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**UBS to stage blood drives in Big Spring**

United Blood Services will be in Howard County twice this week to accept donations for the community.

Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Lisa Hernandez is coordinating the drive and can be reached at 264-4444.

On Saturday, UBS will return, bringing the bloodmobile to the Big Spring Mall from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh more than 110 pounds.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

**FRIDAY**

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.  
□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

**SATURDAY**

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

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

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**President arrives at ranch with weighty issues to consider**

CRAWFORD (AP) — The last time President Bush vacationed at his ranch, he wrestled with the thorny issue of embryonic stem cell research. He arrived at his Texas home Wednesday faced with decisions that make last summer seem



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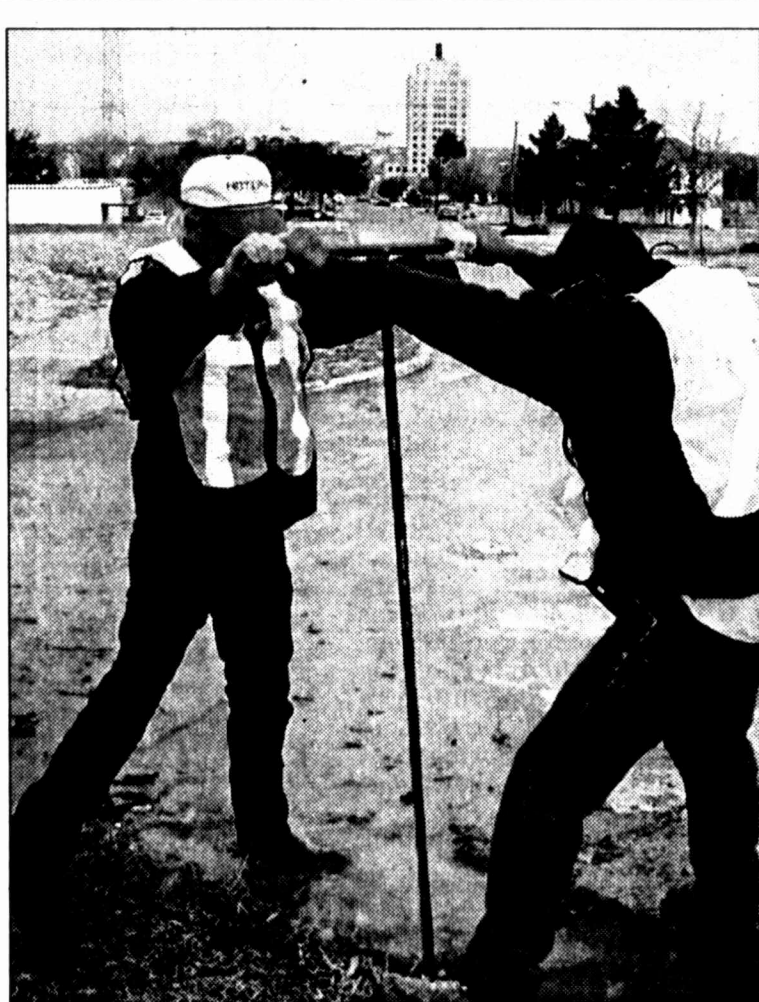
like a simpler time. Even before he landed in Texas, Bush was working the phone on Air Force One to confront a crisis. With the economy skidding toward collapse in Argentina, Bush called the leaders of three Latin American countries — Mexico, Chile and Uruguay — to discuss the matter. Once on the ranch, he took a happy-holidays call from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The president must consider the next target in the war on terrorism, the fate of American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh and how to jump-start the economy. And he's starting work on framing his first State of the Union address to Congress next month. Beyond that, he will have to propose a budget for government spending squeezed by the recession and demands of fighting terrorism.

He also must decide whether to circumvent the Democrat-controlled Senate and install polarizing nominees at the Labor and State departments. The Senate refused to vote on Otto Reich and Eugene Scalia before leaving for recess last week. So-called recess appointments by Bush would inflame tensions between the White House and the Senate. The president plans to keep a low profile on the

ranch for the remainder of the holidays, when many Americans are absorbed in family gatherings. He will receive daily briefings by videoconference each day, but plans few public appearances outside of a trip to Austin, Texas, next week, adviser Karen Hughes said. He is likely to make an out-of-state trip in early January. At the ranch, Bush must

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Ricky Hargrove, left, and Cody Ridge of the Big Spring Water Department work to shut off a valve in the 800 block of Runnels around 9:30 this morning after a 4-inch water main broke in the middle of the block. Below, water bubbles from the main. The backhoe shown didn't cause the leak, but was used to excavate the earth from around it, said city Distribution and Collection Supervisor Jim Piper. Piper added that the main simply broke because it was old.

HERALD photos/Roger Cline



**Neglected area youth soon to have a court created just for them**

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Herald Correspondent The abused and neglected children of the Crossroads area will soon have a court created specifically to serve their needs.

After the first of the year, the Child Protection Court of the Permian Basin will begin hearing those cases from a 13-county area including Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties.

District Judge Dean Rucker of Midland organized an effort to create the "cluster court" through the Texas Court Improvement Project.

The presiding judge, Sylvia A. Chavez of Midland, will hear all cases brought by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS), traveling to each county as hearings are scheduled.

"There is a growing number of abuse and neglect cases; that's the case statewide and certainly the case regionally," said Rucker, who is the administrative judge for the Seventh Judicial Region of Texas. "This court's whole focus will be on these cases."

Rucker said attending to the needs of these cases and assuring all deadlines are met becomes difficult for judges, already strapped with criminal and civil matters.

Chavez will be charged with seeing that the state-mandated deadlines are met in each case, at the same time bringing a sense of consistency to the cases.

"The judge appointed to handle these cases becomes something of an expert," Rucker said.

In addition, she will become familiar with the resources available in each county to serve families involved.

District Judge Robert Moore, who presides over

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MOORE

the 118th Judicial District of Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties, said the court could help relieve a sometimes crowded docket.

"I've been able to get it all done," he said. "But I believe it would be an advantage to have a judge who did nothing but those cases."

Along with TDPRS matters, Moore's court also handles civil cases such as divorces, general lawsuits and child custody hearings, along with criminal trials and arraignments.

His courtroom has also been used regularly for child support hearings brought by the attorney general.

Cases brought by TDPRS through Child Protective Services require strict adherence to deadlines.

For example, the first hearing must be scheduled within 14 days of the children being removed from the home, and the final hearing can occur no more than one year after the date of the case's inception.

Rucker said most of the cases begin with the removal of the child from a home for suspected abuse or neglect.

That order would most likely continue to be handled by Moore, who would

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**Time running out to apply for Leadership Big Spring**

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Leadership Big Spring is now accepting applications for its upcoming course.

Deadline to apply is Friday, but as long as interested people contact them by that date, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will accept the actual paperwork through the first class day.

"The first class starts Jan. 10 and that class is mandatory to attend," said Debby ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director.

This year-long course costs \$300 and participants meet the second Thursday of each month.



VALVERDE

ValVerde said the course offers valuable training for community leaders.

"This gives people a chance to visit some of the different entities in the community and to learn about the community," said ValVerde. "The course has some leadership training by Liz Lowery."

The next class, which is limited to 25 participants, is halfway filled, ValVerde said.

The class will meet one entire day each month from January through November, except for June and July, ValVerde said.

Seventeen participants graduated from the latest Leadership Big Spring course Dec. 13 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Graduates included Drew Bavin of the Big Spring Police Department, Janice

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**Bird counting time once again; volunteer help is always needed**

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Fresh from organizing the annual Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights, Pat Simmons is moving on to another project:

Counting birds.

The event is the National Audubon Society's 102nd annual Christmas Bird Count, and it's happening Saturday.

"Birds are counted so (Audubon) will know what species are in this area," she said.

Birders all over the country go out and count birds by species in designated

areas, and report their findings to Audubon, she said.

Simmons, who has been involved with the project for about eight years, said it's been going on in Big Spring for much longer — "20 to 25 years if not longer," she said.

"They used to go out and shoot birds at Christmas," she said. "Then they said 'Instead of shooting them, let's count them.'"

The 19th-century practice of Christmas "side hunts," in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and small animals, changed in 1900 when a group of conservationists led by ornithologist Frank Chapman began the bird count.

Today the count provides valuable scientific informa-

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Courtesy Photo This Sharp Shinned Hawk made its home in the 2600 block of Crestline this fall and is one of the types of birds volunteers will be counting for the National Audubon Society's 102nd annual Christmas Bird Count Saturday.

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## OBITUARIES

## Ignacio Castillo

Funeral service for Ignacio Castillo, 75, of Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton.

Mr. Castillo died Dec. 25, at a Big Spring hospital.

He was born in Floresville on March 21, 1926. He was a farm worker. He married Inez Chapa on Oct. 27, 1943, in Floresville. She preceded him in death on July 27, 2001.

Survivors include six sons, Ignacio Castillo Jr., III of Big Spring, Ramon Castillo of Union City, Ohio, Ramiro Castillo, Antonio Castillo, Avelardo Castillo and Gilberto Castillo, all of Stanton; six daughters, Maria DeLao, Helen Valdez and Inez Torrez, all of Stanton, Carmen Ramirez of Gatesville, Juana Perez of Waukegan, Ill. and Lupe Benavidez of Midland; three sisters, Juanita Diaz of Benson, Minn., Lydia Castillo of Winters and Isabel Perez of San Antonio; five brothers, Avelardo Castillo of Gory, David Castillo of Gory, Ruben Castillo of Winert, Martin Castillo of Abilene and Lupe Castillo of Benson, Minn.; 50 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

## Imogene Petree

Funeral service for Imogene "Gene" Petree, 80, of Crane, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Parker and Bill Phipps officiating. Burial will be at the Crane County Cemetery.

Mrs. Petree died Monday, Dec. 24, at a Crane hospital. She was born on Feb. 17, 1921, in DeKalb. She was a longtime resident of Crane and married Millard E. Petree on Oct. 7, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on March 19, 1977. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Wilburn Petree of Levelland, Bob Petree of Crane; one daughter, Linda Edwards of Crane; one brother, James John Kennedy of Crane; two sisters, Jo Ann Myers of Arbuckle, Calif., Shirley Stienberg of Crane; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Leon B. Callahan, 80, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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Delee O. Baughman, 41, died Monday. Services are pending.

Jean Steadmon, 75, died Monday. Services are pending.

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Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Homes in Crane.

## Kenda McGibbon Webb

Kenda McGibbon Webb died on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001, at her residence following complications from ovarian cancer. She was president of Upper-Webb Interiors, Inc., an interior design firm that specializes in interior design and decoration for residences, businesses, hospitals, and professional offices, which she founded, along with Cecilia Upper, in 1979. She was the wife of Charles H. Webb, Dean Emeritus of Indiana University School of Music.

Mrs. Webb was born in Amarillo, June 18, 1938, the daughter of Kenneth H. and Matilda G. McGibbon. She moved with her family to Big Spring where she graduated from Big Spring High School. She attended Southern Methodist University and graduated from Indiana University School of Music in 1961, with a bachelor of arts in music therapy. She later did post-graduate study at the New York School of Interior Design. From 1961-79 she served as a private music teacher in Bloomington, Ind.

Mrs. Webb was active in First United Methodist Church for 43 years, teaching kindergarten Sunday school classes for more than 20 years and serving as a member of the board of trustees for many years beginning in 1976. She was a leader of a Covenant Disciple Group in the church from 1993 to the present time. She also served Indiana University on a major gifts/special projects committee of the Indiana University Foundation, and was active in the Women's Colloquium since its founding in 1996.

In 1989 she was a recipient, through Upper-Webb Interiors, of first prize in the Bloomington Show Home Competition. In 1997 she received a Sagamore of the Wabash award from Governor Frank O'Bannon, the state's highest award for meritorious service. She was also a recipient of State of Indiana House and Senate Resolutions honoring her for a lifetime of service to her community and state. She is listed in the Marquis publications, Who's Who in America and Who's Who of American Women.

Her memberships include PEO, National Society of Arts and Letters, Friday Musicale, Mortar Board, a lifetime member of the Friends of Music, Mu Phi Epsilon, where she was a founder of the alumni group, and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She is survived by her husband and four sons, Mark of Indianapolis, Ind., Kent, of Tyler, and Malcolm and Charles III of Bloomington, Ind.; her mother, Tillie McGibbon of Dallas; two sisters, Kay Werlein of Houston and Karen Stephenson of Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church of Bloomington, Ind. today, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. A memorial concert will be set at a

later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Day Mortuary in Bloomington, Ind.

## Delee O. Baughman

Funeral service for Delee O. Baughman, 41, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Baughman died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001.

## Jean Steadmon

Funeral service for Jean Steadmon, 75, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Steadmon died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001.

## Leon B. Callahan

Funeral service for Leon B. Callahan, 80, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Callahan died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001, at a local hospital.

## BIRDS

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tion about the status of resident and migratory birds across the Western Hemisphere.

"Last year was the first year it was on the Internet" added Simmons. The entire history of the count from 1900 is available at [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org) and [www.birdsource.org](http://www.birdsource.org).

Simmons said the Big Spring count desperately needs experienced birders to help with this year's effort.

"We need people that are knowledgeable about birds, that can actually identify them," she said. "They need to contact me and we'll assign them an area. We count generally from 8 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. If you're finding birds you keep counting. If you're not finding any then you stop."

For more information contact Simmons at 263-4607.

## COURT

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then refer the case to Chavez's court for the next hearing, known as an adversary hearing.

Midland County will serve as "host county" for the court, providing office space for Chavez and a court coordinator.

The cluster court judge would use courtroom space as available in each county, and would travel with the coordinator.

In Howard County, that will mean continued use of the current third-floor courtroom in the courthouse, which was vacated when Moore's court moved across the street to the new annex building.

Chavez, a former attorney who was sworn in as an associate judge Dec. 17, is traveling during the next few weeks to visit with judges and other court staff in the 13 counties.

"All the courts are just so taxed with the burden of heavy dockets," she said. "There's just not sufficient time (for the judges) to hear everything. This will mean one judge to devote time to just these cases."

A BIG SPRING  
AROUND THE TOWN

In addition, Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which appoints volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children in TDPRS cases, plans to expand to reach the outlying counties.

Lily White, executive director of CASA of West Texas, which covers Midland, Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties, said the agency will hire a volunteer coordinator and work to recruit more volunteers in coming months.

## LEADERSHIP

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Bishop of Cornell Corrections, Johnny Earp of Wells Fargo and Stacia Gill of Family Medical Center.

Also, Mary Ann Guevara of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Mitzi Knight of Family Medical Center, Shirley Lee of ShirLEE Graphics, Jim Little, Eve Nieto of AFLAC Insurance; Candy Parrish of Dora Roberts Community Center, and Paul Rydeen of West Texas VA Health Care.

Others were Gregory Simpson of the First Church of the Nazarene, Kenneth Slattery of Cornell Corrections, Stan Solis of Howard College, Mary Thompson of the Texas Workforce Network, Peggy Walker of the city of Big Spring and Chip Whitworth of the Federal Correctional Institute of Big Spring.

Lowery taught the leadership skills program and Lydia Perez was the tour director

## BUSH

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decide whether and how to widen military, diplomatic and financial efforts against terrorists. Aides say Somalia is a prime target because some of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida forces are believed to be in the country and because there is no central government to control their activities.

Terror target No. 1, Osama Bin Laden, remains at large, and Bush is trying to deliver on his promise to bring him to justice.

On the same day Bush got away for his vacation, a Qatar-based television station aired a videotape of bin Laden saying he was speaking "three months after the blessed attack against the international infidels and its leaders, the United States, and two months after the beginning of the vicious aggression against Islam." Administration analysts were studying the tape and had no immediate comment.

Other international conflicts loom: Anger is running high between Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the war in Afghanistan, and India, following a suicide attack on India's parliament Dec. 13.

Though there are signs that peace talks may resume soon in the Mideast, the violence continues. Israeli troops fired from tanks and helicopter gunships at Palestinian gunmen holed up in a West Bank house Wednesday, killing one man and wounding two in an incursion into a Palestinian-controlled town.

All this hung over Bush as he boarded Air Force One with Laura Bush and her

## TEXAS LOTTERY

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mother, Jenna Welch, early Wednesday morning. He was bundled against the cold weather with a heavy overcoat and scarf, shivering as he turned to wave to well-wishers at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Arriving in the warm sunshine of Texas, he showed his pleasure at being home, smiling broadly as he carried his dog Barney down the airplane's stairway in Waco.

Bush likes to jog and roam the creek beds of his 1,600-acre ranch near the tiny town of Crawford.

But he was in work mode on the flight to Texas, where he is to stay through next week.

He and Hughes discussed the State of the Union speech, when he will seek to maintain support for the war and to assure Americans he is working to right the slumping economy.

## BRIEFS

MELANIE GAMBREL, OWNER OF the Pet Connection, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has no insurance. Tests and treatments are required at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

A fund to defray these costs has been set up at First Bank of West Texas located on FM 700.

To make a donation call the bank at 267-1113 and ask for the Gambrel account.

ELLEN YEAR OLD ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devastating neurological 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 doesn'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 family has asked for help and prayers for their son.

To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO become an amateur (HAM) radio operator? There will be a class starting Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club.

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

The lessons are free but, the study guide will have to be purchased.

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## Late

WASHINGTON Twenty suspected fighters who fled eastern Afghanistan after Osama bin Laden's killing have been hiding in a detention center, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

Meantime, for the Afghan Ministry said believed to be area of Pakistan friends of a religious party leader spokesman said was baseless.

The new Marine base were captured where dozens members fled

## India

NEW DELHI — India banned national airlines ordered half embassy staff country today, neighbor of sp

India also with embassy staff Pakistani captain Foreign Minister Singh said, a

swath of new sanctions adopted as both sides for along the border

In Islamabad, Pakistan Ministry called step regret it would only a

Pakistan says wants to defuse and would pursue efforts. Still, spokesman G

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# Latest report says bin Laden may be in Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty suspected al-Qaida fighters who fled the area of eastern Afghanistan where Osama bin Laden may have been hiding have been transferred to a U.S. Marine detention center, a Pentagon spokeswoman said Thursday.

Meantime, a spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry said bin Laden is believed to be in a border area of Pakistan with friends of a Pakistani religious party leader. A party spokesman said the report was baseless.

The new prisoners at the Marine base in Kandahar were captured in Pakistan, where dozens of al-Qaida members fled amid heavy

fighting in Afghanistan's Tora Bora region earlier this month. American officials say the prisoners could have useful information in the hunt for bin Laden and the rest of the anti-terrorism campaign, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said.

"We want to talk to them pretty thoroughly," Clarke said, adding that the interrogations would be performed by "a variety of U.S. officials, including military."

The new prisoners bring to 45 the number of detainees held by U.S. forces. Eight, including American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh, are being held on the USS

Peleliu in the Arabian Sea. The rest are at the Marine base at Kandahar's airport in a facility built to hold up to several hundred people.

The military is considering several sites to hold prisoners captured during the war in Afghanistan, Clarke said. She said the Defense Department has not decided whether to use the base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to hold some of the prisoners.

The Defense Department does not have a copy of a newly aired videotape of bin Laden, Clarke said. The tape does not offer any obvious clues to bin Laden's whereabouts — or even whether he is alive or dead. The Afghan Defense

Ministry spokesman, Mohammad Abeel, said bin Laden is believed to be in Pakistan with associates of Maulana Fazal-ur Rehman, leader of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam party. Abeel did not divulge the source of his information.

The party, which is sympathetic to Afghanistan's deposed Taliban militia, is supported in parts of Pakistan's North West Frontier and Baluchistan provinces, both of which border Afghanistan.

Riaz Durrani, central information secretary for Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, dismissed the report. "We support the Taliban, but never had any connection with Osama bin Laden," he said.

"Maulana Fazal-ur Rehman is under detention for the last three months. How can he or his party do this?"

U.S. intelligence hasn't reported picking up any credible signs of bin Laden's location in about two weeks, and his statements on the tape suggest it may have been made just before he disappeared.

In excerpts from the tape aired on the Arabic TV network al-Jazeera Wednesday, bin Laden said he was speaking three months after the Sept. 11 attacks and two months after the United States started striking Afghanistan, which was Oct. 7. He also mentioned a Nov. 16 U.S. airstrike in Khost, Afghanistan, as hav-

ing occurred several days before.

Bin Laden hails the Sept. 11 hijackings as a "blessed attack against the international infidels."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan dismissed the tape. "This is nothing more than the same kind of terrorist propaganda we've heard before." He and Clarke said they did not know whether government analysts had determined when the tape was made.

The videotape surfaced amid increasing speculation about bin Laden's possible death. The terrorist leader appears gaunt, pale and uncomfortable on the tape and does not move his left hand.

## India bans Pakistan airline from overflights

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India banned Pakistan's national airline from entering Indian airspace and ordered half of Pakistan's embassy staff out of the country today, accusing its neighbor of sponsoring terrorism.

India also will cut its own embassy staff in the Pakistani capital by half, Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said, announcing a swath of new diplomatic sanctions adopted Thursday as both sides fortified troops along the border they share.

In Islamabad, a senior official in Pakistan's Foreign Ministry called India's latest step regrettable, saying it would only aggravate tensions.

Pakistan said today it wants to defuse the crisis and would pursue diplomatic efforts. Still, government spokesman Gen. Rashid Quereshi said Pakistan still has "the capacity to react and retaliate in all conceivable ways" — though he said a nuclear confrontation was "unthinkable."

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell called leaders on both sides Wednesday, urging them to pull back from confronta-

tion and resolve their differences through dialogue.

China — a powerhouse neighboring both nations — also said Thursday that it was "deeply worried" by India-Pakistan tensions and called for "dialogue and consultations" to keep stability.

Fears have risen over the prospect of a new conflict between the two countries after India accused Pakistan of sponsoring a Dec. 13 gun attack on Parliament in New Delhi that killed 14 people. Islamabad denies the charge.

Singh said the ban on Pakistani overflights would take effect Tuesday while the cuts in embassy staffs would take place within two days. The remaining Pakistani embassy staff would be restricted to the capital, New Delhi, he said.

The Pakistani embassy, or High Commission, was "involved in espionage as well as direct dealings with terrorist organizations," Singh told reporters without giving any specifics. India had already withdrawn its ambassador from Islamabad.

The overflight ban will likely cause new damage to Pakistan's ailing economy,

coming on top of India's order banning bus and train service.

The new measures were approved in a session of India's Cabinet Committee that considered political and economic sanctions aimed at pressuring Pakistan to shut down two Islamic militant groups that New Delhi blames for the Parliament attack.

Singh said the new steps were necessary because India's concerns "have not been fully grasped in Pakistan." Islamabad has frozen the assets of one of the groups and arrested some of its members, but Singh dismissed those moves as insufficient.

India's defense minister said earlier that his country's troops would be fully deployed along the 1,110-mile border with Pakistan by the weekend.

"In the next two to three days, the deployment process will be completed and the forces will be ready for any eventuality," Defense Minister George Fernandes told Press Trust of India.

Although both sides were moving troops and weapons such as tanks and rocket

launchers toward the border, the frontier was relatively calm Thursday, officials said.

A Pakistani military spokesman said there were no exchanges of fire, but that Pakistan had matched India's troop buildup. Witnesses in Karachi, Pakistan, said Thursday that anti-aircraft guns had been deployed at the port and other major installations.

There was no indication that either side had deployed nuclear weapons, which are believed to be stored unassembled.

"Pakistan has been exercising maximum restraint and utilizing diplomatic channels," said Aziz Ahmed Khan, a spokesman for Pakistan's Foreign Ministry. He said President Gen. Pervez Musharraf was willing to talk with India's prime minister, raising the possibility that the two might meet at a summit in Nepal next week.

"The ball is in India's court," Khan said. "Anytime, anyplace, anywhere, at any level. It is up to India to respond."

## Enron downfall: State investment funds lost \$62 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Retirement funds for teachers and state employees lost nearly \$60 million in stocks and bonds because the funds' managers continued to invest in crumbling Enron Corp.

The Teachers Retirement System and Employees Retirement System lost a combined \$59.7 million. Smaller state investment funds lost another \$3.3 million.

The loss is not going to affect retirees, officials told the Austin American-Statesman in Wednesday's editions.

The Teacher Retirement System bought \$9 million worth of Enron stock just three weeks before Houston-based energy giant filed bankruptcy on Dec. 2. When

ERS bought the shares, prices ranged between \$9 and \$10.

After a loss of investor and industry confidence because of questionable financial practices, Enron crumbled and the company's stock, which once traded for \$80 or more per share, tumbled to less than a dollar.

Shares sold Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange for 67 cents.

A message left with TRS on Wednesday by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

TRS fund managers would only answer questions from the American-Statesman with e-mails from their agency spokesman. In one e-mail, managers said they anticipated Dynegy Inc.'s

purchase of Enron would go through.

It didn't, and TRS lost \$35.7 million.

The Employee Retirement System largely avoided the late buying spree of stocks, but managers bought a \$10 million bond for Osprey Trust, one of several partnerships at the center of Enron's downfall.

The purchase was made on the same day Enron's chief executive officer, Andrew Fastow, resigned under fire.

"We knew the other partnerships were in trouble," said Sheila Beckett, ERS executive director. "We didn't realize this one was."

The Permanent School Fund, which invests money for public schools, booked \$105 million in profits by

selling out months before the collapse.

"You don't always hit them over the fence like that," said Paul Ballard, executive administrator of the Permanent School Fund. "I wished every bet worked out like Enron did."

"It turns out that not all that glitters is gold," he said. "That stock became so volatile in November, it became a lottery ticket."

Ballard said school fund managers bought a \$5 million Enron bond on Oct. 22, two days before ERS bought its Osprey bond.

"It looked inexpensive," Ballard said. "We thought it was a chance to buy on bad news. The bad news ended up catastrophic. Occasionally, you make a mistake."

## Boy who apparently fell into lake during hike was outspoken

SILSBEE (AP) — A 6-year-old boy whose body was recovered from a lake after he disappeared during a family hike was described as an outspoken and fearless kindergartner who enjoyed climbing trees and playing video games.

Family members had puzzled for days over Ira Clutter's disappearance because he wasn't one to run off, his father, Randy Clutter said.

"We just kept thinking we would find him," Clutter said. "Nobody thought he was in the water."

Hundreds of volunteers spent days searching the rocky, brushy terrain and dirt trails in Possum Kingdom State Park.

Clutter, who is legally blind, searched alongside those who came from across the state to help.

Divers recovered Ira's body Wednesday from the lake where family members least suspected he would be found.

"It appeared like he fell from a large rock. He was found in 24 feet of water near the bottom," said

Kristin Everett, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. "Investigators found a skid mark real close to where he was found. We believe he was exploring the shore line and he fell in."

Billie Kyles, principal at Robinson Elementary School in Silsbee, said Ira was an outspoken student who was eager to discuss

his faith. A Jehovah's Witness, Ira often would sit in Kyle's office during holiday or birthday celebrations, which conflicted with his religious beliefs.

"To tell the truth, my heart is breaking," Kyles said. "I'm going to miss him."

Clutter said the discovery of Ira's body brought closure to the family.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Woman runs over husband, dies

LUBBOCK (AP) — A woman ran over her husband during an altercation Wednesday, then died when she lost control of her car and crashed into a tree in a rural area just east of Lubbock, police said.

Trina Richardson, 34, died at the crash site in her 1993 Cadillac DeVille, Lubbock Police Sgt. Greg Gregg said. "She went airborne after crossing a high intersection, then slid sideways before hitting a tree," Gregg said.

Her husband, L.D. Richardson Jr., 39, was taken to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock with a cut on his head, and a possible broken arm and broken leg, Gregg said.

The altercation apparently began while the two were driving in separate cars. L.D. Richardson got out of his car and began walking toward his wife's car at an intersection when she accelerated into him, Gregg said.

When an officer arrived, Trina Richardson took off, Gregg said. The officer chased her but only got within about a half-mile when she crashed, Gregg said.

#### Longtime newsman/anchor dies

DALLAS (AP) — Chip Moody, a television newsman and anchor whose career in Texas spanned 30 years, died Wednesday at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas after a lengthy illness. He was 54.

Born in Oakland, Calif., Robert Phelps Moody II, a 1970 graduate of Baylor University, had worked at stations in Waco, El Paso, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth.

His last job was with WFAA-TV in the Dallas-Fort Worth market, where Moody had worked as an anchor since late 1987.

Co-anchor Tracy Rowlett, who left WFAA in 1999 to join KTVT-TV, said his former colleague was "such a big personality."

"He had such charisma and it was just infectious. There's just a void when you turn on the television set and he's not there," he told The Dallas Morning News.

Moody battled a variety of health problems after being treated in 1986 for Hodgkin's disease.

"I guess I've been blessed with a pretty good fighter-pilot mentality," Moody said in a December 1999 interview. "I do keep kind of bouncing back. I'm getting a little bit weary of it. But I can still laugh."

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Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

Howard County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Howard County has been chosen to receive \$ 13,909 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact United Way of Big Spring at (915) 267-5201 for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is January 11, 2002.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Farm bill was bad legislation.

American taxpayers received an early holiday present when Senate Democrats failed to push through a pork-laden \$171 billion farm bill.

In the name of saving family farms, Senate Democrats, led by Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, attempted to push through a farm bill that would have wasted billions of dollars on huge farm corporations, encouraged overproduction, driven down grain and cotton prices and undercut foreign trade agreements.

President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress want a farm bill that weans wealthy corporate farmers from multibillion-dollar annual subsidies and redirects money to small farmers, food stamps and conservation.

While it sounds like a role reversal, Republicans led the charge to pass the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act that was designed to reduce farmers' dependency on escalating government subsidies by encouraging them to participate in the free market.

It was a good idea but powerful farm-state lobbies undermined the 1996 farm act when each year Congress voted billions of dollars of "emergency" aid back to farmers, thus promoting even greater reliance on government payments.

Emergency subsidies enacted since the 1996 farm act have increased spending 500 percent. Last year's farm subsidies reached \$32 billion.

The farm subsidy program has changed little except in size since it was introduced as a temporary measure during the Great Depression.

The farm bill Senate Democrats couldn't pass before the holidays was three times the size of the 1996 bill. It also represented a 77 percent increase over the farm-subsidy level approved by Congress only last spring, despite record farm incomes.

It's easy to understand why Bush wants a different farm bill. Only 40 percent of American farmers get farm subsidies. Half of all federal farm subsidies go to the largest 8 percent of farms.

Midwest grain farmers, often represented by Fortune 500 corporations, receive the greatest portion of farm subsidies.

Bush and his GOP allies support less reliance on subsidies. They want to spread out farm assistance to help more farmers in more states and cut back on subsidies to wealthy commercial farm operations that don't need federal assistance.

The superior Republican farm plan not only spreads out federal assistance, it also would increase food stamp funds to \$10 billion over 10 years, compared to \$6 billion proposed by the Democrats.

The 1996 farm act expires next year. When Congress again takes up a new farm bill, more emphasis should be placed on giving more assistance to farmers who actually need the help.

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## What happened to the tightening noose?

After weeks of hearing that the "noose is tightening," it seems (as of this writing) that Osama bin Laden decided to get out of Dodge while the getting was good.

Three clichés in one sentence. Not bad, huh? If I work at it, I might become a TV journalist or a military analyst yet. I've never had a desire to visit Pakistan (or India, to be fair about it), but I might decide to go. I'd like to see what a "porous border" looks like. Of course, it would be cheaper just to visit one of our own borders, which are also Swiss cheese.

I'm sure the Marine who lost his leg or the three Green Berets who were killed by an errant bomb are glad to know that it was after their injuries and deaths that "the really dangerous work" has now begun, according to the TV

chorus. And while I've never, to my knowledge, met a member of al-Qaeda, they must be quite remarkable creatures to shrink and multiply so often. Sometimes there are 3,000 of them, then a few hundred, then maybe 2,000, then a handful. About the only thing we know for sure is that none of the high-ranking al-Qaeda leaders we went to get have been got. Nor has Mullah Omar. As of this writing, I must add, since the situation is now officially described as "fluid."

Have you noticed, too, that all the caves we've seen so far look considerably rougher and more primitive than those fancy caves the TV people have been showing us? Naturally, it is a lot easier to draw a cave with a computer graphics program than it is to dig one out of the rocks, but I was looking forward to seeing those squared-off tunnels with tanks at the ends of them.

It is possible that a bomb obliterated Osama. High explosives can create MIAs simply by leaving no pieces large enough to identify. But I expect that the head

villain left before the noose got too tight. He is, after all, a man who seems not to put too high a value on anyone's life but his own. "Fight to the death, boys, and if you survive, meet me in \_\_\_\_\_," he probably said in his farewell address.

The problem with this war, aside from the fact that the whole of Afghanistan is not worth one American leg, much less American lives, is that the press, through no fault of its own, has been unable to cover it. The only Americans who will talk to press members are the briefers at the Pentagon. On the ground in Afghanistan, the American forces shoo them away, except for the token coverage allowed of the Marines. The Afghan warlords keep the media well away from the action (and atrocities/goof-ups), so that in the end, all they know and all we know is what they've been told by a "spokesman." To hear the warlords tell it, they've been engaged in "fierce fighting." The fierce fighting, however, seems to produce damned few casualties

on either side.

Furthermore, I detect a disturbing pattern. If we are going to spend \$1 billion a month to bomb a country and then billions more to rebuild it, I'm sure we'll go broke before we work through the list of poor countries still left to be bullied and terrorized by the world's last remaining superpower.

In the meantime, President Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft are becoming fanatically more secretive, as if the fact that a cabbie has been arrested for visa violations would destroy America's national security if we were told about it. Given the fact that the Soviet Union and later Russia had a high-ranking spy in the FBI for 15 years and one in the Navy for 17 years, I would say that the risk to national security is the government and not the American people and or the press.

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## There's a lot to be said for style

There's a lot to be said for style. Where would the country have been during the dreary days of World War II without Franklin Delano

Roosevelt and his fantastic cape, jaunty chin and long cigarette holder? Add his rhetorical style, distilled from suffering as well as exhilaration, and you're close to the secret of FDR's extraordinary power to lift the spirits and shore up the stamina of the nation. Style is not antithetical to substance. The one is an expression of the other.

No one can mention style in America without turning to Jack and Jackie Kennedy. For him, it was based on wit; for her, on elegance. For both, words were central. Her letters relied on a love of language, his charm on a gift for phrases. Together, they electrified the world.

George and Laura Bush have brought to the White House a new Texas style — creamy roses and books for her (her devotion to literature echoes that of Jackie

Kennedy), and plain talk for him. Fareed Zakaria of Newsweek has called the president a "morally serious man." That description is true for both the Bushes. They have made simplicity the basis of their lives.

Rudy Giuliani, however, is suffused with a certainty of style. It's all summed up in that New York Police and Fire Dept. baseball cap. Strong, steadfast, tough, tender, sometimes startlingly poetic, he had the guts for command on Sept. 11th. Pity Michael Bloomberg having to follow a mayor so intintically, stylistically wedded to his city. In television journalism, the most distinctive style of all is that of CNN's Christiane Amanpour. She definitely has heeded the advice from "Master Class," Terrence McNally's play about Maria Callas, to "get a look." Reporting from Islamabad in the fall in khaki shirts, collar upturned, and from wintry Kabul in a windbreaker with white or brown aviator silk scarves at the neck, she is the war correspondent we all would love to be. She is archetypal, born of Athena, who, as Jean Shinoda Bolen tells us, was the warrior goddess of wisdom, protector of her heroes, the only Olympian woman who wore armor.

But Christiane Amanpour is not merely a look. Her real strength is in her

voice, extraordinary for its depth, resonance and dramatic impact. Her style would be lost without great events against which to hone her own gifts. Fortunately, great events have found her.

The most durable newspaper stylist is Molly Ivins of the Fort Worth Star Telegram. Though riotously funny, her finest piece has no humor at all. It is an account of going to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington to find the name of her truest love, a biologist, killed in that war after only a few weeks of duty there.

Unable to bear owning the experience herself, she wrote it in the third person with such control of emotion that no one who reads it can fail to feel the same devastation.

Some may say that style is too bound up in things. But things connect us to life. In "Night, Mother," Marsha Norman's prize-winning play, a young woman contemplating suicide pushes away her coffee mug and declares, "That means nothing to me." She is cutting her ties to the mug, to things and to the world.

Then there's Thomas Moore, the writer and therapist, who pointed out that shopping really is a search for images that reflect and satisfy our souls.



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### IN BRIEF

#### Youth basketball sign-ups under way

Registration for the newly-formed Big Spring Youth Basketball League for the 14-and-under boys division have been extended until Saturday at the Big Spring Family YMCA, 801 Owens.

The BSYBL is a merger of Big Spring's two previous youth basketball programs — the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association and the YMCA of Big Spring.

Registration for the program is \$20 per child. Each child will receive a league T-shirt and an award at the completion of the season. Games will be played on Saturdays between Jan. 12 and March 2.

The league's emphasis will be on skill development, participation, sportsmanship and fun.

For more information, call 267-8234.

#### YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, Call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

#### Angels sign Aaron Sele to 3-year deal

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Aaron Sele, one of baseball's winningest pitchers over the last four years and an All-Star with the Seattle Mariners last season, signed a three-year, \$24 million contract with the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old right-hander has won 69 games since 1998, the most by an AL pitcher during that time. Only Randy Johnson (76), Greg Maddux (73) and Tom Glavine (71) — all NL pitchers — have more victories over that span.

Sele will receive \$7.5 million next season, \$8 million in 2003 and \$8.5 million in 2004.

#### Avalanche 2, Stars 0

DALLAS (AP) — Patrick Roy has more wins than any goalie in NHL history because he's really good and, sometimes, really lucky.

Roy was both in earning career victory No. 500 Wednesday night, stopping pucks with his stick and his calf, from his belly and against a 6-on-4 attack, leading the Colorado Avalanche past the Dallas Stars 2-0.

The Stars did get the puck past Roy twice, only to be rejected by the crossbar both times.

"At some point, we all get some breaks," Roy said, "and I'll take them."

### ON THE AIR

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9:30 p.m. — Sugar Bowl Classic, Miami vs. LSU, FSN.

##### HOCKEY

7 p.m. — Colorado at Chicago, ESPN2.

##### PRO BASKETBALL

8 p.m., Utah at Portland, TNT.

## Cowboys hoping to model themselves after 49ers recovery

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers used to be compared for their NFC championships and winning ways.

The two teams combined to play in 13 Super Bowls from 1970-95, six of those coming after they played each other in the NFC title game. The 49ers have won an NFL record 16 division titles, just one more than Dallas.

In the new century, both teams had to go into a rebuilding mode. Like the championship days, both teams were similar as they fell from

the top to bottom of their divisions. Dallas and San Francisco both had to adjust to the NFL salary cap. That not only took away the free-spending ways, but limited them because of the big-money contracts to star players that helped provide success.

But the 49ers are a step ahead in the recovery process.

The Cowboys (4-10) have lost 10 games for the second year in a row. San Francisco is 11-3 — two of the losses to St. Louis, the team a game ahead in the NFC West — and has already clinched a playoff spot

heading into Sunday's game at Dallas.

"They have turned a corner and are having success," Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith said Wednesday. "We're trying to turn the corner so we can get back to have that same type of success."

San Francisco is still hampered by more than \$20 million in dead salary cap money going to former stars like Steve Young, a future Hall of Fame quarterback who retired before the 2000 season after a series of concussions.

But Jeff Garcia, Young's backup

in 1999, started all 16 games last season and threw for a team record 4,278 yards with 31 touchdowns. He has thrown for 3,046 yards and 26 TDs this season.

The 49ers have also continued to develop their own players, especially since they have limited money to spend. They have 20 of their own draft picks from the past three years playing.

The Cowboys are paying about \$24 million to former players, including concussion-prone quarterback Troy Aikman, who retired after he was released by the team last March.

## Bonds AP's Male Athlete of Year

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a record-breaking season capped by major awards, one home run was especially significant to Barry Bonds.

It was not his 500th career homer, or his 71st of the season, which broke Mark McGwire's record.

Instead, in a year that brought Bonds an unprecedented fourth MVP award and honors as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year, it was homer No. 68 that made Bonds cry.

That homer came on Sept. 28, as he mourned the death of friend and former bodyguard Franklin Bradley. Bonds wept on the bench after the homer.

"That was probably the most memorable day of my life," Bonds said.

It was a memorable year for baseball's new home run king. He started it 0-for-21 at the plate, but finished with 73 homers and a record .863 slugging percentage.

Besides smashing McGwire's 3-year-old record for homers, the San Francisco slugger broke a pair of Babe Ruth's records with 177 walks and the gaudy slugging percentage. Bonds hit .328 with 137 RBIs while moving from 17th place to seventh on the career list with 567 homers.

Bonds edged three-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong to claim the AP award announced Wednesday. Tiger Woods, who won in 1999 and 2000, tied for third.

Bonds received 33 first-

place votes and 136 points from sportswriters and broadcasters. Armstrong, who finished second in the voting for the second straight year, had 26 first-place votes and 127 points.

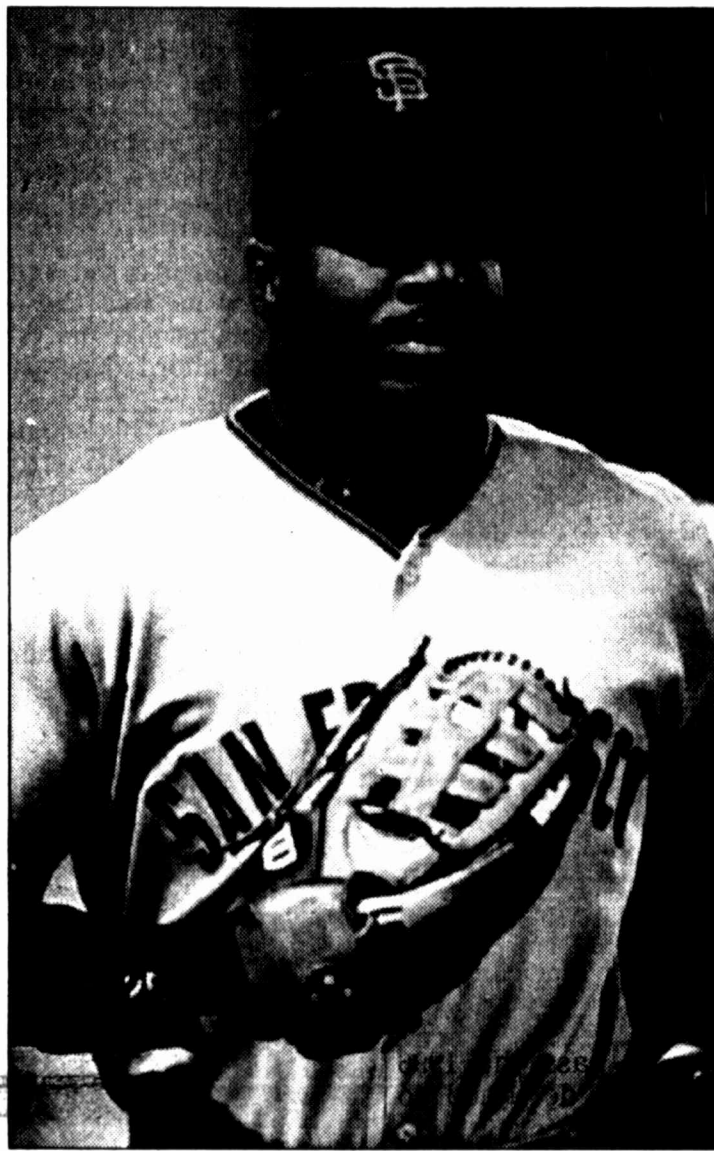
American League MVP Ichiro Suzuki and Woods tied for third with 43 points, though Suzuki had seven first-place votes and Woods, who also won the AP honor in 1997, had two. Randy Johnson was fifth and Allen Iverson sixth. Points were awarded on a 3-2-1 basis.

The 37-year-old Bonds is the 24th baseball player to win the AP award. Pepper Martin won the first award in 1931, and other baseball winners have included Bonds' godfather, Willie Mays, who won as a member of the New York Giants in 1954. McGwire won in 1998 when he hit his record-breaking 70 homers.

After briefly testing the free-agent market, Bonds accepted the Giants' offer of salary arbitration last week and will be back in San Francisco for at least one more season. Bonds said he's already preparing for the 2002 season and trying to figure out how he can become an even better player.

"My grandfather told me, 'The day that dog doesn't learn a trick, it's the day that dog is dead,'" Bonds said. "If I get satisfied now, I might as well retire."

At first, this seemed unlikely to be a historic year for Bonds, who was hitless in his first 21 at-bats of the season.



Associated Press photo  
San Francisco's Barry Bonds hit 73 homers and had a record .863 slugging percentage this year. He edged three-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong to earn The Associated Press' Male Athlete of the Year recognition.

But then he homered in a career-high six straight games, including his 500th home run on April 17. That homer, which splashed into

McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence at Pacific Bell Park, made him the 17th major leaguer to reach the milestone.

## Aggies, Horned Frogs renew rivalry

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Southwest Conference rivals Texas A&M and TCU are putting the best face they can on the galleryfurniture.com Bowl.

The Aggies (7-4) expected to contend for the Big 12 title before late losses soured their season. TCU (6-5) needed upsets in its final two games just to qualify for a bowl.

"We've had some great highs and we've had some very, very low points in our season," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I think it's the incredible part of our kids, the chemistry and the kind of makeup that they have, that they fought back and gave themselves a

chance." Kickoff is at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

The Horned Frogs were going nowhere with a 4-5 record when they upset Conference USA champion Louisville and followed that with a 14-12 victory over Southern Mississippi.

It was the conclusion of a 16-week season that started with a 21-7 loss to Nebraska on Aug. 25 in the Pigskin Classic and included six open dates.

"I think in the last four weeks of the season, the two weeks we had off for Louisville and Southern Miss really helped us because I think we matured and we started to grow,"

Patterson said.

The Aggies have a 55-29-7 advantage in the series, and they've won 23 in a row since the Horned Frogs' last victory in 1972.

The Aggies were poised to be a major postseason player with a 7-1 record before they lost their last three games to Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Texas.

Their offense has struggled most of the season under quarterback Mark Farris. The Aggies scored only 17 points in their final three games.

"I'm impressed with what coach Patterson has done with his team," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "He picked a better course than

I did, winning your last two games instead of losing your last three."

The Aggies' Wrecking Crew defense overcame a slow start this season following a verbal challenge from Slocum. The Aggies rank No. 10 nationally in total defense, allowing 294 yards per game.

A&M's offense has been stalled by injuries to its running back and tight end corps.

Derek Farmer, Keith Joseph and Oschler Flemming have shared running back duties. Former defensive lineman Thomas Carriger is starting at tight end and is backed up by walk-on Haven Massey.

## Applewhite 'gracious' for final start

SAN DIEGO (AP) — If Major Applewhite was bitter or angry or disillusioned about the way the Texas quarterback controversy played out the last two seasons, he never let on.

He kept his frustrations to himself, even when he felt he could have gone in and gotten the Longhorns rolling. "Like, say, after Chris Simms threw four interceptions in a 14-3 loss to Oklahoma back in October.

The one thing he did do while watching his senior season tick away Saturday after Saturday was keep himself ready. That's why Applewhite, the leading passer in Longhorns' history, gets to start his final game for No. 9 Texas, in the Holiday Bowl against No. 21 Washington on Friday

night. "I'm just gracious that this opportunity has presented itself," said Applewhite, ever the diplomat. "There's no bitterness. I don't have time for that now. I just want to go out and play football."

Applewhite, who holds 44 Texas records, had seen only mop-up duty this season. After throwing for a school-record 7,974 yards the previous three seasons, he threw for just 379 this year. But he was pretty sure his career wouldn't end with him holding a clipboard on the sideline.

After Texas blew a shot at the national championship game by losing 39-37 to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 1, coach Mack Brown didn't waste any time in naming

Applewhite the Holiday Bowl starter over Simms, a junior.

Simms committed four turnovers that led to 26 Colorado points and was replaced by Applewhite, who passed for 240 yards and a pair of touchdowns in a desperate rally that fell just short.

Applewhite was surprised and happy to be named the starter.

"Surprised, because as a bowl game, you're thinking maybe they want to give Chris confidence going into spring and next season. At the same time, you're thinking, 'I did play well against Colorado,' so it's like I made a case for starting."

Applewhite's performance against Colorado rekindled a two-year debate among Texas fans — whether to

start Applewhite, a proven winner, or the 6-foot-5 Simms, whose strong left arm make him a solid NFL prospect.

"Just being a quarterback at Texas, regardless of whether you're first or second team, you're going to have pressure," Applewhite said. "That's why you go there. That's the fun part of it. You live for those situations."

Applewhite was the Big 12 offensive MVP in 1999 when he was the first Texas quarterback to pass for 3,000 yards in a season. Brown rotated the two quarterbacks in 2000 before Applewhite was sidelined by a knee injury.

Simms became the permanent starter last season, losing to Oregon in the Holiday Bowl.

## Mavs win seventh in row despite Duncan's 53

The Associated Press

On one of the busiest nights of the NBA season, Tim Duncan had the biggest game — but not the best result — of all.

The Dallas Mavericks overcame Duncan's 53-point performance to win their seventh straight game, defeating the Midwest Division-leading San Antonio Spurs 126-123 in overtime Wednesday night.

Steve Nash scored 27 points and made a 3-pointer with 0.6 seconds remaining in overtime.

"It was a great game," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said after watching his team lose its second consecutive game after 10 straight wins.

Elsewhere, Golden State surprised the Los Angeles Lakers 101-90, Memphis defeated Chicago 107-85, Charlotte downed Washington 99-93, New Jersey edged Cleveland 81-89, Milwaukee topped Atlanta 107-97, Indiana beat Orlando 89-82, Phoenix defeated Houston 97-91, Utah downed Boston 99-86, Minnesota edged Denver 94-91, Sacramento beat Portland 89-74 and Philadelphia defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 100-86.

Dallas defeated the Spurs despite a career night by Duncan, who scored 28 points in the fourth quarter and overtime.

"I wish I'd have missed all my shots the way this turned out," said Duncan, who was 19-of-28 from the field and connected on 15 straight free throws.

The 53 points were the fourth most scored by a San Antonio player, and the most scored in an NBA game this season.

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 28 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 26 and Tim Hardaway 15.

Hardaway tied the game 123-123 with a 27-foot 3-pointer with 26.3 seconds remaining. Following a San Antonio turnover, Nash hit the game-winning jump shot.

#### Warriors 101, Lakers 80

Antawn Jamison scored 28 points and Danny Fortson had 15 points and 20 rebounds as Los Angeles struggled in Shaquille O'Neal's absence.

Though Kobe Bryant scored 39 points, Jamison hit enough big shots for the Pacific Division's last-place team to hand the NBA's best team its fifth loss of the season.

After Bryant hit consecutive 3-pointers to pull the visiting Lakers to 87-83 with 2:18 left, Jamison made back-to-back shots and hit two free throws to seal it.

#### Grizzlies 107, Bulls 85

Pau Gasol shot 11-for-15 and scored 27 points and Jason Williams added 21 points and 14 assists as Memphis beat Chicago in Bill Berry's first game as coach of the Bulls.

Gasol also had 14 rebounds, and four of Memphis' five starters finished in double figures as the Grizzlies sent the Bulls to their 15th consecutive road loss.







## About 20 First Night parties scrapped

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — About 20 towns around the country will celebrate this New Year's Eve with a silent night instead of First Night, canceling their arts celebrations in the wake of terrorism, economic weakness or a volunteer shortage.

Five of the affected parties were in New Jersey, according to First Night International, the Boston-based group that helps coordinate the alcohol-free events.

"I think the drop-off is due to the economy," said First Night International President Zeren Earls. "Nine-11, I think, just made matters worse. Some of these will come back next year."

Red Bank canceled its affair after losing sponsorship money. Several donors believed it was more important to give their money to attacks-related charities, Mayor Ed McKenna said. Six residents died at the World Trade Center.

"We actually had one sponsor ask for money back," McKenna said. "We're not upset about it — we certainly understand where sponsors are coming from." Officials in other cities with canceled parties, including St. Louis, Santa Barbara, Calif., and Erie, Pa., cited a lack of volunteers and poor funding.

About 180 First Night celebrations are planned in the United States this year, and many will have patriotic themes, according to First Night International's web site.

San Diego planned to erect an interactive display in the shape of a wall reminiscent of the World Trade Center remains. The community will be invited to contribute a building block with each pledge to build a foundation for the future. Morris County planned to make a unity quilt to honor Sept. 11 victims, and Columbus, Ohio, has buttons featuring red and white stripes.

## Lawsuit seeks return of confiscated Sept. 11 vehicles

NEW YORK (AP) — A lawsuit filed against the city Wednesday demanded the return of an estimated 900 vehicles towed from the World Trade Center neighborhood in the days after the terrorist attacks.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court seeks class action status on behalf of the vehicles' owners. It was brought by John Diaz, who said his 1993 Chevrolet Astro minivan was parked blocks from the trade center.

He found it covered in soot with minor damage Sept. 11 but said he was told he couldn't remove it. He later learned his minivan was moved to a landfill.

His lawyer, Robert Tolchin, said the city has not been returned because it and the other vehicles towed from around the trade center were too damaged.

"We understand the city had to clear the streets to bring in heavy equipment," Tolchin said. "But once it was cleared out of the area, the people are entitled to have their cars back."

Diaz has been told his vehicle will be crushed along with the others. The city law office did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

Special for kids and their families



By BETTY DEBNAM

### Important Events of the New Year

## A Kid's 2002 Calendar

Celebrate the outdoors!

Keep this 2002 calendar and watch for coming special events.



This child is making the most of the snow-capped mountains of Utah.

2002 will be a year celebrating the joys of being outside. The Winter Olympics will be held in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area from Feb. 8 to Feb. 24.

The United Nations has declared 2002 as the International Year of Mountains. The U.N. hopes to help protect the environment around mountain regions.

The year 2002 is also the U.N.'s Year of Ecotourism. Ecotourism is a way for tourists to enjoy nature while protecting the environment and helping the local economy in poorer countries. Ecotourists might get to see many kinds of animals, such as tigers, sea turtles or butterflies.

Nov. 5 will also be a national election day. Many state legislators and city officials will be elected. All U.S. members of the House of Representatives and one-third of U.S. senators are up for re-election.

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### Rookie Cookie's Recipe

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- 1/4 cup potato chips, crushed
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 chicken breasts

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1. Combine evaporated milk and vegetable oil in a medium bowl. Mix well.
2. Combine crushed potato chips, Parmesan cheese and pepper in another medium bowl. Mix well.
3. Dip each piece of chicken in milk mixture to coat well. Then dip each piece in crumb mixture to coat well.
4. Place chicken evenly on a baking sheet.
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### Goldie Goodsport's Report

#### Supersport: Jackie Stiles

Height: 5-8 Birthdate: 12-21-78  
Weight: 144 College: S.W. Missouri State

Jackie Stiles is one of the best women's college basketball players of all time. She is the all-time leading scorer in women's college basketball. She scored 3,393 points in her college career.

These days she plays guard for the Portland Fire. Last season was her first with the team. She averaged 14.9 points per game. Her best game was 26 points against Indiana. She was named WNBA Rookie of the Year.

Jackie grew up in Clifton, Kan. Her mother is a nurse and her father is a high school teacher and coach.

In high school, Jackie played basketball and ran track. In track, she won a state record 14 gold medals.

### Meet Martina McBride

Martina McBride has been performing since she was a young girl. Today she is a popular country singer.

Martina, 35, was born in Medicine Lodge, Kan. Her parents were dairy farmers. She has two brothers and one sister; one of her brothers plays in her band.

Her father used to play in a band, and Martina sang with it when she was just 7.

After graduating from high school, she sang in different bands and then became a solo singer. Her first album came out in 1992.

Martina and her husband, John, who works in the music industry, have two daughters.

### Mimi Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Joyce: What does an elephant do when it's really scared?  
Cathy: It ele-faints!

Alan: What is gray and blue and very big?  
John: An elephant holding its breath!

Teacher: Can someone tell me where elephants are found?  
Susan: Well, elephants are so big they usually don't get lost!

### 2002 Calendar

Words that remind us of calendars are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MONTH, YEAR, DAY, DATE, HOLIDAY, CALENDAR, SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORDS TO HIDE?

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are singing "Anil Lang Syne" at a New Year's Eve party. See if you can find:

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Look through your newspaper for stories about these special dates.

Next week, The Mini Page features the facts and favorites of the kids of 2001.

The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, Dec. 28, 2001:

Expect to assert yourself this year. Others could be so wound up with their lives that you frequently feel as if you're not heard. You might need to learn the balance between swallowing your anger and throwing tantrums. Actually, if you learn the art of expressing difficult feelings, you will allow many to develop a closeness to you. Work commands a great deal of attention and focus. Hard work will literally "pay off," but you might need to wait for a year or so for it to really happen. If you are single, you will meet many people. Dating also tests your people skills, though you are likely to meet someone very important. If attached, work on your interpersonal skills by signing up for a course together. GEMINI can be hard on you.

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)\*\*\*\* Your mood swings from depressed to angry. True to your sign, you most likely feel more comfortable yelling and screaming than internalizing your feelings. Don't worry, you won't get any ulcers this way - although you might give ulcers! Tonight: Burn off steam doing errands, dancing or some other physical activity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)\*\*\* You could be quite disconcerted by someone

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and his or her decisions. You also might be affected by past emotions in a financial situation. How you tell someone you have had enough could jolt this person. Sometimes everyone needs to establish limits. Tonight: First take care of your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\* You might be more serious than you realize. You also might not be up for tolerating someone's disruption or uproar. You clearly let someone know you have had enough! What starts as a disagreement could wind up in a power play, whether you want it to or not. Tonight: Chill out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)\*\*\* Take your time with someone in your life. You might have to change plans. An in-law or relative could be the source of the problem. Don't let a situation become a runaway train if you can help it. You easily could be overwhelmed. Tonight: Hide out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \* You might have a difficult time maintaining your sunny ways right now. Review a problem with detachment, or you could find yourself in the middle of the "War of the Roses." Avoid control games of all sorts. Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Let off steam with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* Tension could build with superiors as well as with family members. You might be right that you cannot juggle demands simultane-

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ously. Still, give it a shot, because in the long run, it might be important to know that you tried. Someone could be angry. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Your diplomatic skills are in demand and are desperately needed. Flow with a change of plans, eyeing all that you can do, as opposed to all that you cannot do. Go off and get some exercise, or take a walk. Reduce stress. Tonight: Make merry with your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)\*\*\* After recent money struggles, you could wind up making a resolution to change what goes on financially in 2002. With creativity you might be able to change your direction. Be careful with a loved one, be it a child, lover or potential suitor. Tempers flare. Tonight: Listen to someone; say little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\* Play it low-key as others fire up. Perhaps recent stress has been too much for everyone. Be honest with yourself. Aren't you a bit saturated? Focus on your work rather than on the negatives. Take some time to decide what New Year's resolution would be significant. Tonight: Go along with someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)\*\* Much of what spouts out of others' mouths proves to be significant, giving you a lot of insight. Don't get involved in power struggles or in

someone else's bad mood. Also, decide not to take what others say personally. Focus on your work. Clear out extra paperwork. Tonight: Squeeze in some much-needed R&R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)\*\*\* You inadvertently find yourself struggling between two different people or factors in your life. You can't win, because you're between a rock and a hard place. You might opt to go off on a spending spree to alleviate some of the tension. Tonight: Treat yourself well, as long as you're going overboard!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\* You might not be sure why you are angry. However, you do need to vent and clear out your frustration. Be careful with a boss or someone in charge. Be clear as to what is getting to you. Don't smack the cat when you would like to scream at your lover. Tonight: Vanish.

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Responsible fathers deserve consideration from moms

Dear Ann Landers: You have printed a few letters recently about divorced fathers who don't pay child support and miss out on their children's lives. I have a few words for divorced mothers who have custody:



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When you decide to divorce and your ex-husband still wants to be a significant part of his child's life, he should not have to worry that you will move out of the state so he cannot visit, or that you will make up excuses for why the child cannot talk to him on the phone, or that you will dislike the new stepmother so intensely that you refuse to be in the same room with her. When you behave that way, you make life difficult for your child.

Please write the father's name on all emergency forms at school, and make certain the teacher communicates with the father on a regular basis. Keep your ex-husband informed of all events in the child's life so he can attend soccer games and parent-teacher conferences. And send him all the notices from the school as well - the dates of the bake sales and book fairs - so he can participate. Face the facts, ladies. There are no loopholes in motherhood. The majority

of fathers do care about their children and will appreciate the opportunity to be part of their lives. Do this for your children. They will be grateful to you, and you'll feel good about yourself. - Stepmother in California

Dear Stepmother: I have repeatedly said divorced parents should put aside their differences for the sake of the children. Do not bad-mouth the ex-spouse. Do not withhold child support. Do not deny visitation. Be civil to one another, and you will teach your children what real class is. Too often, when parents behave vindictively, it is the child who suffers.

Dear Ann Landers: My stepdaughter said she was married in August, but neither I nor her mother was present. Also, she never obtained a marriage license from the state. Her fiance's father, who claims to be a preacher, performed the ceremony, although I have no idea what church he is affiliated with. When I told her she needed a state license, she said they were "married in the eyes of God."

though, legally, he is not related to me? Please tell me what to do. - Confused Stepdad in Kentucky

Dear Kentucky Stepdad: Welcome him into the family with open arms, and don't ask any questions. If the couple seems happy, everyone should be pleased. If, down the road, the legality of the marriage should be questioned, it will be their problem - not yours. If ever there were a time when you should MYOB, this is it.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a middle-aged man who has been happily married and faithful for 25 years. Now, for the first time in my life, I find myself strongly attracted to a beautiful, intelligent young woman in my office. She is 20 years younger than I am, but has given me reason to believe that she is interested in an intimate relationship.

I am ashamed that I am even considering responding to her advances. I have

had many such opportunities in the past and have never succumbed to temptation. Why now? Do you have any advice for me? - Dave in San Francisco

Dear San Francisco: Now you steer clear of that beautiful, intelligent young woman in your office, and pay more attention to your wife. The office temptation is a home-wrecking wench. Don't become her victim.

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9:30 PM	Primetime Thursday	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Presents	Wonder Years	Agency (CC)	Primetime Thursday	ER (CC)	(15) Movie: Uncommon	Los Metiches (CC)	Young	(35) Movie: Going to California (CC)	Leap Years (CC)	Shock Video	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Blazers (CC) Inside NBA	Medical Detectives	
10:30 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Valor	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Hearts Unlimited (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Staying Together	Leap Years (CC)	Shock Video	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Blazers (CC) Inside NBA	Medical Detectives
11:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spn City (CC)	Elton John-Greatest Hits	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	(15) Movie: Breakout	El Gran Blablazo	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Small Shots Mad TV (CC)	(15) Movie: Playtime	Movie: Execution of	inside the NFL (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Mystery of the Parthenon	Movie: Striptease	Sports Disasters II
12:30 AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Attorney Divorce Court	Paul McCartney-Cavern	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier		Maria la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	(CC)	Justice (CC) (45) National	Movie: Light II Up (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Pride and Prejudice	Secrets of the Colosseum	(CC)	Motorcycle

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"I'M BACK! I JUST CAME TO PLAY WITH SOME OF THE TOYS SANTA DIDN'T BRING ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm glad Jesus wasn't born on the 29th of February!"

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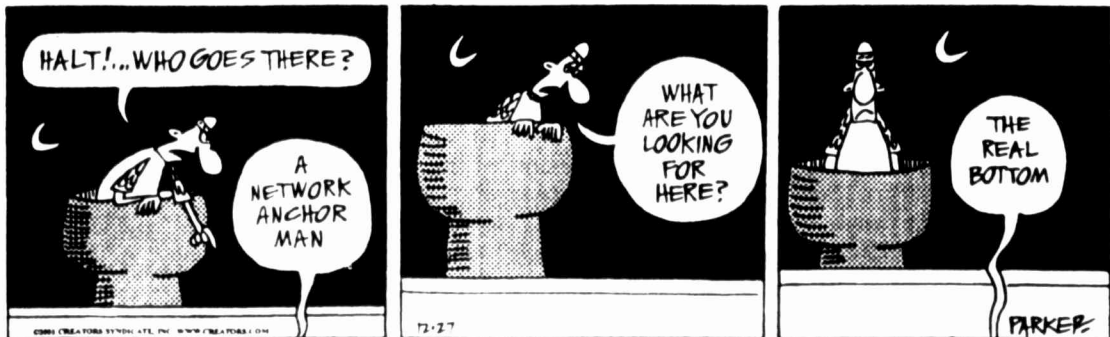
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, December 27th, the 361st day of 2001. There are four days left in the year.

History

On December 27th, 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin (hah-FEE'-zoo-lah ah-MEEN'), who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal (bah-BRAHK' kahr-mahl).

On this date:

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the H-M-S Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the trip helped to form the basis of his theories on evolution.) In 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry A. Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kansas.

In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein the Second, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody" made its debut on N-B-C.

In 1968, Apollo Eight and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

In 1970, "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of two-thousand-844 performances.

In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; a total of 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel.

In 1985, American naturalist Dian Fossey, who had studied gorillas in the wild,

was found hacked to death at a research station in Rwanda.

Today's Birthdays: Former U-S Senator James A. McClure (Republican, Idaho) is 77. Actor John Amos is 60. A-B-C News correspondent Cokie Roberts is 58. Singer Tracy Nelson is 57. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 53. Singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff is 49. Rock musician David Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 49. Broadcast journalist Arthur Kent is 48. Actress Maryam D'Abo is 41. Country musician Jeff Bryant is 39. Musician Matt Slocum (Six Pence None The Richer) is 29.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

POE-POURRI by Sally H Stein  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 -fi
- 4 Noun suffix
- 9 Putting to work
- 14 Canine comment
- 15 The Sound of Music heroine
- 16 Piano professional
- 17 School that expelled Poe
- 19 Come next
- 20 Asian capital
- 21 Go past
- 23 Billy Budd captain
- 24 Eve's youngest
- 26 Tourist
- 28 Street-corner sign
- 31 Phases
- 33 Self-image
- 34 Tailless primates
- 35 Secret Service concern
- 39 Weekly for which Poe was editor
- 42 Enterprise star
- 43 Windless
- 44 Buddy
- 45 Jazz great's nickname
- 47 Sound of impact
- 48 Tiffany competitor
- 51 "That's clear"
- 53 Actor Sharif
- 54 Blow one's top
- 56 Pub pastime
- 60 Ghostbusters actor
- 62 Poe's last home
- 64 Facing the pitcher
- 65 Montréal steakhouse
- 66 Mrs. Duchovny
- 67 Service organization
- 68 Plaintive poem
- 69 Be indecisive
- DOWN
- 1 Wood cutters
- 2 Canadian Indian
- 3 In that case
- 4 More than enough
- 5 Chinese philosophy
- 6 Sight from Balbriggan
- 7 Sty cry
- 8 Hardy returner
- 9 Sport (car category)
- 10 Golfer's wear
- 11 Close-up map
- 12 Prefix for surgeon
- 13 Actress Garson
- 18 Elongated incisor
- 22 Marching-band instruments
- 25 Evian alternative
- 27 Play the guitar
- 28 Friday
- 29 Taj Mahal's home
- 30 Glance
- 32 Intimidate
- 34 Ike's two-time opponent
- 36 Hoop group
- 37 "Rats!"
- 38 Walk heavily
- 40 Mozart, by birth
- 41 Daughter of Janet and Tony
- 46 Flash Gordon portrayer
- 47 Smile broadly
- 48 Pinkish yellow
- 49 Noted violin maker
- 50 Stallone character
- 52 Instruct
- 55 London lockup
- 57 Goodbye, Columbus author
- 58 Peach or papaya
- 59 Coal deposit
- 61 Ave. crossers
- 63 Tim McGraw's dad

