TUESDAY

December 11, 2001 **WEATHER**

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For more information. contacted the Big Spring Herald classified department at 263-7331 or come by the Herald at 710 Scurry.

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Commisioners join other counties in blaming Washington for ag woes

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

County The Howard Commissioners Court joined Monday with several others statewide in blaming the federal government for many of the state's agricultural woes.

The commissioners unaniapproved mously "Declaration of Local Agricultural Emergency" based on a Oct. 1 declara-

Jerry Swafford of South Plains Crop Insurance in Lamesa, who presented the declaration to the Howard County commissioners, said agriculture in the United States should be treated better by the federal government because it was nationalized by Franklin Roosevelt.

"A farmer cannot strike,"

tion by the Scurry County he said. "He would be breaking the law."

Despite the nationalized status of farming, the declaration claims that the government has failed to "enforce domestic anti-trust laws" against agricultural monopolies; "to stabilize foreign currency in relation to domestic currency" to even the global playing

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Howard County man charged with aggravated sexual assault

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man has been arrested on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Josue Johnathan Pena, 20, of Big Spring was arrested over the weekend and is being held on \$85,000

The victim, described as a female under the age of 17, reportedly doesn't know

Pena.

Police reports allege that Pena forced the victim into an automobile and took her to an unknown location, where he proceeded to sexually assault her.

Police detectives delved into their high-tech toolbox to apprehend Pena, said Lt. Terry Chamness.

"Detectives (Jim) Rider

and (Mo) Horton were

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COPE course ceremonies set

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Camp COPE **Thomas**

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience course has been reschedfor uled

Wednesday. Weather and other obligations

have may postponed

the challenge, but Big Mayor Russ Spring McEwen will hang from a rope during the event that will take place at 504 Driver Road, said Warren Wallace

WALLACE

of the Buffalo Trail Council. The event will last from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and chili will be served to those who attend.

"Please **RSVP** Wednesday morning at the least, Wallace said. "If you don't, come on anyway.' The official ribbon cut-

ting will be held at noon when McEwen will test out the new course by going down the zip line, Wallace Because of inclimate

weather, including six inches of snow covering the ground, the council decided to postpone the event on Nov. 29.

height, as well as many low-level elements. The purpose of the course is to teach teamwork, prob-

The course, funded by the

The 51-acre course includes 15 elements that reach about 35 feet in

lem solving and even leadership building, Wallace

Dora Roberts Foundation, is open to the community, from church groups to edu-



David Richardson, left and Joe Hefner lower Mindy Whittenberg from the "Giant's Ladder" after she completed the element with her partner Brian Mariar, who is sitting on the top rung. Robin Smauley, right, keeps the rope attached to Marlar taut. Max Snider stands in the background.

cational institutions. The council offers both group and instructor training.

season at Big Spring State

Hospital will kick into high

gear at 6:30 this evening

with unit Christmas parties

and the Carol of Lights ceremony in the Activity

Musicians from the hospi-

tal will lead patients in hol-

iday songs after the

Christmas lights are turned

Christmas trees decorated

by various departments

will be on display in the

atrium as the Williams'

Family Band from Ackerly

Volunteers will serve sand-

wiches, cupcakes and

drinks. The Evening Lions

Club will pass out goody

bags to patients, and Santa

Claus will make an appear-

ance to hand out candy

Christmas parties will be

conducted on several units

for patients who are unable

to move freely around the

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about the course, fees, mony, call Wallace at 263 instruction, training or to 3407.

For more information RSVP for Wednesday's cere-

Council

City charter to receive hard look this evening

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will discuss 17 proposed amendments to the city charter at their meeting at 5:30 tonight at the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

City Attorney Jean Shotts said he and City Secretary Tom Ferguson reviewed the city charter.

'We looked through the charter and just looked for things that needed to be updated, revised or brushed up," he said.

Several of the proposed amendments would bring outdated provisions of the charter in line with current state law. Others clarify the recall process.

"What's funny is we had started a lot of that on the recall elections before the recall election ever took place," Shotts said. "There are just some things in there that need to be clarified."

One of the proposed amendments increase the city council and mayoral terms from three years to four years.

"It takes a while to train council members," Shotts said. "With the longer term, you have a little more stability in the city government." The proposition would

not affect council members' current terms, he said. "The ones that are in

See CITY, Page 2

Holiday events entertain hospital patients **AL Auxiliary** brings holiday By VALERIE AVERY cheer to the VA Special to the Herald The Christmas holiday

The American Legion Auxiliary is bringing a little Christmas to patients at

HERALD Staff Report

Medical Center by holding its annual Christmas Gift Shop this year.

"This is for the patients in the hospi-REDMAN tal," said Evelyn Redman of the

American Legion Auxiliary. The shop, located on the VAMC second floor, opened to patients to browse for gifts Monday and will continue today and Wednesday

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Patients can come down and shop for presents our gift shop," she said. "We will wrap the gift and send

it to their family for free." Patients will have a chance to browse through a number of items donated from the American Legion Auxiliary and various organizations.



Alon USA operations manager Ernie Morgan, right, packs hundreds of boxes with goodies for Big Spring State Hospital patients as Clarence Palmer helps. Alon employees donated several hours to the hospital on Monday.

Hospital Director Community Relations Billie Russworm.

- a choral group from First Tollet All Faith Chapel. See PATIENTS, Page 2

of Baptist Church — will present a Christmas program at 10 a.m. Thursday in the The Saints Alive Singers Big Spring State Hospital

Directed by Stan Haynes, the group will perform a selection of Christmas

Raymond L. Andrews

Funeral service for Raymond L. Andrews, 77, of Big Spring was held 10 a.m.

Monday. Dec. 10, 2001, First Presbyterian Church with Rev. the Flynn Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating. Burial was

at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Andrews died Friday, Dec. 7, at his residence.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1923, in Big Spring and married Candy Lillie Bray on Feb. 5, 1949, in San Angelo. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942 graduated from Hamilton Business School. He had worked for Fina as an industrial electrician for 38 and a half years and retired in 1982.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Staked Plains Lodge 598 AM & FM, Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory, Lubbock Shrine Club, Suez Shrine Temple, Big Spring Shrine Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Woodmen of the World, Big Spring American Legion Post Number 355, Cosden 25 Year Club, Texas Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock Senior Dance Association, RSVP of Big Spring, Big Spring High School Hall of Fame, Class of '42, Legion of Honor of Suez Shrine temple, WTU Airstream WBCCI. He served in the United States Navy Sea Bees from 1944 to 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Candy Lillie Andrews of Big Spring; two daughters, Mary Ann Hood-Sweeney of Houston and Sharon Lee Dunne of North Richland Hills; one son, Raymond Lee Andrews Jr. of Big Spring; one brother, Jesse Lewis Andrews of Irving; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Ophelia Rhodes

Funeral service for Ophelia Rhodes, 91, fomerly of Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Mrs. Rhodes died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, in a Burnet nursing home.



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Vera Jane Lee, 103,

died Friday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

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field; "to negotiate foreign trade agreements" beneficial to American agriculture; and to compensate farmers for "trade restrictions arising from foreign policy initiatives.

'About 184 textile mills in the last 18 months have closed across America," Swafford said. "If this continues at this rate, by the year 2004, there won't be a spinning mill operating in the United States.

Swafford said he spoke with Rep. Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) about the issue and that Laney is behind the declaration.

"Thirteen out of 16 counties in Laney's district have approved it," he said.

spokesman from Laney's office said Laney has charged the Legislative Committee on Agriculture and Livestock to "...monitor the progress of federal farm legislation and evaluate its effect on Texas producers."

"We're already starting to do some of the things that this declaration is calling for," the spokesman added.

Swafford said with the advent of the North American Free Trade Agreement, "Seventy-two percent of our food is being imported," but only 0.7 percent of the imported food is being inspected.

Before NAFTA, only 30 percent of American food was imported and 8 percent of imports were inspected, Swafford said.

The declaration calls for Attorny General John Cornyn to "investigate the apparent purposeful abdication by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government" in enforcing several existing laws as well as the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The declaration also calls for investigation and hearings from the governor, the commissioner of agriculture and the legislative council and directs the state legislature to form a legislative interim committee to hold hearings in rural areas to document the social and economic consequences of Federal inaction.

"I've seen cotton gins close up over the past few years," said Lamesa resident Andy Bratcher at the commissioners' court meeting. "I've seen tractor dealerships — you had a big one close in the past few months. It's just happening in all of rural America, not just here."

ARREST

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working the case and Det. Rider did a composite drawing," he said. "Out in the field with the victim, he used a computer program on his laptop to make the

composite drawing." Feedback from the victim helped Rider refine his computer-generated drawing to a reasonable likeness of her memory of her attacker,

Chamness said. The composite drawing and a description of the vehicle used in the abduction were distributed among the patrol division, he added.

"(Patrol Officer) Mike Campos saw a vehicle which matched the description," he said.

Campos identified the dri- Charges ver of the vehicle, Pena, as matching the composite drawing. Pena was arrested With This and put in a lineup.

"(The victim) identified him without any problems," Chamness said.

Other than being sexually assaulted, the victim was not injured, Chamness said. No weapon was used in the crime: the "aggravated" status of the charges is because of the young age of the victim, he said.

CITY

Continued from Page 1 office right now will have to



run again to get a four-year 🚊 term," he said.

Another would remove a

requirement that city council members "shall not be in arrears in the payment of any taxes or liabilities due the city."

"That has been held to the Christmas fund or unconstitutional by the Fifth Circuit Court of wrapping packages, please Appeals," Shotts said. "You call can't bar someone from running for office for not paying their taxes."

One of the propositions serves 187 patients with would remove the requirement that resolutions be read twice at city council before being meetings approved.

"Ordinances are when you enacting laws. Resolutions are when you are doing housekeeping things, like contract work," Shotts said. "If the citizens are comfortable having resolutions read once, that would certainly simplify things. This propositions would not affect ordinances; they would still be read twice.'

The propositions are not on the council's agenda as an action item, so they will simply be discussed tonight. In other business the

council will: · Hear the final reading of a resolution authorizing Public Works Director Todd Darden to execute change order no. 1 for the Capehart Addition sewer project. The change order will add \$27,872.34 to the cost of the project if approved.

· Hear the final reading of a resolution authorizing Darden to execute an agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to update the city's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency

 Hear the final reading of a resolution to purchase a 10-foot wide utility easement for the Capehart pro-Approve specifications

for Phase II of the Capehart · Accept \$7,875 from the

Texas Commission on Fire Protection for radios and personal alert safety systems for firefighters.

· Hear the first reading of a resolution authorizing City Manager Gary Fuqua to execute a contract with Lee George Construction for Phase II of the Hangar 25

PATIENTS

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songs. ALON USA employees assisted volunteers Monday by preparing and delivering several hundred presents to patient units. The gifts will be distributed to patients on Christmas morning. Volunteers have collected items and monetary donations to provide those pack-

Patients went on supervised trips to Family Dollar Store last week to shop for gifts they'll give family members and friends.

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The Big Spring Police

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 STEVEN ANTHONY Big Spring State Hospital **RODRIGUEZ**, 29, of 1413 Wood was arrested on a mental illness in a 78-county charge of public intoxicaarea in West Texas and the

 DERRICK ALLEN YOUNG, 30, of 3304 W. Highway 80 was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

 CHRISTOPHER BEN-NETT WOOTEN, 41, of 511 Hillside was arrested on charges of aggravated bound, needs volunteers to assault causing bodily injury/family violence and criminal mischief \$50 to

 Several THEFTS were reported at Wal-Mart. Merchandise worth \$125, \$800 and \$60 were reported stolen from the store in three separate incidents. .

 THEFT was also reported at a convenience store in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. Clothes worth \$64 were reported stolen.

 ASSAULT CAUSING **BODILY INJURY/FAMI-**LY VIOLENCE and CRIM-INAL MISCHIEF were reported at Classic Inn in the 2900 block of West Highway 80. About \$100 damage was done to a door frame. Police seized narcotics as well as two butcher knives in the incident.

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 600 block of South Johnson, the 2600 block of South Gregg and the 2000 block of South

DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCES were reported in the 1300 block of Mobile, and the 2900 block of West Highway 80. UNAUTHORIZED USE

OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported:

- In the 1200 block of Lindbergh. A blue 1982 Dodge worth \$3,000 was reported stolen from the

In the 2000 block of North Monticello. A black 1992 Chevrolet worth \$8,000 was reported stolen from the location.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 400 block of Ryan. Two 2-foot by 3-foot windows worth a total of \$100 were reported broken at the location.

- In the 1600 block of South Main. A White 1992 Ford at the location reportedly received about \$1,200

PICK 3: 3,9,0 CASH 5: 4,8,16,19,24

- In the 2500 block of Merrily. About \$700 damage was reported to roof vent covers and windows at the location.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of South Gregg. Items worth \$358 were reported stolen from a brown 1989 Cadillac in a parking lot at the address.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- ACCIDENTS: 1
- Major: 0
- Minor: 1 • ARRESTS: 12
- ASSAULTS: 2 ASSAULTS/FAMILY
- VIOLENCE: 2
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 2
- THEFT: 1 CONVENIENCE
- **STORE THEFTS: 14** • INCIDENTS: 15
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- INVALID OR SUSPEND-ED LICENSE: 1 INJURY TO ELDERLY:
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FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

3:10 p.m. - 2600 block ofGregg, traffic accident, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Records

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NEWS BRIEFS

Prayer controversy debated in Kerrville

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The separation of church and state has become a hot topic in Kerrville as both city and school officials debate the issue.

At city hall in the largely Christian town about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio, the mention of Jesus in the invocations before council meetings is being contested. At the school, officials have been asked to display the Ten Commandments with other historical documents in a case to be donated.

Councilwoman Nancy Banks said she doesn't want Jesus mentioned in invocations routinely given by Christian clergy before council meetings. It's illegal and excludes those of other faiths, she said.

"Even if I agreed with the prayer, as a Jew I can't join in," Banks said.

Mail transport employees on strike

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of workers for a company that transports U.S. mail between cities have gone on strike in Dallas and five other terminals across the

Temporary drivers are being hired to replace some of the striking employees of Pat Salmon & Sons, said Jeff Boone, vice president of the company.

"We have many employees who have crossed the picket lines and come to work," Boone said. But he could not say how many have crossed lines or how many of the 900 employees at the five terminals are on strike.

Boone said Texans should not worry about not getting their mail. The company is working with the U.S. Postal Service to find other ways to deliver shipments, he said.

The mail transport workers voted to call a strike when they weren't able to reach a contract agreement after two vears of negotiations.

About 345 workers are based in Dallas.

Gunman kills two restaurant workers

MALVERN, Pa. (AP) — Police were searching for a gunman today who they say opened fire on his co-workers outside a fast-food restaurant in suburban Philadelphia, killing two of the men and wounding a

All three victims were in their late teens or early 20s, East Whiteland Township Police Chief Frederick Rosato said. Their identities were being withheld until the families could be notified.

The shooting began shortly after 9:30 Monday nightwhen employees of a KFC/Taco Bell at the Great Valley Center in Chester County began closing the restaurant for the night, Rosato said.

Five male workers went outside to empty the trash and, for an unknown reason, walked into the woods about 100 yards behind the restaurant, Rosato said.

Acela Express may hit its stride too late for Amtrak

WASHINGTON (AP) -Amtrak says the nation's first high-speed train is exceeding projections as it enters its second year of operations in the Washington-New York-Boston corridor.

Ridership on Acela Express is up significantly since the Sept. 112 attacks made many travelers wary about flying. With creature comforts and a top speed of 150 mph, the trains have received positive reviews from passengers and travel writers.

But due to a series of delays, the high-speed service may be hitting its stride too late to help Amtrak. As the railway celebrates the one-year anniversary of its premier train, Amtrak's own future is in doubt.

Amtrak was relying on profits from Acela Express to help it operate without government subsidies by Dec. 2, 2002, as ordered by Congress.

The federal Amtrak Reform Council has declared Amtrak will not meet the deadline, however, and early next year the council will give Congress a plan for a restructured national rail program that may or may not include Amtrak.

Amtrak focused on the positive during Monday's

celebration at South Station in Boston. Amtrak's acting chairman, former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, cut a birthday cake for Acela Express and said high-speed trains should be offered around the country.

"I cannot overemphasize the importance of this success," Dukakis "because what it really says is if you give people firstclass, modern high-speed service, they will come by the thousands."

Acela Express entered service Dec. 11, 2000, after a year of production delays. Service continues to be phased in. Amtrak has received 16 trains from the Bombardier Transportation and France's Alstom Ltd., and is awaiting four more.

Amtrak says ridership numbers are encouraging, especially since the Sept. 11 attacks. Passengers have included professional sports teams, 40 senators traveling to New York to view the World Trade Center wreckage, and an original print of Declaration Independence, which rolled to Philadelphia for the start

of a national tour. "Acela is everything an American passenger train has never been: clean, quiet, stable and fast," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.



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To help, bring your donations to either KBST or the Big Spring Herald by Friday, December 21st. Donations are being accepted with either Dry or Canned Food. Help make a difference in the lives of the animals.

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Dick Armey contemplates retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) -Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, secondranking House Republican during seven tumultuous years of GOP rule, is considering retirement at the end of his current term. according to sources familiar with his thinking.

Armey, a staunch conservative, has apprised Speaker Dennis Hastert and other GOP colleagues of the possibility he won't seek a 10th term in the House in 2002, these sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity

The 61-year-old Armey has until Jan. 2 to file reelection papers in Texas, but may disclose his plans before then.

Armey's Dallas-area seat would be safe for Republicans in 2002, but a decision to retire would likely spark a lively competition among members of the rank-and-file for the leadership post.

One source familiar with Armey's thinking said neither health nor political necessity was prompting Armey to consider an end to his congressional career. But given the legislative record of the last seven years and the presence of a Republican in the White House, Armey may decide the moment is right to depart, the source said.

Armey's spokesman declined comment on the congressman's possible plans.

An economics professor, Armey won his seat in the House in 1984 as a strong advocate of tax cuts and

less government. He displayed an ability to pass legislation even as a junior member of the minority party a few years later, when he was instrumental in a bill that led to the closing of unneeded military bases.

Armey was elected to the House GOP leadership in

In the post, he played a key role in development of the Contract With America, the conservative campaign manifesto that Republicans rode to power in 1994

midterm elections. He was elected majority leader in the aftermath of the GOP victory.

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OUR VIEWS

Four-legged friends need help as well

all it a non-traditional tradition. Each year, the *Big Spring Herald*, KBST and the Big Spring Humane Society team up to help make sure a particular group of residents in our community have enough to eat.

Like so many other charitable acts, we rely on donations to make this project a success. But we're not asking for toys, coats, blankets or cash. No, what we are needing is food — food for our canine and feline friends.

Yes, it's time again for our annual holiday food drive for animals at the humane society—dogs and cats that are hoping to someday be a family pet.

Each year of this program, Howard County citizens have donated generously, making it possible for the humane society to "stock up," if only temporarily, and dry and canned food for its four-legged guests.

If you'd like to help, here's how: Go to any store that sells pet food, and purchase one can, two, three, four or as many as you'd like, or a bag or two of dry food. Choose food for dogs or cats, or both, whatever you'd like to donate.

Then bring those purchases to either the *Big Spring Herald*, 710 Scurry, or KBST, 608 Johnson. The deadline is Friday, Dec. 21. Of course, if you'd rather drop off money, that's acceptable, too. The purchases will be made for you.

Howard County always goes "all out" to help its less fortunate children, families and senior citizens at this time of year. This program ensures another special group of our residents don't get left out.

Thanks.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:
Two articles ha

Two articles have appeared recently in the Herald like many from other resources each Christmastime bemoaning the seeming lack of Christmas being a Christian holiday.

The articles center on what appears to be a cynical crass commercialization of Christian symbols through Christmas shopping, even in shopping vigorously for war.

One problem with this is that the contributors of the articles on alternatives are caught in a concept of God found in Phillips', "Your God is too Small," in which he points out that one of the images of a small god is the one called "God in a Box."

To assert that Christ is lost in the midst of Christmas shopping is to deny the Sovereignty, the magnitude and the magnanimity of God both in the creation and in the incarnation. The Mighty Acts of God demonstrate God's love for the whole world and the provision of resources for the good life are there for all. God through the presence of Christ is at work in the world, working to make and keep human life human

The United States economy is one of the resources

provided for our good life. If Christmas shopping, which amounts to 25 to 30 percent of it, were to be wiped out, the U.S. economy would simply collapse. There would be more unemployment, more poverty, more hunger, more pain and suffering than occurred even in the great depression of the 30ct

As in Humpty Dumpty, all the government and all the charitable institutions and all the generous individuals could not cope with the enormity of such an economic/cultural breakdown. To be the righteous cause of all that would be un-Christian in the extreme.

It was said of old — "Let the church be the church." Take a good look around and see what the churches are doing to celebrate the Advent and the marking of the birth of the Lord Jesus — the Christian tradition is alive and well in Big Spring, in Texas, in the USA and throughout the uttermost parts of the earth. God

save the mark!
Christendom is surely that entity against which the gates of hell shall not prevail. Even Christmas shopping.

JACK HARRISON
PRESBYTERIAN (USA)
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Grits: Girls Raised in the South

Tot every woman can pull off the look. Deborah Faye Ford can.
She looks excruciatingly neat in faded blue jeans

neat in faded by and a striped cotton blouse, a single strand of pearls around her slender neck. At the womanly age of 49, she still has the poised demeanor of a girl proper-

ly raised in



the South.
And she
was. Raised in the South.
It's almost a Hollywoodworthy cliché, in fact, her
beginning.

One of six siblings,
Deborah Faye grew up in
little Elkmont, Ala., the
daughter of a sharecropper
farmer and his wife.
Deborah Faye — such a
nice Southern name —
chopped and picked cotton
until she was 12.

She learned about hard work in the fields from her father, Bill, who died when she was only 10. But it was from her mother, Elizabeth, and an old Singer sewing machine that Deborah Faye learned style and grace, not birmingham to teach and to mention a trade.

Birmingham to teach and coach junior-high volley-

'You either do what you love, or do what you have to — or both," she says matter-of-factly from the office and warehouse of **GRITS** in the Birmingham suburb of Homewood. Bright colors of fabric swatches, Deborah Faye's old sewing machine and dogs Poopsy and Alex make the home of the multimillion-dollar enterprise seem like a clubhouse, somewhere you'd climb a rope ladder to get to, ignoring the sign "NO GIRLS." She didn't arrive

overnight. In 1972, she was just a popular Southern coed with good skin and raising. George Lindsey — better known as Mayberry's Goober — crowned **Deborah Faye homecoming** queen at the University of North Alabama in Florence. She might have rested on beauty-queen laurels — some girls raised in the South do - but Deborah Faye was not only athletic and pretty, she was

driven.

The sociology and physical-education major went to work as a juvenile probation officer and a counselor for troubled youth before settling down in

Birmingham to teach and coach junior-high volley-ball. She married, had children, divorced, and did the typical things that struggling young women find themselves doing.

As a single mother, Deborah consistently relied on her expert sewing to make extra cash. She haunted garage sales for old chenille bedspreads from which she made unique clothes.

It was a cottage industry that flourished — within moonlighting limits and out of her car trunk.

In the name of motivation or reward, she often stitched occasional surprises for her students.

At a 1995 hen party — all girls raised in the South know that term — Deborah Faye had the inspiration that transformed her life. Old girlfriends were sitting around, comparing notes on life and love, when the term "girls raised in the South" slipped into the conversation. Deborah Faye started thinking about the acronym you could take from that phrase: GRITS.

"I went right away and had 15 shirts screen-printed for my volleyball team," Deborah Faye says. The shirts said GRITS: Girls Raised In The South.

Soon all the players' mothers wanted shirts. And their friends wanted shirts. Deborah Faye made a quick trip to the securicht.

quick trip to the copyright office. She hired an artist to draw a girl in a belle hat fingering her pearls. She packed more of the shirts into her car trunk with the chenille.

One day, she was monitoring the school hallways, wearing a GRITS cap. A friend passed, saw the cap and suggested Deborah Faye present GRITS wear at the Atlanta Apparel Mart. "What's that?" she asked.

Deborah Faye made that first trip to Atlanta in 1996 and got \$65,000 worth of orders from a handful of samples.

Last year sales topped \$1 million. And there seems to be an inexhaustible supply of the pithy slogans:

Seasoned GRITS — Grandmothers Raised In The South.

Southern Girls Don't Sweat, They Glisten. GRITS: Girls Raised In Tennis Skirts.

"Southern women are more different than any other group in the world," Deborah Faye firmly believes.

She's bet her future and fortune on it.

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Books have a place under the tree

n a loose day recently, I reread Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped."

Stevenson's "Treasure
Island" and "Kidnapped."
They remain almost perfect
stories for

boys, and I would think they would make great gifts for children of middle-school age.

It surprised me to find

me to find out how swiftly ! Stevenson moves his stories. His characters to

stories. His characters talk instead of making speeches, and one exciting incident follows on the heels of another. It had been so long since my first reading that I had forgotten how good a writer he is a side.

REESE

I know this is the video age and the computer-game age, but I hope parents will realize that playing computer games is a total waste of time. Playing a computer or video game does nothing

for the player. It teaches players nothing. It does not exercise their minds, their imaginations or their bedies. All computer games do is blast their retinas with an unnecessary dose of electromagnetic radiation that they probably don't need.

Books, on the other hand, have to be read with the conscious mind. The imagination is called into play. And good books, even adventure stories or fantasies, will educate. Great books will provide an insight into human character that can be gained otherwise only by long and observant experience.

The "Harry Potter" books are good gifts, too. Those are cracking good stories, and they earned their fame justly by so entrancing readers that word-of-mouth made the first one a best seller.

C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia" can still charm and educate a modern child. For older children, J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" remain the all-

time greatest fantasies ever written, in my humble opinion.

Another good gift idea is Carlo Collodi's "Pinocchio," not to be confused with the sanitized Disney version. The original can be scary

and even grim in parts, but the little puppet is someone children can identify with, especially children inclined to be naughty and disobedient.

It's interesting that in the pre-modern age, authors felt no need to shield readers from evil and tragedy. Both are part of the human condition, and including

ers from evil and tragedy.
Both are part of the human condition, and including them prepares a child for the life he or she will have to live. Done properly, such tales do not depress but rather inspire young readers to meet the challenges of life.

I noticed in rereading

"Treasure Island" that the young hero, Jim Hawkins, is older than he is usually depicted in Hollywood versions of the story, and Long John Silver is younger and far more menacing than Hollywood has usually shown him. Stevenson pre-

sents him as a psychopath, a coldblooded killer who can play the affable con man when it suits his purpose. Jim never trusts him, and Silver never shows any genuine affection for the boy. In fact, Silver seems rather like Bill Clinton, though considerably more courageous.

I might be paddling up a swift current, but Lord bless anyone who can induce children to read and stay away from mindless computer games and the electronic sewer outfall commonly called television. We can all be grateful that real people are not as they are depicted in sitcoms, advertisements, soap operas and most movies. If they were, the human race would be a sorry lot indeed.

What distinguishes humans from other mammals is their minds, and books will do a thousand times more for the mind than all the electronic and video output in the world.

Charley Reese can be con tacted at briarl@earthlink.net



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Football band tickets on sa

The 2001 Bi Steer Football has been sche 6:30 p.m. Mond Big Spring Jur School cafeteria Tickets are plate and are av

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Dec. 17, at the Y Games played through March more informat 267-8234.

Fastpitch soft umpires need

Umpires inte working high so pitch softball meet at the Umpires Buil Midland at Wednesday, Dec

ing games at throughout th Texas area. For more info

Umpires will

call chapter Mack Gipson at 5961.

ON TONIGHT H.S. BASKETBALL

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Mavericks, FXS.

11 p.m. — PRC/ Finals, fifth round tape), ESPN2.

IN BRIEF

Football banquet tickets on sale

The 2001 Big Spring Steer Football Banquet has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 per plate and are available at Vision Makers, 1307 Gregg St.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267

Youth basketball registration begins

Sign-ups for the newlyformed Big Spring Youth Basketball League are being conducted at the YMCA of Big Spring through Saturday.

The league is a merger of Big Spring's two previous youth basketball programs. Registration is \$20 per child.

The league is open to boys and girls kindergarten through age 14. Children will participate in one of four divisions dependent on their age as of Aug. 1, 2002.

Kindergarten children will play in a co-ed league, and children in the three other divisions will play on separate boys' and girls' teams.

Try-outs in the upper two age divisions will be Saturday at the YMCA. Girls 10 and under will try out at 1 p.m., and 12 and under will be at 2:15 p.m. Boys 40 and under will try out at 3:30 p.m., and boys 12 and under will be at 4:45 p.m.

A coaches' meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at the YMCA.

Games played Jan. 12 through March 2. For more information, call 267-8234.

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires interested in working high school fastpitch softball plan to meet at the MUGS Umpires Building in Midland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Umpires will be working games at schools throughout the West Texas area.

By VALERIE AVERY

grasp last year.

forgotten.

Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Lady Steers

open their tough District 4-

4A schedule tonight against

the Lubbock Estacado Lady

Matadors at 6 p.m. in Steer

Gym battling for a playoff

berth that eluded their

The Lady Steers were one

win away from grabbing

the third spot to enter post-

season play in 2000-01 and

that's something head

coach Jimmy Avery hasn't

"We were one win away

from making the playoffs

last year," Avery said as he

begins his fourth District 4-

4A season in Big Spring.

Avery previously served as

the head boys' basketball

coach, moving to the girl's

Big Spring sports an

impressive 8-4 mark at the

midway point of the sea-

son. Estacado is 9-2 coming

"Estacado has a lot of tal-

ent returning from last

year and had two outstand-

ing players move in this

year," Avery said, making it clear the Lady Steers fact

a challenge from the outset

"They have a freshman

Henderon, who scored 27

Anderson at the Concho

River Classic a week ago.

They beat San Angelo

Central 53-36 in that tour-

nament's championship.

They just have so many

"They are an impressive

group, but we are playing

well right now, too.

points against

LaVonda

Austin

into tonight's contest.

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guard

weapons.

For more information, call chapter secretary Mack Gipson at (915) 520-

ON TAP

TONIGHT H.S. BASKETBALL

6 p.m.

 Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors at Big Spring Lady Steers in Steer Gym. 6:30 p.m.

 Del Rio at Big Spring Steers in Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

· Robert Lee at Coahoma, VG-VB. Irion County at Forsan,

ON THE AIR

Radio

7:30 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Dallas Mavericks, KBST-AM 1490.

Television **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

6 p.m. — lowwa State at Boston College, ESPN. 8 p.m. — Connecticut at

7 p.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Atlanta Hawks.

Massachusetts, ESPN.

7:30 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Dallas Mavericks, FXS.

7 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals, ESPN2. RODEO

11 p.m. — PRCA National Finals, fifth round (same-day tape), ESPN2.

Cowboys beginning to believe they can break even IRVING (AP) — The Dallas four-game losing streaks. things and wins a couple of games, ing at it," said safety Darren

Cowboys are starting to believe that maybe they can avoid a losing sea-

Confidence is building for the Cowboys (4-8) after two straight wins. If they could continue that streak for another month through their last four games, they would break even.

"To finish 8-8 would be tremendous, especially since we were only supposed to win one or two games, said safety George Teague.

Before wins against Washington and the New York Giants the past two weekends, Dallas had won just two games. It is the second time this season the Cowboys have won two games in a row, both times after

.Something's different this time. especially since the quarterback sit-

uation has stabilized The last two wins have come since the return of rookie quarterback Quincy Carter from thumb and hamstring injuries. In Sunday's 20-

13 win over the Giants, Carter was 17-of-26 passing for a Cowboys' season-high 194 yards with a touch-"The players right along felt we were making progress," said coach Dave Campo. "That's what we've

tried to identify from Day 1, is that we are going to make progress,

Here are the Big Spring Lady Steers for 2001-2002, who open District 4-4A play at 6

tonight, playing host to Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors at Steer Gym. Front row,

from left, are: Courtney Brock, Jessica Woodward, Krystle Long, Leina Braxton, manag-

er Katie Strain and Ashley Smith. Back row: Tejal Patel, Kim Wrightsil and Brittany

Lady Steers open 4-4A play hosting Estacado

2-1 run in this past week-

Crossroads Classic at

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum,

playing their best game of

the season against a much

The Lady Steers dropped

a nine-point game to

District 4-4A rival Andrews

ing cost Big Spring the

game. But that loss was a

marked improvement over

the Lady Steers' previous

contest with Andrews at

the Polk-Key City Classic a

week prior when Big

Sophomore guard Kim

Wrightsil has been out a

week with a bruised shoul-

der, but the seven Lady

Steers haven't missed a

Big Spring thumped

Lamesa and then played

tough contests against

Odessa High and Hereford

in the Crossroads Classic

"All of our players have

before falling to Andrews.

stepped up," Avery said.
"They have been so aggres-

sive on defense and have

executed well on offense.

It's been very impressive.

Tejal Patel and Brittany

Bryant have just really got-

ball in her hands. You can

just see it in her eyes. Even

when she has two or three

people guarding her, she

wants the ball. She's not

afraid to post up and shoot.

nice presence in the paint,

and Jessica Woodward and

Courtney Brock have come

on the past couple weeks.

They do a lot of things that

"Ashley Smith has been a

Krystle Long wants the

ten after it.

Spring lost by 30 points.

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Big Spring is coming off a aren't noticed — like creat

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Avery said.

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ing steals and making

Braxton, who was named to

the all-tournament teams

in Abilene and Big Spring,

along with Long has been

"She's not afraid to play,"

shooting the ball well.

he said of Braxton. "They

are all very coachable.

could see this past weekend

that they are believing in

the system and passing the

ball around until they see

Big Spring will have its

"They are very quick and

District 4-4A features two

teams in the Top 15, includ-

ing No. 2 Plainview, the

defending state champions,

and No. 13 Levelland, one

of the state's most storied

girls' basketball programs.

The first half of district

play doesn't get any easier

as Big Spring travels to

Wolfforth Frenship Friday

"We have two tough

and Snyder next Tuesday.

games on the road," Avery

noted. "Frenship took the

third-place slot last year

and playing in Snyder is

always tough. They have so

"But one thing I realized

Hereford game was these

girls will fight, scratch and

claw and find a way to win.

They work so hard in prac-

tice that it carries over to

the game. To them, work-

ing hard is habit, a very

good habit. Like second

watching, the

much tradition.

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nature

hands full with Estacado,

which likes to play an up-

athletic," Avery admitted.

especially at this time in the season. "When a quarterback comes in and has success, does some good I think everybody starts to have a positive opinion.'

The Cowboys know it won't be easy to finish 8-8, but it gives them a goal to shoot for in what has been a miserable season.

Three of the last four games are on the road, but the only remaining opponent with a winning record — San Francisco (9-3) — plays at Texas Stadium on Dec. 30. The Cowboys travel to Seattle (6-6), Arizona (5-7) and Detroit (0-12), that the season finale after being postponed in September after the terrorist

"Campo told us to play the rest of the year like a six-game high school season. That's a simple way of look-

ing at it," said safety Darren Woodson, who along with Emmitt Smith are the only holdovers from all three Dallas teams that won Super Bowl titles in the mid-1990s. "It's one game at a time. And we've taken care of two of them."

After winning 20-14 Washington, and getting their ninth straight win against the Redskins, the Cowboys overcame a 10-point deficit Sunday to beat the Giants.

"It feels good, we want to keep it going," said Carter, who played just five quarters the first 10 games because of the injuries.

Carter is one of 15 rookies on the team, and among 39 players with less than three full seasons of NFL

Steers earn spots on District 4-4A all-district team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Despite getting off to what can only be called a slow start, Big Spring's Steers acquitted themselves well when they reached District 4-4A play and that was evident when the league's coaches met to select their all-district football team.

The Steers, who dropped their first five games, including 4-4A outings against Andrews and San Angelo Lake View, rebounded to string together four straight wins over Levelland, Plainview, Lubbock Estacado and Snyder before closing out the season with a loss to district champion and eventual state quarterfinalist Frenship.

That late success was reflected in Big Spring landing four first-team spots on the honor squad dominated by 4-4A's playoff representatives - Frenship, Andrews and Plainview.

Big Spring's passing attack, which game district opponents fits, obviously received the most respect from the coaches, as junior quarterback Tye Butler and wide receivers Brandon Mendoza, another junior, and senior Clarence Wilkins were first-team selections on offense.

Courtesy photo

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The Steers' only first-team pick on defense was Wilkins, who did double duty as a defensive back.

Three more Big Spring players were second-team honorees — running back Kyland Wegner, receiver Larry Thompson and linebacker Mike Smith, all three seniors.

Big Spring added 26 honorable mention selections. On defense they included tackles Jarond Boyd and Jeremy Jones; linebackers Jesse Woodruff, Dustyn Beauchamp and Jared Phillips; punter Michael Ornales; ends Adam Solis, Tim Overton and Keith Newton; and the secondary threesome of Wesley Smith, Raul Garza and Ronnie

Johnson. The Steers' honorable mention selections on offense were linemen George Quintero, Mike Manzanarez, Jeff DeLos Santos, Keith Newton, Bryan Stokes, Kyle Newton, Adam Partee, David **Partlow** and Daniel Miramontes; kicker Jordan Cobb; tight end Mike Smith; and running, backs Ramone Ford and Josh Mathews.

Frenship tight end David Thomas, a 6-foot-3, 215pound, senior was named the district's most valuable offensive player, while Andrews' K.C. White, a 6foot, 195-pound senior, was named the loop's most valuable defensive player for his showing at defensive end.

Andrews sophomore Matt Gardner, 4 6-foot-2, 220pound running back, was selected as the district's sophomore of the year, while four other sophomores were honored as newcomers of the year.

Those four included Plainview's Micah

Snyder's isaac Ramon and Andrews' David Kessler.

DISTRICT 4-4A **All-District Football Team**

MVP OFFENSE: David Thomas, 6-3.

MVP DEFENSE: K.C. White, 6-0, 195, ., Andrews.
SOPHOMORE OF YEAR: Matt Gardner, 6-2, 220, Andrews

NEWCOMERS OF YEAR: Micah Pelphrey, 5-9, 160, Soph., Plainview, Daunte Boyd, 5-11, 180, Soph., Lubbock, Estacado; Isaac Ramon, 5-7, 165, Soph., Snyder; David Kessler, 5-10, 150, Soph.

FIRST TEAM

Linemen: Mark Asmussen, 5-9, 195, , Frenship; Chance Vineyard, 6-5, 270, Sr., Frenship; Jared Long, 6-1, 260, Jr., Andrews; Jeff Lebby, 6-5, 285, Sr., Andrews; Nathan Young, 6-3, 258, Jr., Plainview; Marty Moss, 6-4, 300, Sr.; Lubbock Estacado. Tight end: Daid Thomas, 6-3, 215, Sr.,

Backs: Christian Coronado, 5-6, 145 Levelland; Bryson Davis, 6-3, 253; Plainview; Brylon Bradic, 6-2, 185, Sr., Plainview: Juamar Hall, 5-11, 165

Receivers: Perry McDaniel, 5-9, 155

Kicker: Joe Barnes, 6-0, 165, Sr.,

Andrews; Manuel Salcedo, 6-4, 245 Sr., Plainview; Brady Campbell, 6-0, 215, Jr., Frenship; Billy Stiggers, 5-8, 225, Sr., Lubbock Estacado Ends: Mike Mason, 6-4, 245, Sr., Lake

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22)**** Be creative when dealing with the people around you. A partner could be irascible and emotional. You know how to tame someone's feelings. Realize what is going on and work through his or her erratic behavior. You find solutions when no one else does. Tonight: Cut the romping early.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** A child or loved one can persuade you to do things you would prefer not to do. Unanticipated surprises move you in another direction. Realize what it is that you want from a key person in your life. Keep your eye on the end result, not the moment. You'll smile at success. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*** Your strong personality causes a shake-up when vou least expect it. You might think that someone rebels for no reason. Rather, you are part of the problem. Be honest with yourself and then you can change the pattern. Keep smiling, and it'll all work out. Tonight: Do your holiday errands, stopping for eggnog with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*** When it comes to disruption, stand back. You might not be the cause, but you might be affected by these events. Your sense of humor can make a substantial difference in how you view your day. Don't think you're the only one! Tonight: Go with a second

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** Though you believe everything is under control, you might find out boss. Unexpected news Take a walk rather than otherwise. Listen to the

drumbeats. Listen to the echoes. Read between the lines. Make an important meeting, but think very carefully about what you expect. Tonight: Vanish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*** Whether'you intend to or not, you add a certain element of uproar. You could feel quite out of control as you try to calm down. Others react strongly to this side of you. Please try to don a professional image at work. Tonight: Let off steam with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** Continue seeking out information, tapping in on new resources. Your perspective could change as a result. In fact, you could be stunned when a piece of news filters in to you. Make arrangements to work as late as you need to. Tonight: Get as much done as possible.

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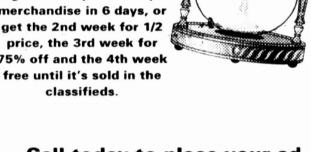
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Dear Landers: Last vear. you printed a letfrom Martin Luther King III, challenging children in grades K-12 to do acts of kindness and justice. I

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am an elementary school teacher in New York. As a result of that column, I registered my school for the Kindness & Justice Challenge, and over the two-week period of the Challenge, we collected over 3,000 documented acts

of kindness. Fifth-grader Sandra collected clothing and toys to send to earthquake victims in Guatemala and El Salvador. Amanpreet, a fourth-grader, helped her mother pass her citizenship test. Jossy, who is in the third grade, helped her

brother learn to read. We are proud of the children at New York P.S. 86. Thank you, Ann, for promoting this very special event. We hope you will do again. Fern

Rashkover, Jamaica, N.Y.

Kindness and Justice Challenge teaches goodwill

Dear Fern Rashkover: I am pleased to alert my readers once more to the Kindness & Justice Challenge. Here is this year's letter from Martin Luther King III explaining the program:

Dear Ann Landers: This fall, with individual acts of conscience and large gathworld. Young people are rising up to renew our nation.

Next month, young people across America can continue to make a difference by participating in the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge. Students in grades K-12 perform Acts of Kindness (helping others) and Justice (standing up for what's right). The Challenge takes place between Jan. 21 and Feb. 1, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students record the Acts of Kindness and Justice they perform and post them on the Internet to share with schools across the country. Participants also will have

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Now, more than ever, we have the chance to help young people learn the virtues taught by my father tolerance, responsibility and moral courage - and put these lessons into practice. Let's honor the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday by helping a new generation understand the hope that true citizenship can bring. Sincerely, Martin Luther King III

Dear Martin Luther King III: Thank you once again for the opportunity to let my readers know about the Kindness & Justice Challenge. I urge teachers everywhere to get their classes involved. The rewards will be enormous.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to respond to "Heartbroken Mother in Texas," who wanted her rich daughter to support her. "Mom" said she had no job skills and could barely make it on Social Security.

Why is she selling herself short? She took care of her dying husband for seven years. She can call her local hospice organization and ask if they need help. She can run an ad in the paper and let it be known that she's available as a companion or caregiver. Once her daughter sees Mom is trying to make it on her own, she will have newfound respect for her mother, not to mention the high selfesteem the mother will gain for herself. — Advice from Oklahoma City

Dear Oklahoma City: Right you are! It is never too late to reinvent yourself. Thank you for pointing it out.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been living with "Keith" for two years. Last year, he took me to meet his parents and sister. His parents are fine, but his sister, "Rosie," is a problem. She is moody and rude. Keith says that is just the way she is and I should overlook it. I have tried, but she has become

Rosie got engaged six months ago. Keith and I helped his parents look for locations for the wedding and offered to let out-oftown relatives stay in our house. Two weeks later, Rosie called and said only immediate family would be invited, and that did not include me. She was married last month, and I was not invited to the wedding. Although Keith was angry, he went to the wedding without me

Last weekend, Rosie and her husband invited Keith to their apartment. He brought me along, hoping that we could patch things up. It didn't work. As soon as I saw Rosie, I was so filled with hurt feelings I had to leave. Keith and I argued about it. He said I was unfriendly. I think he is insensitive. We've agreed to listen to your advice, Ann. - Out in the Cold in Los Angeles

Dear Cold in L.A.: It sounds as if you didn't stick around long enough for Rosie to extend the olive branch. I say, give it another try. While you and Rosie are never going to be bosom buddies, you can at least put aside your hurt feelings and be civil to her for Keith's sake. Please listen to me. You'll be glad you did.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from "Nameless in North Carolina" about guests who stay too long brought back some wonderful memories

When visitors stayed too long at my parents' house. Dad would quietly disappear and return within a few minutes, wearing his pajamas. It always made people laugh, and they got the message and left soon after. So far as I know, there were no hurt feelings

Longtime Reader in Elmira, N.Y. Dear Elmira: Your Dad

was a true diplomat with a good sense of humor. The U.N. could use his talent now Drugs are everywhere

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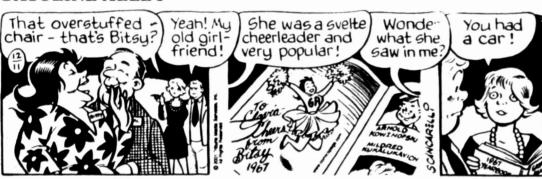








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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2001. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson. On this date:

In 1719, the first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis took place in New England.

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state. In 1872, America's first

black governor took office as-Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana. In 1928, police in Buenos

Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover. In 1937, Italy withdrew

from the League of Nations. In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the United States responded in kind. In 1946, the United Nations

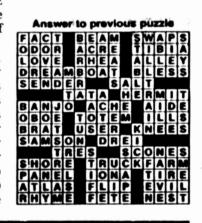
International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established. In 1961, a U.S. aircraft car-

rier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas. In 1981, the U.N. Security

Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body. Today's Birthdays: Nobel

Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 71. Actress Rita Moreno is 70. Actor Ron Carey is 66. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 62. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 61. Senate Finance

Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 60. Actress Donna Mills is 58. Senator John Kerry, D-Mass., is 58. Singer Brenda Lee is 57. Actress Lynda Day George is 57. Country producer Tony Brown is 55. Actress Teri Garr is 53. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 49. Actress Bess Armstrong is 48. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 47. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Motley Crue) is 43. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 37. Rock musician David Schools (Widespread Panic) is 37: Actor Gary Dourdan



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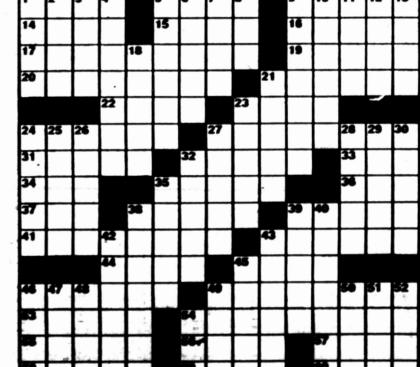
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