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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 20°-25° TOMORROW 50°-52°

Power Points correct in today's paper

The Power Points football contest entry form that ran in Tuesday's paper was incorrect. The correct form appears on Page 7 of today's edition.

Next gardener program set for registration

The next Master Gardener program will be held Jan. 8-April 25.

The registration fee is \$75 and includes all reference materials needed for the training.

The Master Gardener program is a volunteer program in which those interested must attend 50 or more hours of training to become certified and provide 50 or more hours of community service in the first year to retain their certification.

The training and community service are horticulture-related and coordinated through the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Howard County.

Those interested in the program are asked to contact David Kight at 264-2236.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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Annual Glasscock County livestock show begins Thursday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Glasscock County is gearing up for its annual stock show.

The event, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, will include cattle, sheep, rabbits, hogs



STURTZ

and goats among the livestock and will take place at the new Glasscock County Community Center building at 117 S. Myrl St. in Garden City.

County extension agent Steve Sturtz said the new facility is ideal for a stock show.

"It's got about 17,600 square feet," he said. "It's got a commercial kitchen, two meeting rooms, a large area where we're holding the stock show and a live-

stock holding facility in the back."

Most of the animals will not remain at the stock show through the entire event, Sturtz said.

"They come and leave as they show," he said. "The grand champions and champions will stay, but the rest will go home."

The event begins Thursday with the hog show at 11:30 a.m. Sturtz said the hog event had been rescheduled due to a con-

flict with a junior varsity basketball game.

Goats will be shown at 8 a.m. Friday, followed by rabbits at 1 p.m.

Sheep will lead off the schedule Saturday at 8 a.m., with steers at 9:30 a.m., and the pig scramble at 11 a.m.

"The pig scramble is actually different age levels and the kids go out and catch the pigs and they have to drag them back across the line," Sturtz said.

Awards will be presented

at 1:30 p.m. and the premium sale will begin at 2 p.m.

Photography of winners and their animals is scheduled from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday and a barbecue will be at 12 noon.

The order of sale this year will be cattle followed by sheep, rabbits, hogs and goats. Grand champions, reserve grand champions, champions and reserve breed champions will sell ahead of the regular placing stock.

Snow beneficial to farmers

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Snow throughout the Crossroads area on New Year's Day will help to keep on track the possibility of a good agricultural crop for the 2002 year.

"Anytime we receive moisture it is a good thing, whether it's snow or rainfall," said David Kight, Howard County agricultural extension agent for the Texas Cooperative Extension.

"The soil moisture, before the recent snowfall, in the top 12 inches had been depleting. The snowfall is beneficial from that standpoint to refurbish the top 12 inches."

Kight said he received calls from area farmers reporting from three to four inches of snowfall across the county.

In other reports, the National Weather Service in Midland said Howard County received from half an inch to an inch of snow by 6 p.m. Tuesday and the U.S. Department of Agriculture located by Interstate 20 by Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center reported only .12 inches of moisture.

The extra moisture will add to what may be a promising crop this year, Kight said.

"We are in the best situation currently this year than in the past five to six years," he said.

For the past several years, cotton crops in Howard County have yielded below normal production while the area suffers from a continuing drought.

Kight said the area needs about four more inches of moisture from now to April before planting season to ensure an average cotton crop.

"If you look at a typical



This fire hydrant in Heart of the City Park looks festively seasonal in its coat of newly-fallen snow Tuesday morning. The Howard County Courthouse, across the street from the park, is in the background.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

situation — and we have not been in a typical situation the last four to five years — if you look at the 100-year and 50-year weather data, typically we get three to four inches of rainfall in the spring," Kight said.

"We average three inches between March and April. In February we normally have about three-quarters of an inch and in May we have three-quarters of an inch average rainfall." To help farmers produce an extremely good crop, Kight said, the area needs two to three inches more of moisture between mid-July through August.

"The hardest part is getting that rainfall," he said.

"We have got the boll weevil situation in hand and we have the technology and everything else to produce; we just need the rainfall to occur," Kight said.

According to Kight, four inches of snowfall equals about an inch of rainfall but snowfall offers some extra benefits.

There is little evaporation to snow and the moisture infiltrates the soil slowly as it melts with little runoff, he said.

The snowfall also helps to loosen the soil, making the earth mellow so when farmers start tilling the earth to prepare for planting it makes the soil easier to work with and produces

less clods of earth.

Other areas around the Permian Basin also enjoyed a white New Year's Day.

The NWS reported that Tuesday's snowfall in Midland County was about .8 inches while east of Howard County, Mitchell County, received about two to four inches.

Chilly temperatures may stay around for the next few days.

"It looks like it will stay cold for the next few days and not warm up again before the weekend," said Robert Boyd, meteorologist with the NWS in Midland.

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Deadline to file in primaries is today

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

With the filing deadline for the March party primaries looming at 6 p.m. today, 14 local people have so far announced their candidacy and filed with local party chairmen.

Ten Republicans and four Democrats have filed so far for county offices. In addition, 118th District Judge Robert Moore III has filed for re-election with the state Republican chairman.

"I just want to keep Howard County on the two-party system," Democratic Party Chairman W.A. "Woody" Jumper said this morning, adding that he doesn't expect any more Democrats to file for county office. Republican Party Chairman Dwain Fox said there may be additional Republican filings.

The posts up for election and filers so far include:

• County Judge — Incumbent Ben Lockhart (R) is currently unopposed.

• County Commissioner Precinct 2 — Incumbent Jerry Kilgore (R) of Jerry's Barber Shop is currently unopposed in the primary but will face Jerry Crawford (D) of Quality Truck Tires in the general election in November. Crawford collected 249 signatures on a petition in lieu of paying the \$600 candidate's filing fee.

• County Commissioner Precinct 4 — Incumbent Gary Simer (D) of the Ponderosa Nursery is currently unopposed in the primary. He will face either Roy Don Beauchamp (R) of Vision Makers Leisure Products or Walter H. Brumley Jr. (R) of the Brumley Group Inc. electri-

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Economists: U.S. economy unlikely to be hurt for long by any terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The resiliency the nation has exhibited since Sept. 11 shows just how difficult it would be for Osama bin Laden's followers to carry out his call to bring down America by destroying its economy, economists say.

The \$10 trillion U.S. economy is so diverse and decentralized and its technology so redundant that the loss from an attack on any one facility, institution, company or component would be filled quickly by another, according to the analysts.

If there's potentially an Achilles heel, it's the psyche of the American consumer, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity.

"If everybody decided to stock up and spend all their time in basements, that would be pretty bad news,"

Stephen Cecchetti, an economics professor at Ohio State University, said in a recent interview. "Terrorists could surely affect people's confidence by striking fear into them."

But even there, Americans have shown themselves to be extremely resilient. A month after the airliner hijackings, auto sales reached an all-time high, albeit with the help of zero percent financing deals.

And consumer confidence bounced back in December after falling for three months. A new poll by The Associated Press also shows a new wave of optimism sweeping across the country.

While 70 percent of Americans think another terrorist attack is "very

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United Blood Services employee Stacy Trevino checks on donor Robble Gibson at a year-end blood drive at the Big Spring Mall. The last blood drive in Howard County for 2001 was also the last for UBS of San Angelo. UBS of Midland takes over servicing the area this year.

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OBITUARIES

Rudy Arredondo

Funeral service for Rudy Arredondo, 49, of Midland, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with father George Thirumangalam officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery. Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. today at Stanton Memorial Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Arredondo died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at a Midland hospital. He was born in Midland on May 21, 1952. He was a cement construction worker.

Survivors include his mother, Simona Garcia of Midland; two sons, Rudy Arredondo Jr. and Robert Arredondo, both of Abilene; three brothers, Edward Arredondo of Houston, John Arredondo and Robert Arredondo, both of Midland; three sisters, Irma Salgado of Stanton, Consuelo Pena of Houston and Anita Miralles of Odessa; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Nikki Lyn Ellis

Nikki Lyn Ellis, 21, of Austin, died on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, in Georgetown as a result of an automobile accident. Graveside funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating.



She was born on July 23, 1980, in Ridgecrest, Calif. Nikki graduated from Austin High School in 1998. She was currently attending Central Texas College in Killeen. Her plans were to become a high school history teacher. Nikki had a contagious smile and a "howdy" for everyone she met. She will be remembered for her determination and positive outlook on life. Nikki was a wonderful daughter, niece, cousin and friend. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her mother, Debbie Ellis of Midland; her father and step-mother, Kenny and Leslie Ellis of Austin; her grandparents, Spot and Daury Cockrell of Big Spring; her great-grandmother, Allie Cockrell of Big

Spring; five aunts and uncles, Donald Smith Ellis of Austin, Tim and Diane Ellis of Big Spring, Barbara Ellis of Austin, Donnie and Monika Cockrell of Midland, Jana Carter of Big Spring; and six cousins, Lori Ellis, Emily Ellis and Eric Ellis, all of Big Spring, Natalie Ellis and Ben Ellis, both of Austin and Kamrah Cockrell of Houston.

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

Fern Deel

Graveside service for Fern Deel, 75, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.



Mrs. Deel died Tuesday, Jan. 1, at her residence. She was born on Jan. 5, 1926, in Dallas and married Lindsey G. Deel on Jan. 23, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 1972. She was a clerk for Don Newsom Grocery for a number of years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Darrell Deel of Big Spring; one brother, Charles Calvert of Dallas; one sister, Sandra McCormack of Dallas; three grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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

Elsie C. Rodgers

Funeral service for Elsie C. Rodgers, 74, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Rodgers died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at a local nursing home.

Mary McCurdy

Funeral service for Mary McCurdy, 84, of Stanton is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home. Mrs. McCurdy died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at a Midland hospital.

ECONOMY

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likely" or "somewhat likely" in the near future, 56 percent said the country is on the right path. Fifty-two percent felt their own family's financial situation will improve in the coming year, compared with just a third of Americans who expressed that view a year ago.

The poll of 1,013 people, taken Dec. 14-18, had an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The American economy over the past couple of decades has become increasingly resistant to shocks, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says.

"Deregulated financial markets, far more flexible labor markets and more recently, the major advances in information technology have enhanced our ability to absorb disruptions and recover," Greenspan told Congress a week after the Sept. 11 attacks.

In a videotape broadcast last week, bin Laden said the attacks "struck deep in the heart of America's economy" and that "this economic hemorrhaging continues until today."

But according to Greenspan and other economists, America's financial system operated with remarkable efficiency to minimize the fallout from the September attacks, which included two planes crashing into the World Trade Center.

The destruction of communications lines in the heart of New York's finan-

cial district disrupted the normal process of settling billions of dollars in transactions between banks for a while. But the Fed supplied record amounts of cash to the banking system in the days following the attacks to cover the shortfall.

Investors, meanwhile, rode out the crisis.

By the end of the year, the stock market — which was shut down for four days after the attacks — had regained all of its losses. In the past three months, the Dow has climbed nearly 22 percent, the Nasdaq is up more than 37 percent and Standard & Poor's 500 index has advanced almost 19 percent.

When U.S. airlines were temporarily grounded in the days after the attacks, travelers and businesses turned to alternative forms of transportation.

"Because our economy is so big and so diversified, not only in terms of products but geography, as well, to some extent, we have our own safety net built in," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

"If one company were to be knocked out, another company offering the same services could step in. If one part of the country were to be attacked, the rest of the country could help out as was the case in New York City," Sohn said. "Let's say one of the exchanges stopped trading, you can trade other places. Every financial institution and most companies have back-up systems that can be used in the case of an emergency."

On the energy front, if bin Laden had any thought of harming the U.S. economy by disrupting world oil markets, he hasn't succeeded.

Right after Sept. 11, oil prices briefly jumped on fear that a U.S. retaliation could trigger disruptions in Mideast oil supplies.

But the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries immediately declared it would not allow oil to be used as a political weapon. Since Sept. 10, oil prices have actually dropped 25 percent to 30 percent.

SNOW

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Boyd said there is a good chance of moisture falling on Friday and Saturday while Sunday through Thursday looks to be back to dry weather.

FILING

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cal contractor service in the general election, barring further filings today.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 — Either Kathryn Wiseman (R), currently employed by the Howard County road administrator's office, or David Mohn (R), Big Spring Police detective, will run unopposed after the primary, unless there are late Democratic filings for the position.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 1 — Quail Dobbs (R) will run unopposed, barring last-minute filings.

County Clerk — Donna Wright (D), incumbent, is currently unopposed.

County Treasurer — Incumbent Teresa Thomas (R) is currently unopposed.

County Surveyor — Incumbent Michael McBrayer (D) is currently running unopposed.

118th District Clerk — Colleen Barton (R), chief

deputy district clerk, is currently unopposed in her bid for the position.

Constable Precinct 4 — Robert Morgan (R), self-employed, has filed with Fox for the position and is currently unopposed. Wright said this morning that Morgan has yet to file the necessary campaign finance information with her office. Fox said Morgan will file the financial information before the deadline today.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of West Eighth Street. Someone reportedly inflicted \$225 worth of damage on an automobile at the location.

THEFT of a bicycle worth \$80 was reported in the 1400 block of East 14th Street.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at the intersection of Highway 350 and Interstate 20, in the 200 block of West FM 700, in the 3800 block of West Highway 80 and in the 1300 block of South Johnson Street.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Settles Street.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Street.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

BRIEFS

BOY SCOUT TROOP 401 will have a fundraiser Christmas tree pick up and disposal for a donation.

Donations are needed for the purchase of uniforms and camps that are held throughout the year.

To have your tree picked up call 267-3564. There is no time limit and trees will be picked up as needed.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS regular meeting Post 2013 at 500 S. Driver Rd. will be Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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CENTER WILL have an open house on Jan. 5, between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas Department of Health has variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day.

The Women, Infants and Children program offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open Monday and Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Tuesday hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments are also available one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call the office at 263-9777, or go by 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, for more information.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Liars are betrayed by their faces

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A heat-sensing camera trained on people's faces was able to detect liars in a study that hints at a way of spotting terrorists at airports.

In six of eight people who lied, the high-resolution thermal imaging camera detected a faint blushing around their eyes that Mayo Clinic researchers said is evidence of deception.

Such facial imaging, they said, could provide a simple and rapid way of scanning people being questioned at airports or border crossings.

But other scientists questioned the significance of the findings, noting that the technique was tested on a small number of people.

They also said the experiment fell far short of what is needed to reveal whether thermal imaging can work accurately and quickly in real-life situations.

"What they found is interesting, but it's more than a bit of a stretch for them to say this could be useful for mass screening," said Monroe Friedman, a professor of psychology at Eastern Michigan University.

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Citigroup	50.25 -.23
Compaq	9.9 +.14
Cornell	16.75 -.9
Dell	27.29 +.11
Du Pont	42.49 +.02
Exxon Mobil	39.35 +.05
Halliburton	12.55 -.55
IFCO Systems	.88 nc
IBM	120.00 -.96
Intel Corp	32.03 +.58
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Patterson Ener	22.65 -.66
Pepsico Inc	48.5 -.19
Phillips Petro	59.25 -1.01
SBC Comms	39.39 +.22
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TXU Corp	46.65 -.5
Texas Instrument	28.34 +.34
Total Fina	70.61 +.37
Unocal Corp	35.09 -.98
Wal-Mart	57.1 -.45
Wal-Mart/Mexico	26.53-27.37
AMCAP	16.12 -.13
Europacific	26.87 +.07
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	277.85-280.6
Silver	4.51 - 4.59

Crime Stoppers

On Sunday, a burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

An almond-colored Whirlpool washing machine was reported stolen from the home. When the washer was taken, the burglar or burglars cut the water lines and damaged a wall. The dollar amount of the damage has not been determined yet.

Police say a witness saw a red or maroon 4-door pickup at the scene for a short period of time.

Anyone with information about this crime should call CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS or 264-TIPS.

FIRE/EMS

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

10:05 a.m. — 1300 block of Lincoln, medical call, service refused.

10:11 a.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:08 p.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:19 p.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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Year to date 0.12
Sunrise Thursday 7:47 a.m.
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Ron Letcher, Sr., 59, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Colorado City Cemetery.
Ramona White, 41, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 5:00 PM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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The new year: Problems include the absence of bin Laden; trouble between India, Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new year brings new complications for the Bush administration as it tries to finish the job inside Afghanistan.

The U.S. military must still find Osama bin Laden, which could mean a long-term commitment of American troops. Afghanistan itself remains unstable, despite a new government and international peacekeepers.

Then there is the Pakistan-India standoff. In the short run, it could hinder America's efforts to find bin Laden.

In the long run, it's "a grim warning" that the U.S. worldwide war on terror can get bogged down in deadly local conflicts — and may even worsen them, said Tony Cordesman, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"It's been easy to talk about victory in Afghanistan," Cordesman said. "But it is becoming clear that real victory in a

global war on terrorism will be far more difficult."

President Bush acknowledged last week that he fears the Pakistan-India standoff could unravel the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism.

India accuses Pakistan of harboring terrorists who launched a Dec. 13 suicide attack on India's Parliament, killing 14. Pakistan's president, a key ally in America's war against terror, is moving to round up Islamic extremists, but faces a difficult situation lest he destabilize his own government.

On a practical, immediate level, the crisis impedes America's ability to hunt down bin Laden by threatening Pakistan's ability to secure its border with Afghanistan, Cordesman said.

Any massing of Pakistani troops at the Indian border, for example, could draw Pakistani forces away from their recent deployments at the border with Afghanistan. They were sta-

tioned there, particularly in the Tora Bora region, to stop fleeing Taliban and al-Qaida, including bin Laden.

Bush has been working to calm the tensions, assuring India the United States will cooperate in its fight against terrorism, but also praising Pakistan for announcing the arrest of the longtime head of one extremist group on Monday.

"If someone attacked the U.S. Capitol, I'd feel angry too," Bush said during his vacation in Crawford, Texas. "However ... I explained to the Indian prime minister that while I understood his anger, I was hoping they were not headed for war."

The United States hopes to leave the entire region, and especially Pakistan and Afghanistan, more stable than before, to prevent terrorists from operating there in future, U.S. officials have said.

Bush last week cautioned Americans that troops may be in Afghanistan "for quite a long period of time." The

mission won't be complete until leaders like bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar are found — and until Afghanistan is stable, the president said.

Helicopters filled with U.S. Marines in full combat gear took off from a base in southern Afghanistan on Monday, hunting for Omar.

As for bin Laden, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee says the latest reliable reports suggest he is still alive, but it's unclear whether he's still in Afghanistan or has fled to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, soldiers from the Army's 101st Airborne Division are preparing to take over an air base at Kandahar, giving the Marines who have been stationed there a chance to prepare for other missions, the Pentagon says.

And thousands of Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners still are being held throughout the country, and must be interrogated to determine if any should face military tribunals.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dead tree falls, killing four

GREENFIELD, Ind. (AP) — A dead tree fell on top of a passing car, crushing the passenger compartment and killing a minister, his wife and two of their children.

"No wind. No storm. The chances of that tree falling at the time they were directly underneath it are astronomical," said Hancock County Sheriff Nick Gulling.

Authorities identified those killed in Monday night's accident as Stan Jones, 47, Beth Jones, 39, and their children Tyler, 10, and Lauren, 6. A third child, 4-year-old Emily, survived the accident and was listed in fair condition Tuesday night at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

The family was driving on a narrow road at about 8:30 p.m. on Monday outside Greenfield — about 20 miles east of Indianapolis — when a large oak tree fell directly on top of their car.

Stan Jones was the pastor of Buck Creek Baptist Church in the Cumberland section of Indianapolis.

Reporter, photographer shot

TYLER (AP) — Authorities said they don't know why a Tyler man shot a newspaper reporter and photographer from the garage of his burning home.

"We have no way of telling what his intentions were," police spokesman Chris Moore said. "We don't know what his mental state is."

After a four-hour standoff, a SWAT team officer shot and killed 73-year-old Fred Douglas Wallace.

Tyler Morning Telegraph reporter Shauna Wonzer and photographer Herb Nygren had just arrived on the scene of a fire at the home on Tuesday afternoon and were waiting to speak with firefighters when shots first rang out and they were hit.

"I'm OK. I just was not expecting a man with a gun in the garage at a house fire," Wonzer said.

Wonzer was transported by ambulance to Mother Frances Hospital where she remained late Tuesday. Nygren was treated at the scene, then later taken to the hospital for observation.

Firefighters arrived shortly before 5 p.m. and found the front portion of the home in flames. As they were working on the blaze, they opened the garage and discovered Wallace in a car pointing a rifle at them, Moore said. Firefighters retreated and the man began shooting, striking Wonzer in the upper left thigh.

Birth control pill hormone progesterin found to provide best protection against ovarian cancer, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Progesterin is the ingredient in oral contraceptive pills that provides the highest level of protection against ovarian cancer, researchers have found.

Analysis by the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center of a 20-year-old study that showed the pill can help prevent ovarian cancer found that the cancer risk was cut by about 50 percent in all women taking pills containing the hormones estrogen and progesterin.

However, women who took pills containing high levels of progesterin reduced their risk of ovarian cancer by an additional 50 percent, said Patricia G. Moorman, a Duke University Medical Center researcher and the co-author of a study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"The take-home message from this study is that oral contraceptives are protective against ovarian cancer and our finding that the

high progesterin potency effect is a scientific (result) that might lead to new protective" drugs against ovarian cancer, Moorman said.

The study is based on a re-examination of the medical and oral contraceptive histories of more than 3,200 women who took part in a study project conducted from 1980 to 1982. The group included 390 women who developed ovarian cancer and 2,865 who did not. It compared the ovarian cancer outcome among women who did not take the pill and with women who took different formulations of the pill.

The groups included women who took no pills; those who took pills high in both estrogen and progesterin; women who took pills high in one or the other of the hormones, and women who took pills with low levels of both hormones.

Moorman said earlier results had proven that the pill protects against ovarian

cancer, while the new study shows which of two hormones in the pill, estrogen and progesterin, are most protective.

She said the study "should lead to the investigation of progesterin as a chemopreventative agent for ovarian cancer."

Moorman said the pills used by the women in the study 20 years ago are not now commonly available. She said birth control pill formulations have changed over the years as research showed that pills with lower hormone levels were effective contraceptives.

Pills with lower levels of hormone generally have fewer side effects.

Ovarian cancer is the sixth most common cancer among women, excluding the skin cancers.

It accounts for about 4 percent of all cancers in women, with more than 23,000 new cases diagnosed in 2001, according to information from the American

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Post-holiday crossings at Mexican border will test new security measures

The Associated Press

Security procedures implemented along the Mexican border since Sept. 11 are being put to the test.

Traditionally, in the first week of a new year, northbound traffic along the border increases and continues for a week, say officials with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

It comes as border guards are under pressure to balance intensified inspections against the continuous flow of people and goods between the United States and Mexico.

Travelers are expected to wait four or more hours during peak times at the busiest ports of entry, such as Laredo.

Even before the coming increase, community and commerce leaders have complained the government needs to do more to expedite inspections at ports of entry.

An INS official said he wasn't sure what to expect because the federal government never has carried out its highest level of inspections on Christmas traffic.

There's no plan for the inspectors to let down their guard, said Denton

Lankford, spokesman for the INS San Antonio district office, which includes Laredo, Eagle Pass and Del Rio.

"Everybody coming across will be scrutinized," he said.

"Common sense would tell you that there would be wait times longer than in the past."

Extra lanes will be open around the clock starting Thursday, Lankford said. Citing security concerns, he would not discuss specifics of the inspections.


It is tough to predict how long waits will be, because

it is unclear how many people went to Mexico for the holidays, Lankford said.

Some people may have decided not to make the annual pilgrimage to avoid delays caused by the increased inspections.

Delays were seen as a major cause in the 24 percent decline in the number of people who entered the country from Mexico in October compared with the same month in 2000.

An estimate from the Mexican government on how many travelers headed south wasn't available this week.



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OTHER VIEWS

Revamping of INS must be a priority

The events of Sept. 11 brought an abrupt halt to any thoughts of opening the U.S. border and making immigration easier. There's good reason for that, because the relatively lax U.S. borders could prove to be this country's Achilles heel when it comes to further terrorism.

So increased enforcement and security efforts along the border have made it more difficult for people seeking to become U.S. citizens. While that's understandable, the increased security shouldn't be used as an excuse or coverup for other inadequacies or shortcomings in citizenship procedures.

A case in point is the huge backlog of applications from tens of thousands of Salvadoran and Guatemalan war refugees living in the United States. Under the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act passed by Congress in 1997, about 300,000 are eligible for permanent residency — the first step toward citizenship — under NACARA and about 100,000 have applied.

But what seems like a slam-dunk runs up against the ponderous bureaucracy of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. NACARA applications are processed by the INS Asylum Division. This division also handles asylum seekers, those who fear returning home, and refugees overseas.

The law requires the INS to process asylum and refugee cases first. Since this takes up an estimated 95 percent of the agency's time and manpower, a scant 5 percent is left to process NACARA cases.

This is ridiculous and a sign of the work that's needed to turn INS into a more-responsive and efficient agency — something Congress and the administration are working toward.

It's estimated that at the current adjudication rate, it will take 20 years to get through the backlog of NACARA applications. That's grossly unfair to some people who've already been waiting in this country up to 15 years.

INS spokesman Dan Kane said, "They deserve to have their applications adjudicated in a timely manner. However, we are doing the best we can with the very limited resources that we have at this time."

That's another perfect argument for a sweeping reorganization of INS and the addition of more personnel and resources. That would help both with security and ensuring that situations such as the NACARA mess don't ruin people's lives and hopes.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
My first reaction to the destruction of the much appreciated Festival of Lights decorations and the fabulous decor at the Partee home was instant rage. How could people be so cruel?

Then after thinking about it, I had a feeling of pity. Why pity? Just consider what it must be to live a life with such a limited mentality that is only capable of destruction — never to work and

earn property or treasures; never to create anything with their own hands or their own talents; never to see beauty with appreciation; never to reach a helping hand to others for no other reason than kindness. What a miserable existence. How sad.

Of course, the innocent always have to pay for the sins of the guilty. That's sad, too.

MARGIE MYERS
BIG SPRING

Hank Williams: Hallowed be his name

The moon looms bigger here, or seems to, over the flat, rich Cajun prairie where the swamp ends and the grass begins. Tonight that moon is just a nail clipping shy of full, no hill to hide behind.

If Hank were here, he'd probably look up at that moon and write a song. But Hank Williams has been dead 49 years, and good country songs have been scarce ever since.

The material is still around, the same broken hearts and lovesick souls that always tramped this earth. The grist, the fodder, the slip is the same. But nobody living knows how to work that familiar turf, that primeval goo, as well as Hank did. They just get their hands dirty trying.

I wanted to make it to Eunice last year, to the first annual tribute to Hank at the old Liberty Theater. Something came up, and I missed it.

But tonight I'm present and accounted for, up in the balcony, amongst many others who miss Hank and love the music. You might call us the faithful.

You can hear more Hank on the radio in South Louisiana than you can in Nashville, Tenn., or in his hometown, Montgomery, Ala. Sometimes it might be somebody else singing Hank, sometimes in Cajun French, but the unmistakable melodies are everywhere.

You have to love a place that loves Hank.

Hank loved Louisiana right back, and the proof is in his songs. Hank wrote "Jambalaya," considered the secondary Cajun national anthem, behind "Jolie Blonde."

Hank was an early member of Shreveport's Louisiana Hayride, was part of Lafayette's Hadacol Caravan, and eventually he married a Louisiana girl, Billie Jean Jones.

They say old Hank often told his friends how much he loved the carefree Cajun lifestyle, perhaps because his own life and upbringing were anything but carefree. The bayou scene must have seemed exotic compared with the hard pews of Alabama.

I know it does to me. Every time I visit, I'm struck by the size of things, from the giant elephant ears growing wild on the banks of the Bayou Teche to the portions on a plate.

Everything seems larger here than elsewhere, as if fertilized by an exuberance of spirit that the rest of us

would find difficult to manage.

It should be noted that not until the mid-1980s did everything Cajun become the rage.

Cajun music and food and fun since have become hot, with Cajun dance clubs and restaurants in every U.S. city.

Hank loved Cajun when Cajun wasn't cool. When he was appreciating the culture three decades earlier, the Cajuns were viewed by many outsiders with a mix of curiosity and disdain. Louisiana schools still discouraged the French language that so many of their pupils heard and spoke at home.

But Hank knew a good thing, and so did Louisiana.

Tonight several musicians sing Hank. Hugh Harris, who has a degree in country music — yes, Virginia, there is such a thing at a junior college in Booneville, Miss. — even looks a lot like a young, lanky Hank. He does a heck of a job with the Luke the Drifter sermon "Men With Broken Hearts." Hank put on his Luke the Drifter hat when the songs weren't suitable for the honky-tonk jukebox.

Hugh and Camey Doucet, Pope Huval and Terry Huval take turns singing the songs we all know and never mind hearing again, those rosary beads of musi-

cal comfort.

And D.L. Menard, called the "Cajun Hank Williams," sings the songs in his wonderful French accent, breaking your heart with "Mansion on the Hill."

The band is terrific as well, with Gina Forsyth playing about the best country fiddle I've ever heard. Terry Huval is a great picker as well as a singer, and he gets credit for organizing the tribute.

More interesting even than those on the stage are the folks in the audience, a regional, working-class crowd mostly, with their roots deep in this Cajun turf that Hank so admired. The Thibodeauxs, the Fontenots, they're all here, clapping and swaying and standing at the end for "Jambalaya."

I fear the man in front of me is going to cry when D.L. Menard sings "Wedding Bells"; Hank strikes nerves.

We file out of the old Liberty satiated, for the moment, with a dose of real country music, the kind that transcends regional accents and state lines. People are lonesome in Louisiana as well as Alabama; hearts break in Missouri, same as Mississippi.

And the poet who best captured the many nuances of love and loss was Hank Williams, hallowed be his name.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Bed and breakfast for pets

Some friends were showing us around Rockwall the other day and we wound up at a place called Laillia's Pet Bed and Breakfast. A couple of years ago, Laillia Ferrell was asked to keep a dog for a neighbor who was moving.



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Laillia ended up liking the responsibility of taking care of pets while the owners are out of town. Word got around and it wasn't long before Laillia had about 14 dogs sleeping in the bed with her and her husband Ricky.

The couple soon decided to build a separate facility for the dogs, cats, birds and assorted wildlife people would leave with them. They didn't just build a typical kennel. They created a homey condo for pets.

The building is divided into spacious suites, each with its own special name and decor. There's a Dallas Cowboy suite, a Honeymoon Suite, a

Rockwall Suite, a Southwest Suite and a Sunflower Suite. Each suite is carpeted and has its own private patio. Some have armchairs and fake fireplaces. The Dallas Cowboys suite has blue paint and stars stenciled on the ceiling. A picture of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders is on one wall.

There's even a Dogwater Tavern and a Doggie Den.

The suites are six by six and come with designer beds, central air and heat, colorful wall art, stereo music and night light. TV is optional at an extra charge. Each suite is cleaned daily. They are brightly painted and have curtains over the windows. Owners are encouraged to bring in a pet's pillow.

If owners don't want a suite, they can rent a single room (four feet square) for \$10. Suites are \$15. Suites with television sets go for \$30 a night. Laillia offers pick up and delivery service.

A large fenced in arga serves as an exercise yard. The pets are monitored all night and someone is always on the premises.

"We play with all the animals," says Laillia. "They

get lots of love here."

Dogs can be bathed if necessary and if an animal needs special medical care, the Ferrells can give shots or pills. Some pets like the place so much they don't want to leave when it's time for their owners to pick them up.

The Ferrells have their own pets: dogs Beau and Snuggles, a cat named Tar Baby and a pig named Lucy.

When a dog, cat, horse, bird or something else checks in at Laillia's Pet B & B, the owner fills out a form listing the pet's name, birthdate, disposition, medications, foods, ailments, toys and type of bed.

Owners must bring the dog's immunization records from a veterinarian and provide food for the entire length of stay. Check out time is noon.

Credit cards are accepted. Some owners leave the pets there for months at a time.

Some customers come from as far away as Saudi Arabia. The place has facilities for 30 dogs and six cats and has been rented to near capacity since it opened in 1995.

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Howard recommends winter

Take some time from the new Christmas toys and visit the Library for some great new reads. Shelf 51 in the children's section is bursting with some fantastic new books. The weather is snuggling with a book is just the warm everyone u

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KAREN MCINTYRE

The weather is cold and snuggling with a new book is just the thing to warm everyone up. Since I'm a great animal lover all the books in this column will have animals as the main character. Is there anything better than a dog that saves the day or a horse that helps you ride into the sunset? Fans of Bill Wallace will really enjoy his new book "Coyote Autumn".

Set in Oklahoma, it's a story of a boy's longing for a dog. His rescue of a young coyote pup soon involves the whole family. Promises to make you laugh and cry but, please don't try this; as the book says they are wild animals and not easily trained!!

Inspired by a true-life tale of a dog that made his home near a Humane Society in Fort Worth; "Shadow's Stand" by Raymond Teague is another great animal read.

Shadow has taken up residence in the median of a busy highway right across the street from the Humane Society.

Can Becca and her friends catch him and make sure no harm comes to him? Along with the children's thoughts, we also get a glimpse into what thoughts brought Shadow to this unlikely home.

"Saving Lilly" written by Peg Kehret has an elephant, as it's main character.

Erin and David have just done a report for their gifted class about the sad lives of circus animals. Imagine their surprise, when their homeroom

teacher decides that a field trip to the circus would be a treat.

Find out how two 6th graders can make a difference. Everyone will be rooting for Erin and David: Especially Lilly!! Horse lovers of all ages will enjoy C.S. Adler's "One Unhappy Horse."

Jan doesn't care that all her friends think she is weird, because she cares so much for her horse. All Jan is worried about is Dove- will he need an operation-will his leg get better and most of all where will the money come from to pay for the treatment?

Jan meets Mattie and suddenly things change for them all.

After reading this one everyone will want some horse "kisses"!! All the above books are for readers in the 4-9 grades.

Of course, with some adult help all ages will enjoy these.

The heroes and heroines of these books are just everyday kids, doing what they think is important.

New animal picture books include: "Edna's Tale" by Lisse Bechtold. Edna is a cat with one looong tail.

Will she always be the most beautiful cat on the block? Stephanie Calmenson's "Perfect Puppy" shows us just what a new puppy needs.

If you are a Pinkerton the dog fan or a Rainbow Fish lover there are new books of each: "A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton" and "Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monster's Cave."

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Turner group to reintroduce swift fox in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Billionaire media mogul Ted Turner wants the state's permission to release rare swift foxes on his 138,000-acre ranch in central South Dakota.

The Turner Endangered Species Fund has asked the state's Animal Industry Board to allow for the release of the threatened animal on Turner's ranch in Stanley and Jones counties.

The Turner group wants to release 180 swift foxes in the next several years.

The animals, about the size of house cats, would be trapped in Wyoming and moved to South Dakota.

"It makes sense to try to advance recovery of this important and imperiled component of South Dakota's natural history," said Mike Phillips, director of the Turner fund, a private, nonprofit charity founded in 1997 to help

threatened and endangered species.

Swift foxes once were common from Canada to Texas and from Montana to Minnesota.

The disappearance of prairies and accidental trapping, shooting and poisoning under programs aimed at wolves and coyotes have contributed to the animal's decline.

Also, food sources such as prairie dogs and ground squirrels have fallen in number.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined in 1995 that the swift fox needed protection under the Endangered Species Act but the agency has not had the resources to pursue it.

The tiny foxes are listed as a threatened species in South Dakota.

A small native population exists in the southwestern corner of the state.

"The science of the fox pro-

ject is very solid," Phillips said.

"This has the potential to be a winner for everybody." Some ranchers aren't so sure. Steve Willard of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association said his group's members worry that the release of rare animals eventually could result in additional government restrictions on the use of farm and ranch lands.

Other farm-group spokesmen have echoed that sentiment.

"More often than not, those who have voiced opposition are ultimately concerned about prairie dogs or what Ted Turner may or may not also do in South Dakota," Phillips said. "We need people to judge this on its merits."

Ranchers have fought efforts to give federal Endangered Species Act protection to prairie dogs in part because that would

restrict land use.

The Turner ranch will focus on controlling coyotes to keep them from eating the swift foxes, Phillips said.

"We do not like being in a situation where we have to select one species over another. But we're more inclined to work on behalf of a rare species at the detriment of a common species," Phillips said.

A Jan. 7 hearing has been scheduled on the request. If the Animal Industry Board approves the Turner group's request, the first foxes could be released late this winter or early spring, Phillips said.

The swift fox is the smallest of North America's wild dogs, weighing up to 7 pounds as an adult. The foxes primarily hunt at night, feeding on crickets and other insects, mice and rabbits.

Co-worker steps up to save a friend's life

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More than just a friend. That's what David Carter proved to be, to co-worker Karen Wilson, after she learned that her kidneys were failing and she would need a transplant.

For four years, they worked side-by-side in adjoining cubicles in the computer center at Wilford Hall Medical Center, sharing collegial jokes, an occasional lunch in the cafeteria and the daily banter of the workplace.

They knew about each other's families, their likes and dislikes, their pet peeves.

But they weren't especially close, each going to opposite sides of town at quitting time.

Then Wilson became gravely ill. A year and a half ago, she learned her kidneys were failing and she would need a transplant.

That's when Carter stopped being a casual work friend and stepped into the role of lifesaver.

On Thursday, Carter, Wilson and their spouses and Wilson's mother are to fly to Maryland, where Carter will give Wilson one of his kidneys, in hopes that his co-worker can resume a healthy, active life.

"Sometimes you have to sacrifice something to help somebody," said Carter, who spent nine years in the Air Force as a pharmacy technician and now works on the civilian side.

"In a case like this, you've got an opportunity to save somebody's life and you don't get that too often."

This selfless act has stirred people around Carter, and left many pondering their own workplace relationships.

"I'm kind of overwhelmed that David and people like David exist," said Karen Wilson's husband, Bennie, a retired Air Force colonel and assistant dean at the University of Texas at San

Antonio. "They cause me to wonder if I would be willing to do the same thing for one of my co-workers."

"It's pretty amazing, isn't it?" Karen Wilson said. "I'm amazed that somebody would be willing to do this for me."

Her journey toward a transplant began in 1998, when she began noticing some odd things — changes in her taste buds, leg cramps and weight gain.

By the time Wilson realized something was seriously amiss, she had lost 80 percent of her kidney function.

In July 2000, doctors told her she had glomerulonephritis, an inflammation of the kidney membranes that filter wastes from the blood.

By February, she had to undergo dialysis.

Three times a week, she spends four hours at University Hospital's dialysis clinic, attached to a mechanical device that filters out the impurities that her failing kidneys miss.

Without a transplant, the disease eventually could kill her.

Wilson, 44, tried to keep her troubles to herself. But Carter, 39, knew something was wrong. Eventually, he sent an e-mail to Wilson's husband:

"He saw that I wasn't well, that I was in and out of the office a lot," Karen Wilson said.

"He wasn't trying to pry, but he knew something was going on, and so he decided to ask Bennie."

A few days later, Carter handed Wilson a note as she prepared to leave work.

"He said, 'Don't open this until you get home,'" and I thought, 'What's going on here?'" Wilson recalled.

"When I opened it up, I realized why he wanted me to open it at home. We were just extremely overwhelmed. The last thing I thought was that he wanted to be tested (as a potential

donor)." "I told her I really want to do this," Carter told the San Antonio Express-News. "I have no reservations. To this day, I'm not nervous about it."

Living donors provide about a third of the kidney transplants done in the United States each year.

Most of those donations come from blood relatives, who offer the best chance of compatible tissue and blood types.

Unrelated donors accounted for about 950 of the 4,000 living donor kidney transplants that were done

between January and September of last year, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Karen Wilson's husband, her stepdaughter and another close family friend all offered to donate a kidney for her, but were not suitable matches.

Two weeks ago, Carter completed the tests and was told he was an acceptable donor.

The transplant is scheduled for Tuesday at the Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md., a part of the National Institutes of Health.

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Police say Mom in Michigan injected daughter with heroin

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — A woman allegedly injected heroin into her daughter and another teen-age girl to teach them how to use the drug.

Warren police Sgt. Michael Roehr said the woman demonstrated with hypodermic needles on the girls, ages 14 and 15, until the teens were able to inject on their own.

Lisa Marie Havens, 45, was arraigned Friday on four counts of providing narcotics to a minor. She was ordered held on

\$200,000 bond. Havens' 15-year-old daughter was turned over to Child Protective Services.

"The daughter is denying everything," Roehr said. "Everything indicates this probably was used as a party house."

The 14-year-old said the woman supplied the heroin between eight and 10 times in December, Roehr said.

If convicted, Havens would face up to 40 years in prison.

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Bass Club schedules first meeting of year

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Best Western Motel's meeting room.

Club members will be picking the lakes for their monthly tournaments during the year, as well as setting new rules and regulations for competition.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 263-0594.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

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

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

Tech releases Brown from her scholarship

LUBBOCK (AP) — Dionne Brown, a sophomore forward for No. 9 Texas Tech, has been released from the team.

"Dionne has requested to be released from her scholarship and the Lady Raider basketball program, and her request has been granted," coach Marsha Sharp said.

Sharp said she would have no additional comment. Brown averaged 5.8 points and 5.2 rebounds in six games.

Golf getting a little prime time coverage

Until they start erecting lights on golf courses, the PGA Tour doesn't get too many opportunities to play in prime time (Battle at Bighorn excluded). This is one of the exceptions, since Maui is for hours behind Central Standard Time.

ESPN will broadcast the Mercedes Championships and has added an additional 90 minutes of coverage this year, to 11 1/2 hours.

The broadcast is scheduled to end each night at 9:30 p.m., with the final round shown live from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bradley out for Mavs, Finley questionable

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks center Shawn Bradley will miss tonight's game at Chicago with a bruised bone in his right knee, team officials said Tuesday.

Also, two-time All-Star guard Michael Finley is questionable for Wednesday's contest against the Bulls with a mild left-hamstring strain. Finley sat out Dallas' 113-97 win over Atlanta on Saturday, snapping a streak of 490 consecutive games played.

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8:30 p.m. — Arkansas at Memphis, ESPN2.

NHL
7 p.m. — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN.
7:30 p.m. — Atlanta Thrashers at Dallas Stars, FXS.

Knight less than happy with Raiders' win over Wyoming

LUBBOCK (AP) — After building a big lead in the first half, Texas Tech seemed to play the second half of its game against Wyoming as if to avoid losing.

But Tech (11-1) fended off a comeback and notched its eighth straight win, defeating the Cowboys 90-84 on Tuesday.

"I thought two really good teams played today," Red Raider coach Bob Knight said. "Us in the first half, and Wyoming in the second half. We have a problem with leads. We're not tough-minded enough at this point."

Tech managed to hang on after nearly squandering an 18-point half-

time lead. Wyoming's defense toughened and the Red Raiders' shooting turned cold during a 17-4 Cowboys run early in the second half, Wyoming (9-4) pulled within four inside the final minute.

Tech, however, made 6-of-8 free throws in the final 30 seconds to hold off the Cowboys.

"We thought we had it," said Donta Richardson, who scored 20 points to lead the Cowboys. "We came back from 17, 18 down in the second half on the road against a team that was playing tough. We really thought we had it."

Andre Emmett scored 27 points and Kasib Powell added 17 and

seven assists for Tech. Emmett, though, got no kudos for his play from Knight.

"I can take you through the film and show you how he gave up 27 points on defense, and we can't have that," Knight said.

Knight was so upset at his team's second half that he did not send any players to postgame interviews, instead having them watch film in the locker room.

"We didn't get a lot done that was good," Knight said. "We had guys standing around in the second half. Winning it giving up 50 points in the half is not good."

Wyoming's run-and-gun offense

heated up early in the second half, narrowing the gap to 13 at 62-49 after just 6 minutes.

"We played very aggressively," Cowboys coach Steve McClain said. "We just need to find a way to do that for 40 minutes to win in an environment like this."

Will Chavis scored 16 points and Andy Ellis added 10 for Texas Tech. Marcus Bailey added 17 and had 11 rebounds for the Cowboys.

Tech's biggest lead, 21, came in the first half.

The Red Raiders led 52-34 at half-time.

Tech begins Big 12 play Sunday against Kansas State.

Cowboys' offense comes on as Carter gains experience

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys finally did what they've been hoping to do all season on offense. And rookie Quincy Carter took another step toward entrenching himself as the team's quarterback of the future.

Now there's just one game left.

"The way we played is what everybody has expected on this team," said Emmitt Smith, who ran for 126 yards in the Cowboys' 27-21 win over playoff-bound San Francisco on Sunday. "It definitely takes time. Unfortunately, the season is almost over."

Carter threw for a season-best 241 yards and two touchdowns, with no interceptions. Smith was two yards short of his season high, and Joey Galloway had five catches for a career-high 146 yards.

"This is the way this offense is designed, to get everybody involved, to be equally yoked and well balanced," Smith said Monday. "What you saw in the past."

The past he was referring to was the 1990s when Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin were leading the Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles.

This year's Cowboys (5-10) needed 15 games to finally put everything together on offense. But they did it against a top-notch defense in the 49ers (11-4).

"It was a big game for us toward the end of the year and gets us in a position where we can finish strong hopefully and lead into next year," Dallas coach Dave Campo said. "Offensively, it was the best we've played this season."

The Cowboys set season highs in points and yards (420). San Francisco was the first winning team Dallas has beaten this year and the first non-NFC East opponent to lose to the Cowboys since Nov. 12, 2000.



Veteran Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, pictured here during a 1995 performance, says the way Dallas' offense played in Sunday's win over San Francisco is what he and everyone else on the team has expected of themselves. Getter there has taken more time than they'd like, as rookie Quincy Carter has settled in at quarterback.

Carter, in just his fourth game back from injuries that limited him to five quarters the first 11 games, showed that he is making progress.

Carter was 15-of-25 passing. He converted a third- and 23 with a 26-yard strike

to Galloway, and also after gathering himself from a stumble off the snap — hit Galloway in stride for a 47-yard touchdown.

He ran 10 times for 30 yards. Four carries were

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Oregon romps; LSU rips Illini in Sugar Bowl

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In an impressive end to his college career, Joey Harrington threw for 350 yards and four touchdowns as No. 2 Oregon routed No. 3 Colorado 38-16 in the Fiesta Bowl on Tuesday.

Samie Parker caught nine passes for 162 yards, including a 79-yard touchdown that put Oregon ahead for good in the second quarter, when the Ducks outgained the Buffaloes 198 yards to 53.

Oregon's Steve Smith set a Fiesta Bowl record with three interceptions, and the Ducks' defense — ranked 81st in NCAA Division I — shut down Colorado's running game.

The Pac-10 champions had a 500-328 advantage in total yards, 150-49 on the ground.

The Ducks (11-1) will root for Nebraska in the Rose Bowl on Thursday, hoping the Cornhuskers upset top-ranked Miami in the Bowl Championship Series title game.

If Nebraska wins, Oregon could be voted the national champion in The Associated Press media poll. The coaches' poll automatically crowns the winner of the BCS game.

It was the worst bowl loss ever for the Buffaloes (10-3).

Sugar Bowl

No. 12 LSU 47,

No. 7 Illinois 34

Domanick Davis ran for four touchdowns, Josh Reed caught two scoring passes from Rohan Davey and No. 12 LSU beat No. 7 Illinois in the highest-scoring Sugar Bowl ever.

The Tigers (10-3) won their school-record fifth straight bowl. Ahead 27-0 in the second quarter, they held on despite four TD passes by Kurt Kittner.

Davis starred while starting in place of injured star LaBrandon Toefield, gaining 122 yards on 28 carries.

Reed, an All-American, caught 14 passes for a Sugar Bowl-record 239 yards. A junior, the Biletnikoff Award winner as the nation's top receiver scored on grabs of 32 and 5 yards.

Davey closed out his career by winning the MVP award. He was 31-of-53 for 444 yards and three TDs, guiding an offense that racked up 595 yards.

Kittner tried to rally Illinois, throwing two TD passes to Brandon Lloyd in the third quarter and another to Walter Young in the fourth.

LSU won its sixth in a row and stopped the Illini's seven-game winning streak. It was a game of quick strikes — all 12 TDs drives took under 3 1/2 minutes.

Outback Bowl

No. 14 South Carolina 31,

No. 22 Ohio St. 28

Daniel Weaver's 42-yard field goal with no time left barely cleared the crossbar, giving South Carolina the win in the Outback Bowl.

The Gamecocks (9-3) blew a 28-0 lead. But Ohio State's Steve Bellisari, playing for the first time since his November arrest and suspension on drunken-driving charges, was intercepted by Sheldon Brown. Brown's return to Ohio State's 29 with 23 seconds left set up Weaver's kick, sending the Gamecocks to their second straight Outback victory.

Phil Petty, the game's MVP, threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns, and Andrew Pinnock scored twice for South Carolina.

Bellisari, who was 21-of-35 for 320 yards, brought the Buckeyes (7-5) back. He ran for a 2-yard score to close the third quarter, then hit Darrell Sanders with a 16-yard TD pass with 10:18 to go that cut the lead in half.

Jonathan Wells' 1-yard run made it 28-21 with 5:02

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For Cornhuskers, these are days of whine and poses

A few days of fun in the sun has done only so much to lighten the mood.

"We got to meet Heather Locklear at a Lakers game, and I had my picture taken with Brad Pitt," Nebraska linebacker Jamie Burrow said Tuesday, brightening at the memory.

"Then just about the time I started feeling good about things, they introduced us at the basketball game and we got booed — and I mean loud. That," he said with a pause, "made me mad all over again."

That's the way the last six weeks have gone for the Husker Nation. On Nov. 23, in the last game of its regular season, Nebraska got thumped 62-36 by Colorado. It was as bad a beating as one of the proudest programs in college football ever had to absorb.

Ever since, whether on campus in Lincoln, or here in the streets and malls of LaLa Land, the faithful have been seeing red as often

as wearing it.

Things were bad enough when Nebraskans were resigned to waiting until next season to compete for the national championship; they practically consider a birthright. Then, Oklahoma, Florida, Texas and Tennessee all stumbled in quick succession, and the Bowl Championship Series computers crunched the numbers one final time. And back into the title picture crawled the Cornhuskers.

They have been smiling weakly for photo ops ever since. The bookies won't give them a sniff, and trying to convince the rest of the country they're worthy of playing unbeaten, mighty Miami in the Rose Bowl has proved as frustrating as having an argument with yourself.

"We've heard about it over and over and over again, believe me," safety Dion Booker said. "But you can sit back and listen to talk only so long. That's why, right about now, we're looking for someone to take it out on instead of each other in practice."

Lord knows, they've tried all kinds of diversions. Because of the cool wet, weather, the beach hasn't been an option. And so, between workouts, coach Frank Solich sent

his players on sightseeing tours and shopping forays. They posed for pictures with Will Smith, dropped in on NBA star Allen Iverson's holiday bash, and even taped an episode of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" with Regis Philbin.

But everywhere they went, there were reminders. With as many as 70,000 Nebraska fans expected to descend on Pasadena by Thursday night's kickoff, they've been impossible to miss.

In the malls, the Cornhuskers' red-sweated following trails a respectful distance behind, unsure whether to serenade their heroes or pray for them. When they get back to the team hotel, the players find half the people in the lobby rushing them for autographs; the other half keep their noses buried in the newspapers, stunned to find Nebraska's odds of beating the Hurricanes are only slightly better than George O'Leary's chances of landing another head coaching job.

"There's so much tradition behind us that you can only imagine what they're feeling, especially since the last time our fans saw us, we were getting our tails kicked," Burrow said. "But people shouldn't be surprised to know we weren't

shocked by what happened in that one game. There was no yelling or fingerpointing on the sidelines against Colorado, and when we got back within 12 points, we were sure we'd win.

"That hasn't changed. But there's only so much you can do in terms of getting your confidence back without actually playing a game."

Coaches pull all manner of motivational stunts to instill an us-against-the-world mentality in their teams. In that respect, Solich has been handed a free pass. Ever since the Cornhuskers leaped over Colorado and Oregon to land the No. 2 spot in the BCS rankings, he hasn't had to make anything up.

But here's the funny part: Nebraska-Miami is anything but a mismatch.

The Hurricanes have been vulnerable away from home, and you can't get much farther from the Orange Bowl than all the way on the other side of the country. Miami hasn't defended well against the run — and option running attacks in particular — and nobody runs the option better than Nebraska. They've won the same number of games, but Nebraska

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"Quincy is ahead of my expectations — and I have a habit of thinking big," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We think Quincy is developing. We know he's going to make some mistakes because of his inexperience, but he's doing a good job."

One thing the Cowboys wanted to find out this season was if Carter had the potential to be the long-term answer at quarterback. The answer may be coming, albeit later than expected.

Carter was sidelined by a thumb injury after the season opener. After his return Oct. 7 at Oakland, he tore his left hamstring and missed six more games.

Carter refused to call the

victory over the 49ers his breakthrough game.

"Everybody had a key game that gets them going. This may have been mine," Carter said. "But who knows? There are a lot of one-game career guys, and I don't want to be one of those guys."

Smith, who moved within 56 yards of his 11th straight 1,000-yard season, talked about Carter's confidence and his improvement. He believes Carter has a chance to be a team leader for a long time.

"When you've got Emmitt Smith talking about him, he's made progress," Campo said. "No question, we feel good about the direction he is going."

The Cowboys end their season Sunday at Detroit (1-14), in their game that was

postponed following the September terrorist attacks.

It is one more chance for Carter to prove himself in a game before an offseason in which Campo fully expects Anthony Wright and Ryan Leaf — a loser in all three of his Dallas starts — to push for playing time.

Campo won't declare Carter the No. 1 quarterback, but says Carter remains the focus — just as he has been since being declared the starter following the release of Tony Banks during training camp.

"He has done nothing but add more coins to the pot. At this point, I couldn't say anything negative," Campo said. "That was a decision we made at the beginning of the year, and he's done nothing to take that away."

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to go. Ohio State got the ball back on its 11 with 3:56 to play and Bellisari was magnificent. He went 6-of-6 for 86 yards, tying the game on Sanders' 9-yard catch.

Then with a chance to win after Cie Grant intercepted Petty with 1:12 left, Bellisari's long pass was picked off by Brown, whose twisting, cutback 37-yard return set up Weaver's winning kick.

Cotton Bowl

No. 10 Oklahoma 10, Arkansas 3

Although they weren't playing in the Rose Bowl, the Oklahoma Sooners sure showed a national championship-caliber defense.

The No. 10 Sooners tied a school record with nine sacks and Rocky Calmus made 11 tackles and recovered a late fumble, leading Oklahoma over Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

The Sooners (11-2), who might have been able to defend their national championship with a better offense, didn't get much this time, either — only a 1-yard touchdown run by Nate Hybl in the first quarter and a 32-yard field goal by Tim Duncan to open the second half.

But the OU defense made that lead seem insurmountable. The Razorbacks (7-5) gained only 50 yards on 55 plays and made just six first downs, two by penalties.

Hybl set a Cotton Bowl record with 24 completions, most on short passes. He finished 24-of-32 for 175 yards.

Oklahoma's sacks, which cost Arkansas 55 yards, were its most in a bowl and matched the most in any game. Roy Williams, Jimmy Wilkerson and Brandon Moore each had two sacks. Williams had only two all season while Moore had none.

Gator Bowl

No. 24 Florida State 30, No. 15 Virginia Tech 17

Bobby Bowden matched Bear Bryant's victory total, leading No. 24 Florida State past No. 15 Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

The victory extended to 16 Bowden's unbeaten streak in bowl games that don't decide the national championship, and gave quarterback Chris Rix and the Seminoles a solid finish on what has been a year for learning.

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played a tougher schedule and slipped up only against a Colorado team that closed out the regular season playing better than anybody.

"They might be telling themselves they don't have anything to lose, but they have the same stake in this that we do — a shot at the national championship," Miami assistant coach Rob Chudzinski said. "None of the hype going in matters. Once the game starts, there's no difference between us and them."

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Rix, a redshirt freshman almost benched by Bowden during the year, made the play of the day when he wrist-flicked a pass that Javon Walker turned into a 77-yard touchdown to give the Seminoles the lead for good.

The pass, which came as Rix was being leveled by a Hokies blitz, sparked a 17-point fourth quarter that allowed the Seminoles (8-4) to put the Hokies (8-4) away, much like they had done in the 1999 Sugar Bowl.

Citrus Bowl

No. 8 Tennessee 45, No. 17 Michigan 17

Casey Clausen helped end No. 8 Tennessee's bowl slump, and No. 17 Michigan couldn't do anything to stop him.

Clausen threw three

touchdown passes and ran for two more Tuesday in the Volunteers' romp over the Wolverines in the Citrus Bowl.

Clausen who completed 26 of 34 passes for a career-high 393 yards, threw two touchdown passes to Kelley Washington and connected on a 64-yarder with Jason Witten for Tennessee (11-2). During one stretch in the second half, he completed 10 straight passes.

Travis Stephens scored a 3-yard touchdown run, and Alex Walls had a 32-yard field goal to complete the wipeout of Michigan (8-4).

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- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc. will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays, except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; group entries, systems or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends and relatives names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. IRENE PITCOCK, Independent Administratrix of the Estate of BILLY RAY PITCOCK, Deceased 3413 January 2, 2002

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

RE: AMENDMENT OF THE 10-ACRE EXEMPTION RULE FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES FOR A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN HOWARD COUNTY.

A public meeting will be held in conjunction with the JANUARY COMMISSIONERS COURT meeting on

JANUARY 14, 2002 10:00 A.M. COMMISSIONERS COURT HOWARD COUNTY COURT HOUSE

to discuss amendment of rules for SEPTIC SYSTEMS in Howard County concerning 10ACRE EXEMPTION FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES IN HOWARD COUNTY.

George Franklin OSSF Designated Representative for HOWARD COUNTY #3412 Dec. 30, 2001 and Jan. 2, 2002.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 3:

You will have a good time nearly anywhere you go this year. Others gravitate toward you. You enjoy the people in your life even more. As a result, you express your gentler side. Learn more about finances and investments. This interest becomes a hobby of major significance, as long as you don't invest your life savings. If you are single, you will have your pick of friends and suitors. A new "playmate" enters your life, perhaps through a course or a trip. If you are attached, plan a special long-distance trip. The two of you bond even more tightly in a different setting. VIRGO understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Opportunity strikes out of the blue. Someone provides you with a warm welcome. Refresh your relationship by spending lunch or dinner with this person. Great ideas develop during friendly discussions in the next few weeks. Re-organize travel plans or your schedule. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your efforts are met with approval and applause. Express your ideas 100 percent, with full confidence that you will be well-received. Your words carry a nearly magical

overtone. At the moment, your kindness and creativity work as a magnet in all realms. Tonight: Don't get caught up in someone's mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Deal with fundamentals and basics right now. You might be tempted to spend or indulge someone. Your upbeat behavior creates excellent results. Break past traditional elements. Your efforts help you make a good impression right now. You hit the bull's-eye! Tonight: Hang close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Speak your mind. You might want to review an important matter or two with those who work with you. If funding appears to be a problem, brainstorm away with those you respect. Good ideas occur through respecting others' ideas. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your instincts guide you with an investment that might involve co-workers or an independent venture. Your gut feeling suggests which way to go. Follow through, listening to your inner voice. Don't gamble with an emotional situation. Tonight: Balance your checkbook first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Reaching out for others, scheduling meetings and pushing a venture ahead please you to no end right now. Success occurs through your avant-garde thinking and your ability to

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get the job done. A child or loved one shares with you more of what's happening. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You decide on a low profile while you handle some very important matters. Words do not speak as clearly as actions. Remain sure of yourself and avoid tossing out ideas. Let your imagination lead you. Add that extra spark to a personal relationship. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Aim for what you want, and success becomes you. Review a situation carefully. Reach out for someone. If making a choice, detach and assume the high road. Spend time with family in an animated discussion. Pressure builds financially. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Stay on top of your work, but also understand just how much you can handle. One-on-one relating pushes you in a new direction. Financial options open up slowly. Suggest different ideas. Expenses easily go out of whack. Pressure builds quickly. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Information comes forward that encourages you to make an adjustment. Think in terms of gain and a different type of thought pattern. Don't allow your mood to interfere with relationships or

work. Join in on someone's convivial mood. Tonight: Think through your responses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Deal with each person today as if he or she is the most important person in your day. You'll find that others respond and the sense of cooperation grows within your workplace. A child or family member responds to your inquiries. Speak your mind. Tonight: Don't worry if a friend does a reverse flip.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Consider your priorities involving work and a new direction. Allow someone to open doors. Your playfulness comes out with both friends and loved ones. Start sharing your more internal thoughts. Others welcome your feedback. Understanding takes you far. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

BORN TODAY Author J.R.R. Tolkien (1892), missionary Father Damien (1840), Roman orator Cicero (106 B.C.E.)

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Frugality not necessarily considered tacky

Dear Ann Landers: I'm writing about the 45-year-old daughter who was upset because her mother took home leftovers when they ate out. I am guilty of the same "tackiness," but I feel terrible if I waste perfectly good food, and restaurant servings are often too large. I grew up during the Depression — a dime ice-cream soda was a luxury — so to me, a leftover filet mignon is a huge treat.



ANN LANDERS

We all have our peculiarities to save a few nickels. President Franklin D. Roosevelt sharpened his Gillette razor blades on a glass to make them last longer. Billionaire oil tycoon J. Paul Getty washed his underwear in the bathroom wash basin to save on laundry bills. The list goes on and on. — A String Saver in West Virginia

Dear West Virginia: And add to the list Ann Landers, who uses old envelopes for scratch paper. Thanks for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a grade-school teacher, and I think parents have forgotten their job when it comes to preparing their children for school. May I please use your column to give them some reminders?

It is the job of the parents to make sure their child comes to school clean, fed, dressed and on time.

It is the job of the parents to make sure their child comes to school prepared with books, paper, pencils and other supplies.

It is the job of the parents to make sure the child completes all homework assignments.

It is the job of the parents to teach their child respect, courtesy, responsibility and good manners.

What does the teacher do? It is the teacher's job to prepare your child academically and provide a good foundation for future educational growth. It is the teacher's job to provide challenging and interesting assignments and projects.

It is very hard for me to do my job when children show up late, without supplies or homework and with a poor attitude. I do

not get paid enough to be a mother to all these children. Parents, please, do your job so I can do mine.

Teacher in the Midwest

Dear Teacher: Thanks for sitting in my chair today. Parents, pay attention!

Dear Ann Landers: I have been engaged to "Homer" for seven long years. We finally set a wedding date for this May. We want our wedding to be special, not just for us, but for all the people who have supported us through the years.

Within two months of announcing our wedding date, my cousin told me she is getting married in March. A close friend announced her wedding date is one week before mine. My brother now plans to be married at the end of April. Many of our mutual friends and relatives live out of state. Since our wedding will be the last one of this group, I'm afraid many guests from out of town won't want to travel so much in such a short period of time, and Homer and I will be the ones who lose out.

I want to be happy for all these engaged couples, but instead, I am depressed. Was it inconsiderate of them to plan their weddings so close to ours? Should we postpone our festivities? I am more than a little upset about this and would appreciate some word from you. — Feeling Double-Crossed in Virginia

Dear Double-Crossed: Your anger is justified. These people made their wedding plans with no consideration of what else was on the calendar. Go ahead with YOUR plans, and don't be concerned about what is cooking in someone else's pot. Send the out-of-town relatives a letter well in advance, notifying them of your upcoming wedding and asking them to save the date.

That should take care of it.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I adopted our son when he was 6 weeks old. We decided not to tell "Johnny" that he was adopted because we wanted him to feel secure. When the boy was 9 years old, my husband and I divorced. I then became more determined than ever to keep this information from him. I thought I would tell him about the adoption when he

was older and more self-assured, but it seemed that the time was never right.

Johnny is now 31 years old, married, and has a beautiful family.

*I have since married a lovely guy who has children from a previous marriage.

My stepson, "Mitch," and his wife kept urging me to tell my son about his adoption, but I refused. Two months ago, Mitch got drunk at a family party and blurted out the information to Johnny. He accepted the news with grace, however, I am still furious with Mitch for sticking his nose where it didn't belong.

Mitch insists he did nothing wrong because Johnny "had the right to know." I can never forgive Mitch for ignoring my wishes and depriving me of the opportunity to tell my son in my own way. I can no longer bear to be around Mitch and told him so. Yesterday, his wife called and asked me to return all the family pictures she had given us. How can I get over this hurt? — Torn in the Northeast

Dear Northeast: Time will do its work. Be patient. While you have every reason to be angry with Mitch, I hope you will find it in

your heart to forgive him. Extend the olive branch at an upcoming family get-together, and hope it will be accepted. It serves no purpose to hold a grudge.

Your letter is especially valuable because it provides me with the opportunity to tell my readers once again that adopted children should be told as early as 3 or 4 years of age that they were chosen — which makes them special. This information should NOT be delivered by outsiders, as you have now learned the hard way.

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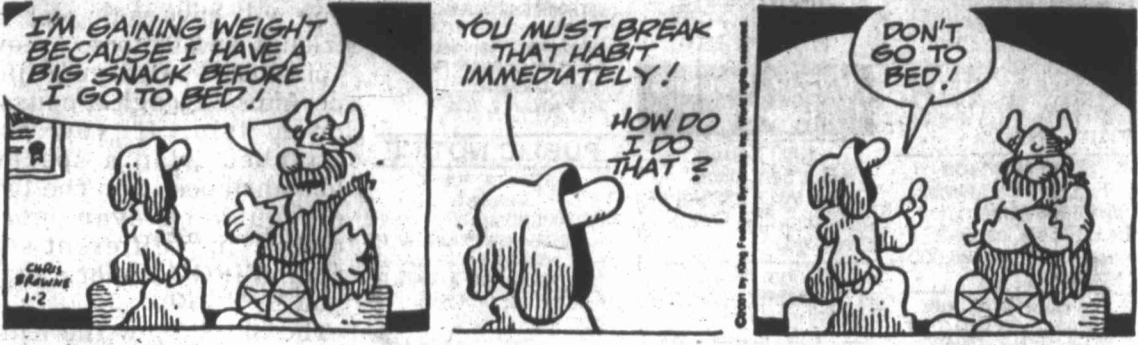
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2002. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date: In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain surrendered to King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agree-

ment on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported \$400,000.

In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour (however, federal speed limits were abolished in 1995).

In 1991, Sharon Pratt Dixon was sworn in as mayor of Washington, D.C., becoming the first black

woman to head a city of Washington's size and prominence.

Five years ago: Rain and melting snow swamped the West, trapping visitors in Yosemite National Park, closing casinos in Reno, Nev., and forcing the evacuation of 50,000 Californians.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anna Lee ("General Hospital") is 89. Former television evangelist Jim Bakker is 63. Actress Wendy Phillips is 50. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is 41. Movie director Todd Haynes is 41. Actress Tia Carrere is 35.

Newsday Crossword

WHAT'S THE FREQUENCY? by S. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
1 Adam's second son
5 asst. (office aide)
10 Poison-ivy symptom
14 Strauss of jeans fame
15 Orange Bowl city
16 Canyon sound effect
17 Dart along
18 William Jennings
19 Elem. school auxiliaries
20 Often
22 Suffix for million
23 Portion of corn
24 Less-than-vital facts
26 Tennis great Borg
29 "Goodness!"
32 Gave a great review
33 Poet Mark Van
34 Naval noncom. Abbr.
37 Occasionally
40 Not at all ruddy
41 Eam
42 Give a speech
43 Employee rewards
44 Goes for the gold
45 Parting words
48 Ancient
49 Informal talk
50 Seldom
57 Swearing-in
58 One way to cook chicken
59 Cairo's river
60 Hard journey

- 61 Muscat resident
62 Narrative
63 Poi source
64 Princess of India
65 Young Kane's toy
DOWN
1 Romeo
2 Telephone inventor
3 Like Lecter
4 Trash-on-floor thrower
5 Traffic-light color
6 Gossip, so to speak
7 "Is it OK?"
8 Muslim official
9 Good score in blackjack

- 10 Fix, as a TV
11 Penultimate part of Macbeth
12 Puppeteer Lewis
13 Biblical prophet
21 Apartment-building worker
25 With no apparent pattern
26 Create, as 27 Down
27 Coffee
28 Pizzeria appliance
29 Aromas
30 Comic Mandel
31 Fields' exclamations
34 Number two son's surname

- 35 Folk singer Seeger
36 Change for a five
38 Herb, to Dagwood
39 Pitchfork relatives
43 Abstract artist Mark
45 Patton star
46 Tara surname
47 Teen's farewell
48 Kukla colleague
51 First word of The Aeneid
52 Colorful horse
53 Eat in style
54 Perfume bottle
55 Vogue rival
56 Yellow-fever conquerer

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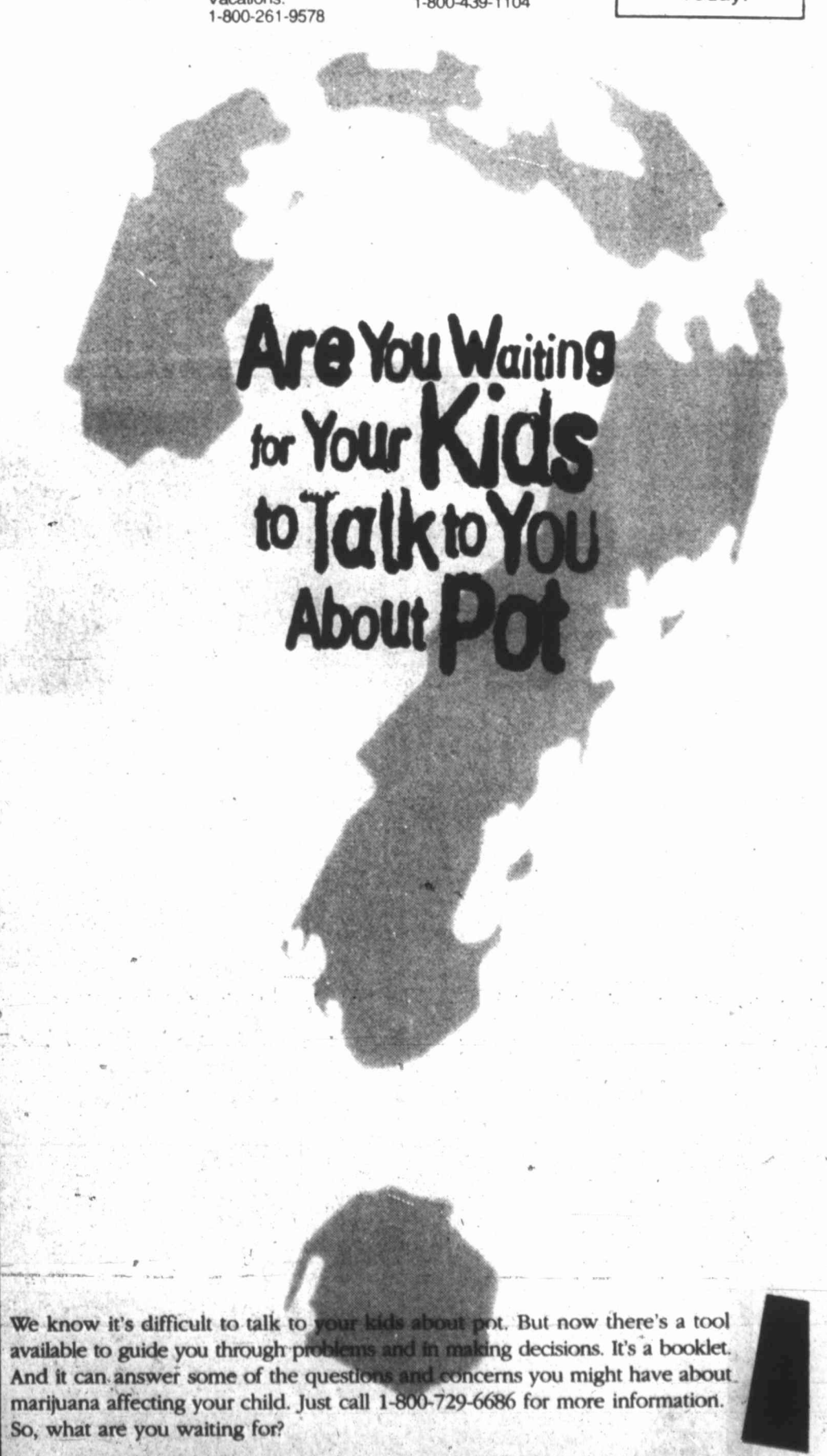
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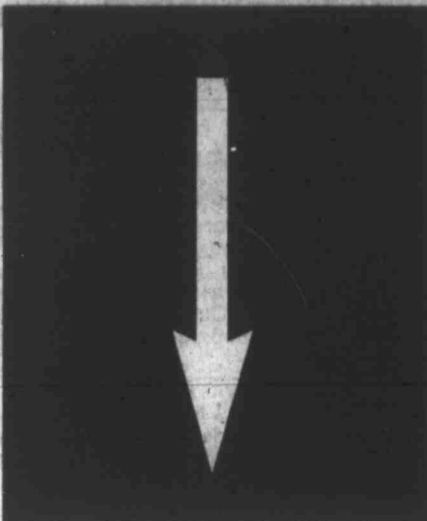
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