#### **FRIDAY**

December 28, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



TOMORROW TONIGHT 30°-35° 46°-49°

## Chamber set to put banquet tickets on sale

Tickets for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual Banquet are expected to go on sale Jan. 2

Talents of the community and area involvement will be the focus for the banquet which is set for Jan. 15 at the Dorothy Garret Coliseum.

\*Chamber officials opted not to bring in a guest speaker this year and instead will feature the talents of local youths from the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high school bands for the evening.

Outgoing and incoming members of the board of directors are recognized during the event and the highlight of the evening is the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year.

Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce located at 215 West Third. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 11 or younger.

To reserve tickets or for more information, call the Chamber at 263-7641.

#### WEEKEND TICKET

**TODAY** 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 onetime admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

☐ UBS blood drive, noon until 5 p.m., Big Spring Mall. Call 1-800-756-0024 for reservations.

**□** Dance at the Eagles Lodge, 8:30 p.m. 704 West Third. Everyone welcome.

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#### "Reflecting a Proud Community"

'Tis the season for county youth livestock shows By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's time once again to get the New Year off with a bang...or a moo, grunt, or

Glasscock, Howard and Martin counties are all gearing up for their annual livestock shows, and they'll be here before you know it.

The Glasscock County show is the first of the three, kicking off less than a week from now at the coun-

Community Center. The show will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3 through 5.

Howard County Junior Livestock Show comes next, Jan. 9 through 12 at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The show will feature judging of five types of animals: barrows, rabbits, lambs, goats steers/heifers.

Lambs and goats must arrive at the fairgrounds by

10 a.m. Jan. 9. Lambs weigh in and show at 3 p.m. that day, while goats weigh in and show at 4 p.m. The entry fee for both lambs and

Rabbits should arrive by 4

goats is \$5. Steers and heifers must arrive at the grounds by 9 a.m. Jan 10. They will be weighed in and shown at 3 p.m. Jan 11, with steers following heifers. Entry fees for steers and heifers is \$10.

p.m. Jan. 10 and will be weighed and shown at 6

p.m. that day. Entry fees for rabbits is \$4.

Barrows should arrive at the grounds by 6 p.m. Jan. 10 and will be weighed and shown at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 11. Entry fee for barrows is \$5.

A barbecue for buyers will be held at noon Jan. 12 and the awards program will be at 1 p.m. that day. The sale will follow the the awards show. The Martin County

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## STOCK SHOWS

Glasscock County: Jan. 3-5, Glasscock County Community Center.

Howard County: Jan, 9-12, Howard County Fair Barns.

Martin County: Jan, 17-19, Martin County Community Center.

# Coahoma fifth-graders complete semester-long

drug awareness program By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

COAHOMA - Coahoma Elementary School and the Howard County Sheriff's cele-Office

brated their first Drug A b u s e Resistance Education (DARE) graduation December. About

fifth-graders completed the 17 - week

course which was taught by sheriff's deputy Juan C. Parra, a certified DARE instructor. The program teaches stu-

dents about the dangerous

**PARRA** 

effects of drugs, self-esteem building and handling peer Parra said the course tries to relate the importance of good decision-making in practical situations by

using instruction, class

activities and role playing. "The program targets fifth-graders," Parra said. "By the time students get to junior high they are already experimenting with drugs. We target fifth-graders so when they get to that level they have already dealt with

Through the sclasses, children work directly with a representative of law enforcement.

these situations.'

"This helps to breach that barrier between officers and children," Parra said. "Many times the only time the children see us is when something bad has happened.

"You build a positive relationship with these kids," he said. "They feel like they can come and talk to you if they have problems. You build relations not only with the students, but with the teachers and administrators.'

As part of completing the course, each student wrote

an essay stating what they have learned from the DARE program. Awards were given to the best. "It was a tough choice but

four essays were chosen," Parra said.

First place went to Michael Ried, second place was written by Danja Gonzales, third place was earned by Aricka Hart and the fourth place essay was written by Heather Scoggins.

"I was very pleased with the effort put into the essays by each student," Parra said.

Parra is set to teach a course at Elbow Elementary next semester.

Coahoma students making the personal commitment to avoid the pressures to use drugs and to be violence free are Issac Arguello, Tia Bailey, Jared Blythe, Harrison Chevalier, April Choate, Lauren Dees, Kolby Fields, Erica Gonzalez, James Harris, Camryn Herrera, Kayla Holleman, Paige Jackson, Ashley Martin, Michael McNew, Michael Ried. Ashlie Richter, Alexis Ruiz and Katelyn Wilson.

Bailey, Also, Damian Boren, Kyle Steven Brownfield, Megan Conley, Daylong, Dickerson, Nathan Gomez, Danja Gonzales, Aricka Hart, Arthur Hilario, Bobby Hodges-kandel, Haylea Hodnett, Shelby Rose, Heather Scoggins, Cody Sheppard, William Smith, Nina Tascano and Hilari White.

Others were Devin Adamson, Jacob Alcantar, Matthew Brown, Joaquina Cantu, Chase Clanton, Branden Griffin, Keagan Hunt, Berkley Iden, Kelly Lee, Alexandra Moore, Jovi Paniagua, Brendan Payte, Kristian Schlipf, Laci Sterling, Erika Stiller, Sean Thomason, Esmer**alda** Urias and Brandy Winters.

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United Blood Services phlebotomist Howard Voight prepares to draw a unit of blood from Kathy Sigmon of Big Spring this morning at the Rip Griffin blood drive. A representative of Rip Griffin's said donations were steady all morning. UBS will be at the Big Spring Mail Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. to take more donations.

# RSVP, Bilbrey Tours scheduling trips across the nation, around the world

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Big Spring, along with Bilbrey

Tours. offering trips around the world while a percentage of profit returns to the community.

"This is our biggest year said ever,"

Nancy Jones

of RSVP. "Last year we had 23 trips planned, this year we have 32.'

The Big Spring RSVP Travelers and Bilbrey Tours will host a travel showcase at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Dora Roberts Civic Center to unveil the 2002 tours.

"We provide safe and com-

fortable travel for the cus-ter," she said. tomer," Jones said. "They don't have to fight traffic or even drive.

Every trip is escorted by an employee of Bilbrey Tours Inc.

"There is an itinerary. Everything is planned," Jones said. "There is free time scheduled during the trip."

Every seat booked at the Big Spring RSVP brings some profit to the community, Jones said.

"We make a percentage off the trip that helps us provide services to the community," she said. "It helps us be self-supporting."

The trips are for adults from the young to the elderly, Jones said.

"Last year, for our Mediterranean trip, three generations went on the cruise, including a mother, daughter and granddaugh-

Some of the more popular trips returning this year includie the New England Fall Foliage, a eight-day, seven-night stay; Christmas in Nashville, Tenn., the Stampede at Calgary, Canada; and several trips to Branson, Mo.

Others include a cruise to Alaska and one to San Francisco.

Several one-day trips are offered during the year, including ones to the Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth. Jones said last year these trips to Fort Worth cost about \$75 to \$100 for tickets and transportation and the only added cost was the meal.

The biggest trip of the year is already booked but RSVP will be taking standby reservations in case of a

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Big Spring Herald employees Juanita Valdez and Ann Briscoe load sacks of dog and cat food on a truck to deliver to the Howard County Humane Society this morning. Many community residents recently donated food to the Humane Society as part of its annual Animal Food Drive, sponsored by the Herald and KBST.

# Festival of Lights display will end Monday evening

**HERALD Staff Report** 

Monday is the last night to see the Comanche Trail Park spring and lake area lit for the holidays as the Festival of Lights is set to close on New Year's Eve.

This year's festival has attracted more than 15,000 people, a total larger than last year's month-long event which drew about 14,000, said Pat Simmons of the Festival of Lights commit-

So far, visitors from 26 states and seven countries have driven or walked the roadsand trails of the park to view the illuminating dis-

plays. "I am just pleased over the turnout," said Simmons.
"We have had just a tremen-

dous response.' The festival drew nearly 2,000 visitors on Christmas Evé and more than 1,000 on Christmas Day.

Simmons believes the new additions poinsettias of Christmas cards brought more visitors to the

Vandals that knocked down four angel displays, damaged the point of a big gold star, turned over the greeter's booth and tore or ripped up lights have not dampened the holiday spirit for Simmons, as most of the damage has been repaired.

More than a quarter of a million lights illuminate the natural landscape of the spring and lake area of the park nightly from 6 to 10.

Holiday displays including a nativity scene, crosses, angels, deer, western sculptures and enhance the display that is free for viewing by the pub-Festival officials recommend those planning

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#### Fern Hicks

Funeral service for Fern Hicks, 61, of Lubbock will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. Jim Irwin officiating. Burial will be 5 p.m. at Seagraves Cemetery.

died Hicks Mrs. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 28. 1940, in Yoakum County. She graduated from Denver City High School in 1959. She moved to Lubbock from O'Donnell in 1986. She married Daniel Durham on Nov. 22, 2000, in Lubbock. She owned the Second Choice Consignment Furniture Store in Lubbock. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Durham of Lubbock; two sons, Tony Modisette of Big Spring and Bennett Modisette of Idalou; three brothers, Edward Hicks of Denver City, Ernest (Tobe) Hicks of Woodson and Norman Hicks of Seagraves; three sisters, Dorothy Stephenson of Victoria, Becky Todd of Jewell Seminole and Thomas of Spearsville, La.; and eight grandchildren.

The family will greet friends today at White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3404 73rd St., Lubbock 79423.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

### Margry Sorrells

Margry Sorrells, 79, of Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, at 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Mrs. Sorrells died

Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at a Lubbock hospita! after a **J**engthy illness She was born May 1, 1922,

in Snyder and married Vollie E. Sorrells on June 9, 1943, in Long Beach, Calif. She was a housewife and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder. She moved to Snyder from Big Spring in 1981.

Survivors include her husband, Vollie E. Sorrells of \*Snyder; one daughter, Betty Ezzell of Austin; and two grandchildren.

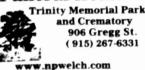
Family visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME**

& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Leon B. Callahan, 80, died Tuesday. Services are 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

#### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home



(915) 267-6331

www.npwelch.com

Jean Steadmon, 75, Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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#### Leon B. Callahan

Funeral service for Leon B. Callahan, 80, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Callahan died Mr. Tuesday, Dec. 25, at a local hospital.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1921, in Merkel. He came to Dawson County in 1923 and later moved to Big Spring in 1989 from California. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Navy. He owned an appliance repair business until 2000 when he retired.

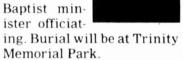
Survivors include his wife, Johnnie Callahan of Big Spring; two daughters, Dori Deering of Big Spring and Bonnie Cota of St. Hilaire, Minn.; two. sons, David Callahan of Ramona, Calif. and Robert Callahan of Bakersfield, Calif.; one sister, Beatrice Green of Big Spring; and six grandchil-

Arrangements are under the direction Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Jean Steadmon

Funeral service for Jean Steadmon, 75, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001,

at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist min-



Mrs. Steadmon died Wednesday, Dec. 18, at her residence. She was born on Jan. 12, 1926, in Hermleigh and married Ruben Steadmon on April 15, 1950, in Carlsbad, N.M. She lived in Big Spring since 1967 and was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Ruben Steadmon of Big Spring; a daughter, Donna Ridenour of San Antonio; a son, David R. Steadmon of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Bill Randell of Lake Isabella, Calif.; and one sister, Sarah Skelton of

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring, 79720.

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

# **SHOWS**

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Livestock Show will be held the following week at the Martin County Community Center Complex, with weigh-in scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 17 and the shows

for Jan. 18 and 19. The goat show will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 18, followed by the lamb show and the steer show. The hog show will be at 9 a.m. Jan. 19. The awards program will be at 7

p.m. that day, For more information about the shows, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension agents of the

915-263-7331

(Main switchboard)

**SPRING** 

respective counties: Glasscock County - 354-2477; Howard County - 264-2236; Martin County — 756-

# **TOURS**

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cancellation since the trip is

in the late fall. And what is the mystery trip? Well it is a mystery. All travelers are told is what clothes to bring and when to board the bus. The destination is unknown.

"The travelers make friends for life on these trips," she said. "They travel with people from different places and get to meet new people."

**RSVP** of Big Spring hosts a reception for those who have taken trips during the

"Big Spring is the only one that brings its travelers together at Christmas time for a lunch," Jones said.

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to take the tour to enter the park from Highway 87 and arrows and the lights will direct motorists to the right path that leads to the spring and exits through Kids

### DARE

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And Kelsey Butts, Kyla Clark, Crista Coker, Canyon Daniels, Donnie Garcia, Karly Green, Melanie Gutierrez, John Metcalf, Felicia Miller, Justin Nixon, Shelbi Paige, Jason Pitts, Christian Price, Oscar Rodriguez, Lauren Sloan, James Taylor, Rachel Tucker and Asa Wheeler.

# Giullani delivers farewell ground zero

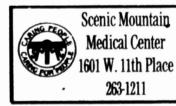
NEW YORK (AP) Rudolph Giuliani bid farewell to New York after eight tumultuous vears as mayor, repeating his belief that the World Trade Center site should be reserved primarily for a "soaring, beautiful memorial" to terrorism

victims. "This place has to be sanctified," he said of the 16-acre site in the city's financial district. "It has to become a place, when anybody comes, that they immediately feel the power, strength and emotion of what it means to

become an American.' In a speech delivered from the altar of a church just a block from the ruins of the trade center, Giuliani said New Yorkers gave him the courage to lead the city beyond the fear and anguish of the Sept. 11 terrorist

attack. "My strength and energy comes entirely from the people of the city of New

York," Giuliani said. "The people of the city should understand that all of the sources of my strength absolutely endure because you have it and you have that strength and you've displayed it."



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# A BIG SPRING . ROUND THE TOWN

The grandson of Italian immigrants, Giuliani, 57, said the terrorist attack should not be used as an excuse for Americans to turn against immigration.

"The greatest strength that we have as a city is immigration, and keeping ourselves open to people," he said. "We're like a religion, really, a secular religion. We believe in ideas and ideals. We're not one race we're many. We're not one ethnic group — we're everyone. We're not one language — we're all of these people.' Giuliani also said the city was especially resilient after the attacks.

"It's a city that has withstood the worst attack of any city in America, or in the history of America, and people are standing up as tall, as strong and as straight as this church.'

## BRIEFS

**VETERANS** FORIEGN WARS regular meeting Post 2013 at 500 S. Driver Rd. will be Jan. 8 at

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO become an amatuer (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 -7970 or 263-2147.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO **HAVE** witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will pro-

mote immunizations. Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization

Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or

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

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Headquarters

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Closed Tuesday, January 1st

First Bank of West Texas

Closed Tuesday, January 1st

American State Bank

State Hospital Federal Credit Union

**Closed Tuesday, January 1st** 

**Government Employees Federal** Credit Union

losed Mon., December 31 at Noon

Closed Tuesday, January 1st

#### TEXAS LOTTERY

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING semester at Howard College will continue Jan. 7-8, 2002, and is open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14, 2002. Call 264-5083 to receive an assigned time.

## MARKETS

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Jones & Co.	
AT&T	18.24 + .25
Archer-Daniels	14.4918
Atmos Energy	21.1812
BP PLC ADR	46.68 + .83
ChevronTexa	co 90.99 + .68
Citigroup	51.53 + .75
Compaq	9.8904
Cornell	16.8704
Dell	28.26 + .37
Du Pont	42.74 + .29
Exxon Mobil	40.05 + .26
Halliburton	13.29 + .31
IFCO System	
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AMCAP	16.15 + .12
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# POLICE

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

· JOE LUIS MONTEZ, 27, of 200 Saint Marie was arrested on a charge of failure to identify and for two

citations AGUSTINE FIERRO, 35, of 108 E. 24th St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated third offense or more and

driving with a suspended license • CHARLIE VALVERDE, 23, of 909 E. 16th St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and for one citation.

 FRED GOMEZ CASTILLO, 55, of 1602 E. Fifth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of South Runnels. A white 1999 Ford at the location reportedly received \$400 damage.

• THEFT of \$46 worth of consumable goods and CREDIT CARD ABUSE was reported at a convenience store in the 800 block of Interstate 20.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCES were reported in the 900 block of South Bell and the 500 block of Westover.

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

# **ALLAN'S Best Prices In West Texas**

202 Scurry PH. 267-6278 Big Spring, Texas

PICK 3: 4,5,3 CASH 5: 1,9,22,25,39

 AGGRAVATED SEXU-AL ASSAULT: 1

· ASSAULT: 1

 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 3 BURGLARY OF A

HABITATION: 1 CRIMINAL MIS-

CHIEF: 14 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 2

• EVADING ARREST: 2 FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID: 1 • FAILURE TO IDENTI-FY/FUGITIVE FROM

JUSTICE: 1 • HARRASSMENT: 1 • POSSESSION OF

**MARIJUANA**: 1 • THEFT: 30 - Convenience Store

Thefts: 26

— Beer: 2 — Gas: 24

• INCIDENT REPORTS: • ACCIDENTS: 14

- Major: 4 - Minor: 10 • ARRESTS: 17

## FIRE/EMS

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

8:15 a.m. — 500 block of N. Johnson, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

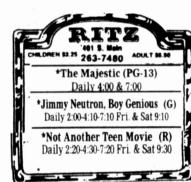
5:49 p.m. — 1800 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC

8:49 p.m. - 1400 block of Mt. Vernon, trauma call, service refused.

## RECORDS

Thursday's high 55 Thursday's low 24 Record high 79 in 1928 Record low 4 in 1983 Average high 55 Average low 28 Precip. Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.12 Year to date 14.16 Sunrise Saturday 7:46

Sunset Saturday 5:50 p.m. Sunrise Sunday 7:47 a.m. Sunset Sunrday 5:51 p.m.



#### CINEMA 4 \*Ali (PG-13) Daily 3:45 &7:10 Harry Potter (PG) Oceans 11 (PG-13) Daily 7:30 Kate and Leopold (PG) Lord Of The Rings (PG-13) Daily 3:15 & 7:00 **ADULTS: \$6.00** \$3.50 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS \*PASS RESTRICTED STAR Monsters Inc (G) Megiddo (PG-13) Shallow Hal (PG-13)

Admission: \$2.00 Tuesdays: \$1.00

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For Showtimes

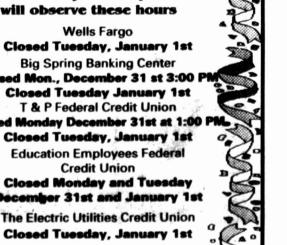
in observance of the New Year, Tuesday, January 1st, these financial institutions will observe these hours

**Citizens Federal Credit Union** Wells Fargo

> **Big Spring Banking Center** Closed Mon., December 31 st 3:00 P **Closed Tuesday January 1st** T & P Federal Credit Union Closed Monday December 31st at 1:00 Pl

> > **Education Employees Federal Credit Union Closed Monday and Tuesday** December 31st and January 1st

The Electric Utilities Credit Union Closed Tuesday, January 1st



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# Insurers warn consumers will pay for Texas law on payments

HOUSTON (AP) Consumers can expect higher premiums for health care coverage in Texas, Humana officials caution, as the insurer complies with a state statute mandating prompt payments to doctors

and hospitals. Three of Humana's subsidiaries have paid \$2.1 million in what the company calls "overpayments" above their legally contracted rates to the providers serving plan members, as well as \$1.25 million in administrative penalties to the Department Insurance.

The move follows a \$9.25 million settlement this summer between the insurance department and 17 health plans, which agreed to pay restitution and fines to providers dating to Aug. 1 last year.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said the penalties were justified because his agency received

administrator who in 1985

was named Plano's teacher

of the year has been charged

with felony child indecency

based upon a former stu-

dent's allegations the man

fondled him more than a

Joe Wayne Cates, 44, coor-

dinator of the Plano

District's after-school pro-

grams, turned himself Dec.

21 at the Collin County Jail

and was released shortly

after posting \$25,000 bail on

decade ago.

Independent

second-degree

Insurance commissioner urges review of homeowner policies

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Insurance ance shopper also knows what dis-Commissioner Jose Montemayor is reminding homeowners to carefully review their homeowners insurance policies considering several changes related to mold coverage.

Montemayor on Thursday also encouraged consumers to shop around for insurance because of rising rates.

"We know that consumers who shop around for their insurance coverage can save money. The educated insurcounts are out there. It's all on our Web site," Montemayor said.

Jerry Johns, president of industry Southwest Insurance Information Service, agreed with Montemayor that consumers should carefully examine policies, but said insurance agents are the best source for information.

"We fully recognize that insurance customers will have questions about new homeowners insurance cover-

ages and every company doing business in this state is poised to answer those inquiries," Johns said.

Last week, Allstate Texas Lloyds announced it does not plan to offer comprehensive insurance coverage to customers who renew their policies beginning in March.

The company will offer a new, expanded basic coverage called HO-A-Plus, which includes a \$5,000 limit on remediation of mold resulting from covered water damage.

> insurers add to their bottom "If they delayed just one day beyond the state-mandated 45 days, they earn claims. themselves \$87,000," Dr. Tom B. Hancher, the associ-

Humana. That calculation is based on the delay to pay contracted rates to physicians throughout the state. In 15 days, it's estimated that Humana would pocket \$1.3

ation's president, said of

increase in expenses, insurance rates do increase," said Tania Graves, a Phoenixbased spokeswoman for

> affects the cost of doing business.' To date, Cigna has paid about \$2.3 million in late fees in Texas for being unable to abide by the 45day guidelines for clean

> Cigna HealthCare Corp. "It

million, Hancher said.

From the insurers' per-

spective, penalties are hard-

ly the answer. The money

has to come from some-

where, they say, so employ-

ers and consumers may end

up shouldering the burden.

"Any time you have an

Humana put part of the blame back on doctors.

"The physicians continue their overreliance on submitting paper claims," said Ross McLerran, Humana's spokesman for Texas. "That prevents claims from being paid with optimum speed and efficiency.'

#### ty good about paying claims over 96 percent accuracy following the newly enacted House Bill 610," Dr. Gary

PLANO (AP) — A school its Friday editions.

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felony

Goldstein, chief executive officer of Humana's Central Texas Region, said in

complaints about thousands Friday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "We've been working diligently changing systems and doing everything possible to comply.'

That's not how the insurance department and health care providers see it.

"Physicians and providers who had not been paid for their services would disagree with the characterization that honoring the contract penalty and statutory

payment' and a 'windfall' to the medical profession,' Montemayor said in a statement released Thursday.

requirements is an 'over-

"Had Humana paid claims timely and fully implemented the prompt-pay statutory requirement, it would not have been subject to an administrative penalty and restitution," he added.

Medical The Texas Association maintains that by postponing payments.

## Miller likely headed back to prison on parole violation

FORT WORTH (AP) — Wesley Wayne Miller apparently will be returned to prison, less than three months after being paroled again on a 1982 conviction for killing high school cheerleader Retha Stratton, who was raped and stabbed in 1982.

Miller's attorney, Jeff Gooch, did not attend a parole hearing on Thursday and Miller said he wanted to waive the hearing.

Miller, 39, was returned to the Tarrant County Jail in October after he made parole for the third time. He was placed in solitary confinement and ordered to remain for at least 30 days or until parole officials determined that he was ready to leave, under law enforcement escort, to look for work.

Officials said he violated parole by refusing to participate in sex offender counseling, putting the name of his teen-age niece on his visitor's list and visiting with her.

of claims that were paid late. House Bill 610, the "prompt-pay" law approved by the Legislature in 1999, calls for insurers to pay claims within 45 days. "We thought we were pret-

newspaper said.

The charges came three

weeks after a Collin County

sheriff's deputy found Cates

inside his car on a rural

county road with a self-

inflicted gunshot wound to

the head, officials said. That

incident took place two

weeks after Plano police

began investigating the for-

According to an affidavit

prepared by Plano police to

mer student's complaints.

Former teacher of year charged with indecency **Independent School District** Neither Cates nor his attorney could be reached officials received an e-mail for comment Thursday, the from a man who said he was a student at Hendrick

> abused by Cates in the summer of 1989, records show. The man told district officials that he was coming forward because he wanted to make sure Cates was no longer working with chil-

dren, according to the affi-

Middle School from 1987 to

1988 and had been sexually

davit. The man, now 26, told police investigators that the abuse took place at Cates'

October when Plano night before his former teacher was scheduled to take him on a trip with a church youth group, the police affidavit states. Investigators said in the affidavit that the man told them Cates fondled him while he slept in Cates' bed.

> Cates served as director of the youth program at the Reformed Church in Plano for 16 years before resigning the position voluntarily in early November.

As youth leader, Cates wrote children's plays and led youth trips across the Southwest, church officials

charges, The Dallas secure an arrest warrant, Morning News reported in the investigation began in home in east Plano the Are you trying to buy a home? We can help! We do mortgage loans, re-finance mobile, small business/commercial, personal, and debt consolidation loans. Bad credit is not a problem. Fast approval! No application fees. 1-905-922-0950 ....................... **13 MONTH SALE Storewide Savings up to** 50% OFF All Furniture In Stock

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# OUR VIEWS

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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:

- GOLIAD CAVALIERS AND CLASSICS which raised more than 1,300 cans of food for the Salvation Army.
- THE COSSACKS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, which delivered food and toys to 30 families, including 64 children.
- THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE POTTON **HOUSE**, which celebrated 100th anniversaries.
- BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COM-**MERCE** on a successful holiday lighting contest, and all of the winners.
- THE TEXAS WORKFORCE NETWORK **CHOICES** program, which helps individuals become self-sufficient.

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

## Your Views

TO THE EDITOR, I am addressing this to the vandals that saw fit to destroy some of the Festival of Lights display and the beautiful works of the Partee family. I hope this topped off your Christmas.

You destroyed what some of us had worked weeks on, for the public. It will also lessen the beauty for a lot of people, including the veterans hospital and the veierans retirement home.

Maybe your sense of patriotism had led you to do this.

I am hoping that enough concerned citizens will start a reward fund to try to find you. Some of your acquaintances that you might have bragged to can surely use this reward.

If you are made a public example of, I hope it embarrasses you enough in front of parents or relatives to the point that you will change your ways. If not, we will know to watch you in the future.

REV. JOEL MILLER CTFL MEMBER AND WORKER

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# Remembering the 45th day of December

By DOUGLAS COHN

**Guest Columnist** 

We had been out for 45 days; 45 days in the jungle; 45 days on the Cambodian border. We had not been alone. Awaiting us were tiny vicious bees; red ants mean enough to attack burning cigarette tips; swarms of sanity-destroying mosquitoes; aggressive, oversized spiders; strangling, slithering snakes of all sorts; and of course, the North Vietnamese Army. It was December 1969, and it was dripping with heat.

We knew that others were suffering more than we; at least we assumed such, though there was no comfort in such thoughts. There was only the knowledge that such ordeals were witnin the realm of human tolerance. So we turned to gallows humor for comfort, and we laughed often. It was the season to be jolly.

At night we lay on the ground in the open, though not under the stars. The jungle canopy concealed them. We listened to lizards. In croaking sounds resembling expletive English, they seemed to be telling us what to do, but by then the jungle was ours as much as theirs. So, one

of my sergeants, adept at animal imitations, answered them in kind. Within minutes, the jungle echoed in a macabre chorus of profanity. Only we knew that man had joined beast in the choir. It was

hilarious good cheer. One morning I was awakened by an army of termites beneath my poncho, but I could see them only with one eye. The other one was swollen shut. It hadn't been a bad dream after all, just another bad reality.

During the night my face had been a grazing ground for a spider. Under the circumstances, it was nice to know that we never spent two nights in the same place. On the other hand, it was a dangerous season for traveling. I smiled at my misery and at Robert Frost's words: "The woods are lovely, dark and deep. / But I have promises to keep, / And miles to go before I sleep." Once again, machetes in hand, we cut a new swath in search of those who were in search of us.

The jungle thickened with every step. Vines defended by spike-like thorns twisted and tangled

around us until every human action invoked nature's reaction. A "spike" struck deep into my leg. Four years later, my wife would remove it.

We discovered a trail, and

whether friends or foes, we knew trails were dangerous - but so were vines. The trail led us through the thick vegetation, down a slight bank, across a narrow stream, and up the opposite side. A rookie was on point. He crossed, climbed, then stopped. I was behind him, but the enemy was before him, frozen and staring at him, as he was at them. I fired. Men followed. The enemy fired and fled for their bunkers. Bullets split the air like high-speed trains. Men scrambled, shoved, charged, raced, and fell.

Civilization was merely a memory. The jungle and its laws were reality. Then, on the 45th day, it ended even if only momentarily. We were brought in for the holidays.

Tay Ninh, a mediumsized city on the Cambodian border, meant shelter, hot food, recreation, and relative safety, but mostly, it meant a respite. Life was once again

precious. And, while there was certainly no peace on that portion of earth, there was an abundance of goodwill even for the foe. It would have been difficult to hate those who endured such similar sufferings, though there was no such difficulty where their leaders were concerned; those

men from whom aggression

and atrocity emanated. That December we must have seemed a piratical looking bunch: Tresemer with his shaved head, a 1st Cav. patch on his baldness, and a machine gun on his shoulder; mustachioed Dodge with his turned-up hat was a cavalryman from another age. My own hat, also turned up, bore a lieutenant's bar and the blackand-yellow division patch, The men had meant it as a

It later proved to be a tar-

Some among us would soon die. Some of us would be maimed. But we understood the meaning of the holidays in 1969. We were soldiers celebrating life. We understood then more than we understand now.

Douglas Cohn led a recon platoon in Vietnam.

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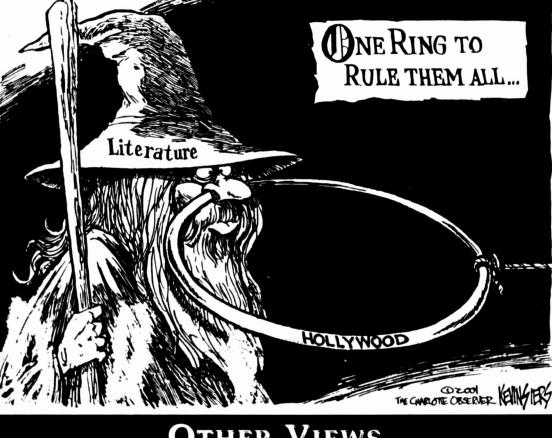
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## OTHER VIEWS

Given the fact that the United States is sooner than later going to get into another shooting match with Saddam Hussein, we ought to be planning right now for what we're going to do when oil prices go through the ceiling.

It's hard to imagine that happening right now, because prices are low, as reflected in low pump prices for gasoline, which is the only gauge followed by

many Americans. But, happen it will. Some of President Bush's advisers are already telling him to hit Saddam next when we're finished mopping up the Taliban in Afghanistan. We might go after terrorists in Somalia next, or it might be the Philippines, but on down the line pretty soon now it's gonna be Baghdad's

turn. That will not sit well with the Saudis and others in the Arab world, and we will have to play our cards very, very well to keep them on an even temper. Maybe Russia and some of the former Soviet states will increase production enough to offse! a reduction in quantity from the Middle East, maybe not. And maybe the Saudis won't cut at all, but will take out their anger and fear some other way, although it's hard to think of what that might be.

Just considering the com-

dence on imported oil has created — as cited in the paragraph above -- makes the head hurt.

How much simpler things might be today had we stopped long enough back in the oil-embargo days of the 70s to plan for a time when that temporarily and politically imposed shortage would become permanent meaning pretty soon.

We're talking about developing alternatives.

Just now are automakers seriously marketing little cars that run on either thimbleful of gasoline or on other kinds of energy and that actually might compete with traditional internal combustion-driven vehicles.

And it will be in what we put on the road that makes the biggest difference in our dependency and what we pay for fuel and what we put into the air.

But, we're not really even to that point in development of alternatives that would have an impact outside of what's driven.

Development of solar and wind power has been slow, and Washington commit-

ment has been hot and cold. "With the appropriate commitment of resources to wind energy R&D and efforts to get technologies out of the labs and into the marketplace, resources could generate plexities that our depen- power equivalent to the

electric energy needs of as many as 10 million homes by the year 2010," Jaime Steve, legislative director of the American Wind Energy Association, told Congress in recent testimony. The operative phrase

there is "appropriate commitment of resources." Depending on who's in

energy power, wind research gets a little bit of funding and sometimes it gets less. It's yet to be appropriate, given the problems that surround continued near-total dependence on fossil fuels.

Funding needs to be "appropriate," too, for R&D on solar energy technologies that will spread the use of solar cells to more homes. Only .04 percent of worldwide power generation is due to solar cells right now, according to Peter Fairley's article on the subject in the latest issue of MIT's Technology Review, and that's because of cost.

Development of plastic solar cells promises to drop the price, but, again, R&D funds are needed to encourage and sustain this development.

Money spent now will pay off in the not-too-distant future, perhaps even before we are forced to fight again for enough oil to keep us going and growing.

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CHICAGO (AP) nightmare finally mother when her daughter was fo Virginia, days snatched from a C tion by a stranger. Jasmine Anders

Thursday after search that led a home in Willia where the kidna allegedly took the t



# President grants permanent normal trade relations to China

WASHINGTON (AP) -The ailing U.S. business sector hailed President Bush's decision to grant normal trade status to China, saying it will take the gamble out of dealing with the communist nation and emerging economic powerhouse.

Boeing Co., which ventured into China on the heels of President Nixon's historic 1972 visit, took the news as a bright spot in an otherwise dreary time.

"It means that everyone can have confidence that tomorrow, next week or five years from now, we can all fair business with China," said Fred Kelley, a by an influx of American and stop having silly spats trade relations" and said it spokesman for the Chicagobased aircraft maker.

The new trade status takes effect Jan. 1, Bush said Thursday in the announcement released in Crawford, Texas, where he is vacationing at his ranch.

The United States has struggled over China's trade status for almost a quartercentury, with factions of both political parties arguing that the Beijing needed to improve its human rights record before normal trade was considered. But supporters argued that China would be better influenced

That, and the acknowledgment that China could soon

business brought on by nor-

mal trade relations.

have a production ability that rivals the United States, brought the issue to fhe fore. Congress last year granted

the permanent status to China contingent upon its entry into the World Trade Organization. China's application was accepted formally at the WTO's annual meeting last month in the United Arab Emirates.

"We desperately need to bring China into the fold

that keep our relationship off track," said Richard Daisly, a professor of foreign trade and economics at Vanderbilt University and an adviser for AOL Time Warner.

"Every step China has ever made toward opening up its society has come because it has sought economic benefits for its people. We must continue to show them that opening up to the world has benefit," Daisly said.

Bush called the trade proclamation the "final step in normalizing U.S.-China

would open up the vast Chinese markets to billions of dollars in American

Kelley said China's status was a thorn in Boeing's side for years.

"Stability is key in our business," he said. "We must look 18 to 24 months ahead in terms of building parts, planes and servicing them. It has been difficult for China to make such agreements when they don't know if they would have an export license the following year or whether the United States would allow the

Some economists said the decision reflects a need to repair he country's relationship ... ith China, after the incident earlier this year when the crew of a crashed U.S. spy plane was held for a short time in China.

"We may not like China and Bush may like communism even less, but the day is coming when any product will be manufactured in China more cheaply than anywhere else," Chalmers Johnson, a former professor of economics at the University of California.

# Man accused in shoe bomb case headed to federal court in Boston for bail hearing

(AP) Government officials say the explosives-laden sneakers an airline passenger allegedly tried to ignite appear to have no metal in them, which may have helped foil a suspected bombing attempt.

Testing showed indications of PETN, a material used to make the explosive Semtex, the same material used by Libyan terrorists to down Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They said a nonmetal fuse in the shoes could have picked up enough moisture to make the explosives difficult to light.

Authorities have been retracing suspect Richard C. Reid's travels across additional counts are likely. court-appointed lawyers, wrong, or lying.

**Europe and the Middle East** and tracking his recent purchases in search of possible ties to terrorists. They said they haven't drawn any conclusions about whether Reid had accomplices. Reid's court-appointed lawyer said she knew of no evidence connecting him to terror-

Reid, 28, allegedly tried to detonate explosives on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami on Saturday. He was overpowered by flight attendants and passengers and the plane was diverted to Boston.

Reid was charged with intimidation or assault of a flight crew, which carries a maximum 20-year sentence,

Friday to order Reid held without bail as he awaits trial. They were expected to argue at the bail hearing that he poses a danger to society and would likely flee the country if released.

Some officials who have been briefed on the investigation said the information being gathered about Reid suggests he may have had help. They specifically cited the construction of the bombs in his shoes.

"I would doubt very seriously he did it by himself," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House aviation subcommittee.

But assistant federal pub-

Prosecutors in Boston said she was unaware of planned to ask a judge any evidence linking Reid to terrorists.

"We urge the press and the public to maintain open minds as the criminal justice system proceeds," she said.

Reid's mother, Lesley Hughes, of Frome, in southwest England, released a statement through a law firm Thursday saying "she has no knowledge of this matter" other than what she has heard and read in the news media.

U.S. officials are trying to corroborate claims from some low-level al-Qaida prisoners that Reid trained with them at Osama bin Laden's terrorist camps in lic defender Tamar R. Afghanistan. They warned but the FBI has indicated Birckhead, one of Reid's that the prisoners could be

## Search on for man whose wife, children were found dead in bay

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) -A nationwide alert was issued for a man whose wife and three children were found dead in a coastal inlet along the central Oregon coast.

The "attempt to locate" bulletin is being circulated among law enforcement agencies across the country in an effort to find Christian Longo, said Bernice Barnett, Lincoln County's district attorney. No warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The bodies of Longo's wife. Mary Jane Longo, 35, and 2-year-old daughter, Madison, were discovered Thursday by divers in Yaquina Bay.

Authorities began searching the bay after the father's other two children. Zachary Michael Longo, 5, and Sadie Ann Longo, 3,

were found dead last week in the same inlet, 14 miles south of Newport. Their deaths have been declared homicides by the state medical examiner's office.

At a news conference Thursday prior to the discovery of the mother and child, county Sheriff John O'Brien said there was nothing to justify naming anyone as a homicide suspect.

The police are also looking for the family's green Dodge Durango Michigan license plates.

Barnett said a place where the family had been staying in Newport was searched Wednesday and material taken from the residence is processed by the Oregon State Police Crime Lab.

Barnett did not disclose the address.

#### Missing toddler found in West Virginia after being kidnapped on Christmas Eve CHICAGO (AP) — A Christmas Christmas Eve abduction, said West Virginia on Friday. child to cover up a lie she made to Sheila Matthews pleaded guilty in

nightmare finally ended for a mother when her 16-month-old daughter was found in West Virginia, days after being snatched from a Chicago bus station by a stranger.

Jasmine Anderson was found Thursday after a nationwide search that led authorities to a 33, who has been charged with the enough to come forward and had home in Williamson, W.Va., count of federal kidnapping. She really good hearts, and God bless

Thomas J. Kneir, special agent in charge of the FBI's Chicago office.

The child was apparently in good health and in the custody of West Virginia authorities until one who helped," said the child's she could be reunited with her

where the kidnapping suspect was taken into custody and was everyone. allegedly took the toddler after the scheduled to appear, in court in Police say Matthews took the

A tip from a relative of Matthews' boyfriend led to the arrest.

"We're really grateful to everymother, Marcella Anderson, fighting back tears. "Especially the

her boyfriend. Matthews told him she had a baby while he was in a California prison, and when the man was released, she told him her mother was caring for the baby in Chicago, police said.

"When she went to the Greyhound station that night, she was looking to abduct a baby," said Philip Cline, chief of detectives for the Chicago Police Department. A woman also named

1988 to a kidnapping charge in Washington. That woman abducted a 2 1/2-year-old girl from her parents in Seattle in 1987. Nancy Matthews, the alleged abductor's grandmother, said it was not the first time her granddaughter had been accused of taking someone's

"Throw the book at her," Nancy Matthews said. "She has done this two more times."

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## Two San Antonio residents celebrate 212 years of life

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Amelia McDaniel and Julia Hoyle-Gayden have a few things in common. Both live in San Antonio, both have strong beliefs, and both celebrated birthdays Wednesday.

McDaniel, 105, is the young one. Hoyle-Gayden

"It's unbelievable," said Dr. Thomas T. Perls, a geriatrician at Beth Israel **Deaconess Medical Center** in Boston, Mass., and an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

"There are about 50,000 centenarians living in the United States but having two celebrating their birthdays on the same day in the same city - San Antonio is truly lucky," Perls told the San Antonio Express-News.

"The average age of death in the United States is 77," said Perls, who runs a longevity study with two Boston hospitals.

"Why some are living beyond that can be attributed to anything from environment to good genes.'

McDaniel attributes her longevity to three things: "It's good to listen," she said. "And it's important to be good. One other thing, it's good to know there's a God somewhere.

Several blocks away, Hoyle-Gayden also credits God for her long life.

She agrees that good genes also are a factor, as is crystal-clean living.

The women, who don't know each other, are both sound of mind.

And neither lets age affect her eating habits.

McDaniel loves fried chicken and shrimp gumbo. Hoyle-Gayden's not shy about adding hot ries. sauce to her enchiladas, beans, ham and turkey, winked as she recited all which were among the of the Great Lakes and , ebration Wednesday.

For her birthday, McDaniel celebrated with a cupcake.

She was also presented gifts from her with friends and workers at · Alta Vista Nursing Home, t where she lives.

There's going to be a

bigger celebration for her on Sunday at her church," said Rosie Flores, activities director at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

McDaniel said she loves praying and enjoys visiting sick friends at Alta Vista. She uses a walker, but is still very mobile.

"I enjoy seeing people," she said. "I like to keep doing things.'

She moved to San Antonio in the 1940s and soon after met her husband, Tommy McDaniel.

They were married for more than 40 years and had two children, but she outlived them all. She has one stepgrandson, Ernest Collins.

A member of Mount Olive Baptist Church for more than 60 years, McDaniel enjoys getting dressed to attend Sunday services.

According to Flores, McDaniel attends church at least twice a month.

God is important to Hoyle-Gayden, too.

Wednesday morning, her pastor, the Rev. Sarah Davis, called to wish her a happy birthday and pray with her over the phone.

Miss Julia, as she's known to family and friends, treated her 107th birthday like a New Year's Eve celebration, staying awake until midnight to ring it in.

Around 3 p.m., nearly 30 relatives from Arlington and Houston arrived for her birthday party.

It's been a tradition since she turned 100.

Miss Julia, a retired teacher, has been a stalwart supporter women's and civil rights, an active member of the NAACP until she could no longer drive.

She also likes to tell sto-Relatives howled and

dishes at her birthday cel-shrugged off light teasing about returning from a solo trip to Kansas in June 1976 with a special souvenir - her third hus-

As for her 108th celebration, she said she'll be

"Unless I'm called to the kingdom," she said.

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

At pre-area competition—competition to be held in on Nov. 30 in Odessa, four of six Big Spring High School qualified choir students cleared the second of three hurdles in their atthempts to be selecthed the first chair slot as a for All-State Choir.

The four competed against other members of the All-Region Choir to 1 and Brian Wingert won earn one of the five slots third chair in the Bass 2 per section in the area section.

January.

Kimberly Jumper attained fourth chair as an Alto 2.

Alex Edgemon achieved tenor 2.

Andrew Campbell was selected fifth chair as Bass



From macaroni to lip balm, gifts flood into **New York City** 

NEW YORK (AP) — Love came to New York City in boxes of grapefruit, heaps of homemade quilts and 17 tons of macaroni and

Supporters have donated hundreds of millions of dollars since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But when a check didn't quite express the right sentiment, they sent, well, just about everything else.

The city has received three

firetrucks, including the 29-

foot, 42,000-pound pumper sent from Louisiana last week to replace some of the 35 trucks lost in the attacks. Many gave practical items, like the Kansas elementary school students who brought work socks and lip balm for rescue workers this week. A group of Iowans sent 1,500 quilts. Florida schoolchildren col-

lected mittens. High school students from North Dakota brought 229,320 servings of macaroni and cheese.

"We were going to send money, but then we thought North Dakota is famous for its pasta, so why don't we send something that really shows what we do and where we're from," said Morgan Greaves, 15.

She and eight other students delivered the 17 tons of macaroni to City Harvest, a New York organization that feeds the needy and provides meals to workers at the World Trade Center site.

The thoughts, the gifts, the prayers, the well-wishing have all been an important aspect of the healing.'



These Coahoma seventh and ninth graders were chosen to be part of the Region II Junior High All-Region Choir and performed in concert in Abilene on Nov. 17. They competed against students from Wichita Falls to San Angelo and including the Abilene area. Front row — Kayla Hogan and Callie Paige. Back Row — Chelsea Griffin, Tyler Tucker and Callie Price. Chelsea Griffin and Callie Price are second year members of the Region Choir.

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**First United Methodist** Pastor Dave Ring will present a message Sunday entitled, "Let the Baby Grow Up!" based on the scripture text of Luke 2:39-52. Youth fellowships junior and senior high combined this Sunday will meet at 5 p.m. in the Partee building.

On Monday Youth will baby-sit from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. for those parents who wish to go out on New Year's Eve.

Interested parties should contact Youth Minister Courtney Johnson through the church office for further information.

On New Year's Day the Senior Adult Ministry of FUMC will kick off the year 2002 with a New Year's brunch, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Garrett Hall.

The Singles Ministry will hold a New Year's evening party at the home of Jackie Henry.

On Wednesday a Chancel Choir party will be held at the home of Music Minister Jim Wright.

On Thursday the Golden Link group will meet in the church library at 10 a.m.

There will be no other programs offered during New Year's week. For further information on any of the programs of First United Methodist Church please call 267-6394.

We wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year 2002.

#### Coahoma United

Methodist We have celebrated Christmas, and now we would like to invite you to join us in some activities that might help us prepare to usher in the new year — Sunday, Fifth Sunday special worship service at our regular service time at 11 a.m. New Covenant will be leading us with praise and music.

We will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and a meal of stew. chili, cornbread, crackers, and all the little extras, and desserts.

This will be followed by a devotional, then if any want to stay and play games we will have that time of fellowship.





This great horned owl was discovered sitting by the road on Interstate Highway 20 and was brought to Bebe McCasland, wildlife preservist. The owl suffered a head injury and will be transferred to the Lubbock sanctuary upon its recovery.

# Actor Cheech Marin promotes vision of artists

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Cheech Marin made a name portraying a hapless pothead from the Hispanic barrios, and now he's using the fruits of that celebrity to promote the visions of

Mexican-American artists. Marin is the driving force behind "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge," which opened this month at the San Antonio Museum of Art.

He says Chicanos have long contributed quietly to America's cultural identity, and the evidence of that is becoming more obvious through the work of its artists.

"It's like you put fingerprint powder on it," said Marin. "Before it was invisible, but now it's glowing in the dark."

Marin rose to fame in the late 1970s and early 1980s alongside longtime partner Tommy Chong in several film comedies about their characters' pot-smoking exploits. He went on to star in the hit CBS series "Nash Bridges," while pursuing an extensive art collection. He provided many of the paintings on display.

The 80 works by more than Monday, Watch Night to two do to artists date back celebrate the coming of the to the early 1970s and cover a range of styles and influences - some are crudely primitive, others sparely abstract, and still more employ an almost photographic realism.

But common themes from Chicano life are found in many of the paintings: explosions of vivid, sometimes-clashing colors; the powerful grip of religion as expressed through the use from the vantage point of an American underclass.

"My argument has long been that these Chicano painters are forming a 'school' — that they are about something," said Marin, who was in San Antonio for the show's opening. "Every piece shows you another piece of the culture."

In a piece titled "The Virgin of Guadalupe and Other Baggage," painter Rupert Garcia created a pastel triptych with the virgin Mary as the center image, flanked by a bright red poppy on one side and a shirt riddled with bloody bullet holes on the other.

Garcia, 60, said the virgin - the patron saint of Mexico - has been a central image in his life since his childhood in California farm country. "I've been moved more by

her than by Jesus," he said from his home in Oakland, Calif. "I haven't figured out why.'

Garcia called the exhibit "a

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ity; and politics as seen whirlwind" composed of varied viewpoints, feelings and experiences, some them not exclusively Chicano. His second work on display, "Homage to Tanya and the Soviet Defeat," was done after he watched a TV documentary on the Battle of

Stalingrad in World War II. "When I saw it, I couldn't believe this heroic battle. I was moved to make a series of paintings about it," said Garcia, a Vietnam veteran who later protested that

But even that work takes on Chicano highlights, as Garcia rains brightly colored confetti from a children's fiesta game on the Soviet defenders.

Vincent Valdez, a 24-yearold painter from San Antonio, says older artists like Garcia have influenced his work. He said he's thrilled to be in the same room with them.

"This show posits that the influence of Latino culture is not a sidelight — it's one that's a main thread in our (national) fabric," he said.

**Randy Cotton** 

Pastor

Sunday School......10:00 a.m

Church News and Club News should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear and will run as space allows.









WASHINGTON (AP) -The fall of the World Trade Center made 2001 the deadliest year for law enforcement in almost three decades.

About 230 federal, state and local officers were killed in the line of duty this year, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Seventyone of them lost their lives after terrorists rammed planes into the Twin Towers of New York's World Trade Center on Sept. 11 and caused them to collapse.

"The incredible bravery and selfless sacrifice our officers displayed that day was no different than every other day of the year in communities America," said Craig Floyd, chairman of the Memorial Fund.

The death toll for law enforcement officers is the highest since 1974, which was the deadliest year ever for police. About 270 police were killed in 1974.

The early 1970s saw high death rates because police departments were not yet equipped with bulletproof vests and violent crime was soaring.

The New York City Police Department bore the brunt of the casualties in 2001, losing 23 officers.

By state, New Jersey suffered the most deaths, losing 41 officers. Next came New York with 31, Texas with 20 and California with

### Mars Odyssey aerobraking nearly complete

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) -The 2001 Mars Odyssey spacecraft has greatly tightened its orbit around the Red Planet by skimming the upper atmosphere and the spacecraft should begin 2 1/2 years of scientific observations in February, NASA said Thursday

The process, called aerobraking, has reduced the time it takes Odyssey to complete each orbit from the initial 18 1/2 hours when it reached Mars in October to three hours and 15 minutes now.

Aerobraking should be completed on schedule in early January and then thrusters will be used to circularize the orbit over about a month's time, said David A. Spencer, Odyssey mission manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The spacecraft carries instruments that will, among other pursuits, look for water near the surface of the planet.

Odyssey was launched April 7 from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and reached Mars on Oct. 23.

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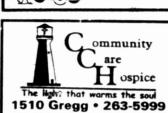


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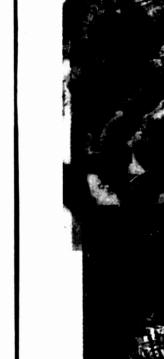
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## IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma teams take wins at tournament

Coahoma's Bulldogettes opened play in the first round of the 71st Mary Invitational Tatum Tournament with a 51-46 win over Menard's Lady Yellowjackets.

Crystal Atkinson paced the Bulldogettes with 13 points, while Karen Sterling had 10 more. Lauren Nichols and Kynzi Roberts finished the game with eight points apiece.

The Bulldogettes, who improved to 8-4 on the year, were slated to face the winner of the Reagan County-Midland Trinity at 6:30 tonight.

Coahoma's Bulldogs were even more successful, as they opened the boys' division of the Reagan County event with a 72-23 win over Reagan County's junior varsity.

Chase Ward paced the Bulldogs with 15 points, while Randall Rich and Travis Hipp had nine points apiece.

The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 6-3 going into today's 5 p.m. game\_against Ballinger.

#### Buffs chalk up win in tourney opener

Forsan's **Buffaloes** opened play in the Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament on Thursday with a 72-60 win over Miles.

Josh Helmstetler led the way for the Buffs, scoring a game-high 19 points, while Zach Johnson added 13 more. West songorio also finished in double figures with 10 points.

The win improved Forsan's record to 11-5 on the season.

The Buffs were scheduled to take Westbrook, a 70-58 winner of Sterling City's host squad, in second-round action today.

#### Bass Club awards honors to members

Marty Whetsel and Glenda Gillihan took the top awards when the Big Spring Bass Club held its annual December ban-

Whetsel was named male angler of the year, while Gillihan was not only named female angler of the year, but received the award for the woman catching the big bass of the year.

The male angler who caught the biggest bass of the year was Mark McMahon, while Matt Stokes was named youth angler of the year.

The club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Best Western Motel.

#### 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.

#### ON THE AIR

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6:30 p.m. — Holiday Bowl, Texas Longhorns vs. Washington Huskies, KBST-AM 1490.

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4 p.m. - Music City Bowl, Boston College vs. Georgia, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7:30 p.m. — Holiday Bowl, Texas vs. Washington, ESPN, Ch. 30.

# Iowa readies for Red Raider blitz at Alamo Bowl

Raider blitz is coming and Jowa's football team is ready for it. As ready as it can be, anyway.

The blitz is not an ice cream concoction sold in Lubbock. Nor is it the horde of Texas Tech fans who'll be here for the game, though that will be formidable. It's not a Bob Knight temper tantrum, either.

This is a defensive blitz, a tactic that Iowa expects the Red Raiders to employ frequently in the Alamo Bowl on Saturday. They'll bring a linebacker or two to rush the passer, sometimes a cornerback, sometimes a safety. Heck, they might even bring all three positions.

"It's going to be a challenge," fullback Jeremy Allen said. "They like to get you in third down and bring all types of blitzes and they do it well. We've really been working on

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Red that this week. It's going to be real- lem." ly important for us to pick those

> Texas Tech (7-4) has 40 sacks this season and 66 tackles for a loss. Defensive end Aaron Hunt leads the Red Raiders with 12 sacks. Another defensive end, redshirt freshman Adell Duckett, has six sacks. Safety Kevin Curtis has four.

Iowa (6-5) has done a good job proand Brad Banks and has surrendered 17 sacks for a modest 93 yards in losses

"They bring it a lot of different ways," offensive tackle Robert Gallery said. "We've got ways to pick it up and we've just got to know our assignments and get it done. We have a game plan to pick it up and if we execute it like we have been, it shouldn't be a prob-

Picking up the blitz with the right blocking is one way to handle it. A better way is to get in situations where the blitz isn't feasible. Blitzing teams like to get opponents in third-and-long predicaments, when everyone in the stadium knows a pass play is coming.

"It's very, very important right now that we do a good job on first tecting quarterbacks Kyle McCann and second down and stay out of those predictable situations," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said.

'They've done a great job this season of putting people in third and longs and when they do that, it's tough to stop those guys. They get after you pretty well."

As McCann puts it, the offense has to dictate to the defense and keep the Red Raiders honest.

"We need to get in more manage-

tions where the play calling becomes a little easier and you can do a lot more things," McCann said, "and not get put in situations where you're standing back there and they can pin their ears back and come at

Ferentz said the defense can help by keeping the Hawkeyes in the game. If they get behind by a couple of touchdowns and have to start passing a lot to catch up, look out.

"That certainly changes the complexion of how you call the plays," Ferentz said. "It plays right into their style."

If the Hawkeyes can't stay out of blitzing situations, they want to do the next best thing: make 'em pay. If a receiver can get there and the quarterback can find him, a big play often results.

# Steers take tourney win

#### By CAREN GREATHOUSE

Managing Editor

LAMESA — Big Spring's Steers held on for a four-point win over Brownfield's Cubs during the opening game of the O.W. Follis Holiday Tournament in Lamesa Thursday evening

The final score of the game was 56-

The Steers struggled with their shooting during the first quarter of play and the Big Spring press was not effective, as Brownfield scored several easy baskets.

Senior Arthur Belvin was able to score a 3-point bucket and Austin Nutting hit a pair of back-to-back shots to give the Steers a 15-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Steers came back strong in the second quarter, outscoring the Cubs 20-13. The Steers were able to get several steals and forced several turnovers. Three-pointers were made by Mic Fleming and Clayton Weaver in helping Big Spring take a 35-27 lead at intermission. The last two quarters of play saw

the Steers built a 15-point lead with Brandon Greathouse leading the Steers with the game.

Arthur Belvin was the high-point scorer with 11 points for the game. The fourth quarter found Big Spring committing several turnovers, allowing Brownfield to cut into the lead. 'We are still looking for some depth

off the bench and to be able to play four full quarters," Steers head coach Brian Ellington said following the win. "Clayton Weaver, Allen Jackson and Jason Watson provided some help off the bench, but we still need all 11 players to contribute. "We were pleased with our efforts

during the first three quarters of the game. We felt like we were able to make them play at a tempo which they were uncomfortable with."

Big Spring goes into the second round of the winners bracket at 5 p.m. today, taking on Midland Greenwood's Rangers. Greenwood defeated Andrews 59-55 to advance in the winners bracket,



Big Spring's Jason Watson (40) arrives too late to prevent Brownfield's Tim McFarland from scoring a layup during the opening round of the O.W. Follis Holiday Tournament in Lamesa on Thursday. The Steers were able to walk away with a four-point win, however, and face Midland Greenwood today.

# Georgia Teach takes first Seattle Bowl with 24-14 win over favored Stanford

mer Dallas Cowboys coach and Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Chan Gailey gets the Georgia Tech job, the Yellow Jackets players will be disappointed. They want to keep interim coach Mac McWhorter.

They chanted "We want Mac! We want Mac!" on Thursday as they accepted the inaugural Seattle Bowl trophy following their 24-14 victory over No. 11 Stanford.

"My intentions are to remain at Georgia Tech," McWhorter said.

But Georgia Tech could make Gailey its new coach when the team returns to Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets negotiated with Gailey this week.

McWhorter coached Georgia Tech in the Seattle Bowl after George O'Leary left the Yellow Jackets Dec. 9 to become the head coach at Notre Dame. O'Leary resigned five days later because of inaccuracies on his resume

After losing their final two regular-season games to Georgia and Florida State and then having their coach resign, the Yellow Jackets were determined to finish

SEATTLE (AP) — If for- the season on a positive note.

"There had been so much negative attention given to this team," quarterback George Godsey said. "We pulled together. We wanted to salvage this season."

O'Leary's McWhorter, assistant head coach and offensive line coach, appreciated the support his players showed.

"That makes you feel good," he said. "There's a mutual respect for our players and this staff. Had we lost, they probably would have cheered, 'We don't want Mac!"

Godsey passed for 266 yards and a touchdown, Kelly Campbell scored twice and the defense made a goalline stand in the first quarter as Georgia Tech finished its season 8-5.

Campbell's second touchdown was a 2-yard run with 1:29 left, sealing the victory in front of a crowd of 30,144 at Safeco Field. That capped a 13-play, 63-yard drive.

"When the play was called, I knew then that I was going to score,' Campbell said. "I got the ball and there was nothing in front of me but the end

14 with 11:39 remaining when backup quarterback Chris Lewis threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Teyo Johnson, then added a 2point conversion pass.

Georgia Tech's defense set the tone on the game's first drive, stopping Stanford three times at the 1. Brian Allen was stopped on two runs from the 1, and linebacker Daryl Smith dropped Kerry Carter for a 2-yard loss on fourth down.

That helped the Yellow Jackets take a 17-3 halftime

They went up 7-0 after a 97-yard drive — their longest of the season — on 16 plays, capped by Will Glover's 5-yard run.

Stanford drove from its 20 to Georgia Tech's 18 before settling for Mike Biselli's 35yard field goal in the second quarter, before Godsey teamed with Campbell for a 34-yard touchdown pass for the Yellow Jackets.

Sean Gregory's 54-yard run set up a 20-yard field goal by Luke Manget with 2 seconds left in the first half. Gregory's run was the longest from scrimmage for Georgia Tech this season.

Gregory, who became a

Stanford (9-3) closed to 17- starter when Joe Burns was ruled academically ineligible before the Seattle Bowl, ran 19 times for 91 yards.

> Stanford blew a chance for a touchdown in the third quarter. The Cardinal had second down on Georgia Tech's 2, but had to settle for a 26-yard field goal by Biselli.

Godsey was 23-for-37, with no interceptions, while Stanford quarterback Randy Fasani was 11-for-21 for 115 yards. Lewis, who replaced Fasani in the fourth quarter, was 6-for-13 for 110 yards and one TD.

Campbell caught 10 passes for 106 yards.

The first football game at Safeco was played with one end zone in left field and the other near home plate — the infield dirt was part of the field.

The teams lined up alongside one another, sharing a

The Seattle Bowl moved from Hawaii, where it was called the Oahu Bowl. Game co-owners Fritz Rohlfing and Terry Daw, of Hawaii, want to play the 2002 Seattle Bowl in the Seattle Seahawks' new outdoor stadium that will open next

# 'Bama takes Indy

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) Four years without a bowl win might not seem so bad to Iowa State. To Alabama, it was an eterni-

The Crimson Tide (7-5) ended that drought thanks to a blocked punt, Andrew Zow's late touchdown and Iowa State's field-goal troubles in Thursday night's 14-13 Independence Bowl win. "The win was something

big for the seniors, and hopefully we'll cherish that," Zow said. "It's very important for this program and these seniors. It was something special for Alabama because haven't had a bowl victory in so long.'

The Cyclones (7-5), in back-to-back bowl games for the first time in 23 years, no longer take losing for grant-

"If you accept losing, then you're probably a loser, anyway," coach Dan McCarney said. "It hurts a

"Nobody's going to take away what we did this season. Slowly but surely, we've garnered a lot of respect for our program. We're building a program we can be proud of.'

The Cyclones missed two fourth-quarter field goals, three overall, and had a blocked punt that set up Alabama's winning score. The final miss was Tony

inches to the right with 38 seconds left. "I thought it was good," McCarney said. "The guy who has the best seat in the

Yelk's 47-yarder that floated

house said it was no good, so I have to trust his judgment." Zow lofted a 27-yard scoring toss to Terry Jones Jr. with 4:44 left, two plays after Waine Bacon blocked

Yelk's punt. 'Thank God, Terry Jones had long fingernails,' Alabama coach Dennis Franchione said. "It seemed like that ball was in the air for about 10 minutes.'

Iowa State drove into field-goal range in the final minute. Yelk and his teammates began celebrating as his kick headed for the uprights, thinking the kick was going through.

Alabama picked up its fourth straight victory despite a sputtering offense and Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace's 284 yards passing.

"I don't know if we could have won a game like this at the beginning of the season, where we had to fight hard and it comes down to one play at the end. Franchione said.

It was the Tide's record 29th bowl win. The game turned when Shontua Ray recovered the ball following Bacon's block.

"I swam away from my blocker, and the punter was right there in my face. Bacon said. "I just put my hands up and blocked the

## **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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#### BOWL SCHEDULE

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**\$750,000** Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (6-5), 12/30 p.m

## Music City Bowl

\$750,000 Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m.

#### Holiday Bowl Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 29 Motor City Bowl At Pontiac, Mich.

## \$750,000 Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN) Alamo Bowl At San Antonio

\$1.2 million Texas Tech (7.4) vs. lowa (6.5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN) Insight.com Bowl

#### \$750,000 state (6.5) vs. Syracuse (9.3), 4:30

Monday, Dec. 31 At El Paso, Texas \$1 million

#### Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), 11 Humanitarian Bowl

isiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 11:30 (ESPN)

#### Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif. \$750,000 Fresno State (11.2) vs. Michigan State (6.5), 2

n.m. (FOXSN) Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. \$1.3 million

#### Brigham Young (12.1) vs. Louisville (10.2), 3 m. (ESPN) Peach Bowl At Atlanta

th Carolina (7.5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 6.30 Tuesday, Jan. 1

\$1.8 million

# At Tampa, Fla. \$2.2 million Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl At Dallas Arkansas (7-4) vs. Okiahoma (10-2), 10 a.m.

#### Gator Bowl Virginia Tech (83) vs. Florida State (7-4),

\$4.25 million Michigan (8.3) vs. Tennessee (10.2), Noon

#### Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. \$11-13 million lorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 3:30 p.m. Sugar Bowl At New Orleans

inois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 7:30 (ABC) \$11-13 million Wednesday, Jan. 2

Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 3 Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. \$11-13 million Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 7 p.m.

#### TRANSACTIONS

## BASEBALL

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Traded 1B Mo Vaughn to
the New York Mets for RHP Kevin Appier.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP
Hideki Irabu and LHP Bill Pulsipher on minor

the New York Mets to complete an earlier SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with

LHP Alan Embree on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association PHOENIX SUNS—Placed C Jake Tsakalidis on injured list. Activated C Daniel Santiago from

FOOTBALL National Football League NFL—Fined Pittsburgh Steelers WR Hines

Ward \$10,000 for taunting Baltimore Ravens S Rod Woodson in a game on Dec. 11.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed HB Aaron
Shea on injured reserve. Signed DE Derrick Ham from the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Paris

Lenon from practice squad. Released CB Hurley TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed K Doug Brien to a one-year contract. Placed S Eric Vance on injured reserve

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Saturday's Games New England 20, Miami 13

Sunday's Games Atlanta 33, Buffalo 30 Chicago 20, Washington 15

N.Y. Giants 27, Seattle 24
St. Louis 38, Carolina 32
Pittsburgh 47, Detroit 14
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Kansas City 20, San Diego 17

Tampa Bay 48, New Orleans 21

Jacksonville 33, Minnesota 3 Arizona 17, Dallas 10 Green Bay 30, Cleveland 7

N.Y. Jets 29, Indianapolis 28 Open: Denver

Saturday, Dec. 29
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30

San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

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Buffalo at N.Y. Jets. 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Miami, 1 p.m. Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m. Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Open: New England

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Today's Games
New York at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Miami, 6:30 p.m. Detroit at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Denver, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Boston at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m. Charlotte at Washington, 6 p.m. Indiana at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Cleveland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

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Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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Sunday's Games

Miami at Detroit, 5 p.m.

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Philadelphia at Colorado, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games Anaheim at Chicago, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

#### TRANSACTIONS

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WOMEN'S GAMES Connecticut 101, CS Northridge 44

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Gatorade Holiday Classic Miami 76. Lehigh 49 Yale 51. Bowling Green 47 St. Xavier Christmas Tournament

#### FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 26. (Report also available on Web as CENTRAL BROWNWOOD Water stained; Black bass are good on chartreuse Carolina-rigged soft plastics

and Rat-L-Traps in 20 - 30 feet. Striped bass are good on shrimp, shad and silver spoons in 20-30 feet. White bass are slow or crankbaits. Crappie to 12 inches are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Chahnel and blue catfish are good

one tube jigs. Animier and olde teatins are good on stinkbait, punchbait and nightcrawlers. Yellow caffish are slow on live perch and shad.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 57 degrees; 1014.79; Black bass are fair on 3/8 oz. water-melon Terminator Jigs, 4° Super Tube Heavys and 3° water-melon Terminator Jigs, 4° Super Tube Heavys and 3° water-melon stained stained shadows. and 3"watermelon sliding weight Craw Worms in creeks and pockets in 8"- 14 feet. Striped bass are fair on live or cut shad, jigging 1/2 oz. Pirk Minnows or trolling 1/2 oz. Curb's striper jigs under birds in 25 - 40 feet. White bass are slow to fair trolling Shad Raps and casting No. 3 Terminator In-Line spinnerbaits and 2° Lit'l Fishie Shads. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are

slow.
PROCTOR: Water murky; 53 degrees;
1157.56; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are slow on shad and white or chrome Model As. Crappie are slow on jigs in 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow on shad on the bottom in 6 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch and shad.

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 61-63 degrees; 48 low; Black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are good on soft jerkbaits. Striped bass are very good on slabs up the Devils River and Rio Grande. White bass are very good on slabs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Devils River around brush. Channel and blue catfish are spotty but fair on cheesebait in 30+ feet Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 50 degrees; Black bass are slow around the brush near points.

Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 51 degrees; 6.8 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows around derricks and slow at state park area. White bass are fair trolling near Pawnee Point on imitation shad lures. Catfish are good

on trotlines baited with stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 72 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and vs. Redfish are fair on cut shad. Catfish are fair on minnows.

FT, PHANTOM HILL: Water clear: 59 degrees;

Black bass are slow on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on goldfish and minnows. HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky: 55 degrees; 18 low. Black bass are fair on jigs. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited

with minnows. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the payed/caliche road to the east side of the dam NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained: 53 degrees: Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows around the boathouses. Redfish are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows and chrome Ratt-Traps. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad, perch and goldfish. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3

year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water stained: 56 degrees: No boat ramps open. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch OH. VICE: Water stained: 56 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow on jigs, minnows and salamanders. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on minnows and slabs at 20-30 feet. Smallmouth bass are slow on min nows. Catfish are good on trollines baited with minnows, goldfish, and perch. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 55

degrees; 5.75 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on min

SPENCE: Water stained; 54 degrees; 7 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on min nows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair Catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish. STAMFORD: Water lightly stained: 56 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are good or nows and slabs at 25-25 feet. Catfish are fair

on trollines baited with shad and perch.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 55
degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad and min-

WHITE RIVER: Water stained: 50 degrees 22.25 low: Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Walleye are slow on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are fair on shad, minnows and shrimp.

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# Huskies, 'Horns try to get it right at Holiday Bowl

There's no shortage of motivation for the No. 9 Texas and No. 21 Washington in the Holiday Bowl.

Both teams are coming off devastating losses, and the Longhorns have the added burden of having lost last year's Holiday Bowl.

Going into Friday night's game, some Longhorns admit they're still down about their 39-37 loss to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game on Dec. 1 that cost them a shot at playing Miami in the Rose

Bowl. "It was hard, but if you're going to be at Texas and play for championships, you're not going to win them all, and if you don't win one, I'm glad they're down," coach Mack Brown said. "If you ever get so losing's not important to you and it doesn't hurt you, then you shouldn't be playing this game.

"Last year in this Oregon game, they were crushed. And I think that's brought back some memories. We don't want to leave here feeling like we did last vear.

Texas lost 35-30 to Oregon in last year's Holiday Bowl. Despite throwing four interceptions, Chris Simms still moved the Longhorns into position to win in the closing minutes, only to watch his receivers drop two passes in the end zone and another pass that might have been a touchdown.

Even though the Holiday Bowl might have the feel of a consolation prize, the Longhorns (10-2) can become just the fifth team in school history to win 11 games if they beat the Huskies (2-3).

Washington is trying to get over the sting of a 65-7 less at No. 1 Miami Mov. Major Applewh Texas'

career passing leader who's

backed up Simms all season, will start his final college game. He earned it replacing after turnover-plagued Simms in the Colorado game and leading a rally that fell just short. "We're just trying to treat

it like any other position – the guy that gives us the best chance to win at that time, we put in the game, and our guys understand that," Brown said.

Washington coach Rick Neuheisel, a former quarterback, knows Applewhite brings.

"It is obvious when Major Applewhite goes in the game, the team lifts." Neuheisel said. "That's not a knock on Chris Simms; I think Chris Simms is going to play for a long time.

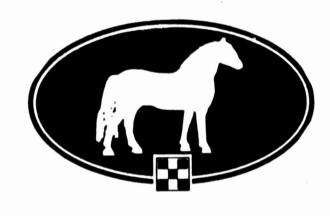
"The point of the matter is, Major Applewhite knows how to play the position, he knows how to shoulder the blame associated with the position, he knows how to deflect the credit - he deflects it to his teammates. That's why teammates obviously love playing for him.

Washington has ar interesting situation at quarter back, where sophomore Cody Pickett has played most of the season with a separated throwing shoulder. Despite the injury, he set a school record with 455 yards passing against Arizona on Oct. 20, and scored the winning touchdown on a 3-yard run with 13 seconds left.

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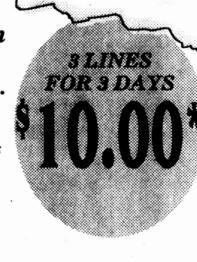


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\*\*\*\* Use the morning to clear out calls and errands. Mellow yourself through physical activity. By afternoon, you can put your feet up, swap jokes with your friends or whatever else might appeal to you. An older relative or associate makes an appeal, which is also a compliment. Tonight: Home is your castle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)\*\*\*\* Balance your check book after recent expenses. You will feel better knowing your limit. Later, hook up with friends, relatives or a loved one. Extremes mark your emotions and, hence, your actions. Don't worry anymore, just enjoy those who are in your life. Tonight: Discuss New Year's resolutions.

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\*\*\* Lie low this morning. If you can, sleep in or maybe curl up with a good book. By afternoon someone invites you out. Getting

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Take your time with a decision involving work and commitments. Though you might be surprised by what someone requests, you are pleased in another way. Indulge a loved one, doing what he or she wants most. If single, go on the prowl! Join friends. Tonight: Out and about.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\* Reach out for someone at a distance. Your understanding allows both of you more spontaneity and flexibility. Make plans in the morning. Think about what you want to do with an older relative. Plan a gettogether. Visit with each other. Tonight: Be a lead player

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\*\*\* Someone whips you into their stuff, with a fun disclosure early on. You enjoy this person a lot. Do more sharing and talking together. You're building a relationship on strong foundations. Do for each other, making the most of the moment. Tonight: You don't have to and there is no change in tell everyone

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

one you deal with frequently. A surprise could knock on your door when you least expect it. Allow more fun into your life by showing your sunny and fun side. Give up being so somber. Play away. Everyone needs to be a kid again once in awhile.

Tonight: Accept someone's

invitation AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)\*\*\*\* You find the answer or the solution, surprising even yourself! Whether you're working on a puzzle or dealing with a real-life situation, you succeed. Relax in the later afternoon, as someone might tap into your energy later. You'll want to be there for

a matter hush-hush PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\*\*\* Stay still while you absorb information. Something might upset you

this person. Tonight: Keep

when you least expect it Follow through on someone's request later on. Bring others together, enjoying the flavor of the day. A spontaneous party ensues as a result. Tonight: Get ready for a long night! BORN TODAY

Actress Mary Tyler Moore (1936), 17th president of the United States Andrew Johnson (1808), actor Ted Danson (1947)

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## Daughter's choice doesn't sit well with parents

Dear Ann Landers: Our 21-year-old, extremely bright daughter dropped out of college with one year to go before graduation. She took a job as a waitress



and fell in ' love with "Ralph," a 37year-old, divorced bartender. She started to come home in the wee hours of the morning, and I couldn't take it anymore. I told "Elyssa" she must pay rent and obey the house curfew or move out. Of course, she moved out - right into Ralph's apartment. I am furious. Elyssa needs her degree in order to get a decent-paying job and support herself. If she keeps working as a waitress, she will be dependent on Ralph

It has been eight months, the situation. I am willing to accept Ralph in order to have a relationship with

my daughter, but my husband is less forgiving. There is a big family dinner coming up, and my husband says he won't come if Ralph is there. Of course. Elyssa refuses to come if her boyfriend isn't invited,

I don't want to lose my daughter, Ann, but my husband won't budge an inch. He says a 37-year-old man should have known better than to get involved with a girl so young. I say, Elyssa is a grown woman, and if she has chosen a loser, she will have to pay the price.

Should I tell Elyssa she can't bring Ralph, or should I tell my husband we'll miss him at the big dinner? Caught in the Middle in New York

Dear Caught in the Middle: It appears your husband is the mule in the family portrait. Tell him since Ralph is his daughter's choice, the least he can do is be civil.

It appears that Elyssa is hung up on the loser. Try to persuade your husband to see that his attitude will only drive her straight into Ralph's arms.

I hope he listens. P.S. And tell Ralph he WILL be missed at the family din ner.

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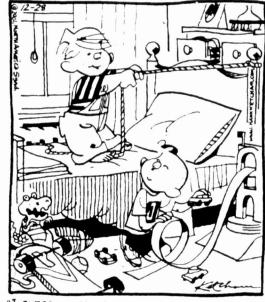
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#### **DENNIS THE MENACE**



'I GUESS WE CAN GO BACK TO BEING NAUGHTY. 'CAUSE SANTA WON'T BE MAKING NEXT YEAR'S LIST FOR A WHILE.

#### **FAMILY CIRCUS**

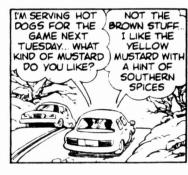


"If a shepherd counts his sheep, wouldn't he fall asleep?'

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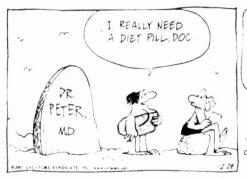
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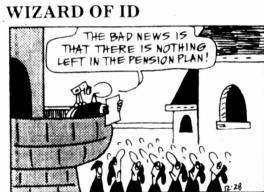


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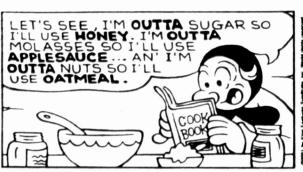




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## THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

#### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is December 28th, the 362nd day of 2001. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On December 28th, 1945, Congress officially recognized the "Pledge of Allegiance.

On this date: In 1694, Queen Mary the Second of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King

William the Third. In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President

Jackson. In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Virginia.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published a facetious -- as well as fictitious -- essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris. In 1944, the musical "On

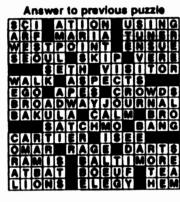
the Town" opened on Broadway. In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an 41.

Soviet prison system. In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first Américan "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Ten years ago: Nine people died in a crush to get into a rap basketball game at City College in New York. Russian President Boris Yeltsin ordered state land privatized as he pushed ahead with his reforms.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jacobi is 88. Bandleader Johnny Otis is 80. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber (BEE'-buhr) is 72. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 67. Rock singermusician Charles Neville is 63. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 55. Rock singer-musician Chilton (The Box Tops; Big Star) is 51. Actor Denzel Washington is 47. Country singer Joe Diffie is 43. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 43. Actor Chad McQueen is



# **Newsday Crossword**

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- 61 Game piece 62 Olympia 😮 painter 63 Off-Broadway
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  - 30 Does it wrong 31 Card game
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