAYNE NOBLE, 33, Rt. 1 Box 365, was arrested on local warrants.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 1700 block of Alabama.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 2500 block of W. Hwy. 80, the 700 block of Martin Luther King, and the 500 block of Scott.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES were reported on the 1000 block of N. Main and the 700 block of W. Seventh.

•THEFT was reported on the 2300 block of Wasson, the intersection of Fourth and Johnson streets and the 100 block of Lamesa Highway.

•ASSAULT was reported on the 300 block of Main.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•WALLACE VASANA, no age or address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

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Lawsuit filed in air bag death of 2-year-old boy

HOUSTON — A wrongful death lawsuit has been filed against General Motors and a Houston automobile dealer in connection with a minor accident in which a two-year-old boy was decapitated when the car's air bags activated.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday at Wharton against the maker of the 1995 GEO Metro and Bill Heard Chevrolet in Houston. It seeks unspecified actual and punitive damages.

Lawyer John McDowell of Houston said Ruby Fields was treating two young relatives to a slow driving tour of Christmas light around El Campo on Dec. 22 when she swerved into a grassy field to avoid another car.

The lawsuit alleges that the jostle from the undercarriage of the car hitting the ground and unleashed the air bags. Fields was not injured, but her grandson, Montrey Jones, had been decapitated.

Owner of pit bulls baffled by their attack on Idaho woman

JOSHUA — A man whose four pit bull terriers severely mauled an Idaho woman says he is sorry and baffled by the unprovoked attack.

Tommy Halcomb said Tuesday he will try his best to atone for the grief and pain caused by his animals.

Lois Moore, 57, of Caldwell, Idaho, was in critical condition following surgery after she was attacked by the four dogs as she walked on a rural road in Johnson County south of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Moore, who came to Texas with her husband, Marvin Moore, to attend a funeral, was severely bitten Monday before a passing family rescued her by frightening off the animals long enough to get her in a pickup truck.

Officers said the dogs escaped from a yard by crawling under a fence. The dogs were later killed by Johnson County deputies who had to hunt them down through fields and thickets.

Texas adds 2.14 million to population in '90s

HOUSTON — Texas has added more residents than any other state in the 1990s, which means good news for businesses but could put pressure on public services, Texas A&M University's chief demographer says.

Texas even beat California, the nation's largest state with about 31.9 million people, demographer Steve Murdock of the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M said Tuesday. Texas is second biggest with about 19.1 million people.

U.S. Census Bureau estimates show Texas' population has increased by 2.14 million, or 12.6 percent, from 1990 to 1996, Murdock said. That compares with a national population jump of 6.7 percent.

Insurance agent sues reporter for invasion of privacy

DALLAS — A Dallas man acquitted of trying to buy influence with the Dallas Independent School District has sued WFAA-TV reporter Robert Riggs and Dallas couple James and Wilma Harman, claiming they violated his privacy.

Eugene M. Oliver and his wife filed suit Monday with U.S. District Judge Joe Fish, alleging that the defendants conspired to intercept the Oliver's wireless telephone conversations. They are seeking unspecified damages.

The suit comes 34 days after Oliver and former DISD trustee Dan Peavey were acquitted on felony charges of conspiracy, bribery and money laundering.

Peavey was indicted on charges that he accepted more than \$450,000 to steer a school district insurance contract to Oliver. The men said the money represented advance commissions on other insurance contracts that were unrelated to school business.

Harman, a neighbor of Peavey, has acknowledged that he taped a number of Peavey's telephone conversations.

Two Republicans give Gingrich a boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican campaign to save House Speaker Newt Gingrich's job has achieved its biggest success: a surprising letter by two GOP ethics committee members that supports his re-election and opposes any attempt to censure him.

Reps. Porter Goss and Steve Schiff, authors of Tuesday's letter, are the Republicans most familiar with the ethics investigation of Gingrich — and the evidence that produced his Dec. 21 admission that he violated House rules.

They'll also participate in the ethics committee's decision this month to recommend a punishment to the House. The sanction they oppose, a censure, would make Gingrich ineligible to

serve as speaker under Republican caucus rules.

Republican leaders hope the letter will sway at least 12 GOP congressmen who publicly expressed their uncertainty about voting for Gingrich — and any others who may harbor private doubts. The letter was addressed to House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, who distributed it to all Republican members.

The letter was important for another reason: The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, the ethics panel's formal name, released a schedule showing that House Republicans will vote next Tuesday on a speaker without the committee's recommendation on how to punish Gingrich.

Several Republicans among at least 12 who expressed doubts about their support for Gingrich as speaker said they wanted guidance from the ethics committee before making a decision.

But the committee timetable showed its Gingrich investigation may last through Jan. 21. Under that schedule, House members likely will vote for the speaker's post without having an investigative subcommittee's full report — and certainly without the full committee's recommendation on whether to censure or reprimand Gingrich.

"We intend to vote for Newt Gingrich," Goss and Schiff said in their letter. "We know of no reason now, nor do we foresee any in the normal course of

events in the future, why Newt Gingrich would be ineligible to serve as speaker."

Confirming the opposition to a censure, Schiff said in an interview: "We are giving our best estimate of the evidence as we know it, and we think we know all the evidence." Asked if the evidence precluded censure he said, "We wouldn't expect one."

DeLay has been instrumental in the Republican leadership's fierce lobbying campaign among its own members to have Gingrich re-elected.

The leaders have conducted conference calls, mailed packets of written material and established a hot line that members and staff could call for information.

Eleven lawmakers among those with gun permits

DALLAS (AP) — Eleven of the state's 181 legislators obtained permits to carry concealed handguns during the first year the law was in effect. Overall, nearly 1 percent of the state's adults have obtained permits to carry handguns.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that from Jan. 1 through Monday, the Texas Department of Public Safety issued 114,655 licenses.

Legislators who wrote the law had projected the state would issue up to 80,000 permits the first year. The total also exceed-

ed the experience of the most comparable state, Florida.

"The numbers are beyond our expectations," said Mark Seale, aide to Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, who authored the concealed gun law.

The Dallas Morning News reported that none of the top elected state officials had obtained permits, and only 11 members of the Legislature.

Patterson was among permit holders, the News reported. The other lawmakers who obtained handgun licenses were Sens. Mike Moncrief, D-Worth Worth

and Frank Madia, D-San Antonio, and Reps. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas; Joe Driver, R-Garland; Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie; Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth; Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville; Suzanna Hupp, R-Lampasas; Leo Alvarado Jr., D-San Antonio; and Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston.

Firearms advocates said the law has won acceptance from some businesses that initially posted signs banning guns from their premises.

"Little by little, the signs are coming down," said Jonathan

Schober, a computer consultant who was an early recipient of a concealed handgun license.

Opponents of the gun law say concealed weapons increase the potential for injury or death.

"What it's done is given folks a false sense of security," said Bruce Elfant, a Travis County constable. He called the number of licenses "very alarming."

To obtain a concealed handgun permit in Texas, an applicant must be 21 or older, have a clean criminal record, take a firearms safety course and pay a \$140 fee.

Battle for control of Congress set spending record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The price tag for congressional elections keeps going up.

The Federal Election Commission reported Tuesday that House and Senate candidates in the 1996 election spent \$626.4 million, an increase of \$36.8 million or 6.3 percent from the previous high in 1994.

The amount of spending has been on a steady upward climb this decade.

The increase was fueled entirely by House races, as the GOP successfully defended its historic control of the chamber against a "furious" effort by Democrats to oust Speaker Newt Gingrich and his army of

Republican freshmen.

House candidates in the fall election spent a total \$405.6 million, up 24 percent from 1994. With their first control of the House in four decades, Republican candidates outspent their Democratic opponents \$217 million to \$186 million.

The king of the money race was Gingrich, who raised and spent nearly twice as much as his nearest colleague. His first term as speaker reaped \$6.2 million in contributions, and he spent \$5.4 million as he fended off a challenge from a millionaire businessman in his

Georgia district.

The Democrats' House leader, Dick Gephardt of Missouri, also was a big spender at \$2.9 million.

Freshmen lawmakers accounted for about 20 of the 50 biggest spenders cited by the FEC.

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"Dreams are the touchstones of our minds."

-Henry David Thoreau

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OUR VIEWS

Let us all count our blessings

The past year, like all other years, we suppose, has had its share of the good and the bad.

Yes, our community experienced a devastating hailstorm and yes, our community experienced a drought so severe that it devastated the crops.

But still, let us stop and think for a moment about the good things that happened to our community in 1996 ... things like Kids' Zone, Hangar 25, the United Way's exceeding of its goal, our new library that will soon open and the word of new jobs at Furr's and Signal Homes.

Yes, there were many good things that happened to our community in 1996.

But to us, the most important blessing of all that we experienced this past year was that of our community's people.

And without a willing people, there's little that can be done at any level.

In Big Spring and Howard County, we saw this past year that giving began at the grassroots ... with men and women and children who sought to help others and, by so doing, made a positive difference in our community.

Looking back, we find very few weekends when some organization, whether it was the Harley Owners Group or the American Legion or someone else, wasn't holding a fund raiser for someone who needed help.

Yes, we gave when volunteers from the Rotary and Lions and other organizations rang the bells at the Salvation Army kettles, but we dug even deeper than that.

We made our pennies and nickles and dimes count when money was needed ... we rolled up our sleeves and gave blood when the call went out ... and we lined up along Scurry Street and passed books one at a time from the old library to the new ... all because we cared.

Yes, we'll face problems again in 1997. Many of them, in fact, will be the same or similar to those we faced in 1996.

To us, though, the reassuring fact is that just as certain as we are that we'll face adversity is the certainty that we share a community with people who care ... with people who are willing to give ... with people who are willing to dig as deep as it takes to make a difference.

And that, friends, is a true blessing.

YOUR VIEWS

Harley Owners Group offers thanks for community support

To the Editor:

The Big Spring Harley Owners Group (HOG) would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us make 1996 our most successful year ever. With your help, we were one of the largest non-corporate contributors to the Kids Zone Project. We were also able to purchase t-shirts for staff and kids at the CEDA Canyon MDA Camp. Our latest project "mount the Huey" for the Vietnam Veterans is off to a great start because of all the local support.

To list all the people and businesses that have donated to and supported our projects this year would fill this paper, but we would like to give the following a very special thanks: Howard and Marjio Walker, sponsors of the HOG Chapter, Bobby Bingham and Coca-Cola, Mel's Catfish Restaurant, Lawrence IGA, Southwest Tool, Liberty Machine, E.D. Walton Construction, Sysco, Big Spring Mall, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Comm., Saunders Company, Channel 9, KBST, Big Spring Herald, Jones Valley Band, C.W. & Company, White Lighting, Napa Auto Parts, J&L Emporium, Wal-Mart, Bruce Walker, Big Spring Police Department and the Water Store.

Most of all, we want to thank the riders that came from all points to give us support on all our projects and have helped to enlarge our extended riding family. Thank you again for all the help and encouragement shown to us and we look forward to an even more successful 1997.

SWAIN WILLIAMS
Chapter Director
LONDON STURDIVANT
Assistant Director

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Harley Owners Group (HOG) is one of those we believe truly made a difference in our community in 1996 — whether it was by conscious decision or not.

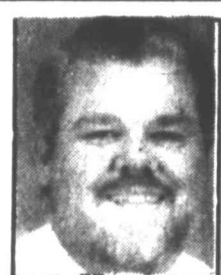
It seems as if every time you looked up, HOG was out there — raising money for Kids' Zone, raising money for the Vietnam Memorial Huey or simply holding a fish fry to try and help out someone less fortunate. We salute them for their commitment to our community!

Got something to say?
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Does 'doing better' require a change in thinking?

I'm beginning to understand what Mom and Dad meant when they said "Enjoy your youth, the years go by faster as you get older."



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was driving down Nebraska 71 from Scottsbluff, heading through Kimball and toward the Colorado state line on my way home to West Texas.

But it was a year ago! During the 12 months that

have passed, there have been good times and bad, but the constant throughout it all was that Linda and I were home in West Texas.

As we enter 1997, I suppose it's time to craft some New Year's resolutions. After all, how can we know if we accomplished something or failed miserably if we don't establish a set of guidelines, so to speak?

But perhaps the best resolution I can personally make is to try to be a better husband to my wife ... to do better in 1997 than I did in 1996 ... to try and make a positive difference in the life of someone daily ... to work to make our community a better place to live and raise a family ... to return to church on a regular basis and to work to effect positive change within our community.

What is that we have to do in order to "do better" at anything? Do we have to work harder? try harder? or simply achieve better results when we undertake something?

Perhaps "doing better" involves feeling better about the manner in which we tackled a particular project and maybe doing better comes from working smarter, rather than harder, and setting attainable goals, rather than unattainable ones that make you feel as if you fell short of the mark.

You know, we can all make a positive difference in what happens within this community simply by becoming involved. If you don't believe that, think about Monday's "book brigade" from the old library to the new.

Sure, the bulk of the books had been moved already — and all of them would be moved — but the book brigade gave members of the community the opportunity to feel as if they were making a difference ... that they were important and needed ... and to feel a sense of ownership in our new library.

I guess, after all, that "doing better" is nothing more than a state of mind and a willingness to participate.

This is our community, whether we've settled here permanently or are simply passing through on a job assignment.

It will only get better when we all choose to participate in the process ... to ask questions ... and to demand answers.

Happy New Year. Let's all try to do better in 1997.

The lesson Miss Bonaparte taught us in school

By BILL MAXWELL

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

Gloria Bonaparte scared us to death.

By "us" I mean the approximately 150 students at all-black Middleton High School in Crescent City, Fla., when I was a student there in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Miss Bonaparte was our English teacher.

Miss Bonaparte was well-read and could "talk trash" and slang in one breath and impeccable English in the next. She also spoke French. She demanded — no, commanded — that we speak and write properly. She accepted few excuses. If we did not complete our homework, we were severely punished in front of everyone.

If Miss Bonaparte were alive today, she would ask — no, command — the School Board of Oakland, Calif., to reverse its foolish acceptance of Black English, or Ebonics, as a distinct language with its own syntax, usage and vocabulary.

Supporters argue that Ebonics (a combination of ebony and phonics) will not be taught in class. Instead, it will be offered to teachers so that they can become more effective in training many of the district's 28,000 black students how to "decode," or translate, Ebonics into standard English.

Still, why elevate Black English to the status of a language? Toni Cook, a member of the Oakland School Board, expresses that group's muddled thinking: "Whatever we are

using now is not working. In my day, they would teach you how to talk like the white folks. Because someone says 'I be' does not mean someone is intellectually deficient."

Indeed, the use of "I be" does not necessarily mean that the speaker is a dunce. But its continued use — particularly in the workplace where everyone is expected to "talk like white folks" — will almost guarantee wrecked dreams. Therefore, I refer Cook and others to the sign that was taped to the front of Miss Bonaparte's desk: "As a person is judged by the company he keeps, so he is judged by the English he speaks."

Today, my classmates and I know that Miss Bonaparte loved us. She wanted us to succeed. Why else did she attack our "bad" English like Don Quixote attacking windmills? Instead of a lance, her weapons were spontaneity, confrontation and embarrassment.

Poor Robert Kite, how well I remember his travails in 10th grade. One day, Miss Bonaparte spotted him harassing a girl and ordered him to her desk.

Busted, Robert whined, "What I did?" "You know what you did, you rascal," she said. "If you keep murdering the English language like that, you'll be the death of the Negro race."

For the rest of the period, Robert stood at the blackboard writing "What I did?" on one line and "What did I do?" on the next. After that day, Robert never again asked, "What I did?" He did, however, get caught a few weeks later saying, "I done done it." Back to

the blackboard he went. From that day to this, I seriously doubt that any living creature ever heard him say "I done done it" again.

Witnessing Robert's pain made the rest of us acutely aware of speaking properly. We did not want to take the death march to the blackboard.

This was how Miss Bonaparte weaned her students, many of us migrant farm workers, off Ebonics. She was not an anomaly. Most black English teachers during the separate-but-equal era were the same, fearsome icons who believed that the ability to diagram sentences, like facility with numbers, is a sure sign of intelligence.

These teachers, who themselves were seen as second-class professionals in a white world, would not tolerate "bad" English. And our parents fully backed them, which forced the overwhelming majority of us to learn to speak and write correctly.

We did not want to speak Black English. We wanted to unlearn it. We knew that it would hold us back, that standard English is the way of the world. Sure, we used slang, we "talked jive" and we "played the dozens" (insulting a person's mother) among ourselves. But we dropped such speech in the company of outsiders.

A sense of appropriateness had been drilled into us.

Toni Cook of the Oakland School Board is dismayed that their methods of teaching standard English to black students are failing. Oakland, like many other districts nationwide, is failing in part because grown-

ups there lack the courage to call Ebonics what it is: a bastardization that has few redeeming elements.

Ebonics is acceptable in rap, poetry and fiction. But it has precious few redeeming qualities in the real world and, therefore, must be avoided in public.

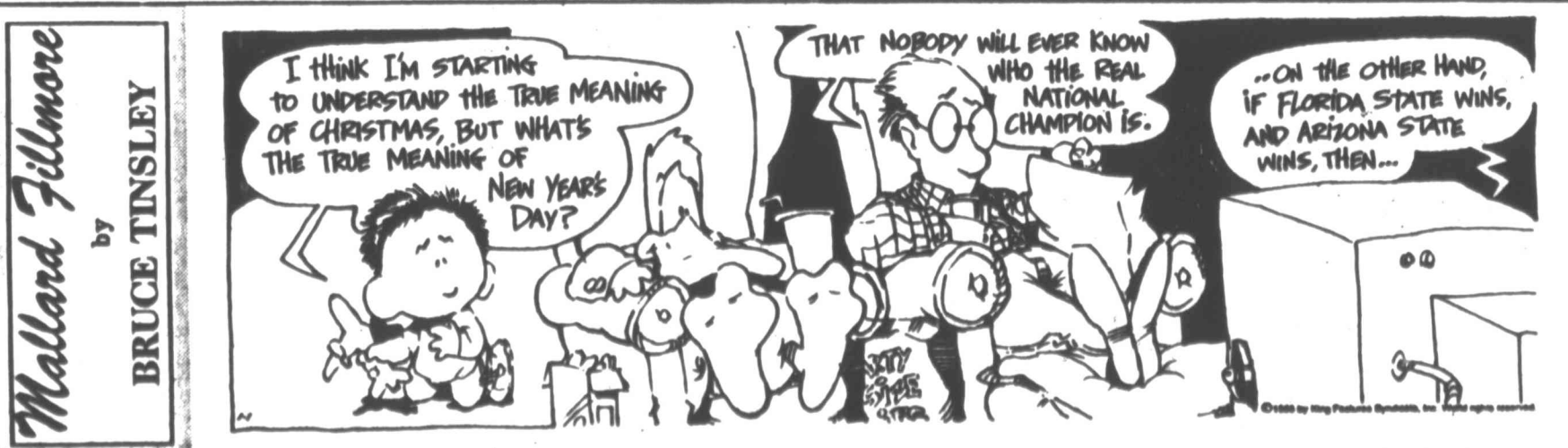
Today's black children have greater opportunities to learn than those of my generation and earlier. They are immersed in a world teeming with sophisticated sound and print. They hear proper speech on television, on radio and in most public places outside their neighborhoods. They have computers, the Internet, newspapers and magazines published exclusively for them.

So let us not fool ourselves. Black children can learn standard English. They have all of the tools, including the intelligence. Where black children lack the will to learn, we need courageous parents, teachers, administrators and politicians who demand — no, command — excellence. We need teachers who, like Miss Bonaparte, require their students to speak and write standard English.

And above all, black people themselves must reject a culture that condemns black children who speak properly. We

must stop ostracizing these youngsters for what we call "acting white."

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◆ The Pennine Chain, a mountain system extending from Scotland to central England, is called the backbone of England.

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Do you have a good story idea for the *Me!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

Parent skills course on tap next week

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Howard County Family Health and Wellness Committee and the Texas Workforce Commission will sponsor a 12-hour Parent Skills Training Course, Jan. 6 and 7 and Jan. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to noon each morning.

The training will be at the Texas Workforce Commission (formerly TEC) conference room located at 310 Owens.

Each program will include lecture, class activities, question and answer sessions.

The topics of the classes are as follows: Nutrition Education - United States Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid, nutrition for young

children, nurturing mealtime, meal planning and food shopping. Budgeting where does your money go, calculating expenses, establishing a budget and trimming expenses, managing your money and wise shopping. Job Opportunities and Self Esteem - developing employment skills,

job search, application and interview techniques, and developing self confidence to enhance job performance.

The final topic for classes will focus on survival skills including crisis management, parent and child communication, building children's self esteem, problem resolution and anger control.

There is no cost for these classes but preregistration is needed.

Participants must attend all 12 hours of the course to receive a class Certificate of Completion.

If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more about these classes

contact: Dana Tarter, CEA-Family and Consumer Science at the Howard County Extension Office 264-2236 or Sonya Metcalf - Texas Workforce Commission 267-7437.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

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Ask Betty

Dear Betty,

I love the holidays, and the food I enjoyed is still with me in the form of several extra pounds on my hips. Help! How can I lighten up my meals? — Slidell, LA

A show of hands: who doesn't have the same problem every January? The best way to lighter meals is better planning. Think through the entire day's meals every morning, so you can avoid impulse eating, which is food often high in fat.

Here are the ABC's—and D and E, for that matter—of lighter cooking: (a) think broiled, baked, roasted, poached, steamed or grilled; (b) if you can't ignore a skillet or sauté pan, make sure it's of the nonstick variety, and use a cooking spray; (c) choose low-fat or fat-free dairy foods across the board—milk, cheese, sour cream, cottage cheese, yogurt; (d) opt for carbs—complex carbohydrates such as pasta, cereal, rice, and veggies, but watch what you top them with; and (e) if you do prepare meat, choose leaner cuts, and trim away the fat. Keep in touch, and let me know how you're doing.



Dear Betty,

When my children and I bake cookies, only some of the dough actually makes it into the oven. Given our passion for unbaked cookie dough, is it safe to eat? — Mattoon, IL

Attention all you unbaked dough dippers and bowl lickers (and you know who you are). Eating unbaked whole eggs, whites or yolks is simply not worth the risk of food poisoning. If you really fancy raw dough, use pasteurized egg products, such as those found in the dairy case or freezer section of the supermarket, or reconstituted dried eggs. In some areas, you may be able to find pasteurized eggs in the shell. Your best bet: use any eggs you want, but wait for the cookies to bake and enjoy them warm from the oven instead!

Herb Blurb: Did you know you can boost the flavor from dried herbs by crushing them between your fingers? Crushing the herbs releases their aromatic oils. This is especially helpful if you use salt lightly but still seek an intense flavor. Use dried or ground herbs within six months and dried whole herbs within one year for maximum flavor. Remember to label with the date of purchase when you first put them in the cupboard. And those jumbo-size containers? These may not be such a great buy if you won't use them before the herbs lose their zest and flavor.

Write Betty at "Ask Betty Crocker," One General Mills Bld., Minneapolis, MN 55426, or call toll free 1-888-ask-betty.

Editor's Note: This is a new column that will appear each Wednesday in the Herald.



Interesting main dishes with vegetables to start off new year

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For a healthier eating style, nutritionists say, plan your dinner around the vegetable. Let the meat, fish or poultry be a smaller-portion side dish.

With the microwave, you can quickly and easily do many interesting things with vegetables. The microwave preserves the bright color of the vegetables, so they look appetizing, too.

And there's another advantage. These recipes, all from "Light & Healthy Microwave Cooking" by Janet Emal and Elizabeth Taylor, show how low in calories and low in fat vegetable dishes can be, too.

CORN PUDDING
1 16-ounce can cream-style corn
2 eggs, beaten
2 tablespoons chopped green

bell pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
1/2 cup skim milk
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup crushed round butter crackers
Paprika to taste
Coat a round 9-inch microwave-safe dish with cooking spray. Combine corn, eggs, bell pepper, onion, milk, sugar and crackers in prepared dish. Cover tightly. Microwave on 50 percent power (medium) 7 minutes. Stir; sprinkle with paprika.

Adjust power level to 70 percent power (medium-high). Microwave 4 to 5 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes.

Makes 6 servings. 143 calories a serving; 3 fat grams.

SESAME SNOW PEAS AND MUSHROOMS

8 ounces fresh snow peas, ends and strings removed
3 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced (1 cup)
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon light soy sauce
In a 1-quart microwave-safe casserole dish, combine snow peas, mushrooms, oil and soy sauce. Cover tightly.

Microwave on 100 percent power (high) 3 minutes or until peas are tender-crisp.

Makes 4 servings. 67 calories a serving; 1.7 fat grams.

ZUCCHINI BOATS
2 medium zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato
1/2 cup shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese (2 ounces)
1/4 teaspoon dried leaf basil
1/8 teaspoon dried leaf marjoram
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Hollow out inside of each zuc-

chini half, leaving a 1/4-inch-thick shell. Chop zucchini pulp. In a medium bowl, mix zucchini pulp, green onions, tomato, 1/4 cup of cheese, basil, marjoram and pepper. Fill zucchini halves with mixture, mounding well.

Place in a shallow microwave-safe dish. Cover tightly. Microwave on 100 percent power 5 to 6 minutes or until zucchini is tender. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Let stand 5 minutes.

Makes 4 servings. 79 calories a serving; 4.8 fat grams.

Woodene Merriman is the author of "Zap It Again," featuring more than 400 ways to use your microwave. To order, send your name and address and a check for \$10.07 payable to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, to Zap It Cookbook, Box 476, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230. Allow two weeks for delivery.

HOME TIPS

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"Things taste better in small houses." — Queen Victoria.

You, with 30 people headed to your tiny castle for a buffet, are saying, "Oh, yeah? That right, Vickie? It must've been a little drafty in those big palace rooms of yours."

But Queen Victoria was on the right track, even if she did

have to have tea with a companion to experience a truly small house. Small is cozy and welcoming. People with bar-like "great" rooms learn to arrange furniture in conversation areas for a more human scale.

And "Leslie Linsley's Quick Christmas Decorating Ideas" book (St. Martin's Press, 1996, \$9.95) advocates "creating a homey grouping around the fireplace" for a chilly winter evening (lacking a fireplace, some people put up a fake mantle with a collection of candles set inside).

"If your sofa is across the room, put it on one side of the fireplace," writes Ms. Linsley. "Arrange two chairs with a small table between them on the other side... replace a large coffee table with a smaller one, even if it's tea-table height. Then create table displays with things you love, an antique vase, a framed photo, a figurine, a special book. Add lots of bayberry candles. Then drape a soft mohair throw over one of the chairs or sofa. Cover a table with a quilt. Things may seem a bit more crowded than usual, but this will help

create a cozy, warm feeling in the room." Queen Victoria would love it.

Kwanzaa began Dec. 26 and ends Jan. 1. Though truly an American holiday, it is based on African harvest tradition. Among its observances are the lighting of the seven-candle kinara. A black candle in the center represents all black people; three red candles on the left stand for the blood of African ancestors; three green candles on the right are sym-

IN THE BAG

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The custom of toasting dates back to biblical times, but the first recorded toast took place in England in 450 A.D. at a feast given by British King Vortigern to his Saxon allies.

This is how the custom evolved:

The term "toasting" was not used until the late 17th century. It began from the custom of placing a crouton in the wine goblet, which attendees passed and shared. Toasting was born when the last person who sipped from the glass claimed the toast at the bottom.

During the 17th century, people began clinking glasses after delivering a toast. It was believed that by recognizing all five senses during the toast —

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local

restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 398-4369.

TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7

p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical depen-

dency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY

- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional

Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
- Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.
- Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
- Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

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(NAPS) - Steps to take to control acne:

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- Try to reduce the stresses in your life - or learn not to let them upset you.
- Ask your health care provider to recommend treatment. Many suggest a topical antibacterial such as Emgel Topical Gel from Glaxo. Emgel is a treatment compatible with make-up. It's applied twice a day and can be worn under make-up. It's available only by prescription.
- Ask your doctor about other medications you may already be taking, such as birth control pills, that can contribute to or exacerbate acne.
- Keep this advice in mind and you may find you can keep your skin clearer and healthier-looking, thus eliminating one source of stress.



TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rummage sale Saturday

A rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. Lots of everything will be for sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

IRS volunteer training

The Internal Revenue Service will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

THE LAST WORD

Reading is the work of the alert mind, is demanding and under ideal conditions produces finally a sort of ecstasy. This gives the experience of reading a sublimity and power unequalled by any other form of communication.

—E. B. White

Do not depend on one thing or trust to only one resource, however pre-eminent.

—Baltasar Gracian

After silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

—Aldous Huxley

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taste, touch, sight, smell and sound — the drink was made more enjoyable.

According to Korbelt Champagne Cellars, established in California in 1882, various toasting traditions emerged in different parts of the world: The English gave toasts on bended knee; the Scottish stood on chairs and put one foot up on the table; Frenchmen performed elaborate bows while giving toasts; the Chinese made toasts after each course of a formal meal.

One of Shakespeare's toasts, suitable for weddings: "Look down ye Gods and on this couple drop a blessed crown." Elbert Hubbard's: "The love you give away is the only love you keep."

Here's a different way to serve cheese at a party: Heat it.

It doesn't have to be brie baked in puff pastry. Heat cheese alone. In fact, heat three different types of cheeses to be festive, and serve each from a heat-resistant baking dish or surface (like a pizza stone), with a basket of assorted apples, an apple cutter and small knives for spreading the warm cheese.

These cheeses are suggested by the Washington Apple Commission; bake all at 450 degrees:

Cut a 4-ounce wedge of brie or other soft, ripened cheese in half horizontally; place rind side down in a shallow oven-to-table baking dish. Arrange 1 tablespoon chopped kalamata or other ripe olives on top. Bake 4 minutes or until partially melted.

Cut a 4-ounce wedge of Cambozola or other triple cream cheese in half horizontally. Prepare as for the brie; arrange 1 tablespoon chopped sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil on top and bake 4 minutes.

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One more dark cloud descends over Dallas

Woman accuses Irvin, Williams of rape in latest Cowboy controversy

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys stars Michael Irvin and Erik Williams might have to appear before police later in the week to answer allegations by a young woman that Irvin held a gun to her head while she was raped by Williams and an unidentified man.

Police Lt. David Goelden said a videotape and other evidence were seized at Williams' home Tuesday and were being reviewed.

Television stations in Dallas-Fort Worth reported Tuesday night that unidentified sources said the tape showed Williams and another man apparently having sex with the woman.

However, the stations added the tape was started and stopped several times.

Goelden said charges could be filed against all three as early as Thursday, and all three likely would come in for questioning later in the week.

"We'll give them the opportu-

nity to present whatever they want to present to us," Goelden said.

Irvin, already on probation for a drug offense, denied the allegations. Williams refused to comment. The third man was not immediately identified.

"I don't know anything about it," Irvin said after the Cowboys practiced for Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C.

"I have not done anything in any way, shape or form to violate my probation. I'm tired of it," the 30-year-old former All-Pro receiver said. "I've done enough bad things to my family and my teammates. But in this case I have done nothing."

Goelden said some of the alleged sexual activities were captured on the videotape, and that the camera and tape appear to belong to Williams.

Irvin and Williams would not be prevented from leaving the

state while the investigation was under way, he said.

Goelden said the woman, an acquaintance of Williams and Irvin, told police Monday night that she had been forced to have sex at gunpoint with two men at Williams' home on Sunday night. According to the police report, Irvin held the gun. The woman apparently didn't know who the third man was.

The woman, who was bruised and scratched, was taken to the hospital. There was no evidence drugs were involved, Goelden said.

Two friends of the woman said she came to them for help Monday morning.

The friends, who asked not to be identified, told The Dallas Morning News that the woman told them the men threatened to beat her if she didn't "act like she was having fun" during the alleged attack.

"She had bruises all over her

legs and back," one of the friends said.

The friends said the woman, who works at a cosmetics counter in a mall, met the players while doing makeup for the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

They said she told them she visited Williams' home Sunday evening to offer holiday greetings.

Dave Overton, news director of KXAS-TV, which broke the story, said the woman had been a source for the station "on a couple of occasions in the past several months."

However, he said: "We have never paid her. We have never given her a camera."

The allegations against the two football stars come as America's Team, as the Cowboys are known, seeks to repeat as Super Bowl champions. They have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

"They're going to deal with it and just go on," coach Barry

Switzer said. "There's no perfect timing for anything like this."

"They had a good practice," he said. "I would say, in fact, Michael had an excellent practice."

Irvin and Williams would have to be convicted before the NFL could impose discipline. But Irvin is already on probation, so his situation is more complicated.

"We are in contact with both the Cowboys and the local authorities to determine the facts of the case," league spokesman Joe Browne said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had no comment, but team spokesman Rich Dalrymple said: "We understand that the appropriate authorities are looking into this situation. We do not know all of the details involved, but we are trying to gather as much information as possible. We may have more to say at a later time."

Irvin was sentenced to four years' deferred adjudication, a \$10,000 fine and 800 hours of community service after pleading no contest to felony cocaine possession.

"If you come back before me ... I will find you guilty of this offense and you're looking at 20 years in the penitentiary," State District Judge Manny Alvarez told Irvin at the sentencing.

Irvin's attorney Royce West said his client was "doing what he's supposed to be doing" to meet conditions of his probation.

Norm Kinne, Dallas County first assistant district attorney, said that if charges were filed, "we would file a motion to revoke his probation."

The Cowboys are coming off a year that began with Irvin on the sidelines serving a five-game league-imposed suspension because of the drug charges.

For Longhorns, beating Penn State equals respect

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — For Texas, the Fiesta Bowl is all about respect. But to get it, they'll have to beat Penn State at its home away from home.

To a man, the 20th-ranked Longhorns (8-4) feel that the college football world will write off their Big 12 championship victory against Nebraska as a fluke if they lose Wednesday to the Nittany Lions.

"If we go out there and lay an egg, everyone will say that Nebraska did not play their best and maybe Texas A&M wasn't that great," said line-backer Tyson King. "But if we go out there and beat Penn State, everyone will have to recognize us as a good program."

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Cornerback Bryant Westbrook agreed.

"A win would ink our names on the map. Right now we are penciled in and people have their pencils upside down and ready to erase us," he said. "We know a win over Penn State would put it in pen and get us on the map — where we were in the 1970s and early 1980s."

Sitting firmly in the way are the 7th-ranked Lions (10-2), who despite a 3-0 record in the Fiesta are listed as 1-point underdogs.

"That doesn't bother us," said tight end Keith Olsson, one

of the 16 seniors with the opportunity to compile the best four-year record ever under Joe Paterno. The Class of '96 is 41-7 — tied with the class of '75.

"We were the least touted recruiting class in Penn State history. To do as well as we have done, we're very proud and happy," said defensive tackle Brandon Noble. "We're going to go out and prove ourselves one more time."

Both teams enter the game on a roll. Texas has won five straight to turn around a 3-4 start. Penn State has won its last four after a midseason slide in which it dropped two of three.

Averaging 36 points per game this season, the Longhorns fea-

ture a potent rushing and passing attack. James Brown ranks No. 2 on the school's all-time passing charts, and throws to two of the finest receivers in Texas history — tight end Pat Fitzgerald and wideout Mike Adams.

The three-headed running game stars Ricky Williams (1,272 yards), Priest Holmes (13 TDs) and Shon Mitchell (5.3 yards per carry).

The Nittany Lions are led by an opportunistic defense and special teams, which forced 17 turnovers and blocked three punts in the final four games.

Curtis Enis (1,210 yards rushing) sparks an offense that averaged nearly 36 points per

game and had just five turnovers in that same span.

More than three weeks have passed since the Longhorns' stunning upset of the Cornhuskers in the conference title game, and Penn State hasn't played a game since beating Michigan State 32-29 on Nov. 23.

"The long layoff does bother me," admitted Paterno. "Texas has played twice since our last game."

Texas coach John Mackovic said he's expecting a high-scoring affair.

"It won't be conservative," he said Tuesday. "I expect both the teams will come out wide open and try to put up a lot of points."

'God' shuts down Texas' shooting ace

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Providence point guard God Shammgod takes some ribbing about his unusual name.

He probably has no problem with the nickname coach Pete Gillen gave him after the Friars defeated No. 18 Texas 74-66 Tuesday night.

Gillen used a triangle-and-two defense for most of the game, requiring Shammgod to play against Reggie Freeman, who entered the contest averaging 25 points. Freeman had a dreadful night, scoring just seven points on 3-of-15 shooting, including 1-of-9 from 3-point range.

"It was a tall order for Shamm," Gillen said. "He's got to guard an All-America and still run the team and handle their pressure defense. We asked him to be Superman, and tonight he was."

Shammgod, who had eight points and seven assists, said he was ready for the challenge of playing against Freeman, a fellow New Yorker.

"I told Coach I wanted to guard Reggie and I thought I was the best defensive player on the team," he said.

Texas coach Tom Penders said it was a gamble for Gillen to play the triangle-and-two, but it paid off because no other Longhorns stepped up. He specifically cited Kris Clack, DeJuan Vazquez and Sheldon Quarles, who shot a combined 8-for-26.

"They had a guy in Reggie's shirt and a guy in Brandy's shirt," he said, referring to sharp-shooting guard Brandy Perryman. "It's the kind of defense I would try against us and hope it works."

Providence shot just 44 percent, but held Texas to 37 percent, including 10 of 37 3-pointers.

Derrick Brown scored 19 points and Austin Croshere 18 for the Friars (9-3), who won their fourth straight game.

Ruben Garces added 10 points.

Texas (6-3) got a career-high 17 points from senior guard Al Coleman, who made several key 3-pointers in the second half to keep the Longhorns close. He entered the game averaging 2.7 points.

Perryman and Gabe Muoneke each scored 10 points for Texas, but Muoneke failed to score in the second half.

The Friars won the game at the foul line, converting eight of 10 free throws in the final 1:33 after Texas closed to 66-62. For the game, they were 21-of-31, while the Longhorns were 2-of-9.

Texas had a chance to get within one late, but Freeman missed a 3-pointer. Penders thought Freeman was fouled, but said, "The way it was going, Reggie probably would have missed all three free throws."

Gillen was elated with his team's effort, which came two days after returning from a road trip that included victories over Wisconsin and Loyola-Marymount.

"It was by far our biggest victory of the year," he said. "Our kids showed a lot of character, especially coming back from California. They got back late Sunday night and to get ready for a Top 20 team in such short order is a credit to our players."

Texas, playing for the first time since a Dec. 21 loss to No. 7 Utah, looked sluggish at the start. The Longhorns didn't score for the first 3 minutes, and took their only lead of the game, 6-4, on a layup by Dennis Jordan.

Providence got two 3-pointers from Jason Murdock, and equaled its largest lead of the half, 27-18, on Garces' layup with 4:34 remaining.

Texas closed to 30-25 on a thundering baseline dunk by

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'Huskers hope to return to Miami next year; Auburn holds off determined Army charge

MIAMI (AP) — This season, the Nebraska Cornhuskers had to settle for a trip to the Orange Bowl. Next season, it will be the goal.

The Huskers capped a disappointing year with an impressive showing Tuesday night, scoring on their first four possessions in the second half to beat Virginia Tech 41-21.

The victory was a consolation prize for the sixth-ranked Cornhuskers (11-2), whose bid to win an unprecedented third consecutive national title ended with an upset loss to Texas in the Big 12 championship game.

A year from now, the top-ranked team in the bowl alliance will play in the Orange Bowl.

"The plan is definitely to come back here next year for the championship game," junior defensive tackle Jason Peter said. "We will be ready."

Peter sparked the victory over Virginia Tech by returning a fumble 31 yards for a touchdown. Damon Benning rushed for 95 yards, including touchdowns of 33 and 6 yards, and was voted the Huskers' most valuable player.

The game, sponsored by FedEx, was the first Orange Bowl played in December and the first held at Pro Player Stadium, and the departure from tradition hurt attendance. The crowd of 51,212 was the smallest in 50 years.

The Cornhuskers earned their third consecutive bowl victory and reached 11 victories for the fourth year in a row. But they wanted more.

"These were difficult circumstances," coach Tom Osborne said. "At times it almost felt like a non-game because of the interest and lack of intensity, and I feel sorry about that."

No. 10 Virginia Tech (10-2) lost despite Jim Druckenmiller's three touchdowns and passes and Ken Oxendine's 210-yard effort. Oxendine, voted the Hokies' MVP, rushed for 150 yards in

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20 carries and added 60 yards on three receptions.

Hokies coach Frank Beamer billed the bowl as the biggest game in school history.

"When you get into games like this, you'd like to win them against the best in the country," Beamer said. "It's a journey. Sometimes you climb that mountain, and sometimes you don't make it and take a couple of steps backwards."

Independence Bowl

Auburn 32, No. 24 Army 29 SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Army coach Bob Sutton insists he would make the same decision again in the final minute of the Independence Bowl.

No. 24 Army (10-2) drove to the Auburn 10 after having already scored 22 fourth-quarter points to pull within three points. So on third down with 33 seconds remaining and no timeouts left Tuesday, Sutton sent J. Parker in to attempt a game-tying 27-yard field goal instead of taking another shot at the end zone.

But Parker, who this season had made all 17 attempts inside 40 yards, pushed the kick wide right and allowed Auburn (8-4) to escape with a 32-29 victory.

"It was the best chance we had to get set and kick the ball," Sutton said. "I would do it again. The only thing we would have done differently is to try to center the ball a little more."

Auburn coach Terry Bowden, whose team avoided its first three-game losing streak since 1981, said he would have done the same thing.

"Army didn't deserve to lose, but we fought hard enough to win," said Bowden, who picked up his 100th career coaching victory — and 36th in four seasons at Auburn.

Quarterback Dameyune Craig had a Auburn school-record 447 total yards, 440 by the end of the third quarter when the

Tigers led by 25 points and had scored on six of nine possessions.

Craig threw for two touchdowns and ran for one. He was 24-of-40 passing for an Independence Bowl-record 372 yards, and also ran for 75 yards.

It was all Army in the fourth quarter, when Ronnie McAda of Mesquite, Texas completed nine of 10 passes for 99 yards, including passes of 14 and 27 yards on the final drive.

McAda threw a 30-yard TD pass to Rod Richardson with 1:27 left. Bobby Williams, who also ran for two touchdowns, scored the 2-point conversion, and Army then recovered an onside kick.

A 12-yard TD run by Army's Demetrius Perry early in the fourth quarter seemed harmless until Tom Mullins intercepted a pass from Craig and raced 66 yards to the 17. Four plays later, Williams scored on a 1-yard run, and it was 32-21.

"We out-executed them in the second half. Unfortunately we didn't do that in the first 30 minutes," Army linebacker Ben Kotwica said. "When we went in at halftime down 20-7, we felt it was still Christmas. They had fumbled the ball a couple of times down on the goal-line. We felt very fortunate to be in that situation."

Auburn scored on four of its six possessions before halftime. The Tigers fumbled inside the 5 its other two first-half possessions in the game sponsored by Poulan Weed Eater.

After finally being forced to punt on its opening possession of the second half, Auburn then scored two touchdowns that proved decisive. But the Tigers also failed on two-point conversions after both.

On a fourth-and-6 from the Army 33 midway through the third quarter, Craig sidestepped Kotwica and ran untouched around the left end

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Jan. 1 'rookies' face off

DALLAS (AP) — As the "other" quarterback in today's Cotton Bowl, Brian Kavanagh ought to feel right at home.

He entered Kansas State as a part-time student and had to pay his own way the first semester.

Slated to be the starter three years ago, he was beaten out by junior college transfer Chad May. Then two years ago, after coaches told him his time had come, a transfer from Texas A&M named Matt Miller emerged to set school passing records.

Finally, as a fifth-year senior, Kavanagh was Kansas State's starting quarterback, and now he's leading the Wildcats to their first New Year's Day game in school history. Brigham Young also is playing for the first time on Jan. 1.

And, of course, he is completely overshadowed by Brigham Young's Steve Sarkisian, who's thrown for 4,017 yards and hit almost 70 percent of his passes in one of the most productive seasons in NCAA history.

"It just seemed that the date for me to start kept getting pushed back, but I learned a lot in that time," said Kavanagh, who hit 167 of 284 passes for 1,893 yards and 20 touchdowns for the No. 14 Wildcats (9-2). "I knew I'd get my shot this year, so I had to stick with it. In the beginning of my college career, I wasn't really ready to play."

There were a few benefits to being a reserve for all those years. "He understands the offense better than anybody," K-State passing game coordinator Ron Hudson said. "He could probably coach himself as well as I can coach him. If anyone has paid his dues, it's Brian."

The same could be said of the long-suffering Wildcats, who until 1993 had only been to one bowl game in their long, checkered football history.

Unlike K-State, No. 5 BYU (13-1) brought a solid resume into the game. In LaVell Edwards' 25 years as head coach, the Cougars have captured 18 Western Athletic Conference titles and a national championship and won almost eight of every 10 games.

"Considering all that coach Edwards has accomplished, I think this team is very proud to be his first team to play on New Year's Day," Sarkisian said.

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Rusty Williams ran for an 18-yard TD on the next Auburn possession to make it 32-7. That capped a four-play drive started by Craig's 49-yard pass to Robert Baker.

Sun Bowl

Stanford 38, Michigan St. 0
EL PASO (AP) — Stanford's offense couldn't have picked a better time to catch up with the team's defense.

Stanford (7-5), which struggled during the regular season before sweeping through its final four games, ripped through Michigan State (6-6) for 495 yards Tuesday en route to a 38-0 blowout of the Spartans in the Sun Bowl.

Before Tuesday, the Cardinal averaged 315 yards per game and only 19 points.

"We just couldn't put our offense with the defense," said Cardinal coach Tyrone Willingham. "As our season progressed, the offense caught up. A shutout against a team the caliber of Michigan State is just fantastic."

Stanford's victory was the second-worst shutout in the history of the Sun Bowl, which is sponsored by Northwest Bank. The worst was a 42-0 Texas victory over Maryland in 1978.

The key for most of the day was the play of game MVP Chad Hutchinson, who completed 22 of 28 passes for 226 yards. He threw for only one touchdown, but he led the Cardinal on four scoring drives with play-action passes that confused Michigan State's defense.

"I just sat back there and dished it off," Hutchinson said.

The Cardinal also scored on a 1-yard run by Adam Salina, a 27-yard run by Damon Dunn, Kevin Miller's 24-yard field goal, a punt block and an interception return.

"I think we did everything we needed to do from a mental standpoint, but I guess we never really got focused the way we needed to," Spartans coach Nick Saban said. "We never had the performance we needed to be successful."

The Cardinal defense also contributed to the Spartans' problems, holding Michigan State to 227 total yards.

The Spartans came into the game averaging 416 yards and 32.5 points. But both their running and passing games were unsuccessful.

"This feels like reaching the top of the mountain and then jumping off," said Sedrick Irvin, Michigan State's leading rusher, who was held to just 31 yards on nine carries. The Spartans managed only 76 rushing yards overall.

Spartans quarterback Todd Schultz was 8-of-21 for 68 yards and two interceptions before going down with an injury to his left knee in the third period. He was replaced by Bill Burke, who finished 4-of-7 for 71 yards.

Stanford scored its first touchdown late in the first quarter as Josh Madsen picked off pass from Schultz, returned it 29 yards, then lateraled to cornerback Leroy Pruitt, who took it the remaining 50 yards to the end zone.

Stanford went on to lead 21-0 at halftime.

TEXAS

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the 6-10 Quarles, but the Friars got a steal and 40-foot buzzer-beater by reserve guard Corey Wright to go up 33-25 at the half.

Texas shot only 33 percent in the first half, including 1-of-12 from 3-point range. Freeman's only basket came on a layup, and he admitted being frustrated by the Friars' defense.

"It's a defense designed to make sure other people on the team beat them and to take us out of our game, and they were successful at doing that," he said.

"Nobody was scoring and I tried to force some things, and that's not the right way of doing it."

Providence took its largest lead of the game, 53-40, on a 3-pointer by Croshere at 10:17. Coleman then made three 3-pointers and Quarles added a jumper to close Texas to 56-51 at 7:45.

Croshere made a driving layup at 4:51 to boost the lead to 63-54, but Providence did not score another field goal the rest of the way. Texas closed to four points on Clark's 3-pointer, then the Friars made their free throws.

"Getting up on top of a team like MSU is very critical," Willingham said. "They're a great team when they get up on you because they love to run the football and use play-action passes."

This time, Michigan State was beaten at its own game.

Heritage Bowl

Howard 27, Southern 24

ATLANTA (AP) — Curtis Jones couldn't bear to be a loser in his last game for Howard. So when the pass that threatened Howard's comeback from a 14-point deficit spiraled toward the end zone with 42 seconds left, Jones stepped up and grabbed it.

"That ball was likely to never come down. It was a floater," said the senior cornerback, whose goal-line interception saved Howard's fragile 27-24 lead over Southern and clinched the team's first Heritage Bowl victory. "It was just do or die on that play."

Howard (10-2) went into Tuesday's bowl game at the Georgia Dome looking to prove it had overcome a two-year slump after winning the Midwestern Athletic Conference title in 1993. The next year, Howard fell to last place in the MEAC and finished the 1995 season 6-5.

"This is for '93, really," Jones said. "In '93, we got championship rings, they got championship rings. So what I'm saying is, we settled it on the field today."

Southern (7-5) won the Southwestern Athletic Conference title in 1993, and also won the Heritage Bowl that year and in 1995.

The Jaguars blew a 24-10 half-time lead, throwing four second-half interceptions.

"Any time you make that many mistakes and have the opportunity to win at the end, it's a learning experience," Southern coach Pete Richardson said. "We've got to turn a negative into a positive and get ready to play next year."

Howard made up the deficit with a pair of touchdowns, including quarterback Ted "Sweet Flight" White's 81-yard pass to MacArthur Johnson, and snapped a 24-24 tie with 3:04 remaining in the game when Jason Decuir kicked an 18-yard field goal.

Jones' game-saving interception came after Southern rallied with a 67-yard drive led by quarterback Marcus Jacoby.

Southern drove into scoring position on a halfback pass from Jermaine Brown to Jacoby to the Howard 15.

Jacoby then took two shots at the end zone. His first pass was caught out of bounds, and his throw to the corner on the next play was intercepted by Jones.

"I regret throwing the ball," said Jacoby, who completed 16 of 24 passes for 200 yards, but threw the four interceptions in the second half. "It's a tough loss."

White set Heritage Bowl records with 23 completions, 39 attempts, 328 yards and his 81-yard touchdown pass. He also led the Bison in rushing with 60 yards on 10 attempts.

"We were really out-of-sync in the first half," White said. "The second half we started playing different," he said.

FOOTBALL

Bowl schedule

Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Nevada 16, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 44, Gray 34

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Navy 42, California 36

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Syracuse 30, Houston 17

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami 31, Virginia 21

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wisconsin 38, Utah 10

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU 10, Clemson 7

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado 33, Washington 21

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Howard 27, Southern U. 24

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Stanford 38, Michigan State 0

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn 32, Army 29

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

CITRUS BOWL

At Orlando, Fla.
Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), noon (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Wild Card
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27

Dallas 40, Minnesota 15
Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14

San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
San Francisco at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)

Jacksonville at Denver, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 5
Pittsburgh at New England, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Dallas at Carolina, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
TBA

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
TBA, 5:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
TBA, 7 p.m.

College scores
Fairleigh Dickinson 59, Manhattan 55

Hartford 70, Holy Cross 67
Providence 74, Texas 66

Georgia Tech 85, N.C.-Greensboro 40
Kentucky 74, Louisville 54

Mississippi 91, Morgan St. 57
N. Carolina St. 83, Ark.-Pine Bluff 23

SPORTS EXTRA

Tennessee 54, E. Tennessee 51

Tulane 88, Tulsa 74
Vanderbilt 81, St. Louis 61

MIDWEST
Marquette 59, Wisconsin 52
Minnesota 24, Mercer 53

S. Illinois 64, Bradley 63, OT
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 87, Drake 35

FAR WEST
Fairfield 78, S. Utah 51
San Diego St. 89, Brigham Young 86, OT

Wake Forest 70, Utah 59
Wyoming 85, Denver 74

TOURNAMENTS
Pepsi: Onizuka Single-u Casino Classic
Championship
St. Joseph's 64, Wis.-Green Bay 59

Third Place
Austin Peay 58, Pepperdine 54
Puerto Rico Holiday Classic Semifinals

Cincinnati 84, Nebraska 73
SW Missouri St. 76, Bowling Green 73

Consolation Bracket
Mississippi St. 62, Fresno St. 60
Old Dominion 74, SE Missouri 61

BASKETBALL
NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB
Miami 23 7 .767 —

New York 21 8 .724 1 1/2
Washington 15 14 .517 7 1/2

Orlando 10 16 .385 11
New Jersey 8 19 .296 13 1/2

Philadelphia 6 20 .286 14
Boston 6 21 .222 15 1/2

Central Division
Chicago 27 4 .871 —

Detroit 22 7 .759 4
Cleveland 19 10 .655 7

Atlanta 16 11 .593 9
Charlotte 16 13 .552 10

Milwaukee 15 14 .517 11
Indiana 13 15 .464 12 1/2

Toronto 10 19 .345 16
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W L Pct GB
Houston 24 6 .800 —

Utah 22 7 .759 1 1/2
Minnesota 12 18 .400 12

Dallas 10 17 .370 12 1/2
San Antonio 7 20 .259 15 1/2

Denver 8 22 .267 16
Vancouver 6 25 .194 18 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers 22 9 .719 —
Seattle 21 11 .656 1 1/2

Portland 16 15 .516 6
Sacramento 13 18 .419 9

Golden State 11 18 .379 10
L.A. Clippers 11 19 .367 10 1/2

Phoenix 10 19 .345 11
Monday's Games
New York 88, New Jersey 86

Charlotte 101, Washington 92
Cleveland 100, Minnesota 95

D-troit 97, Orlando 85
C. cago 81, Indiana 79

Houston 99, Seattle 91
Boston 104, Denver 102

Phoenix 100, Sacramento 88
San Antonio 95, Vancouver 88

L.A. Clippers 115, Utah 101
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
New York at Washington, 6:30 p.m.

Toronto at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed C Robert Wadman.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed G Robert Hughes and DE Josh Taves to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended San Jose defenseman Greg Hawgood for two games and fined him \$1,000 for a slashing incident against Edmonton's Boris Mironov on Dec. 28.

BUFFALO SABRES—Named John Isherwood director of communications.

DALLAS STARS—Released F Sergei Makarov. Assigned D Dan Keczmer and F Marc Labelle to Michigan of the IHL. Recalled D Sergey Gusev and G Roman Turek from Michigan.

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New Year's resolutions are met again each day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 1

Finally, you reap the rewards due, from many years of toil and patience. Focus on career and increased public involvement. You win laurels if you put your best foot forward. Remain positive, despite obstacles. Funds are somewhat unpredictable. Still, surprises could be quite pleasant. If you are single, you are likely to draw a romantic prospect through work. Be realistic about who it is. Make certain a new love interest is truly available. If attached, collaborating with a partner on a business venture builds togetherness. LIBRA respects your dignity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Listen to the drumbeats. Honor what is happening. Extremes mark the day. Your aim is to enjoy yourself. And, you will, especially in the company of another. The party mood goes on, and on, with you as the centerpiece! Laughter abounds. Tonight: Head out again. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Accent quality, fun and something new. Don't accept less than the best. It seems you relish life, no matter what direction you go in. It may be hard not to indulge. Notice how good the world is to you. Tonight: Call it an early night. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Expect a good time, no matter where you go or what you do. Your flirtatious side emerges. Romance breeds in whatever situation you find yourself. Caring abounds. Take time for a special partnership. Talk is important, but so is play. Tonight: Be a live wire. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A madcap loved one sparks ingenuity. The two of you come up with a myriad of ideas. A domestic change is possible. Rearranging furniture could be on the docket. Enjoy wherever you are. Tonight: Order in, and make it easy! *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Excellent communications mark your day. Your sense of humor draws a loved one out of a serious mood. He is grateful for your wit. Reach out for others. Make a phone call, and go with spontaneity. Tonight: This could be a late night. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might make a major purchase. Be creative when making decisions. Be carefree about what life offers. Delight in the unexpected. Your wild and lively side takes flight, with the help of another. You might ache with laughter! Tonight: Have a good time. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are personality-plus, full of excitement and energy. Focus on what you want. Others are in an agreeable mood. A relative is full of good cheer. Catch up on news, and exchange holiday greetings. Others gravitate in your direction. Tonight: Just ask. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You need time alone, though you are certainly in demand. Socializing is natural to others. Be part of their day. Leave

your answering machine on. There is likely to be a slew of wonderful messages. Be instinctive when contemplating a purchase. Tonight: Have fun! *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your softer side is apparent to others. Don't be shy or hesitant. Tell another how you feel and what you would like. There is a tendency to overindulgence. Enjoy yourself, and have a good time. What a way to start the new year! Tonight: You are the party! *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you go out, you are sure to have a ball. You are more upbeat than ever. Happiness marks events. Be willing to discuss tender feelings that have been holding you back. You might be making much ado about nothing. Tonight: There are many stops to make, all fun! *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If inspired to, feel free to take off. Visit with friends. Exploring a new area with a loved one opens many a door. With some distance, you can speak more candidly about personal matters. Your understanding of another increases. Tonight: The more exotic, the better. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take this opportunity to visit with a dear friend or cherished loved one. You radiate happiness. Others tell you how happy they are to be with you. Express your enthusiasm about recent events. Another celebration is in the offing. Tonight: Be where the party is. *****

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DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I am using its theme with some variations of my own:



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

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.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable, so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy New Year! — LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

DEAR READERS: Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), born a slave in Virginia, was the most influential African American leader and educator of his time. Washington advised two presidents on racial problems and policies — Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. His accomplishments would fill a large book.

Today I'd like to share a meaningful quote from this great man:

"I believe that any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day and as nearly as possible reaching the high-water mark of pure and useful living."

DEAR ABBY: I must comment in regard to the letter from "Hell on the Home Front" — the Florida mother whose young daughter had returned to

the nest.

For one thing, being out on her own has to be hell on the 18-year-old. She is fresh out of high school with no experience or realization of what life is about or the responsibilities entailed. I am 28 years old, and being on my own is no easy task.

The daughter may be crying out for guidance and companionship. Instead, her mother is looking at her daughter as a burden and distraction — and even a destroyer of her marriage. That mother should take the time to speak with her daughter instead of telling her what to do or acting as if she were 18 years old herself. Obviously, they did not get along in the first place.

Older teen-agers (or should we call them young adults?) need their self-esteem and confidence bolstered. They do not need to be pushed out the door. Please sign me ... **HAPPY TO HAVE HAD A MOTHER WHO SAT AND TALKED TO ME IN L.A.**

DEAR HAPPY: I agree with you that there are fences that need mending in the household. The daughter may be immature and cannot be expected to know what she hasn't been taught.

DEAR ABBY: I have a Christmas story I would like to share with you:

Just about 14 years ago, our family spent the Christmas holiday skilling at Keystone, Colo. On Christmas morning, as is our custom, we were all gathered in the living room, opening our presents as the radio played lovely carols. Our grandson Peter, age 6, struggled up to me with a large box he'd obviously wrapped himself with many pieces of Christmas wrap and lots of Scotch tape! Placing it in my lap, he said, "This is for you, Granddaddy."

I, of course, showed great excitement to be receiving anything so large. With great ceremony, I carefully unwrapped it. I looked inside and said, "Well, Peter, what a joke you've played on your old grandfather — you forgot to put anything in this box!"

With a startled look, he raised on his tiptoes, looked in the box and then looked at me, saying, "Oh, no, Granddaddy, I didn't give you an empty present. I filled it with love!" In that moment, our 6-year-old

grandson gave us a gift we shall never forget and taught us the true meaning of Christmas.

— **DAVID B. PICKFORD, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

DEAR MR. PICKFORD: Thank you for sharing your priceless gift. You should be very proud of your grandson.

DEAR ABBY: May I add to the sex education debate? The more valid information young people have, the better their choices. Waiting until "the wedding night" to have the facts-of-life chat is too late, and so is 16!

We know the only kind of diet that really works is one that tells what we CAN eat, not what we CANNOT eat. That also holds true for sex education. Being told what we shouldn't do (i.e., don't date, don't have sex) rarely prevents kids from becoming sexually active.

Parents can share their values and beliefs, and let their children know that they are trusted to make wise choices in tough situations. Sign me ... **ALSO FROM TUCSON, AT THE U. OF ARIZONA**

DEAR ABBY: I want to thank Carol Montgomery for expressing an opinion I strongly believe in. We need sex education in schools to promote safer sex.

Two of my friends got pregnant and another friend got a disease. Giving students condoms doesn't tell us it's a good idea to have sex; it reminds us that if we're having sex (or plan to), we should practice safe sex.

Nobody from the press or the television news has asked anyone in my age group what we think about distributing condoms in school. Some teenagers may be too embarrassed to buy birth control at a drugstore or go to a clinic to ask for the pill.

Not all teenagers are irresponsible. Pot-smoking, cocaine-snorting morons like many adults seem to think.

Thank you, Abby, for allowing me to express my feelings. — **A SENIOR IN THE SOUTH-LAND**

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Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry, mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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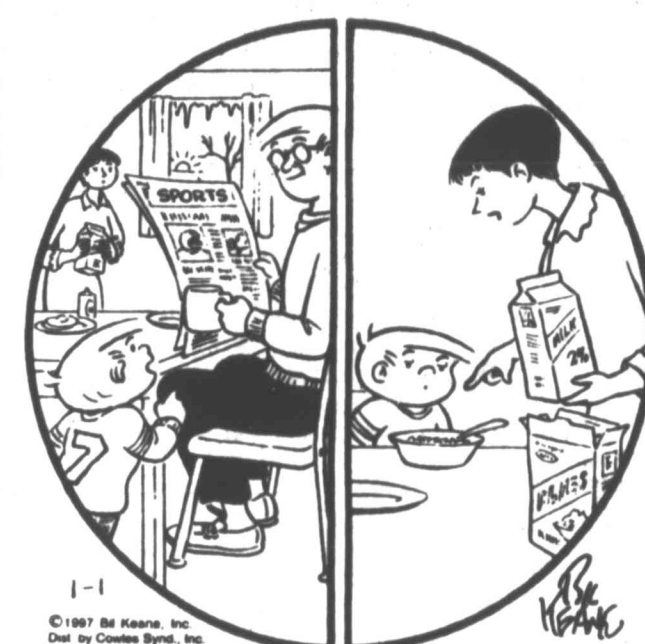
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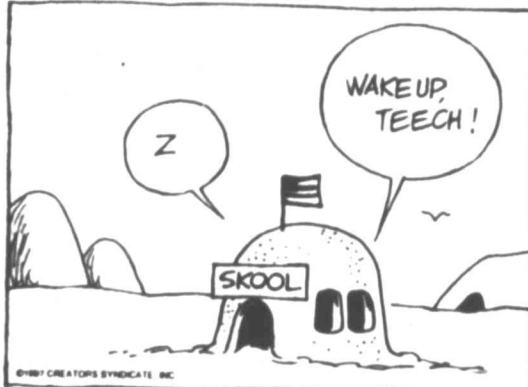
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On this date: In 1735, Paul Revere was born in Boston. In 1752, flagmaker Betsy Ross

was born in Philadelphia.

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In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed. In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr. died at age 29 of a drug and alcohol overdose while en route to a concert in Canton, Ohio.

In 1959, Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.

In 1979, the United States and China held celebrations in Washington and Beijing to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

In 1984, the break-up of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1990, David Dinkins was sworn in as New York City's first black mayor.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

Ten years ago: More than 2,000 Chinese students, defying a government ban, held a pro-democracy rally in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Five years ago: President Bush became the first American leader to address the Australian Parliament, telling lawmakers the U.S. would continue to subsidize its agricultural exports, despite protests by Australia's farmers. Boutros Boutros-Ghali succeeded Javier Perez de Cuellar as secretary-general of the United Nations.

THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS

1 Chief

5 Temperate

10 Conforming in every detail

14 Mr. Gardner

15 Gray mineral

16 Bucket

17 Card games

20 Appraise

21 Mountain crest

22 Give up

23 Grade

25 Gypsy

28 Wind instrument

29 Weep aloud

32 Q.E.D. word

33 Sky pad

34 Greek letter

35 Card games

39 Comp. pt.

40 Straighten

41 Made a hole in one

42 — Altos

43 Story

44 Pastry shop

46 — qua non

47 Busy place

48 Texas shrine

51 Hits a ball that is caught

55 Card games

58 Perceive directly

59 NCO

60 Plain weave fabric

61 Heirs

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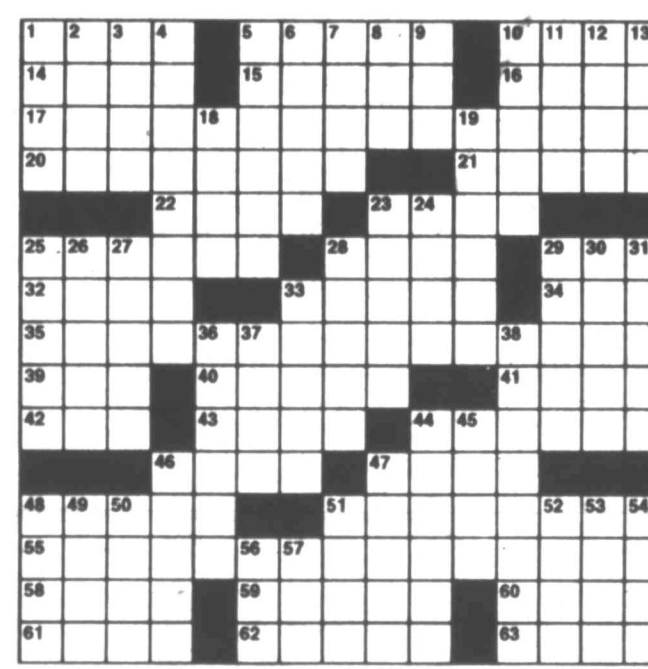
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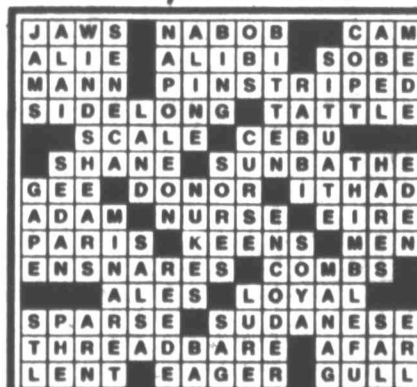
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Applicants must submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to TDCJ-JD, Facilities Division Personnel, ATTN: Terri Hall, P.O. Box 4011, SPUR 59 OFF HWY. 75 North, Huntsville, TX 77342 by 5:00 P.M. MONDAY DECEMBER 30, 1996. A complete job description and all application forms may be obtained at the above address or by calling the Facilities Division Personnel Office at (409)294-6423 or 294-6912.

The City of Big Spring is now accepting applications for the position of Housing Director. Responsible for the overseeing of the federal housing rental assistance program. Preference will be given to those with a four year college degree in business, public administration, or a closely related field. Must have 3 years experience in progressively responsible managerial work. It would be beneficial to have knowledge of HUD regulations governing housing assistance. For more information and to apply contact City Hall Personnel, 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720, or call (915)264-2346. Applications will be accepted thru 5:00 P.M. December 21, 1996. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The City of Big Spring is now accepting applications for the position of Golf Professional to oversee the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Qualifies Applicants must hold a PGA certificate, Preference will be given to a Four-year college degree in Agronomy, Turf Grass management Horticulture, Landscaping or related field and must have five years experience of Golf Course Work. For more detailed requirements and to Apply Contact City of Big Spring Personnel Office, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720, or call 915-264-2346. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 1996. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions need to be in the Herald office no later than Dec. 2. It is scheduled for Dec. 11.

Call 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information.

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RENTALS

Business Buildings 520

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