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December 14, 2001 WEATHER



TONIGHT TOMORROW 35°-40° 60°-65°

Festival of Lights display opens tonight at park

The first chance to see this year's Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park will be 6 p.m. Saturday. The displays will be lit nightly from 6 to 10 p.m. through Dec.

The festival includes more than 350,000 lights and a new display of 20foot poinsettias along the South Highway 87 dam.

Admission to the display is free. Donations will be accepted to improve the display next

HELPING OTHERS

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help oth ers less fortunate, including the Salvation Army Trees and Salvation Army Kettles.

If your organization has an established program to help others and would like **to be** included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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- Wal-Mart
- · Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center

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Declining enrollment may prompt closing of one elementary school

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Declining enrollment fiscal constraints may force the Big Spring Independent School trustees close a school at the end of MURPHY the school year.

"The decrease in enroll-

ment (of the district) is a lit-tary schools. tle more than 500 students in the last 10 years," said Demographer Leslie Johnston of Johnston and

"This issue is why we are here," said Superintendent Murray Murphy. "We have a enrollment problem and we have to handle it.'

The administration is currently looking at one option closing Anderson Kindergarten Center and moving the students back to the neighborhood elemen-

Goliad would be converted into a districtwide fifth- and

sixth-grade center and the Goliad Elementary students would be transferred to neighborhood schools.

Finally rural and county students from Washington Elementary will be transferred to Marcy Elementary.

This one option is currently in the discussion phase, Murphy said, and the district would welcome any discussion, suggestions or alternative plans that meet

HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

The youth is also involved

And she may continue on

in the art by majoring in

ballet and music while in

"The Nutcracker" follows

the story of Clara as she

receives the nutcracker as a

gift for Christmas but

another child, Fritz, is jeal-

ous of the present and

Later that night Clara

goes in search of the nut-

cracker and falls asleep. Her

dream takes Clara on adven-

ture as the Nutcracker bat-

tles the Mouse King and

then takes Clara to the Land

based on a tale by E.T.A.

Hoffman. The music was

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"The Nutcracker" story is

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the requirements.

Johnston said school enrollment is directly tied into economic activity. When the economy is growing so is enrollment and when the economy drops, enrollment falls.

"You normally don't see a decline this much unless there is a decline in population" she said.

According to Johnston's statistics, the largest drop in decline comes from the kindergarten through fourth-grade age group indiyounger worker with elementary-age children are leaving the area.

Enrollment for grades seventh through 12th have remand steady through the 10 year period but as the elementary children begin to age, the district will soon see a decline in students at both the junior high and high school.

"The realistic problem is that we are in a declining

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BSISD

District could be lifted from desegregation order trustees are told Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big **Spring** The **Independent School District** may be lifted from a 1980 desegregation court order by the new year, trustees learned Thursday.

"We plan to file motion for unitary status," said Dorcas Green, a lawyer from Walsh, Anderson. "Basically that means we are going to ask the Department of Justice to return the schools under the full control of the dis-

The school district has been under the court order since a 1980 lawsuit.

"In 1980 lots of schools were sued by the United States of America, particularly the Department of Justice over segregation of schools. The Big Spring district was one of those Green said.

In 1992, the Department of Justice visited Big Spring to check on the progress of the district on handling desegregation in three areas institutions and facilities, student issues and minority recruitment and promotion.

The department found the district was complying with the first two issues but needed to work on minority recruitment, Green said.

Green said the district has the evidence to prove it has complied with the ruling and has requested from the Department of Justice to sign an agreement order to let the district have full control of the schools.

"The Department of Justice wants to contact minorities in the community," Green said. "We are happy for them to do that."

If the department signs the agreement, Green will take the it to a judge so the case can be released and hopes to finalize the agreement before Christmas but expects to finish the case in January.

If the Department of Justice decides not to sign, Green will file a brief with

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100th year anniversary celebration set to begin

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

The All City Choir will open the Big Spring Independent School District Centennial cele-

brations tonight with a concert of Christmas and patriotic music. 'We would like to invite all of Big Spring out to celebrate a 100 years of the Big Spring school dis-

trict," said Linda Lindell, choir teacher at Big Spring High School. More than 80 fourth, fifth and sixth-grade students will perform at the high school auditorium at

7. Lindell will provide the piano accompaniment. "The children have worked hard and have been such a cooperative group," said Susan Dawes, director of the All City Choir and music specialist at Bauer Elementary School.

About 120 students tried out for the choir in September with 100 making the final cut, Dawes

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ACTIVITIES

Today

7 p.m. - All City Choir, high school auditorium

Saturday 7 p.m. - Patriotic perfor-

mance by the high school choir, band and theater students, high school auditorium.

Sunday

2 p.m. - Historical marker ceremony, administration building.

Military support group to collect names Saturday By ANDREIA MEDLIN

By LYNDEL MOODY

A local youth will join the

cast of 100 in the Midland

Festival Ballet's 2001 pro-

duction of "The Nutcracker" on Saturday

Victoria McDowell, 13, the

daughter of Vicky and Allen

McDowell and a Forsan

Junior High School eighth-

grader, will be dancing the

part of a Chinese Doll in the

production set at the Lee

High School auditorium.

She is also the understudy

for the Waltz of the Flowers.

time production draws

around 900 people a night

but McDowell said she is

"I have been in on stage

McDowell has studied bal-

let for the past seven years

and has performed in a

number of recitals for danc-

Since she was cast for the

part in August, McDowell

spends eight hours a week

practicing in Midland for

not nervous about the per-

The famous Christmas

Staff Writer

and Sunday.

formance.

before," she said.

ing as well as piano.

Features Editor

In honor of those who are serving in the military and for the families they left behind, the local military support group will be collecting names of those family members that are currently serving and a wallet size photo to be displayed at a location in town.

"We will set up a table at Wal-Mart from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. We are trying to collect names and photos of anyone who is serving in the military from the area," said Holly

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Officer Greg Williams processes eighth graders Josh Fajardo, of Big Spring Junior High,

Derek Pierce and Casey Huit, both of Forsan Junior/Senior High School, in a mock

arrest staged at the Next Generation Day seminar held today at Howard College. The

session was designed to warn adolescents about the consequences they will face if

they choose to consume alcohol as minors. Other sessions had area employers meet-

'Nutcracker' performance doesn't

intimidate Forsan 13-year-old

ing with the youth to advise them on career decisions.

the ballet in addition to her

13-year-old Nutcracker" this weekend.

"I never get tired of bal-

let," McDowell said. "It's a long time but I get used to

Victoria McDowell will perform in the Midland festival Ballet's 2001 production of "The

six hours of regular prac-

"Its about children," said Judy Coleman, of the Coleman Academy

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Faye Steward, volunteer for Spring Tabernacle, left, assists Lilly Rodriguez, in finding the right present for her child Thursday at the church. **Volunteers Trudy Carter,** Ethel Pringle, Ann Fox, June Wiggins, Steward and Gena Ray helped mothers find free Christmas gifts for their children. The church served the needs of about

Local man pleads guilty to tearing up recall petitions By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer A Big Spring man pleaded guilty Thursday to ripping up pages of a local group's petition to recall the mayor.

James Michael DePauw told County Judge Ben Lockhart that he undercharges. stood the "Tampering with a government record," a Class A misdemeanor, and said "Guilty" when Lockhart asked him for his plea.

As part of a pre-arranged agreement, DePauw was charged a \$500 fine and \$262 court costs and will perform 24 hours community

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OBITUARIES

Rozelle McKenney Dohonev

Graveside service for Rozelle McKenney Dohoney, 93, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, at Westbrook Cemetery in Mitchell County with the Rev. Flynn Long officiating.

Mrs. Dohoney died Tuesday, Dec. 11, at a local hospital following a brief illness.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1908, in Mitchell County and grew up there. She married Claude Dohoney and he preceded her in death in 1953. She had attended Texas State College for Women where she received a bachelors degree in home economics. She had worked as a home demo agent in Farwell, Dawson County and Orange County. She has also taught school in Westbrook, Montone, Pecos and Big Spring.

Survivors include one brother, Jack McKenney of Colorado City.

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

Jett Moore

Jett Moore, 56, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, at her resi-

dence. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin



Parker, minister, officiating. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at Fairview Cemetery in Grosvenor.

She was born on May 30, 1945, in San Angelo and married Thomas William Moore Jr. on May 26, 1962, in Ojinaga, Mexico.

Jett had worked for Lab Corporation for 20 years. She enjoyed bowling and was a bowling league member for many years.

She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was very active in the church. She volunteered for many organizations, especially the March of Dimes. She had been a member of the Perceptor Beta Sigma Phi Sorority since 1978 and last year was their Sweetheart and Girl of the Year.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Rozelle McKenney Dohoney, 93, died Graveside Tuesday. services are 2:00 PM Saturday at Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



Jett Moore, 55, died Wednesday. Services will be 1:00 PM Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church Graveside services will be 1:00 PM Monday at Fairview Cemetery. Grosvenor, Texas.

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Survivors include her husband, Thomas Moore of Big Spring; two daughters, Barbara Moore of Midland and Tammie Masters of San Angelo; one son, Thomas Moore III of Seminole: her mother, Maxine Allen of San Angelo; seven granddaughters, Elizabeth Moore, Victoriann Moore, Ashley Masters, J'Ann Masters, Courtney Jackson, Lindsey Jackson and McKenzey Jackson; and three brothers, John Cockburn of Dallas and Bruce Allred and Joseph Allen, both of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Danielle Jettie Masters.

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

BALLET

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Midland. " I have choreographed the play for the children. It's an old fashion Christmas tale."

Professional artist will perform the lead parts of the

Jenna Lavin, formerly of Miami City Ballet, will perform the Sugar Plum Fairy. Lavin was trained at the School of American, the training school for the New York City Ballet.

Herr Cavalier will be performed by Cornel Crabtree, formerly of the New York City Ballet and the Jeffrey Ballet.

Johnny Simons, the director and creator of the Hip Pocket Theater, is Herr Drosselmeyer and the Snow King will be Qisheng Zhang, formerly of the Ballet Arizona.

Odessa/Midland Symphony will provide the musical accompaniment.

The production will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Admission to the event is \$15 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens, children and students. Tickets can be purchased at Ann McAnn shop in the Colonnade Shopping Center at Loop 250 and Garfield in Midland.

The The book, E.T.A.Nutcracker, by Hoffmann, was donated to the Forsan Junior High School library in honor of McDowell.

BSISD

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the Federal Court of Abilene, she said. In other business, board members:

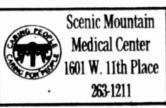
 Approved a \$76,920.88 bid by Bob Brock Ford of Big Spring for fleet vehicles that includes a 2002 walkthrough step van and three 2002 full-size pickups.

· Approved extending a contract with Spring City Auction for auctioneer services for one year with the same commission rate of 20 percent on each item sold at the public auction.

 Approved the Integrated Pest Management Program. Accepted the resignation

of Charley Ogle, resource teacher at Big Spring Junior High School.

· Approved renewing the contract with Green & Fillingim to perform audits of the district for a two-year period. The board also accepted the audit report by Glenn Fillingim of Green & Fillingim.





Fri. & Sat. **Night Buffet** 5:30 pm-9:30 pm All The Pizza, Pasta, Salad & Dessert You Can Eat. **Call For Details** 1702 Gregg • 263-1381

Recognized the accomplishments of the Big Spring High School band, tennis team, cross country team, Lady Steer volleyball team and first team all-district football players at the beginning of the meeting.

"On behalf of the school district we would like to say congratulations to all the students, parents and of course the coaches and directors," said board president Irene Bustamante.

100 YEARS

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said.
The students then meet every Thursday beginning the last week in September for practice and students were only allowed to miss practice twice, Dawes said. The children will sing two

Christmas songs. "Procession" and "This Little Babe" from the musical composition Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten followed by old Texas favorites "Git Along Little Doggies," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "Bluebonnets of Texas," "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "Texas, our Texas."

On Saturday, the high school choir, band and theater students will hold a centennial celebration concert of patriotic music at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The choir will sing "Texas, Our Texas" and the Battle Hymn of the Republic," Lindell said, followed by a few patriotic pieces from the band. Theater students will give

a brief history on the district and the program will end with a performance by Rhapsody, a BSHS choir group. Both performances are

free to the public.

The centennial celebrations will be capped off on Sunday when the district receives a historical marker from the Texas State Historical Commission at 2 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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service. DePauw was also given three months deferred adjudication, meaning that the charge will be removed from his record in three months if he fulfills the court's requirements.

Several members of the Concerned Citizen's Council, who circulated the petition to recall Mayor Russ McEwen in October, attended the hearing at the **Howard County Courthouse** Thursday afternoon.

"I'm pleased that Mr. DePauw chose to plead guilty and spare the taxpayers the cost of a jury trial," said JoAnn Staulcup, spokesperson for the Concerned Citizens. "I hope this sentence sends a message and stops others from destroying government documents.

Jean Slate and Sarah Salisbury, the Concerned Citizens members whose petition DePauw shredded, were both in attendance.

"I felt (DePauw's sentence) was justified and appropriate," Slate said.

Salisbury didn't comment on the sentence.

"I'm just glad it's over with," she said.

Neither DePauw nor his attorney Timothy Yeats of Big Spring offered comment after the hearing.

DePauw approached Slate

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BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

and Salisbury as they manned a table soliciting signatures for the petition in front of the Big Spring Post Office Oct. 2, pretending to be interested in sign-

Instead, he grabbed three of the document's pages bearing about 20 signatures and walked away shredding them.

The Concerned Citizens managed to collect more than enough signatures to force a recall election despite DePauw's actions.

McEwen defeated the recall in the election by a slender margin.

SUPPORT

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Moore, one of the coordinators of the support group.
The Vietnam Memorial

has donated a display case for the collected names and photos and the week of Dec. 11-17 has been designated as Armed Forces Appreciation Week by a proclamation made by Mayor Russ McEwen.

"We really want to encourage people to come to Wal-Mart and bring a walletsize photo of their family member who is currently serving in the military. Moore said.

Moore said that the more the subject is discussed, the more they find people who have someone who is in the military and that people are grateful for the support

The military support group meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Anyone who is interested in getting more information about the booth or the support group is encouraged to call Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Moore at 263-8106.

DECLINE

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enrollment and it will probably continue," Murphy said. Although Johnston has

not fully researched the economic activity in the area, she doesn't expect the situation to change. "You will most likely see a

decline in student enrollment for the next five to 10 years," she said, until job demand and supply equal out in the community. The district will begin

campus and community meetings on the subject in January and continue through February. A public hearing with the board of trustees will be held in February.

The trustees plan to decide on the recommended closing by March, but the vote has yet to be scheduled.

BRIEFS

THE NEWLY FORMED **COAHOMA** Improvement Committee is

looking for citizens interested in improving the City Park. Our next meeting will be

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Please call these numbers for more information - 267-7970 or 263-2147.

The lessons are free but, be purchased.

REGISTRATION FOR

THE SPRING semester at

Howard College continues

Jan. 7-8, 2002, at open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14, 2002. Call 264-5083 to receive an assigned time. ELEVEN YEAR OLD ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devasting neu-

rological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech and physical therapy. His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance does-

n't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur. An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his unknown, was arrested for family has asked for help

and prayers for their son. To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 48 Thursday's low 30 Record high 82 in 1995 Record low 13 in 1985 Average high 55 Average low 28 Precip. Thursday trace Month to date 0.02 Year to date 14.06 Sunrise Saturday 7:40

Sunset Saturday 5:43 p.m. Sunrise Sunday 7:40 a.m. Sunset Sunday 5:43 p.m.

Fire/EMS

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

4:05 a.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical 7:23 a.m. - 900 block of

Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 8:57 a.m. - 700 block of W. I-20, medical call, one

patient transported to SMMC. 9:05 a.m. - 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one

patient transported to VA Medical Center. 10:30 a.m. — 900 block of

Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 11:11 a.m. - 900 block of

Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 1:09 p.m. - 2000 block of Greg, trauma call, one patient transported to

SMMC. 1:39 p.m. - 1900 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:35 p.m. - 500 block of

PICK 3: 2,8,3 CASH 5: 9,19,20,33,39

Hughes Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:03 p.m. — 100 block of W. 19th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Correction

Thursday's Big Spring the study guide will have to Herald Police Beat incorrectly stated that Kim Stambaugh of Big Spring was arrested on a Howard County warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.

Stambaugh was actually arrested on three Howard County warrants for delivery of marijuana.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today: **JEREMY** SEAN

YEATS, 23, of 1600 E. 17th St. was arressted on local warrants. RUSSELL WAYNE **MCCOY**, 33, address

a probation violation. MINOR ACCIDENT was reporte in the 500 block of South Douglas Street.

LESS DRIVING was reported in the 1100 block of South Lancaster. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

DRAGRACING/RECK-

was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. DOMESTIC DISTUR-**BANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway

· Two THEFTS of merchandise worth \$145 and \$47 were reported at Wal-Mart.

 THEFT was also reported at a home in the 1000 block of South Main. Home electronics worth \$137 were reported stolen from the

 CRIMINAL TRES-PASSING/HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Wood. Someone reportedly kicked open the rear door causing \$400 damage at the home.



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Many see bin Laden tape as damning

WASHINGTON (AP) -Among Americans and their allies, Osama bin Laden's satisfied and knowing musings about the Sept. 11 attacks hardened attitudes already set in stone.

In the video shown to the world, bin Laden betrayed indeed, boasted about his advance knowledge of the suicide hijackings and spoke about how the destruction had exceeded even his "optimistic" calcu-

U.S. legal experts called the tape devastating, a "virtual confession," in the words of one.

Even so, some skeptics abroad remained unconvinced that bin Laden did anything more than express pleasure at the success of attacks that killed more than 3,000 people. There was even a suggestion America cooked up the video using a stand-in.

In an even, low voice, with the occasional chuckle, bin Laden recounted at length his reaction to the attacks on New York City and Washington. The apparently candid video, which was shot at an Afghan guest house before U.S.-backed forces overran the Taliban, was released Thursday by the Pentagon.

"We calculated in advance the number of casualties who would be killed," bin Laden said, according to the U.S. translation.

But he said he had not figured that the World Trade Center twin towers would come down entirely, instead believing only floors at and above the planes' impact sites would be destroyed.

On the operation's planning, he said "we did not reveal" to the hijack crews the details of what they were expected to do until just before they boarded the

They knew only that they were preparing for a martyrdom operation, he said.

For all his familiarity with the Sept. 11 events, bin Laden did not explicitly take responsibility for directing the operation. He said he received notification of the Tuesday attacks the previous Thursday, indicating that the timing, at least, might have been left to oth-

The Pakistani government said the tape vindicated its decision to back the U.S. war in Afghanistan despite the heated opposition from and enraged. ... I just want-results.

many of its citizens.

And in Washington, a Muslim group that has been critical of aspects of U.S. policy in the anti-terror campaign found the tape convincing.

"Bin Laden clearly spoke as someone who had foreknowledge of the attacks." the Council on American-Islamic Relations said in a statement. The group found particularly "sickening" bin Laden's claim that the attacks advanced the cause

of Islam. Imad Hamad, director of the Dearborn, Mich., regional office of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, said the translation provided by the government with the help of outside experts seemed accu-

"It's clear in the tape that he had the prior knowledge," Hamad said. "And he was happy about it. This is insane."

Outrage spread across the United States.

Mark Finelli, an investment banker from Tucson, Ariz., who was on the 61st floor of one of the twin towers on Sept. 11, said the tape

ed to punch the screen."

"Whenever I saw it on television I changed the channel," said Anthony Gambale, whose daughter, Giovanna, was killed at the World Trade Center.

"It is frightening and shocking to sit there and listen to him invoke the name of the almighty to defend murder, to defend evil," Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

U.S. officials could hardly claim that the tape convinced them of bin Laden's guilt, because they had asserted his guilt was beyond question already. But they hoped influential doubters in the Middle East would be swayed.

"I don't see how any rational person could come away thinking, anywhere in the world, that Osama bin Laden had nothing to do with the 9-11 events," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

"That clinches it for the world," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Yet some Arabs held out the possibility that bin Laden was making a colossal, empty boast before a gathering of supporters who made him feel "very violent shared his delight in the

Man indicted in Sept. 11 attacks will stand trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Four conditions that would safe men who quickly became FBI targets in the days following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks appeared before judges, but only one was facing faces charges relat-

ed to terrorism. courtroom In one Thursday, a Virginia man whose phone number was found inside a car registered to one of the hijackers pleaded guilty to forgery. In another, two men arrested with boxcutters on a train the day after the attacks were charged with conspiring to commit credit card fraud.

Only Zacarias Moussaoui, a 33-year-old Frenchman who has been jailed since August, stands charged in the attacks. He was denied bail Thursday and ordered sent to Alexandria, Va., for trial.

Moussaoui walked into U.S. District Court in Manhattan in handcuffs and shackles. He didn't enter a plea and only nodded in the direction of Judge Barbara Jones when she asked if his understood his rights.

After Moussaoui's indictment Tuesday on six conspiracy charges, four of them punishable by death, Attorney General John Ashcroft described him as an "active participant" in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that left 3,200 people dead or missing.

The indictment said Moussaoui's activities mirrored those of the 19 hijackers as he attended flight school, opened a bank account with cash, bought flight deck videos and looked into crop dusting planes. He was detained Aug. 17 on immigration charges after he aroused suspicion trying to pay cash for flight lessons in Minnesota.

Jones denied him bail, saying: "There are no conditions or combination of City, N.J.

guard the community."

Moussaoui's appointed lawyer, Donald DuBoulay, accused the government of failing to properly identify his clients declining to pay a \$40-perday material witness fee to his client and improperly videotaping his attorneyclient conferences. His client wanted to donate the daily material witness payments to the orphans of Chechnya, he said later.

Moussaoui's arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 2 on conspiracy charges for ter rorism, aircraft piracy, destruction of aircraft, use of weapons of mass destruction, murder and destruction of property: The indictment says Moussaoui worked with 23 co-conspirators to murder thousands.

In another courtroom, in Alexendria, Va., Mohamed Abdi, whose first name and phone number were found on a map in a hijacker's car left at Dulles International Airport, pleaded guilty Thursday to forgery for signing his landlord's name on a \$220 rental subsidy check.

In the case of the two men detained Sept. 12 after they were found with box cutters on an Amtrak train in Forth Worth, a law enforcement source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Wednesday that investigators no longer believe they were connected to the attacks.

The two were charged Thursday with conspiring to commit credit card fraud. The criminal complaint identifies one as Syed Gul Mohammed Shah, with an alias of Ayub Ali Khan, the name that has appeared in published reports.

He and the other man, Mohammed Azmath, had been roommates in Jersey

Afghan commander claims to have bid Laden surrounded

TORA BORA, Afghanistan convoy and helicopters took (AP) — A top Afghan commander claimed today to have located and surrounded a cave in which he believed Osama bin Laden could be hiding.

Eastern alliance defense chief Hazrat Ali also said his fighters had surrounded a large number of bin Laden's al-Qaida guerrillas on a mountain ridge in the Tora Bora area in eastern Afghanistan — near to the

Ali did not say why he thought bin Laden might be inside the cave, one of several in a gorge where his tribesmen were fighting al-Qaida forces amid heavy U.S. aerial bombing.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's south, scores holed up in another part of

control of the battle-scarred Kandahar airport, a onetime stronghold of al-Qaida and the now-vanquished Taliban militia. The runway was littered with unexploded ordnance and pocked by

bomb craters. The airport is to become a major arrival point for humanitarian aid that will be desperately needed as the bitter Afghan winter sets in.

The location of bin Laden the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States — remains the focus of the fierce conflict near the Pakistan border. Some U.S. officials believe he might be hiding there under seige. However, othin ers say he is more likely even left the country.

A \$25 million U.S. bounty for the Saudi millionaire has heightened the hunt for him. There have been several unconfirmed sightings of bin Laden in the Tora Bora area in recent days.

Ali's description of the fighting could not be independently verified as journalists have been barred from that area.

Several hours earlier today, Ali quoted running radio reports from the battlefield as saying that his men had captured, entered and searched the cave. However, later he said they only located it and were trying to capture it.

"There is one cave surrounded by my forces.... J think there is one place

Ali said his forces had encircled al-Qaida loyalists in a small depression on the ridge. A battle for that position was ongoing, he said, and there were many al-Qaida dead and wounded.

"They are surrounded and they cannot escape," he said.

Pahalawn, a deputy of Mohammed Zaman, who commands another alliance faction, said the depression contained about 100 to 120 al-Qaida fighters who were under attack from the ground and air.

"We have seen the place," Pahalawn said of bin Laden's cave.

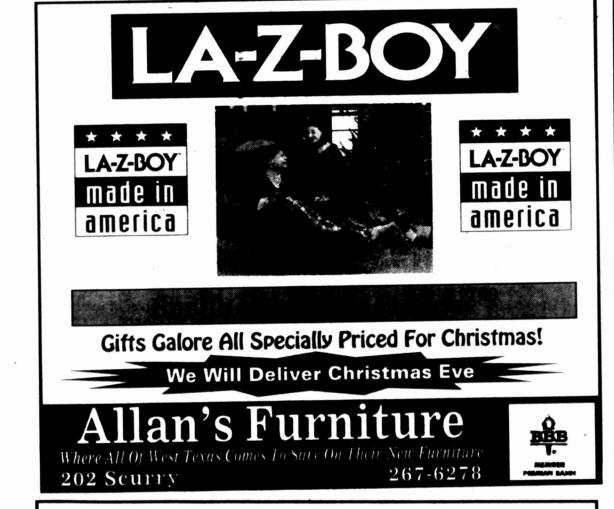
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OUR VIEWS Salutes:

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

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

This week we salute:

- BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL and the many volunteers who put on another successful Carol of Lights this week.
- THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA BUFFA-LO TRAIL COUNCIL, on dedication of its COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course Wednesday.
- LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS, on establishing Rotary Park in the 200 block of Main Street.
- **REY VILLARREAL**, Big Spring Junior High School principal, on being named the **TEPSAN** of the year for Region 18 by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.
- W.A. "WOODY" JUMPER, who was elected chairman of the Howard County Democratic

THE FORGAN COMMUNITY and organizs of the first Christmas in Boomtown activiies **held la**st Saturday.

Is t**here an ind**ividual or organization in our ommunity that you feel should be saluted? If o, please send us their name and why you hink they should be recognized. We must have our name and telephone number and you must rovide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: When one starts to write letter such as this one. ank you seems to be so ttle to say to express ratitude and appreciaion for all you have done or our band. You have **Supported us in so very** many ways and mere words can't begin to express what your support has meant to our ids during this marching season.

Perhaps the best way to sum it up is to let you know that you have nstilled new meaning to he term "Pride Drive!" For many years, the Big pring High School Band has been known as the Pride Drive of Big Spring High;" however, the ncouragement and backng all of Big Spring has xtended toward the band, his year, has made it ery proud to represent ur community.

That pride in themelves, their accomplishnents and the community hey represent has given Pride Drive" a new meanng and one which we know will continue as our and continues to do reat things knowing they ave your support. We want to extend a pecial "thank you" to the Big Spring Police epartment, the Herald, BST, Sonic No. 2, Waldart; Frito-Lay, the

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We also wish to thank all those businesses that bought ads supporting our band, and put signs up in support of the band; all those who attended our contest performances; and all that stayed after our last home game to watch us perform and gave our kids so much encouragement.

Finally, we know that any time a letter such as this one is written to extend appreciation, someone is inadvertently left out. Therefore, please know if we have not mentioned you personally, we apologize for the omission and we greatly appreciate your efforts and support of our band.

Again, thank you so much, Big Spring, for your support of our children, and please know you have given added meaning to the 'Pride Drive of Big Spring High!"

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We are being asked to give up our freedom

y George, we need honest, reasoned debate around here and not fear-mongering, so anyone out there who suspects Attorney General John Ashcroft of being a nincom poop is clear-

ly aiding terrorists and giving ammunition to America's enemies. Ashcroft says so, and if that's not reasoned debate, what

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Under the high standards of reason set forth by Ashcroft, we are allowed to present CORRECT information (those who present incorrect information, like some people in government, erode our national unity and diminish our resolve) as to what the attorney general is up to. While Operation Enduring Freedom continues in Afghanistan, enduring freedom is not looking so good here at home — and like the A.G., I would be the last to encourage people of goodwill to remain silent in the face of evil

Here is some CORRECT information about enduring freedom:

 Ashcroft's urpily named PATRIOT Act permits government agents to search a suspect's home without notification. In J. Edgar Hoover's day, this was known as "a black-bag job.'

As Nat Hentoff reports in

The Progressive: "A warrant would be required, but very few judges would turn a government investigator down in this time of fear. Ashcroft's 'secret searches' provision can now extend to all criminal cases and can include taking photographs, the contents of your hard drive and other property. This is now a permanent part of the law, not subject to any 'sunset review' by Congress.'

Many of our tough-minded brethren, to whom it is perfectly clear that less freedom equals more security, have dismissed complaints by saying, after all, these measures only apply to non-citizens, and besides, the worst parts of it will sunset in four years. Wrong. This means you, fellow citizens — if you happen to know someone whose brother-in-law rented a garage apartment to a guy who knew someone who might be a terrorist. Benjamin Franklin said. "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety." But I'm pretty sure Franklin didn't mean to aid terrorists, so please don't report him to the A.G.

 The expansion of wiretapping authority to computers simply puts privacy in cyberspace in jeopardy without any concomitant gain to law enforcement. According to James X. Dempsey, deputy director of the Center for Democracy and Technology, neither Congress nor the media have put all this together to see the breadth of the drag-

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net.

The government can now delve into personal and private records of individuals even if they cannot be directly connected to a terrorist or foreign government. Bank records, emails, library records, even the track of discount cards at grocery stories can be obtained on individuals without establishing any connection to a terrorist before a judge. According to the Los Angeles Times, Al Qaeda uses sophisticated encryption devices freely available on the Internet that cannot be cracked. So the terrorists are safe from cyber-snooping, but we're not.

Ashcroft and Co. essentially say, "Trust us, we won't misuse these new laws.'

But in fact the FBI and the CIA have repeatedly violated such trust to spy on everyone from Martin Luther King Jr. to Jean Seberg. That's why the checks were there to begin

 According to an analysis of PATRIOT by the **Electronic Freedom** Foundation, the government made no showing that the previous powers of laws enforcement and intelligence agencies to spy on U.S. citizens were insufficient to allow them to investigate and prosecute acts of terrorism: "Many provisions that, instead of (being) aimed at terrorism, are aimed at nonviolent, domestic computer crime. In addition, although many of the provisions appear aimed at terrorism, the government made no showing that the reasons they failed to detect the planning of the recent attacks or any other terrorist attacks were the civil liberties compromised by the bill. The government may now spy on web-surfing of innocent Americans, including terms entered into search engines, by merely telling a judge any where in the U.S. that the spying could lead to information that is 'relevant' to an ongoing criminal investigation.' The person spied on does

not have to be the target of the investigation nor is probable cause required.

 The military tribunals idea is so bad the administration has been backing up on it steadily, especially since Spain has already announced it won't turn over its Al Qaeda suspects to a system so violative of international standards. The Spaniards, who have been fighting Basque terrorists for years, are not noticeably "soft on terrorism."

 Lest you think our only attorney general does not care about rights. I point out that when it comes to the 550 he has "detained" since September, without evidence, without charges, without identification and without legal counsel, he so fully respects the Second Amendment rights of these non-citizens that he has reversed the Justice Department's previous stand to forbid the FBI to check on their gun-purchase records in order to protect their privacy. Also, Ashcroft fully believes in the rights of the unborn.

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Will fellow Texan DeLay replace Armey?

Leader Dick announced retirement kicks off a fierce succession battle among Republicans. Will fellow Texan Tom DeLay, the GOP

Whip, solidify his hold on the party by moving up to replace Armey? Or will GOP moderates assert themselves and muster enough votes

ANDERSON

to block DeLay and

install a more voter-friendly image as the face of congressional Republicans? And why should anybody care about these internecine struggles on Capitol Hill?

The answers to these questions are not hard. The combative DeLay, currently No. 3 in the House GOP hierarchy, is a good bet to ascend a rung and succeed Armey. Republican moderates are an endangered species in the House and lack the muscle and the manpower to do anything but talk. Yet, even if the

outcome of this struggle is a foregone conclusion, it's important that voters pay attention. With the 2002 elections less than a year away, Congress will loom larger in the public consciousness as both parties jockey for control and position themselves on issues to win favor with the vot-

DeLay is already the most identifiable figure for the GOP on Capitol Hill, and the man Democrats think they can demonize for political advantage if he gains more visibility. To the extent that anybody runs the House of

Representatives, it is DeLay, not Speaker Denny Hastert, the kindly former high-school wrestling coach handpicked for the job by DeLay in the turmoil following Newt Gingrich's resignation. DeLay's counterpart in the Senate, Democrat Tom Daschle, controls the agenda in that body, and he is already the target of a campaign by Republicans to demonize

The GOP effort to portray Daschle as the roadblock disrupting administration plans is designed for both short-term advantage (Daschle can then be

blamed for a lack of results from Congress), and to tarnish him as the Democrats' national spokesman going into next year's fall campaign. Vice President Cheney calls Daschle "obstructionist" for bottling

up the administration's energy plan, which calls for drilling in a protected federal preserve in Alaska, and for failing to go along with a Republican economic stimulus plan that focuses heavily on tax cuts for business and wealthier individuals. A newspaper ad running in Daschle's home state of South Dakota and paid for by an outside group sympathetic to the administration pictures Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Daschle sideby-side as equally culpable in disrupting energy supplies

Casting Daschle as a villain will be hard. The boyish Daschle has the demeanor of a Tom Sawyer and the quiet delivery of somebody who is above partisanship even when he is articulating the core Democratic message. Democrats should have an easier time making DeLay the heavy. DeLay relishes playing the strong man. and does nothing to soften

his image. His nickname is "The Hammer." To many Democrats, DeLay is Gingrich without the charm. Yet, he has what Gingrich lacked: staying power. When Gingrich stepped down as Speaker in 1997, his departure seemed to signify the end of the Republican Revolution. Gingrich, more than anybody, had engineered the GOP takeover of the House and Senate and personified the culture wars that went beyond traditional legislative maneuvering.

But Gingrich's departure enhanced DeLay's clout and deepened the edgy partisanship of the Gingrich era. When Armey exits the House a year from now, his departure is likely to further consolidate DeLay's power. Democrats are quietly cheering, thinking that DeLay is the closest thing to Gingrich they've got, and that his increased prominence will make him a welcome foil. But making him the poster boy for everything Democrats don't like about Republicans will be hard. The fairer fight will be watching Daschle and DeLay battle it out for institutional control in a Congress as divided as this



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Congress passes defense bill with base closings, pay raises

sent President Bush a long-awaited \$343 billion defense bill that gives full funding to his missile defense program while providing the largest military pay raise in two decades and a round of base

An impasse caused by strong opposition to Bush's call for more base closings delayed the bill for a month. Congress ultimately agreed to one round in 2005, two years later than Bush wanted.

The vote in the House on Thursday was 382-40, followed several hours later by a 96-2 vote in the Senate.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who threatened to recommend a veto if the bill did not

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress include a base-closing round in ligence 2003, would not say Thursday whether the 2005 round in the legislation would allay that threat. "I'm going to have to sleep on that," he told reporters at the Pentagon.

The defense legislation authorizes spending by the Defense Department and military efforts of the Energy Department for the budget year that began Oct. 1. It contains a \$33 billion increase, up 10.6 percent, over 2001 spending, matching Bush's request. A separate appropriations bill must be passed before the money may actually be spent.

In another action Thursday, the Senate unanimously gave final approval by voice vote to the intel-

authorization bill approved Wednesday by the House, sending that to Bush as

The intelligence bill places new emphasis on human spy networks and increased analysis of raw data, and calls for an increase of about 8 percent in spending. The actual spending on intelligence has generally been kept secret but has been estimated at about \$30 billion for the past few years.

Under the defense bill, military service members would get a minimum 5 percent across-the-board

pay raise — a 10 percent increase in some cases — effective Jan. 1. "The most generous pay raise in 20 years" was the assessment of Rep. Bob Stump, chairman of the

House Armed Services Committee. The bill provides more help with housing costs and a major boost in construction spending, including improvements to family housing.

"Halfway around the globe, thousands of sons and daughters are engaged in a noble cause against the forces of evil and intolerance," said Stump, R-Ariz. He said the bill provides the necessary resources and tools to accomplish that task and ensure they come home safely.

Yet the bill also "has something in it to disappoint virtually everyone involved," said Stump, who opposed base closings. Like other opponents, he opposed shutdowns while the nation is both at war and mired in an economic slump.

Rumsfeld pushed hard for a base-closing round in 2003, saying it could save \$3 billion or more a year that could be spent on essential military activities. He criticized the legislation Thursday.

The Pentagon, he said, would be stuck maintaining and protecting up to one-quarter more bases than it needs, diverting dollars and military personnel from accomplishing "something truly important with respect to the war on terrorism, and it's a shame."

On missile defense, Bush would get his full \$8.3 billion request, a \$3.1 billion increase over 2001, Bush notified Russia Thursday that the United States was pulling out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

House passes President Bush's education plan

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Senate is expected to hand President Bush a bipartisan victory next week on his top domestic priority, taking up his education bill after House lawmakers passed it by a wide

If the Senate passes the bill Tuesday as expected, Bush could sign it before Christmas.

"These landmark reforms will bring purpose to a federal law that has lost its focus and never met its promise," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who chaired the House-Senate education conference comvote.

Foremost among the bill's proposals is a requirement that millions of students take annual reading and math tests. For the first time, the scores could affect how much federal funding schools get and how they spend it.

The House vote was hailed by both Democrats and Republicans. Lawmakers spent months refining the massive Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides most of the funding and overall regulation for K-12 education.

"We can no longer accept mittee. The House approved the level of failure that we

legislation says that we won't," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., who helped write the bill.

During last spring's debate, the legislation was criticized by both liberals and conservatives — mainly for what was left out.

Conservatives complained that removing government vouchers, originally sought by Bush, meant the bill was little more than an expensive testing mandate without an "escape valve" for families whose children attend low-scoring schools.

On Thursday, several voted to reject the measure, including Majority Whip

the bill Thursday on a 381-41 have in the past, and this Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas. In all, 33 Republicans, six Democrats and both of the House's independent members voted against the bill.

Several Democrats said it's still unclear whether the funding included in the bill will help low-income stu-

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GOP refuse to limit debate on farm bill, diminishing prospects for year-end deal

WASHINGTON (AP) -Senate Democrats are accusing Republicans of putting farm subsidies at risk by delaying reauthorization of agriculture and nutrition programs.

The "money is in deep jeopardy" if Congress doesn't agree quickly on a new farm policy, said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D N.D. New budget forecasts to be issued in January may pressure Congress to cut back on agricultural subsidies, he said.

Republicans Democrats are trying to rush passage of a bad bill that would ultimately hurt farmers.

Farm groups have been pushing Congress to finish work on the legislation before the end of this year. The House approved an overhaul of farm programs in October, but the Senate has yet to finish work on its

in

The Senate on Thursday failed to agree when to finish work on a Democraticauthored bill, falling seven votes short of the 60 necessary to limit debate and restrict amendments. The vote was 53-45. Democratic leaders said they would try again next Tuesday.

Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, There are "wide gaps of suggested! Republicans differences" between the could pay a political price Senate and House bills, said for the vote. "Virtually Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss. every farm group is saying this is a 'gotta-do' situation," she said. But Republicans say the

Democratic bill, which would reauthorize farm programs through 2006, would stimulate excess production and hold down commodity

The bill would increase crop subsidies by as much as 20 percent.

"It would have really

shortchanged farmers and rural interests for the Senate leader to ramrod through partisan legislation," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Republicans said there wasn't enough time for Congress to reach agreement on new farm policy before January, even if the Senate approved Democratic measure.

The last time Congress rewrote farm policy, in 1996, negotiators took several weeks to work out an agreement on the final version.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, conceded that Congress was unlikely to finish work on the legislation before January or February. "But I never say 'No.' I never give up," he







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Is Christianity supposed to be a disposable commodity?

etoday's society we throw away many things that are disposable, things like disposable cameras, œups, plates, and napkins to name a



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These are things that we use for a brief time and then we throw them away. They have fulfilled their purpose and we no longer have any need for them.

What if you saw your neighbor throw away 1000 dollar bills or throw away a very valuable diamond ring into the trash?

You would think that they were missing a few marbles wouldn't you?

Believe it or not, many people are doing that each week, they are throwing something very valuable : away

What they are doing is they are not attending church.

They have come to the conclusion that they do not need the church any longer and so they have stopped attending.

Actually, the only times they go to church is for a wedding or a funeral and the funeral is usually their

There are many who do not attend church because they had their feelings

hurt or were wounded there. Let me say that I have been a Christian for 24 years and I have been hurt too, but quitting or running never solved the problem.

I love the church in spite of all the imperfections. It is a place where I can

go to worship the Lord and be loved by the family

It is a place where we need to work out our differences with God's help. You and I need the local

church. Unfortunately, there has also been a trend by many Christians and even some Christian leaders to pro-

mote this idea of not attending Church. I see many "fads" sweep through the church, some call it "waves" but what it

really is a fad. There are not many Christians that are very discerning these days.

They jump on board many fads without even questioning whether it is

By the way, it is all right to question whether something is of God or not.

Some believe that to question is to doubt, but that is not the case, we as Christians should be discerning.

A fad is a man-made trend and unfortunately we see many of those in the church today.

The one trend sweeping the church is that you no longer need to attend worship services at your church you can just stay

at home and have home church.

Unlike the "stay at home mothers" who work very hard in their homes raising thier children and meeting the needs of their family, we now have the "stay at home church."

The "stay at home church" does not see the need to attend their local church because they can just have church at home and be self sufficient.

Many of these people are as sincere as they can be, but they are sincerely

Some leaders teach that you can just stay at home and worship there with all your family and friends because you are the church.

Sounds nice but underneath it all there are some problems

The teaching I have just mentioned is based not on God's Word, but originates from an independent spirit that twists the Word of

Instead of uniting it seeks to divide.

Instead of preserving the unity of the Spirit, it causes dissension.

I know that I may make people mad with what I am saying but I want you to look at something.

One of the devil's main strategies is to divide the church and lesson the impact.

The "stay at home church" helps him to accomplish his goal. It pulls away from and hurts the local church.

The devil loves to divide and conquer.

I met one family several years ago that was no longer attending services at their local church, but were now worshipping at a home church.

They were very critical of all the local churches in the Big Spring area and that none of them were really serving and honoring the Lord.

They believed that they were the only ones truly serving the Lord.

I was saddened by their comments because they were based on self-right-

eousness and not on facts. There are many churches in Howard County that honor Jesus Christ and their pastors honor and love the Lord.

They are not perfect because they are filled with human beings, but they are honoring and glorifying God.

In so may cases Christians have a tendency to throw out the báby

with the bath water. It is so easy to quit and run instead of dealing with the real issues that

we face. "For if one fall, one will lift up his companion."

To those that have quit the church I say this, do you know that you have hurt and wounded the

church by your leaving? The church is a body. When a body is missing an arm, a leg, or an eye it

It must adjust to not having that part of the body.

Usually another part of the body must begin to work harder to accomplish a task that the missing part normally did. I

It makes it harder on the body. So it is when a Christian decides to quit coming to church and quit being committed, it makes it harder on the local church.

Someone else must step in and try to fill your

In the Christmas movie, "It's A Wonderful Life," the main character George Bailey does not realize the impact that he has had on the community of Bedford Falls until an angel shows him what life would be like without him.

In the movie his life made a big difference.

So it is with your life too in your local church. You do not realize how

much your church needs We need each other. A

Christian is not meant to be an island. He or she is not meant

to be independent but instead we are to be dependent on God and each other.

We need the local church and all Christians should support their local church not only by attending but also in serving.

Jeff Janca is pastor of Forsan Baptist Church.



The U.S. Jewish population growing

nation's Jewish population reached 6,136,000 as of 2000, an increase of 75,000 over 1999, according to the new "American Jewish Year Book.

The number gains special interest with U.S. Muslims' claims that the number of adherents to Islam **surpa**sses or equals hat of Jews in this coun-

The annual, a reference standard compiled by the American Jewish Committee, obtains population estimates from

Jocal Jewish groups. Surveying longer trends, the book said that in 1900, \$2 percent of the 1.1 million U.S. Jews lived in the New York City area, but

* NEW YORK (AP) — The only 32 percent of today's total live there. states Northeastern accounted for 70 percent of Jews in 1920, but 46 percent currently.

The annual said that since 1995 Las Vegas has seen the largest Jewish

increase among U.S. cities, up 35 percent to 75,000, followed by Seattle, up 27 percent to 37,200.

The biggest drop, a loss of 10,000, occurred in the Miami area.

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Fiesta Dodge's Used Car Super Center is the site for this sale and is located at 502 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, or you can call them at 915-264-6677. Long distance callers may call 1-800-708-7342. Sale hours are 9am till 7pm daily.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist

ministry.

The Rev. Dennis Teeters' sermon for Sunday morning is "Herod: Bah! Humbug!" If you cannot be here in person, you can watch our services on cable channel six. thank Cox Communications for their continued support of this

evening, the Sunday music ministry of the First Baptist Church and the Big Spring High School Band will present "One King." The program will again be presented on Monday. Time for both evening's presentations is 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700, across from the VA Medical Center.

First United Methodist

Advent season worship of Almighty God will be held at Big Spring First **United Methodist Church** at both 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. on Sunday.

Pastor Dave Ring will present a sermon message entitled, "What Kind of Savior?" based upon the scripture text of Isaiah 53:1-

At 4:30 on Sunday afternoon, everyone is invited to gather at Garrett Hall to be sent out in teams to carol to the elderly and shut-in families of the congregation who have indicated their desire for this ministry.

Carolers will return to Garrett Hall at 6:30 p.m. for hot chocolate and other refreshments.

The Youth will have a combined worship service at 7 p.m. in the Partee

Building. Mid High Youth will gather on Dec. 17th at 6 p.m. at One Courtney Place Apt. 601 for a holiday party.

Kid's Club/Five Alive. which is held on many Tuesday afternoons, will not meet again until Jan. 15th. Children's Day Out will meet on Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to p.m.

Wednesday Noon Bible study will meet from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Wednesday; lunch will be served.

Senior High Youth will have a Christmas Party beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday; Chancel Choir will practice at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

Carolers are also invited to gather at Baker's Chapel

KIRKWOOD, Mo. (AP)

The Rev. Gerald

Kieschnick, new president of the Lutheran

Church-Missouri Synod,

has emerged the winner

in an internal spat over another clergy member's

participation in an inter-

faith prayer service.

Kieschnick's church

membership revoked

non-Christians at a

Sept. 11 attacks.

because he tolerated a

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But a panel ruled in

third pastor joining with

faith service following the

Two pastors wanted

AME Church at 6 p.m. on Thursday to practice for the joint churches' Caroling Hayride which will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22nd.

For further information on any of the programs of First United Methodist Church please call 267-6394.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church will have its annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday during worship service. The musical worship service is entitled "The Celebration" and will be directed by Mike Mitchell, church choir director.

The worship service is held at 11 a.m. Plans are being made for a youth ski trip to Colorado to be held from Dec. 27 to Dec. 31. Wednesday night Soul Food dinners and programs will not be held through the remainder of December.

Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

First Christian

Dr. Bill Vaughn, retired chaplain from the United States Air Force, will bring the message, "Three Kinds of Candles" this Sunday. Dr. Vaughn recently concluded an interim ministry with the First Christian Church, Grand Prairie. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Christian's Youth Group invites the Big Spring community to donate toys or toiletries to be sent to the Fowler Orphan's Home in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

We are doing this in memory of Cotton Taylor, a longtime member here at First Christian who orphaned as a child.

'Come to the Welcome Table" is our theme here at First Christian.

For more information about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), see our web site at www.trydisciples.org

Hillcrest Baptist

This Sunday we'll be celebrating with the sounds of our choir and soloists presenting their Christmas music.

Following the program our pastor will tackle the question "How can I trade life's pieces for God's peace?"

The morning's message is titled "...Life in Pieces? Here's Peace.

We hope you'll bring your family and join us as we connect with Christmas through music and the stories of the Bible about the coming of Jesus.

Lutheran's president wins ruling

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Hillcrest is located at 2000

W FM 700.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

St. Mary's School will celebrate Christmas with a school Christmas program on Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church.

There will be an All-Parish Caroling Party on Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will gather at the

parish hall and then visit and sing Christmas Carols to some of our parishioners.

There will be a party for everyone at the rectory, 600 Dallas, following the carol-

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church invites you to attend the presentation of the worship musical for Christmas, "King Jesus is His Name," during the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Narrations by Dean Thomas and Dee Clawson will set the stage for the music to follow.

Solos performed by Dondi Doss, Jerome Phifer, Brenda Banks and Dwayne Clawson will be backed by the 30-voice choir of the church.

The choir is directed by Dwayne Clawson. The Rev. Doi Snipes is pastor of Baptist Temple Church.

Please make plans to attend and share with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through our annual Christmas Cantata.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will present two performances of their version of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Saturday at 6 p.m. and again at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

There will be refreshments served following the Saturday performance. It is all free of charge.

Members are looking forward to joining with Baker's Chapel AME to provide Christmas caroling to the residents of the local nursing homes on Dec.22.

On Dec. 23 the FUMC will host the joint Methodist worship service and singing which is a part of the monthly effort to combine the area Methodists. The next service will be Jan. 27, hosted by North Birdwell UMC.

Dec. 23 is also the date for Christmas worship service

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But Kieschnick says

Kieschnick, 58, returned

Synod leaders have not

"Ground Zero."

Christian and non-Christian beliefs.

at North Birdwell beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a Christmas message by Pastor Joel Miller and the celebration Holy of

Everyone is invited to all service, not just Christmas.

St. Paul Lutheran

Communion.

Blessings to you and your family from St. Paul Lutheran.

This Sunday we are having a lunch fundraiser for University Lutheran Church (ULC) in College Station at noon.

The public is invited.

Two A&M students that attend ULC are members of St. Paul here in Big Spring, Paul Haney and Tiffany Sayles.

You are also invited to a special Advent Worship service this Sunday evening at

Other services are planned for Dec. 23, 24 and 25. Call 267-7163 for more information.

First Assembly of God

"The Virgin Birth" will be pastor R.T. Havener's message this Sunday morning at 10:40. This sermon will be taken from Phillipians 2:5-8. In the evening service at 6

there will be a musical presentation entitled "Celebrate the Birth of the King.'

Pastor Havener and the congregations of First Assembly invite you to join for this wonderful day of celebration.

Coahoma United Methodist

son, with Christmas coming, and also the New Year. we wish to invite all who might be interested, to attend our church.

We have many upcoming events planned that might be of interest to others.

We have already shared a Thanksgiving service with other churches in Coahoma. We have an ongoing ministry in the Coahoma

Elementary School to help the students who might not otherwise be able to, obtain school materials.

We also have a ministry for college students (no matter their age) to help them study for exams, by sending boxes of food items of various kinds so they can have one less concern during that time!

We have shared in activities with churches in Big

Spring and Howard County, and will continue to do so during the holiday season and beyond.

Below are some activities of our church for December: Dec. 15, 2 p.m. + for Rehearsal Christmas program.

Dec. 16, 11 a.m. + Christmas program. Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m. -Caroling practice at Baker's

Chapel AME. Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. \rightarrow Hayride/caroling to area nursing homes beginning at Baker's Chapel.

Dec. 23, 7 p.m. — Area wide worship at First United Methodist Church.

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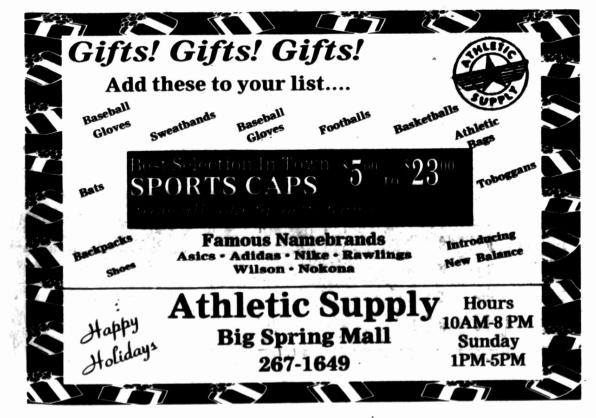
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CLUB**NEWS**

Masons

Christmas Dinner

There will be a Christmas dinner today at 7 p.m. at Staked Plains Lodge 598 located at 219 1/2 Main, for all Masons, their families and guest.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us.

There will also be entertainment, good Masonic fellowship and a lot of fun. Please join us.

Big Spring-Howard **County Retired Teachers** Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

There will be a musical presentation by the Satin Strings, the 34 member strolling Permian High School Orchestra.

The Satin Strings serve as goodwill ambassadors for the city of Odessa throughout the United States, as well as in Europe.

Recently, the ensemble played at the Texas and Wyoming Inaugural Ball honoring President George W. Bush in Washington

All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

TOPS TX 21

Members of TOPS 21 met Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in only. Leader, Hughetta Roberts was the weekly TOPS best loser and Gladys Russell was the best loser of the week for KOPS.

Following the weigh-in, members relocated to enjoy a Christmas party. While waiting for dinner to be served, a reading entitled Christmas Angels was presented by Shirley Jenkins and Mrs. Roberts offered the blessing. After dinner, cards and gifts were exchanged.

Eight members and one visitor was present. Anyone wishing to join

TOPS, a non-profit, weightloss support group is welcomed to come a Monday night meeting at 6 p.m. or for more information call 263-0391 or 267-8438.

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New blood test could improve predictions of heart problems

blood test may allow more accurate predictions of a person's risk of a fatal heart attack, scientists say.

week in The Lancet medical journal suggested the test, which measures levels of the protein part of cholesterol, may be a better predictor of heart trouble than traditional cholesterol tests and may one day lead to more tailored treatments.

High cholesterol is considered one of the strongest risk factors for developing coronary artery disease and dying from a heart attack, but some people develop heart trouble despite apparently normal levels of HDL and LDL cholesterol.

Experts say the new test, which involves measuring levels of cholesterol components called apolipoproteins, will fine-tune traditional cholesterol testing. .

Apolipoprotein A-1, or apoA-1, is the protein part of HDL, the good cholesterol, while apolipoprotein B, or apoB is the protein in LDL, the bad cholesterol.

In the study, led by Dr. Goran Walldius of the drug company Astra Zeneca, researchers measured the blood concentration of the apolipoproteins as well as the traditional triglycerides, total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol in 175,553 Swedish people and followed them for five and a half years, on average.

By the end of the study, 864 men and 359 women had died of a heart attack.

The steepest increase in risk of heart attack related to cholesterol protein levels was seen when comparing those with the worst profiles with those with the

Men who had the highest levels of apoB, the bad protein, combined with the lowest levels of apoA-1, the good protein, were nearly four times more likely to suffer a fatal heart attack than those who had the lowest concentrations of the bad protein and the highest

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LONDON (AP) — A new of the good protein. A similar pattern was seen for women, the study found.

The researchers found that measuring levels of A study published this apoB, attached to the bad LDL cholesterol, predicted fatal heart attacks more accurately than simply measuring LDL.

ApoA-1, the good cholesterol protein, seemed to protect against heart attacks.

Also, the higher the ratio of bad protein to good protein, the more likely someone was to later die of a heart attack.

"This is perhaps the largest study to date demonstrating that the ratio of apoB to apoA-1 may offer better predictive value for the development of coronary disease than most other data we commonly track," said Dr. David A. Meverson, a Johns Hopkins University cardiologist and American Association expert who was not connected with the

study. "We may now be at the threshold where this should be a routine measurement." he said.

The researchers noted a few apparent advantages of the new test. It was good at predicting later fatal heart attacks in people whose cholesterol tests were normal. Also, it worked just as well in young as old people. Traditional cholesterol tests are not found to be useful for people over 70.

The apolipoproteins could also eventually become the target of new drugs, experts

Scientists do not yet know what level of apolipoproteins should be considered normal or at what point patients should be given drugs to improve their profiles.

"Studies need to be done on whether treatments aimed at changing the apolipoprotein levels will work better at preventing the progression of heart disease than our current drugs," Meyerson said.

Look for Letters to Santa in the Dec. 20th edition of the Big Spring Herald!



Franks sits sed

in all-pro ballot

Former Big Steers star "Bubba" Franks, ly in his second with the Gree Packers following America career University of Mia rently ranks among NFC tight balloting for the Pro Bowl Game.

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Finals, eighth round (san day tape), ESPN2.

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IN BRIEF

Franks sits second in all-pro balloting

Former Big Spring Steers star Daniel "Bubba" Franks, currently in his second season with the Green Bay Packers following an all-America career at the University of Miami, currently ranks second among NFC tight ends in balloting for the NFL's Pro Bowl Game.

Those interested in voting for Franks or any other player on the ballot can access the National Football League's website at nfl.com.

Once reaching the NFL's site they can scroll down to the Pro Bowl vote prompt and follow directions provided on the page.

Coahoma YBA sets registration sessions

The Coahoma Youth Basketball Association will begin registration for the 2001-2002 season from 7 to 8:30 tonight at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

Subsequent sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday.

The league's draft will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday.

Fees are \$25 per player. For more information, call Don Ewing at 263-7942 or Monica White at 394-4712.

Football banquet tickets on sale

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

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

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.

Registration is \$20 per

The league is open to boys and girls kindergarten through age 14.

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RODEÒ 11 p.m. - PRCA National Finals, eighth round (sameday tape), ESPN2.

Tech, Iowa figure to give Alamo Bowl exciting matchup

three straight seasons of games featuring a failed national championship contender, this year's Alamo Bowl will showcase two teams — Texas Tech and Iowa — that have limited postseason success in recent seasons.

That means the Alamo Bowl will probably be host to enthusiastic fan bases excited about their school's best postseason berth since both teams met in the same bowl in 1996.

"The way things worked out, our fans are even more excited than we thought they'd be," Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers told the

Friday editions. "And I don't think it's slacked off at all since the announcement was made.'

Myers said Texas Tech had sold 21,139 tickets as of Wednesday, and expects to sell 25,000 before game week. The game will be played on

In the past three seasons, the Alamo Bowl was a tough sell to fans who watched their teams drop out of the national championship picture late in the season - Kansas State in 1998, Penn State in 1999 and Nebraska in 2000.

This year's will be the first since

ranked in the Top 25, but Texas Tech (7-4) and Iowa (6-5) regard the contest as much more than a consolation game.

Both are coming off strong regular-season finishes: Texas Tech won four of its last five games, while Iowa won two of its last three for its first winning record since 1997.

Most importantly, it's a postseason improvement for both teams. Tech played in the first-year galleryfurniture.com bowl in Houston last season, while Iowa was 4-19 over the last two seasons.

"You don't have a tremendous

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - After San Antonio Express-News for its 1993 in which neither team is amount of control as to which bowl game you play in, but our players see this as one of the best bowls in the country," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said. "That's something we made sure they're aware of."

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said fans should expect an entertaining matchup between two up-and-coming programs that both led their conferences in scoring.

"I think it's true with all bowl games, that how the teams got there can affect how they play in the game," Ferentz said. "These are two teams on the rise, and I think they'll play like it.'

Nuggets' Lenard leads the way past Grizzlies

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Until a few days ago. Voshon Lenard's stock was lower in Denver than Dan Issel's.

Lenard regained some respect Thursday night, while Issel sat home serving the first game of his fourgame suspension for making an insensitive racial comment.

Lenard, who has seen limited playing time this season, scored 13 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Nuggets snapped a five-game losing streak with an 89-86 win over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Lenard hit three straight baskets twice in the final period, bringing the Nuggets back from deficits each time.

In other NBA games, Orlando beat Golden State 105-100, Indiana edged Houston 108-106 in overtime, Charlotte defeated Toronto 104-90, Detroit nipped New York 99-97 and Dallas beat Cleveland 102-

The Nuggets endured a traumatic week with the Cleveland. demand of Nick Van Exel to be traded and the suspension of their coach.

"I came out to help us win," Lenard said.

Lenard, who has averaged only 16 minutes this season and who was making only his third start, hit a jumper in the lane, an 18-footer and a layup as Denver built a 74-69 lead early in the fourth quarter.

While the Nuggets went 4:27 without a field goal, Memphis scored nine straight points, including four free throws by Grant Long, for an 84-81 lead with 1:48 left.

Lenard then hit a 3-pointer to tie it with 1:24 left, followed with a layup on a pass from Van Exel and a

driving layup past Pau Gasol for an 88-84 lead with 12 seconds left.

Assistant coach Mike Evans, subbing for Issel, got the win in his head coaching debut.

"This was just what the doctor ordered," Evans said. "It was time for us to win a game. It feels good to see the smiles on those guys' faces in the locker room."

Issel phoned the team before the game.

"He told all of the players that he loved them, that he appreciated their support and wanted them to go out and play as hard as they possibly could play," Evans said.

Rookies Shane Battier and Gasol had 19 and 15 points for Memphis, which was without starting point guard Jason Williams, who was sidelined with a migraine headache.

Mavericks 102, Cavaliers 82

Michael Finley's points, and 17 each from Tim Hardaway and Steve Nasn lea

Dirk Nowitzki added 15 points and Adrian Griffin had nine points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, who lost three of their previous four.

Lamond Murray had 23 points for Cleveland. The visiting Cavaliers were without point guard Andre Miller, sidelined with a bruised right shoulder. Miller ended his streak of 185 consecutive games and 140 straight starts.

Magic 105, Warriors 100

Tracy McGrady reached 40 points for the third time in six days as Orlando snapped a three-game losing

See NBA, Page 3B

Looking at other names on George's shopping

If the rest of America is steamed because Jason Giambi moved to New York, just wait.

start of 4-4A boys' play next week.

Since coming within two outs of winning a fourth straight World Series, the Yankees have done more wheeling and dealing than all of baseball combined. And keep in mind the former Oakland slugger was only their latest acquisition, not their last.

For George Steinbrenner, happiness is not wanting what you have, but having whatever you want.

That's why the next name on general manager Brian Cashman's shopping list is Shaquille O'Neal.

So he plays basketball. So what? Somebody has to pick the baseballs out of the top netting on the bat-

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ting cage, and you should see what a ladder goes for in New York. The name after that on Cashman's list is Brett Favre.

Yeah, he's a football player. So what? There will always be a place in the Yankees' organization for anybody who throws anything that well. Besides, the next time that fancy air-cannon breaks, who you gonna call to launch those T-shirts into the stands? Right.

And the name on Cashman's list after that is Ernest Hemingway.

Big Spring's Krystle Long (30) and Ashley Smith (54) go up in an attempt to take a

rebound away from a Lubbock Estacado player during the Lady Steers' loss to the Lady

Matadors in the District 4-4A opener for both teams on Tuesday. The Lady Steers hope

for better luck tonight when they take on Frenship's Lady Tigers in Wolfforth. The game

will be broadcast live on KBST-AM 1490 with the pre-game show starting at 5:45 p.m.

While the Lady Steers travel to the Lubbock area, Big Spring's boys will be traveling to

Kermit tonight for a 7:30 tip with the Yellowjackets — their final tune-up prior to the

OK, he's a writer and he's been dead for years. But Steinbrenner liked his material so much he was quoting Hemingway right after that heartbreaking loss to the Diamondbacks in Game 7, and besides, on days manager Joe Torre needs help filling out his lineup card, who better than ... You get the point.

Baseball stars like Giambi have been abandoning smaller markets for big bucks in New York long enough that people hardly complain anymore. What's wearing them down is the realization that the Yankees no longer have to buy loyalty — even though they can still afford to.

Last year's Exhibit A was Mike Mussina, one of the best right-handers in the game. When he decided to leave Baltimore last year, Mussina laid out two conditions for any prospective employer. First, the team had to be located in the Northeast, near his home. Second, he wanted to pitch in October, when postseason baseball is played.

Like Roger Clemens, Wade Boggs, just-departed David Justice and a handful of others, that meant the Yankees, even if some other club was offering as much. New York has become a destination again — not just because the Yankees pay, but because they

That much was apparent when Giambi showed up for his news conference looking more like the organization man than a biker. His hair was cut and his goatee gone. The jersey number he picked was 25, because the digits add up to 7. the number worn by Mickey Mantle. That was his father's favorite ballplayer, his favorite and twin brother Jeremy's favorite.

"This was the team I was hoping would come after me," Giambi said.

Even as the hosannas were being said in New York, eulogies were being printed in Oakland.

The A's, with Giambi at their heart, had more young talent than any club baseball has seen in a while. With a tiny payroll, they were also one of the best stories.

Because while starting pitchers Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito ensure Oakland will be a contender for a while, Giambi's cross-country trip practically guar antees the A's won't get past the Yankees. And it doesn't say much for the state of the game when the same team that took New York to the brink the last two years has its biggest star switch allegiance while the memory is still fresh.

Unfortunately, none of the Yankees' other serious rivals are faring much better.

Cleveland, which sent Robbie

Juan Gonzalez join him there, is slashing payroll. Seattle, which has to replace free-agent pitcher Aaron Sele, third baseman David Bell and especially second baseman Bret Boone, re-signed aging reliever Norm Charlton. The Arizona Diamondbacks got Jose Guillen to replace Reggie Sanders in right field.

One agent at the winter meetings said the market for players was slower than at any time since the mid-1980s, just before the owners were found guilty of collusion. He blamed the recession, team mandat ed payroll slashing and the looming labor war with the players.

What that meant for some free agents, Mariners GM Pat Gillick concluded, is that, "When the music stops, not everybody is going to be sitting down.

But every free agent Steinbrenner covets will be

"I believe in what Ernest Hemingway said," he said that night in Phoenix, while the upstart Diamondbacks poured World Series bubbly over each other across the way.

"The way you get to be a good loser is practice, and I don't want to practice.

At this rate, he won't have to.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25 The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes							
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12. LSU	9-3						
Washington St.	9-2						
14. South Carolina	8-3						
Virginia Tech	8-3						
Georgia	8-3						
Syracuse	9-3						
19. BYU	12-1						
20. Fresno St.	11.2						
21. Washington	83						
22. Ohio St.	7-4						
23. Louisville	10-2						
24. Florida St.	7-4						
25. Toledo	9-2						

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Bay City (13.1) vs. Austin Reagan (12.2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome

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Giddings (131) vs. La Grange (11-3), 8 p.m.

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BOWL SCHEDULE

St. Louis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 New Orleans Bowl \$750,000 North Texas (5-6) vs. Colorado State (6-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

GMAC Bowl Mobile, Ala. \$750,000 Marshall (10-2) vs. East Carolina (6-5), 7 p.m.

N.C. State (7-4) vs. Pittsburgh (6-5), 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC) Las Vegas Bo At Las Vegas \$800,000 Southern California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 2:30

Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

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Saturday, Dec. 29 Motor City Bowl At Pontiac, Mich. \$750,000 Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 11 a.m.

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Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas \$1 million Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), 11 m. (CBS)

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Thursday's major college men's and women's basketball scores:

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A spokesman Athletics could immediately reach streak.

McGrady went 19-of-30 from the field and had rebounds. reached 40 points on a twohanded dunk with 48 seconds left for a 12-point lead.

The Warriors scored four quick baskets to close to 100-96 with 15.9 seconds left, but Horace Grant converted a three-point play to seal Orlando's fourth straight win over Golden State.

Mike Miller had 15 points, eight assists and six rebounds for the Magic, who got their first victory on a six-game road trip.

Pacers 108, Rockets 106, OT

At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored a season-high 25 points and hit the goahead 3-pointer in overtime as Indiana sent Houston to

its 12th straight loss. Al Harrington had 23 points and 15 rebounds, Jermaine O'Neal scored 23 points, Jalen Rose added 20 and Jamaal Tinsley had 18 assists for the Pacers.

Houston's Moochie Norris sent the game into overtime when he banked in a 3-pointer with 0.6 seconds left in regulation to make it 96-96.

Miller, 4-for-9 from 3point range, hit a 3 from the baseline for a two-point lead with 1:30 left. Oscar Torres, who led the Rockets with 24 points, missed a 3pointer at the buzzer.

Hornets 104. Raptors 90

Baron Davis had 17 points and a career-high 15 assists, and all five Charlotte starters scored in double

Vince Carter scored 21 of his 31 points in the second half while helping visiting Toronto cut a 29-point deficit to 93-82 with 6:45 to

That's the closest the Raptors Campbell dunked twice and David Wesley hit a 3-pointer to put the game out of

Lee Nailon scored 19 points for the Hornets before he was ejected for drawing his second technical during the fourth quarter. Campbell added 18.

Pistons 99, Knicks 97

Jerry Stackhouse had a career-high 13 assists and 19 points, and Corliss Williamson scored a season-high 24 points as Detroit maintained the best record in the Eastern Conference.

The Pistons (14-6) have won three in a row and six of seven at home. The Knicks are 1-2 since Don Chaney replaced Jeff Van Gundy.

Detroit didn't trail after Williamson made a layup with just under six minutes to play, but the Knicks stayed close, getting within one point four times in the final two minutes.

They had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds, but Latrell Sprewell missed an off-balance

Jeremy Giambi gets marijuana citation at airport

LAS VEGAS (AP) Oakland designated hitter Jeremy Giambi was cited at McCarran International Airport after security officers found about a halfounce of marijuana in his bag.

Police cited Giambi, the brother of former Athletics baseman Jason first Giambi, with a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance and released him.

McCarran confirmed woman Thursday that Giambi, who was traveling to Phoenix, was cited while attempting to pass through a security checkpoint, but said the case was turned over to

police. A January court date was set for the 27-year-old slug-

A spokesman for the Athletics could not be immediately reached.

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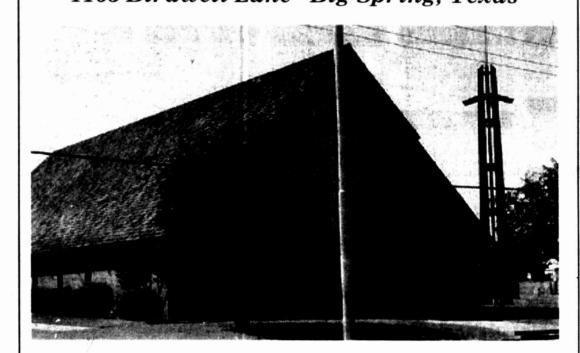


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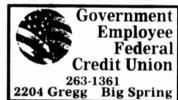
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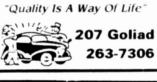
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Ac. Lot 6. Block 24. Bauer

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FOR RENT COUNTRY STORE ANTIQUES 209 Runnels and 2 bdr. den, carport, water & gas paid. 111 E. Lamesa Highway will 16th. \$465/mn \$200/dep. be open Saturdays. 267-6667

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Call 263-0314 after 5pm 2600 Carleton house w/clear lot behind, nice neighborhood, extra

For more information

C/H/A 238-8088. 3 BR, 1 bath, 2600 Albrook. \$350/mo Deposit & references only. 915-352-0152

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1104 Rear Nolan 2 BR, 1 bath. No pets Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

For rent. 3 bdr. 2 bth fenced backyard available Dec. 15. 110 Drive(512) Circle

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CHURCH AND CLUB **NEWS DEADLINES**

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon

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Items being 910 Douglas, Lot Block 16. Cedar Crest should be Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Texas. Bids are to be opened and dropped off read aloud in the office of the Director of Finance, Room to the office 102, First Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720 with consideration of at 710 award to be made at a requ larly scheduled meeting of the Scurry; Big Spring City Council. Bid ion and specification mailed to may be obtained in the office of the Director of Finance P.O. Box Room 102, First Floor, City Hall 310 Nolan St. Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids 1431, Big must be marked with the date Spring, description of the bid item The City of Big Spring rves the right to reject any 79721-1431; or all bids and to waive any or

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)***** Others seek you out. Friends really want you to join them in what they view as an important project. Express your high energy both mentally and physically. Continue to pitch in and help. Do you think that no one notices your efforts? You find out otherwise very soon. Tonight: All eyes turn to

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Make calls and seek out advice. Your perspective changes when you

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SL:28(g) as follows: On November 13, 2001, at a duly called and noticed meeting, the Big Spring City

Council adopted an ORDI-NANCE regarding redistricting whereby the city council adopted a plan to redistrict its six single-member districts pursuant to applicable federal and state law. As required, the change was submitted on the 8th day of December, 2001, to the United States Attorney General for pre-clearance consideration. Copies of the ORDINANCE and pre-clearance submission are available for the public review during business hours at the Business Office of the City of Big Spring Icoated at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring Texas 79720. Any persons wishing to make comments for the consideration of the United

submit such comments to: Chief, Voting Section Civil Rights Division Room 7254-NWB Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

States Attorney General may

Washington, DC 20530 NOTA PUBLICA Ela concilio de la ciudad de Big Spring asienta esta nota de acuerdo con la ley Federal numero 28 C.F.R. 51 28(g)

como sigue. En el 13 de Noviembre, de ano 2001, en una junta debidamente llamada y notada, el concilio de la cuidad de Big Spring adoptaron una ORDENANZA acerca del plan de re dividir sus seis distritos de unico-miembro segun aplicable bajo la ley federal y estatal Como es requerido. cambio fue presentado en el 8 de Diciembre del ano 2001 al Abogado General de los Estados Unidos para su consideración. La copias de la ORDENANZA y presentación sea disponibles para la revi sion publica durante las horas de negocio en la oficina de negocio de la cuidad de Big Spring, localizado en 310 Nolan Street. Big Spring. Texas 79720 Caulo sona que decea hacer comer tarios para la consideración del Abogado General de los Estados Unidos puede pre

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Washington, D.C. 20530 #3393 December 14, 2001 PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring Texas. sealed bids will be accepted January 8, 2002, for the co sideration of the sale of Real Property Said real property being at 503 Owens Street Lot 11. Block 6. Porte Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Texas

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from others. hear Brainstorm with a close friend whom you can count on being honest and supportive. Someone at a dis-

tance waves hello. Stop and do something for this person. Tonight: Take off

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Where recently others have been touchy or unpredictable at best, suddenly a change greets you. People now want to talk and explain their recent behavior. In fact, you might be scheduling talks at coffee breaks, over lunch and into the wee hours! Tonight: Make nice. Be understand-

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** You find others most expressive. A key partner or friend wants to have a mind-meld over finances. This person seems unusually strong about his or her position. Discussions throw light and perspective your way. Accept an invitation. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Someone hears your playful comments. Perhaps this person would like you to work a little harder at making your point. Show your caring — don't speak it. Gather your loved ones and go off and do something as a family. Choose your tree or start decorating! Tonight: Offer someone a back rub.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your efforts pay off big time! Express your feelings toward someone, in your nurturing manner. Someone delights you with his or her response. Let the child in you out, whether with youngsters or a loved one. Creativity surges with your happiness. Tonight: Celebrate with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Hang close to family and your home. A discussion or dream might haunt you in the a.m. Find the person involved and straighten it Communication allows greater security and understanding. Get into a home project, whether it involves the holiday or not. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)***** Balance your budget first thing. Free yourself up for a fun day with family and a loved one. You also might want to visit with neighbors and friends. Share in the natural hospi-

tality associated with the season. You get an earful from someone. There could be a nugget of wisdom here and there. Tonight: Go caroling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Take a strong stand financially. Sit down and discuss with a partner or loved one what remains to be done with gifts and the holidays. Make a list together, discussing the most effective yet monetarily wise way to handle what's left. Tonight: Chat the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** When you wake up, remember this is the first day of the rest of your life. You might be slightly intimidated by what lies ahead. Ask for help and discuss your limits with someone. You could be surprised and delighted by someone's responsiveness. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*** Step back and think a suggestion through. You might take a strong action. but you do get results. You cannot sit on your frustration much longer. Use care with finances, especially as you want to complete all your errands quickly. Rather, take your time. Tonight: Slow down ... please.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)***** You know who and what you want. As a result, you get just that. You have unusual drive and high energy working with you. Friends cheer you on to success while giving meaningful suggestions. Don't forget that party, whether you are going to it or giving it. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY Actor Don Johnson (1949), French engineer Gustave Eiffel (1832), Roman Emperor Nero (A.D. 37)

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Online 'gaming' can lead to addiction for some

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Landers: May I offer a different response "Not Winning in Wisconsin,

whose wife had become obsessed with

LANDERS playing computer games? You said he should be more attentive and take her out more often. Get real, Annie.

I know many people who have ruined relationships and damaged careers because they succumbed to the addictive nature of those online games. In the cyber world, you can be anyone you want to be Everybody is young and attractive, financially secure, and so on. Also, these games rely on a community of others to play. The others begin to feel like "family." These factors contribute to the need to "be there" for the rest of the

players. A dinner out isn't going to make a dent in this addiction, Ann. In fact, chances are the wife will resent her husband for dragging her away from her wonderful friends who "understand" her. If he doesn't recognize her problem for what it is, those dinners out could make the situation worse.

Interactive gaming is a serious addiction. People who are hooked need professional counseling. I know because I have -Been There, Gotten a Divorce and Am Still Playing

Dear Been There: Thank you for giving me an insider's viewpoint. According to your signature, you are now divorced because of your inability to beat the gaming addiction. Have you considered counseling? If not, I hope you will look into it. There IS help for you if you are willing to accept it.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Bex 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. © 2001 CREATORS SYN-

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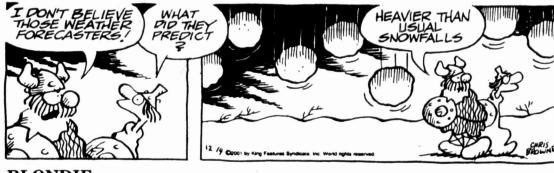
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FAMILY CIRCUS



"How can I tell if I'm on my best behavior?"

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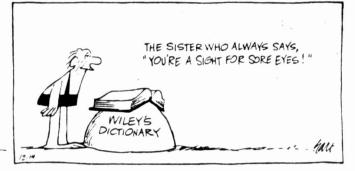






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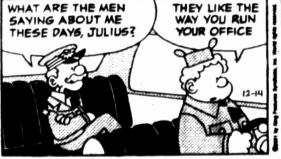
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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2001. There are 17 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67. On this date:

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state. In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beat-Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1946; the U.N. General ters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space Mariner probe approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen. In 1980, fans around the

world paid tribute to John Lennon, six days after he was shot to death in New York City. In 1981, Israel annexed

the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in

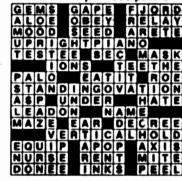
In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first noning out an expedition led by stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

Ten years ago: President Bush and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, meeting at Camp Assembly voted to establish David, Md., renewed their United Nations headquar- commitment to conclude quickly the North

American Free Trade Agreement.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 81. "60 Minutes" executive producer Don Hewitt is 79. Actor-playwright George Furth is 69. Actor Hal Williams is 63. Actress Patty Duke is 55. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 55. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 55. Actress Dee Wallace Stone is 53. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 52. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 43. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle



MIRAGES by Bob Lubbers Edited by Stanley Newman

Newsday Crossword

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