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## Tickets for chamber event on sale now

Tickets for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet are now available at the chamber office.

"The banquet is not just for chamber members, but is open to the public," said Debbye Valverde, chamber executive director.

The event draws an average of 400 people each year and is set for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Dress is business casual and the meal will be a hot dog and hamburger supper.

Admission to the banquet is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 11 or younger. For more information, call 263-7641.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**  
 □ 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.

**FRIDAY**  
 □ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.  
 □ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY**  
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.  
 □ Dance at the Eagles Lodge, 8:30 p.m. 704 West Third. Everyone welcome.  
 □ Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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## Local experts: Community could support theater group

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer  
 Act up, Big Spring or at least - let's act!  
 That's what Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle and Big Spring High School theater teacher Zane Harwell hope will happen if Big Spring develops a community theater.  
 "There is a demand for it here," said Harwell. "The audience involvement and support we had for our (high school production of 'She Left Her Heart in Texas') melodrama was

tremendous. People were excited not only for the production but the number of individuals involved."  
 Grizzle agrees. For the past few years, the Howard College instructor has directed a number of plays involving community actors including "A Christmas Carol," "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,"



GRIZZLE

and the past two Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce dinner theaters.  
 "The last two dinner theaters in the summer have sold out," said Grizzle. To establish such a program needs people from the community to volunteer, both said.  
 "We need someone from the community who wants



HARWELL

to see this happen," Grizzle said.  
 Harwell and Grizzle are looking for people who are willing to establish a community theater board. Both theater teachers are willing to help, but neither feels they should lead the project because a community theater needs to be just that.  
 Both feel that if one or the other leads the board, the community theater will be connected to their principal employment. Howard College or the Big Spring school district, and not with the community.

The success of the project does not depend on finding talent; both Grizzle and Harwell say the community has a number of talented people. Nor does the size of the town limit the possibilities of the program.  
 Harwell pointed out that Lamesa, a smaller town than Big Spring, not only has a community theater but also a building to house its productions.  
 "The largest obstacle is not finding people or support, the largest obstacle is that it has never been done before," Harwell said.

## As mercury rises, water lines crack

### City says replacement program easing burden for long term

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer  
 City of Big Spring utility employees had their hands full this morning chasing down three water main breaks reported throughout the city.

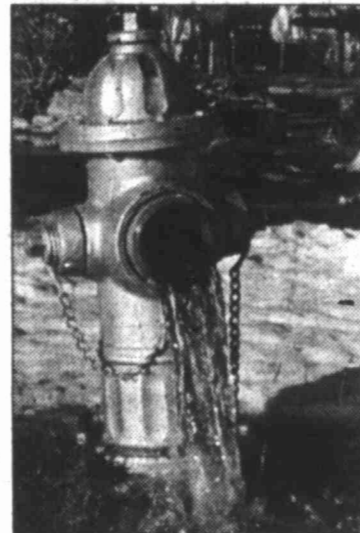
A 12-inch water main break located at the intersection of Goliad and F.M. 700 was expected to cause some minor traffic problems for those going into and out of the Highland area for several hours today, said Jim Piper, distribution and collection supervisor for the city.

Businesses and organizations in the area including Fiesta Dodge, Displays of Splendor and the Miracle Revival Church are expected to be without water service until midnight today, Piper said, adding that he expected to have service to other impacted areas restored in a couple of hours.

Earlier, city employees worked to fix a break in the 900 block of east 14th and were responding by press time to another break in the area of Swords and Rackley near the Vietnam Memorial.

Piper said he does not know if this is the beginning of a deluge of main breaks as temperatures warm.  
 "Last time it snowed I expected us to get hit pretty hard but we only had five main breaks," he said. "Lots of people think that the pipes break because they freeze. They are too far down in the ground for that."

Ground movement is the cause for most breaks in this situation, Piper said. As the ground freezes it contracts putting pressure on the pipes. Older pipes are especially vulnerable to such pressure. As the temperatures warm the ground relaxes and breaks begin to



Above, city of Big Spring employee Mickey Lopez was working this morning to fix a water main break in the 900 block of east 14th. At left, employees let a fire hydrant run to purge the water lines impacted by the break. City distribution and collection employees worked on three water main breaks this morning with the possibility of more as temperatures rise from the most recent cold snap.

Development Director.  
 Piper estimates from Dec. 24, 2000 to Jan. 4, 2001, city employees were sent scurrying to fix about 200 water main breaks after the area began to warm from several days of below freezing weather.

The Crossroads area has seen relatively few days so far this winter with below-freezing temperatures.  
 Darden also said last year the city began to focus on replacing the old lines where the most water breaks occurred and those that impact the largest area of service.

To report a water line break, citizens can call the city of Big Spring Utilities Department 24-hour service at 264-2392.

## Last day brings out two new filers to join races

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer  
 Two people filed to run for Howard County offices Wednesday, bringing the final total of county candidates up to 16.

Perry W. Gamble, a Big Spring realtor, filed with Republican Party Chairman Dwain Fox to face incumbent Jerry Kilgore of Jerry's Barbers for county commissioner in Precinct 2 in the March 12 primary election. The candidate chosen in that election will face Jerry Crawford (D) of Quality Truck Tires in the general election in November.

Larry Witkowski, a Forsan truck driver, also filed with Fox to seek reelection as constable in Precinct 3. County commissioners appointed Witkowski to the post last month to complete an unexpired term.

The new filings bring the total to 12 Republicans and four Democrats seeking office.

The Republican primary will feature the only contests for candidacy. Along with the Precinct 2 commissioner contest, Republicans will have to choose a candidate for commissioner in Precinct 4 and for justice of the peace in Precinct 1, Place 2.

In Precinct 4, either Roy Don Beauchamp of Vision Makers Leisure Products or Walter H. Brumley Jr. of the Brumley Group Inc. electrical contractor service will face incumbent Gary Simer (D) of Ponderosa Nursery in November for

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## Secret to being prepared for voting? It's in the cards

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer  
 Every two years, county voting officials statewide send out new voter registration cards and it's that time again. This time voters will swap their now-familiar yellow cards for orange ones.

"Every two years, we send out new voter registration cards, and they change the color each time," said Deputy Voter Registrar Saundra Bloom.

Bloom said the change in color is intended to let voting officials see at a glance whether a person has a registration card from the correct batch.

The color isn't the only change on the cards, Bloom said.

"The city council district isn't going to be included with the county precinct voting location number any more," she said.

In the past under "Precinct Number" the cards have born a four-digit number. Three of the numbers represented the county voting location, while the

fourth was the city council district number, Bloom said.

The city council and school board district numbers will still be listed on the card, but in a clearly-marked section of their own.

Bloom said her office will mail 16,619 of the cards this year, up from 14,455 two years ago. The increase is not due to added population, Bloom said, but to the county correcting more than 2,000 addresses on their list since the last mailing.

"Last time, nothing with a 'route' number went out," she said. "This time, we got the 9-1-1 addresses for those people and corrected a lot of those."

Bloom said she hopes to mail the cards by Friday.

"If they don't receive their card by the end of next week they may want to call and see about their status," she said.

Bloom urges voters to examine their cards closely, both for mistakes and to acquaint themselves with any changes in their voting

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precincts.

"South of Big Spring on 87, everything east of 87 is now in Precinct 2," she said. "Precinct 1 has moved southward in town. Those are the major changes."

Anyone who receives a card for a deceased person or for a person no longer living at their address should return the cards to the

Howard County Tax Collector's Office in the Howard County Courthouse Annex, across Main Street from the courthouse.

People wanting to vote in the March 12 primary election must register and correct any mistakes on their registration card by Feb. 11, said County Clerk Donna Wright.

Early voting for the primary will be Feb. 25 through March 8.

Runoff primary elections, if necessary, will take place on April 9 with early voting April 1 through 5.

For more information about the new cards, call the Tax Collector's Office at 264-2232.

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OBITUARIES

Mary McCurdy

Graveside funeral service for Mary McCurdy, 84, of Stanton will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at Evergreen Cemetery. Mrs. McCurdy died Wednesday, Jan. 2, at a Midland hospital. She was born Jan. 22, 1917, in Comanche. She had come to the Stanton community in 1989 from Harlingen. Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Webb of Stanton and Jo Ann Springer of Henderson, Nev.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Elsie C. Rodgers

Graveside funeral service for Elsie C. Rodgers, 74, of Big Spring will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Mrs. Rodgers died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at a local nursing home. She was born on Feb. 13, 1927, in Seymour and married Lewis C. Rodgers in 1954 in Lovington, N.M. She had lived in Big Spring since 1954 and had worked for the Big Spring School District in the cafeteria. She was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, Lewis C. Rodgers of Big Spring; one brother, Bill Smith of Denver, Colo.; and one sister, Olie Stone of Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch 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. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interments will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. 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. She was a member of the



Church of Christ. 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.npwlch.com

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the commissioner's seat. For the JP's office, Kathryn Wiseman of the Howard County road commissioner's office faces David Mohn, Big Spring Police detective, in the primary. The candidate will run unopposed in the general election. Incumbent Marilyn Carson is not seeking re-election. Other candidates include: County Judge — Incumbent Ben Lockhart (R) will run unopposed. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 1 — Quail Dobbs (R) will run unopposed. County Clerk — Donna Wright (D), incumbent, will run unopposed. County Treasurer — Incumbent Teresa Thomas (R) will run unopposed. County Surveyor — Incumbent Michael McBrayer (D) will run unopposed. 118th District Clerk — Colleen Barton (R), chief deputy district clerk, is unopposed in her bid for the position. Incumbent Glenda Brasel is not seeking re-election. Constable Precinct 4 — Robert Morgan (R), self-employed, will run unopposed.

Prosecutors claim an actor in 'Kandahar' is an assassin

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — An actor in the movie "Kandahar" is also an assassin who killed an Iranian dissident in suburban Washington in 1980 and then fled to Iran, a prosecutor says. Hassan Tantai, who plays a black American doctor in the film, is actually 51-year-

old Daoud Salahuddin, born David Belfield, said Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler. "We are very confident that they are one in the same," Gansler said. "He's a terrorist, he's a fugitive and he's a confessed assassin." "Kandahar" has been shown at film festivals worldwide and won two awards at the prestigious Cannes festival. With its suddenly timely theme of the Taliban's rule in Afghanistan, it opened in New York theaters on Dec. 14 and debuted in the rest of the country Friday. Directed by Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf and filmed in the Iranian town of Niatak, near the Afghan border, "Kandahar" is the story of an Afghan journalist living in Canada who travels to Afghanistan to find her sister. She must cover herself with a burqa and pretend to be an Afghan wife for the trip into the fundamentalist, Taliban-ruled society. Along the way she meets Tantai, playing the role of an American-born doctor treating Afghan women. He wears a fake beard to satisfy strict Taliban rules, a prop that he eventually takes off to show his full face. Gansler said he has "conclusive" information that proves Tantai is actually Salahuddin, but won't comment further because the case is still technically open. There is no statute of limitations on first-degree murder cases, he said. Makhmalbaf said he chooses his actors from "crowded streets and barren deserts" and does not know if Salahuddin and Tantai are the same person. "I never ask those who act in my films what they have done before, nor do I follow what they do after I finish shooting my film. 'Kandahar' is no exception," he said in a statement. Prosecutors say Salahuddin, who had converted to Islam as a young man, pulled up to former Iranian diplomat Ali Akbar Tabatabai's home in July 1980 in a postal truck that he borrowed by bribing a friend. He wore a mailman's outfit to get past tight security at the home and hid a gun inside a package. When Tabatabai came to the door, Salahuddin fired off three shots and then fled, officials said. Tabatabai died later that day while Salahuddin escaped to Iran and shelter under the regime of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Tabatabai, the former spokesman for the Iranian embassy in Washington, was an opponent of Khomeini.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

In a 1995 interview with The Washington Post and ABC News in Turkey, Salahuddin said he was contacted by the Iranian agents shortly after Khomeini's Islamic revolution toppled Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in 1979, and asked if he would kill Tabatabai. He agreed in return for \$4,000 and a promise he would be sent to China for medical training.

BRIEFS

**THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

**MELANIE GAMBREL, OWNER OF** the Pet Connection, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has no insurance. Tests and treatments are required at M.D. Anderson Hospital. A fund to defray these costs has been set up at First Bank of West Texas located on FM 700. To make a donation call the bank at 267-1113 and ask for the Gambrel account.

**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.

**ELEVEN YEAR OLD** ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devastating neurological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech and physical therapy. His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance doesn't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur. An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his family has asked for help

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

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM

located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

POLICE

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

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 300 block of West 18th Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of East 14th Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of South Main Street.
- **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 300 block of West 18th Street and the 2200 block of Cecilia Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE BY FRAUD** was reported at Leonard's Prescription Pharmacy in the 300 block of South Scurry Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported

PICK 3: 9,0,5

LOTTO: 2,15,20,27,4

At Jiffy Car Wash in the 800 block of West Fourth Street. The burglar reportedly caused \$50 damage to the building by forcing open the side door and stole several items worth a total of \$30.

In the at The Office Building in the 700 block of South Gregg. Someone reportedly broke a side window causing \$300 damage before stealing electronic equipment worth \$100 and other items worth \$500.

FIRE/EMS

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

- 1:01 p.m. — 900 block of Goliad, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 10:13 p.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 34  
Wednesday's low 24  
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Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FLMA

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

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

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

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

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Marine search for Afghanistan's and the al-network found guns and other could be use officials say. Starting Mo 200 Marines se building comp Kandahar for Pentagon said. The operation U.S. efforts to al-Qaida netw former Taliban went undergro fall of Kandaha stronghold. O Wednesday i specifically a sure Taliban le Mohammed Osama bin alleged al-Qa mind. "To say that v forces that are ... going to loc two individuals correct." Rear Stafflebeem tol news confere Instead, American force dence that may lead to the capt and bin Laden. "We're castin ly wide net to gence," said S deputy directo tions for the Jo Staff. Other U.S. speaking on c anonymity, sa gence value of t found appear est.

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WASHINGTON — Enron's busines had the mark of shell game wi layers of confli est," says a s plans to subp ments as part investigation in gy company's ce Sen. Carl Lev chairman Governmental investigations tee, said his cor within weeks su uments from Er of directors, s agers and its au . At the same ti Governmental Committee will ing Jan. 24 int ernment regulat see the "red flag and protect in the company's who have lost millions of dolla stock plummete Enron Corp. bankruptcy De stock fell from a share a year than \$1. The Enron workers vented from se stock in their ment plan. Sen. Joseph D-Conn., the f tee's chairman Wednesday "a the truth, no hunt." But he out an exam Enron's relatio the Bush admin "We're going ever the search Lieberman saic conference, no Chairman Ker involvement in administration agenda last spr Lay was a pu tributor and fu Bush's preside pain. The Senate focus will be Securities and Commission, Energy Commission ulators did not problems and r about Enron's practices.

## Marines find documents, weapons in compound

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Marines helping search for leaders of Afghanistan's Taliban militia and the al-Qaida terror network found documents, guns and other items that could be useful, defense officials say.

Starting Monday, about 200 Marines searched a 14-building compound west of Kandahar for 29 hours, the Pentagon said.

The operation was part of U.S. efforts to eradicate the al-Qaida network and locate former Taliban rulers who went underground after the fall of Kandahar, their final stronghold. Officials said Wednesday it was not specifically an effort to capture Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar or Osama bin Laden, the alleged al-Qaida mastermind.

"To say that we have U.S. forces that are specifically ... going to look for these two individuals wouldn't be correct," Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem told a Pentagon news conference.

Instead, he said, American forces sought evidence that may eventually lead to the capture of Omar and bin Laden.

"We're casting a relatively wide net to build intelligence," said Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Other U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the intelligence value of the materials found appeared to be modest.

## Senate to investigate collapse of Enron

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enron's business practices had the mark of "a massive shell game with multiple layers of conflict of interest," says a senator who plans to subpoena documents as part of a broad investigation into the energy company's collapse.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee, said his committee will within weeks subpoena documents from Enron's board of directors, senior managers and its auditing firm.

At the same time, the full Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing Jan. 24 into why government regulators failed to see the "red flags" at Enron and protect investors and the company's employees who have lost hundreds of millions of dollars as Enron stock plummeted.

Enron Corp., filed for bankruptcy Dec. 2 as its stock fell from a high of \$90 a share a year ago to less than \$1. Thousands of Enron workers were prevented from selling Enron stock in their 401k retirement plan.

Ser. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., the full committee's chairman, promised Wednesday "a search for the truth, not a witch hunt." But he did not rule out an examination of Enron's relationships with the Bush administration.

"We're going to go wherever the search takes us," Lieberman said at a news conference, noting Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay's involvement in crafting the administration's energy agenda last spring.

Lay was a prominent contributor and fund raiser for Bush's presidential campaign. The Senate committee's focus will be on why the Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other regulators did not foresee the problems and raise concern about Enron's business practices.



By BETTY DEBNAM

### What's Cool in Houston

## The Kids of 2001



To find out what was cool for the kids of 2001, The Mini Page selected as its survey school Mendel Elementary School in Houston. The survey teacher was Jackie Ridgeway. More than 260 kids took part.



Several kids from each of the classrooms at Mendel Elementary in Houston, Texas, pose with fourth-grade teacher Jackie Ridgeway. What fads can you spot?



Color in the state of Texas on the map.

Here's what the kids in Ms. Ridgeway's class wrote about their city:

"Welcome to Houston. We are the fourth-largest city in the United States. We are the home of the Rockets, Astros, Aeros and Texans. We are culturally diverse, with many museums, the opera, symphony, ballet and drama. Our city is very international, with people from every nation living here."

The Mini Page thanks the hundreds of teachers and kids who sent in their 2001 surveys.

### Favorite fads

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- Pokemon
- gel pens
- baggy pants
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- yo-yos
- in-line skates
- Heelys and Rollin' Runners (rolling shoes)
- Game Boy
- tank tops
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For the past three seasons, Marco Coleman has been one of the key members of the defense for the Washington Redskins. He plays defensive end.

Before joining the team in 1999, he played with the Miami Dolphins for four seasons and the San Diego Chargers for three seasons.

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- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 (16-ounce) can sliced peaches, drained

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- Pour cake batter on top.
- Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until cake is done.

### Meet Jamie Foxx

Jamie Foxx is the star of his own TV series, "The Jamie Foxx Show."

Jamie, 34, was born in Terrell, Texas. His real name is Eric Bishop. In high school he was on the football and basketball teams and played trumpet in the school band.

He studied music at U.S. International University in San Diego, Calif. One night he visited a comedy club and decided to perform on stage. After that night he decided to try being an actor and comedian. He moved to Los Angeles in 1991 and soon got work on a TV show.

He has a 6-year-old daughter, Corinne.

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Jackson: She witch-hikes!

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John: A sonic broom!

### Kids of 2001 TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of 2001 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: DAHL, PINK, BASKETBALL, CHRISTINA, SOSA, SABRINA, RICKY, SCOOTERS, SOCCER, BRITNEY, JETER, SKATEBOARD, CARTOONS, JORDAN, AMANDA, LOBEL.

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- Easter egg
- kite
- pea pod
- carrot
- ruler
- letter E
- lima bean
- ladder
- two number 8's
- lips
- pencil
- exclamation mark
- toothbrush

### Favorites from Houston and around the country

Underline the fads that are popular where you are.

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Other favorite authors:

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- Norman Bridwell
- Judy Blume
- Joanna Cole
- Beverly Cleary

Athletes:

- Hakeem Olajuwon
- Tiger Woods
- Ken Griffey Jr.
- Sheryl Swoopes
- Craig Biggio
- Michelle Kwan
- Tony Hawk

TV shows:

- "Powerpuff Girls"
- "Dexter's Laboratory"
- "Crocodile Hunter"
- "Johnny Bravo"
- "Dragon Ball Z"
- "The Simpsons"

### More favorites from around the country

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Time to make new choices in health care

Dr. Arthur Kellerman, chairman of the emergency medicine department at Emory University and co-chairman of an Institute of Medicine Committee that is studying health insurance coverage in the United States, tells the story of a woman he calls Donna, a middle-aged working mother who was brought to his emergency room in a coma after suffering a massive stroke, and died despite an all-out effort to save her. "In treating her, I learned she had stopped taking her blood pressure medicine two weeks before," Dr. Kellerman says. "Her blood pressure shot up, causing an artery in her brain to burst."

She had stopped taking her medicine because she was poor and uninsured, and had to choose between buying food for her kids or medicine for herself. Like most moms, she chose food, but she paid for her decision with her life.

Many Americans believe that, one way or another, uninsured people like Donna get needed medical care. But the fact is that the 40 million Americans without health insurance are less likely to receive medical care than those who are insured. And thanks to a soft economy and the aftershocks of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, some analysts expect that at least 6 million more Americans will lose their insurance by the end of this year.

The Institute of Medicine committee chaired by Dr. Kellerman found that the uninsured received fewer preventive services — things like mammograms, prostate cancer screenings, and regular checkups. They also get irregular care for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and high blood pressure, even though regular care can improve the quality of life, as well as prevent long-term disabilities and premature death.

One goal of the committee was to provide accurate information on the nature of the uninsured population, because most Americans are not well-informed on the subject. For example, most Americans believe that the uninsured are unemployed, when in fact, eight out of 10 work or are members of a working family. Also, most fail to realize how much geography matters. Some neighborhoods, counties, and states have far more uninsured people than others.

Contrary to popular opinion, relatively few workers are uninsured by choice. Only 4 percent of workers aged 18 to 44 are uninsured because they turned down health insurance at work, and even those usually do so only because they can't afford their share of the premium. The fact is that four times as many workers are uninsured because their employers don't offer health insurance as a benefit.

None of these people would be helped by the subsidies that Congress is considering for newly jobless workers who previously had benefits. For people of limited means, paying rent, utilities, and buying food often takes priority over health insurance. Lucky ones stay healthy and accident-free. Others, like Donna and her children, pay a terrible price.

"I've seen countless patients who waited so long to seek treatment for worrisome symptoms that they were critically ill by the time they did," Dr. Kellerman says. "Others returned to the hospital with a relapse because they couldn't afford the medicine I had prescribed."

Moreover, he notes, emergency room personnel across the nation struggle to arrange follow-up care for uninsured patients because many doctors and clinics are unable or unwilling to see them.

Living without health insurance is like driving without a seat belt. It's not a problem unless you crash. But no one can predict when a serious illness or accident that requires health insurance will happen. Nor can we foresee if or when we might become uninsured.

The nation must examine what is known about the consequences of being uninsured — not just for uninsured individuals and their families, but for entire communities, our health care system, our economy, and the nation as a whole.

Perhaps then we will be able to answer the question of why — in a country as rich as ours — people like Donna die prematurely. Dr. Kellerman says that the money his medical team spent in the fruitless effort to save her could have easily paid for the medicine and doctor visits she needed to stay healthy and productive for years to come.

"I believe that Donna died because of choices — hers and ours," he says. "It's time to make those choices and their consequences clear to every American."

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# They've gone too far this time

It's bad enough to get blown out of the sky, but to have some guy's smelly feet splattered all over you in the process is going one step too far. The quality of terrorists seems to be declining.

Of course, what really smells about the close call on American Airlines Flight 63 is the lax security of the airline's personnel at the airport in Paris. You don't need an investigation to figure out who had their heads someplace besides on their necks.

The first time the guy tried to board the flight, on a Friday, the airline people called the cops. No wonder. Here's a guy with a fresh British passport who says his name is Richard Reid while he looks like Osama bin Laden's younger brother. He wants a one-way ticket. And he's making a trans-Atlantic flight without any luggage. How many

more red flags do you need? None, for the personnel on duty Friday. They buzzed the French cops, and the French cops didn't allow him to board, although they did release him after questioning.

So this mope shows up one day later, carrying the same red flags: New passport, name that doesn't match his appearance, one-way ticket, no luggage. Only this time the airline ticket crew on duty apparently was too busy to notify the cops. Have a nice flight, the airline people said.

This guy was apparently intending to go to hell instead of Miami. How much of a difference there is in those places, I will leave it up to others to decide. Personally, I prefer Miami, even with the high prices and rude people on South Beach.

Picture this guy, all 6 feet 4 inches of him, hunched over in an airline seat trying to light a fuse sticking out of his shoe. If the potential consequences were not so serious, this would be slapstick comedy. As you know, attendants and passengers jumped the

guy and tied him to his seat, while the plane was diverted to Boston.

At this writing, authorities haven't gotten to the bottom of this, but he sounds more like a flake than a professional. A professional would not have been so conspicuous.

The really serious point is that tight security is never going to be maintained on a regular basis. The Israelis do it, but they have only one small airline to worry about. Given the number of airlines and airports and millions of travelers, all in a hurry, we are fooling ourselves if we think that security procedures and equipment can make us 100 percent safe.

The answer is to be watchful. Some airlines will do a better job of security than others. Fly on them. Some airports will do a better job than others. Avoid the ones with bad performances. I've always made it a point never to fly on an American carrier if I'm going overseas. We're on too many people's bad-guy lists right now. It's past time when we can just pick an airline and airport

simply on the basis of personal convenience.

And if you do travel overseas, avoid the usual American hangouts. Leave your flag pin and NYPD hat at home. Blend with the natives. I've never understood why anybody would take the trouble to go to France and then eat at McDonald's anyway. Don't linger in the airports. Shooting passengers before they take off is an old terrorist tactic.

And, finally, be selective as to which countries you visit. If the State Department or the British government (it's wise to check with both on the Internet) has issued travel warnings, heed them.

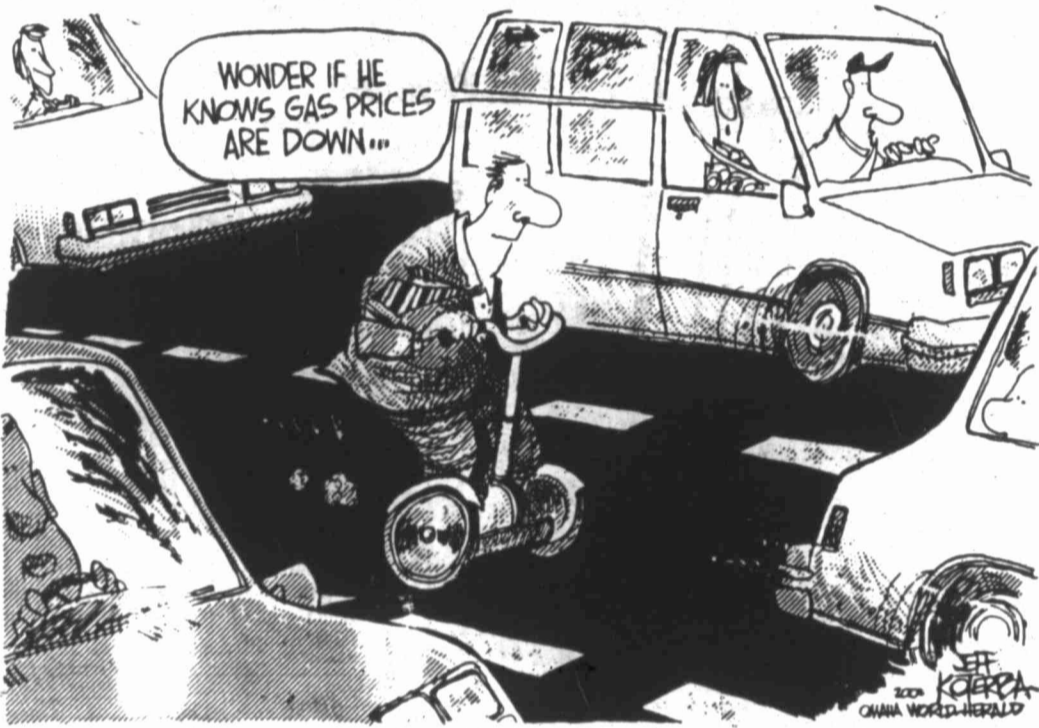
The government (any government) and security procedures will only do so much to ward off terrorists. It's best to rely on your own common sense, alertness and up-to-date information.

And beware of bin Laden look-alikes wearing thick-soled tennis shoes with fuses sticking out of them.

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## America's four best presidents

It is said that great events make great leaders. It is also said that great leaders shape great events. Either way, America's four best presidents were George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

Notably missing is Abraham Lincoln. Even though the oft-repeated mantra that he freed the slaves and saved the union is correct, the means employed resulted in the most costly war in American history.

Interesting-ly, Kennedy in his best-selling book "Profiles in Courage" gave Lincoln great credit, but when President Kennedy faced an even more daunting challenge — the prospect of thermonuclear war — he acted in a very different manner than the man he had so profusely praised.

Kennedy was truly the right person at the right time. He began weakly with the Bay of Pigs fiasco, but learned. A year later, when the Soviets placed nuclear missiles in Cuba, he was prepared. His advisors pressed for invasion, just as Lincoln's advisors had a hundred years earlier. But Kennedy chose a blockade, which he

euphemistically dubbed a quarantine because blockades are considered to be acts of war.

It is interesting to ponder what might have happened had Lincoln ordered a "quarantine" instead of an invasion. Certainly nothing would have been lost in the attempt, and it is likely that the upper South states — North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas — which had voted against secession, would have remained in the union. They might have been able to coax the seven seceding states back into the union. And slavery, already a dying institution, was reviled by increasing numbers of people throughout the nation. Lincoln even said that he was willing to keep the slaves in bondage if it would preserve the union.

Kennedy's "quarantine" worked because it bought time and demonstrated seriousness of purpose, while not giving up the option of invasion. Kennedy also instituted his famous tax cut that actually increased revenue to the federal coffers because it was economically stimulative. And it was Kennedy who launched America on the goal of placing a man on the moon, an effort that has led to untold numbers of new, life-changing technologies.

George Washington is on the list because he set precedents that were every bit as important as the law codified in the

Constitution. He refused a crown, and he refused to serve a third term. He put down the Whiskey Rebellion with almost no bloodshed by using a show of overwhelming force. He set the standards for the Cabinet and the executive branch, and he avoided foreign entanglements at a time when foreign entanglements were unnecessary to the welfare of the nation.

Theodore Roosevelt and his cousin Franklin Roosevelt dramatically improved the American form of democracy. Theodore by bringing those on the top rung of the economic ladder down through trust busting and Franklin by bringing the bottom up through economic safety nets. Franklin Roosevelt's exceptional wartime decisions included authorization of the Manhattan Project that led to development of the atom bomb and his prewar assistance to Great Britain, which was critical to the defeat of Hitler. His "stimulus packages" during the Great Depression were on track but insufficient. It took the giant deficit spending of World War II to end that economic tragedy.

Each of these presidents changed the course of history, not just for America, but also for the world, and the hallmarks of their administrations were restraint, courage and vision. In Theodore Roosevelt's words, they spoke softly and carried big sticks.



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**NBA**  
6:30 p.m. — Mavericks at Ne Knicks, FXS.

### IN BRIEF

#### Bass Club schedules first meeting of year

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday 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.

#### Rangers eye Japan for new pitcher

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers reportedly are among several major league clubs interested in a Japanese pitcher, left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii.

Ishii, 28, was 12-6 with a 3.39 earned-run average and 173 strikeouts in 175 innings for Japan Central League champion Yakult last season. It was the second straight season that Ishii ranked among the league's top eight in ERA.

The Dallas Morning News attributed the report to "several individuals familiar with the process."

General Manager John Hart, since being hired weeks ago, has made improved pitching his focus and has said he will scour the globe for help.

The Rangers need another starting pitcher for a projected rotation that would include right-handers Chan Ho Park and Dave Burba and left-handers Kenny Rogers and Doug Davis.

The Rangers also are considering outfielder So Taguchi, 31, who hit .280 for Orix and ranks among Japan's best defensive outfielders. Taguchi, who has been working out in Arizona, is considered a bench player.

Both players are free agents after playing 10 years in Japan. For the Rangers to add either player, they will have to buy negotiating rights.

Major League Baseball "posts" available Japanese free agents. A major league team that wants a Japanese free agent submits a bid for his negotiating rights. The highest bid wins exclusive negotiating rights, with the money going to the Japanese leagues.

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7 p.m. — Rose Bowl, Nebraska vs. Miami, ABC.

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7 p.m. — PGA Mercedes Championships, first round, ESPN.

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9 p.m. — New York Rangers at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN2.

##### NBA

6:30 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at New York Knicks, FXS.

## Woodson not sure if he's about to play last game for Dallas

IRVING (AP) — Darren Woodson isn't ready to get nostalgic about his 10 seasons with the Dallas Cowboys. He hopes there are more to come.

But the team's second career-leading tackler and former All-Pro safety doesn't know if he will be putting on his No. 28 Dallas jersey for the last time Sunday.

"Yeah, I'm thinking about it a little bit. It may be my last game here, it may not," Woodson said Wednesday. "To finish my career and retire as a Dallas Cowboy, that would be ideal."

Woodson, who becomes a free agent after this season, and Emmitt Smith are the only Cowboys left from the three Super Bowl titles in the mid-1990s.

The season ends Sunday when the Cowboys (5-10) play at Detroit in a game that was postponed from Sept. 15 after the terrorist attacks.

"There's only a handful of us still here. Not knowing what the situation is going to be after this season makes it tough," Smith said. "We need to have some guys here with veteran experience so we can continue to grow with that kind of experience around."

The Cowboys haven't approached Woodson about a contract extension, and the 32-year-old safety said he doesn't know what management will do. He knows he doesn't exactly fit into the team's youth movement.

"We haven't really talked. I don't want to talk until the season is over, and I'm sure they are the same way," Woodson said. "I would love to remain a Dallas Cowboy. If it doesn't work that way, I understand the business side of it."

Woodson has 123 tackles this season, his eighth with more than 100,

to rank second on the team behind linebacker Dat Nguyen's 159. The five-time Pro Bowler leads the team with three interceptions.

In his 10 seasons, he has played in 166 games — including the Cowboys' last 15 playoff games. His 1,170 tackles trail only Lee Roy Jordan (1,236) in team history.

But Woodson is one of only four Cowboys with at least 10 seasons in the NFL — the others being Smith, center Mark Stepnoski and tight end Jackie Harris. Of the 53 players on the active roster, 39 haven't played more than three seasons.

"He is a damn good football player, but he represents the organization better than anyone," said safety George Teague. "It would be a shame to let him go. He means that much to the organization."

The Cowboys have exclusive negotiating rights with Woodson until

March 1. Dallas vice president Stephen Jones said no timetable has been set to make a decision.

Woodson said he won't worry about his playing future until after Sunday.

"There are a lot of things that weigh into it. It's something I have to step back after the season's over and look back on it," he said. "But the fact of not being here, the Cowboys are my family ... it'd be tough to leave."

The Cowboys chose Woodson in the second round of the 1992 draft out of Arizona State. He returned to the stadium where he played in college for Super Bowl XXX on Jan. 28, 1996, and had a team-high 11 tackles as the Cowboys beat Pittsburgh 27-17.

Woodson also recovered a fumble in Super Bowl XXVII when the Cowboys beat Buffalo 52-17.



Florida coach Steve Spurrier, shown here being carried off the field after the Gators beat Alabama for the SEC championship in 1993, didn't get to put his team in tonight's NCAA championship game at the Rose Bowl, but the Gators dominated Maryland in Wednesday night's Orange Bowl game, piling up a 56-23 win.

## Florida literally rolls over Maryland, 56-23

MIAMI (AP) — Brock Berlin was decent. Rex Grossman was much better and speedy receiver Taylor Jacobs led a long list of talented players who could make any Florida quarterback look great.

Forced to watch from the sideline for the first 24 minutes of the Orange Bowl, Grossman again showed he belongs on the field Wednesday night. He led Florida to touchdowns on his first six drives, and the No. 5 Gators smashed No. 6 Maryland 56-23 on a record-setting night.

Grossman threw for 248 yards and four touchdowns. Jacobs caught 10 passes for 170 yards, both Orange Bowl records, and Steve Spurrier's quarterback shuffle turned into a stunning offensive highlight show.

"It looked like our wideouts were running past them pretty good," Spurrier said. "Defensively, we were the faster team."

Overall, the Gators unanimously agreed, Maryland (10-2) just didn't match up too well in its first bowl game in 11 years.

"I'm not proud of the way we played," said first-year Terps coach Ralph Friedgen, who led the surprising Terps to the Atlantic Coast Conference title. "I'm embarrassed. It's my fault. I'm embarrassed for the state of Maryland."

Jabar Gaffney caught two touchdowns passes for Florida (10-2), and tailback Earnest Graham ran for 149 yards and two scores. Florida gained 659 yards to break a 49-year-old Orange Bowl record, and the Gators showed they might, indeed, have the most talent in the nation.

But they won't be playing for the national title in the Rose Bowl due to a 34-32 loss to Tennessee on Dec. 1.

"I'll watch it with interest," Spurrier said. "But you can't look back. You never get them back. You just try to move on."

Jacobs caught two touchdowns passes — one from Berlin, one from Grossman. Surprisingly, some people thought Spurrier's decision to bench Grossman for missing curfew would be a distraction.

"It didn't feel any different," Grossman said of coming off the bench. "I tried to get in there, score as many points as possible and give the team some momentum for the second half. We got on a roll. The defense got the ball back to us quickly and we made some plays."

The Heisman Trophy runner-up entered to big cheers with 6:03 left in the second quarter and showed exactly how he earned the starting position and kept it through all 11 regular-season games.

There were too many highlights to count, but the second touchdown — both the drive and the scoring pass — were testament to how he became Florida's No. 1 quarterback.

He directed a six-play, 64-yard touchdown drive that started with 1:25 left in the first half. The scoring play was a perfect lob in coverage to Gaffney, a pass that only a quarterback with perfect knowledge of his receiver's capabilities would dare throw. It gave Florida a 28-10 lead.

"Rex gave us a nice lift," Spurrier said. "Brock hadn't played much. We wanted to see what he could do. Then, it was time to get Rex in there. Rex was sharp. He may have played his best game of the year."

ing transferring to Miami next season, went 11-for-19 for 196 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions, both the result of badly misjudged throws into double coverage.

His six drives to open the game produced two touchdowns and two interceptions, a bunch of nice passes and a handful of dreadful ones, and a slim 14-10 lead despite a prolific 224 yards in total offense.

He was noncommittal about returning to Florida next season. He'll probably redshirt if he does — Grossman finished the season so well, it's hard to imagine he'd have to fight for the job.

"Joe Montana would have backed up Rex this year," Berlin said. "He had a great year, and I just want to get into a situation where I have two good years. If I stay here, I'll take a redshirt. But I want to play like he has."

Gaffney finished with seven catches for 118 yards, but Jacobs was the best receiver on this night, and he was selected the game's Most Valuable Player.

"If somebody had told me I'd do this, I would have said there was no way in the world," he said. "But I woke up this morning, and I felt ready to play. I did stay in the bathroom to pray a little longer this morning. I'm sure that helped, but I never thought I'd do this."

His 10 catches equaled the record set by David Terrell of Michigan in the 2000 Orange Bowl. The 170 yards were 11 more than the record held by Alabama's Ray Perkins (1966) and Florida's Travis Taylor (1999).

## Finally, it's time to crown champ, maybe two even

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Huskers vs. Hurricanes in the Rose Bowl — what a way to finish college football's craziest season.

No. 4 Nebraska challenges No. 1 Miami in the national title game of the Bowl Championship Series on Thursday night, and the result will determine whether there will be one or two champions.

If the favored Hurricanes win, there's no debate. Miami (11-0) would finish as the nation's only unbeaten team and win its fifth national title, all since 1983.

Miami would collect trophies from the two polls that crown national champions, the AP media poll and the USA Today-ESPN coaches poll.

"Our goal is to win by one point," Miami rookie coach Larry Coker said, "and if we win by one point, we're the undisputed national champions."

If the Cornhuskers win, then No. 2 Oregon (11-1) would have a strong chance to become AP national champions when the sports writers and broadcasters cast their ballots.

The Rose Bowl winner is automatically crowned national champs in the coaches poll. The AP voters are not restricted in who they vote for in the final poll.

In both polls, Miami is first, followed by Oregon, Colorado and Nebraska. Oregon beat Colorado 38-16 in Monday's Fiesta Bowl.

The Huskers, beaten 62-36 by Colorado in their last game on Nov. 23, are ready to redeem themselves.

"We are very hungry for a victory," Huskers Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch said. "And we want to go out and prove to the whole world we're a better football team than we showed the last time we played."

All week here in L.A., Nebraska players and coaches fielded questions about whether they deserve to be in the Rose Bowl, which is playing host to the BCS title game for the first time since the series started in 1998.

"Yes, it's tiring answering the same question over and over again," Huskers coach Frank Solich said. "But we will be a team filled with confidence entering the national championship game."

Even Coker backed the choice of Nebraska. "It's ridiculous to criticize them for being here," he said. "This is the system we're using."

The Hurricanes won AP national titles in 1983, 1987, 1989 and 1991. They were edged out of last year's BCS title game by Florida State, a team they beat earlier in the season.

Nebraska hasn't lost two games in a row since 1990 and also is going for its fifth AP title. They won in 1970-71 and 1994-95. In 1997, Michigan was the AP national champion, and the

Huskers won in the coaches poll.

Only an extraordinary string of upsets allowed Nebraska to get here after its humiliating loss to Colorado. Oklahoma lost, then Florida, Texas and Tennessee, and Nebraska was back in the chase.

Miami and Nebraska have played three national title games, all at the Hurricanes' home field in the Orange Bowl. Miami won 31-30 in the '84 game and 22-0 in the '92 game; the Huskers won 24-17 in the '95 game.

"We've had a few tussles, Nebraska and us," Art Kehoe, Miami's longtime offensive line coach, said. "Once again, they are real good. They will be real physical. We're going to have to play our tails off and find a way to win."

The game could be another classic, matching Nebraska's power against Miami's speed.

As usual, the Huskers led the nation in rushing at 314.7 yards per game, while averaging 37.4 points. The Hurricanes were the nation's top defense, allowing just 9.4 points per game and coming up with 45 turnovers, 27 from interceptions.

Crouch is Solich's option genius, piling up 1,115 yards and 18 touchdowns rushing and 1,510 yards and seven TDs passing. I-back Dahrnan Diedrick chipped in with 1,299 yards and 15 TDs.

Miami will rely on its speed to stretch the option and force Crouch to pitch early. Huskers tackle Dave Volk says his team can counter by "wearing them down and playing mistake free. We need to hold onto them, sustain our blocks, play power football and get them tired of getting hit. That's our best chance."

Ken Dorsey, the Hurricanes' 6-foot-5, 200-pound junior, plans to be on target in his first game in his home state since high school.

"I never dreamed I would be playing in the Rdse Bowl," said Dorsey, who finished third in the Heisman voting after throwing for 2,652 yards and 23 TDs.

Dorsey has a ton of support, starting with running back Clinton Portis, who had 1,200 yards and 10 TDs. He may get more work than usual with the absence of injured fullback Najeh Davenport. Dorsey's top receivers are 6'6" tight end Jeremy Shockey and wide receiver Andre Johnson.

Several other Hurricanes will miss the game, including injured linebacker Chris Campbell and backup wide receiver Ethenic Sands, who was suspended for violating team rules.

Coaching history is in the making, too.

Coker can become only the second rookie coach to win a national title, joining Bennie Oosterbaan, who won at Michigan in 1948.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 4:**

You desire to be direct with others this year, but you must understand that your words often sound harsher than you intend. Bone up on your diplomatic style, and you'll succeed in making this a banner year. Express your feelings with understanding. Give others the space to answer and express themselves, too. You will often take the lead at work, helping co-workers and associates see the big picture. If you are single, you will draw many toward you because of your strong charisma. You form a key partnership later this year. If you are attached, your relationship will develop greater mutuality, especially this summer. Expect hot times! LIBRA pushes your buttons.

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)\*\*\* Throw yourself into your work. You'll find yourself entrenched in calming down an uproar or the "firestorms" that surround you. Think in terms of gain and opportunity. Catch up on news later in the day, both in and out of the office. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)\*\*\*\* Your playfulness could irritate someone when you don't mean to. You might have your hands full calming down someone. Speak your mind in a nice way. Communication becomes easier as the day grows older. Creativity flows. Listen to someone's suggestions. Tonight: Work late.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)\*\*\*\* Get down to the basics. Deal with a personal matter that might be tugging at you. Hot anger erupts from a boss or associate. Concentrate and focus. Someone's playfulness allows you to lighten up considerably toward the end of the day. Contact someone at a distance. Tonight: Flirt away.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)\*\*\*\* Reach out and communicate with others. New information that you need to integrate into your

schedule comes forward. Your smile helps someone who could be a bit angry or off the wall. Take time to have a discussion with a partner. Discuss your plans. Tonight: Happy at home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)\*\*\*\* Handle financial matters with your normal finesse. Your partner could give you a lot of flak about money decisions you make. Review your associate's ideas with respect, but also understand ultimately whose call this is. Communication opens up. Tonight: Frolic out the door.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)\*\*\*\* You draw controversy whether you intend to or not. Deal with someone's dissatisfaction head-on. Air out difficulties, especially if these issues impact your day-to-day life. Know that there is always an alternative as long as you remain open. Finances play into a decision. Tonight: Your treat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)\*\*\* Step back if you find that you easily lose your temper or are accident-prone. You might need more downtime for yourself. Learn to express your aggravation in a manner that someone can hear. Re-center and step forward later in the day. Tonight: Talk through a problem.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want. Allow your imagination to speak and use your creative insight. You might need to step back from a problem. Gain perspective through a discussion with a close friend or family member. Don't be intimidated by someone's temper tantrum. Tonight: Slow down.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\*\*\* Deal with work head-on, and you'll achieve a lot. Think in terms of gaining quickly. You find out the hard way that a family member is on the warpath. You might not easily put a halt to someone's behavior. Your communication excels and helps you head off a problem. Tonight: Join your pals.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)\*\*\*\* Knowing where

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you want to go could be instrumental in the choices you make. Your determination forces an issue. You do your own research as you seek the appropriate path. Don't get into a quarrel; rather, bypass it. Play it smart with your actions and words. Tonight: Leader of the pack.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)\*\*\*\* Deal with others on a one-on-one level, especially when it involves money matters. Not everything is as it seems. Remain optimistic and positive with a difficult associate. Through detachment and your intellect, you get what you want. Tonight: Take off ASAP!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\*\*\* You're reactive and strong-willed. In fact, without intending to, you could cause yourself a lot more flak than you anticipate.

Think in terms of gain and the long term, you might choose other words as a result. A discussion on a one-on-one level clears the air. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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**The lowly mule undeservedly maligned**

Dear Ann Landers: In a recent column, you described a man who was determined to have his own way as "stubborn as a mule."



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Sometimes I feel that 40 years of knowing each other is all we have in common. She has had 20 years of therapy and still doesn't have a clue about how to make her life meaningful. I am at a total loss as to how to deal with her. I know Louise is fragile, and I don't want to cut her off, but she really is becoming a load. Can you help? — Long-Suffering Friend in Virginia

Dear Long-Suffering Friend: Remember that old Ann Landers admonition: "Nobody can take advantage of you without your permission." Your strongest ally in this draining situation is silence. Simply do not respond to four out of five of her pestiferous messages. And when you do respond, do so in short sentences, making it clear that you are very busy and cannot be an attentive "communicator."

The best way for Louise to stop focusing on her own problems is to help others with their problems. Suggest that she get involved in volunteer work — nothing too demanding, mind you — perhaps once or twice a week at a hospital or community center. It could add something special to her life. Since you are retired, you might want to participate, too. Can't hurt. Might help.

The mule is the most underappreciated, maligned domestic animal in the country. Their service in the U.S. Army alone has earned them respect they have never been granted. More than 500,000 mules served the allied armies in World War I and II. Thousands of mules were killed in action. The American Legion considers those mules to be veterans.

You owe an apology to our long-eared servants. — John Hauer, President, Mule Riders of America, Moab, Utah

Dear John Hauer: I apologize to all the mules whose feelings I hurt by focusing on their alleged stubbornness. Little did I know that the American Legion considers them veterans. Thanks for enlightening me.

Dear Ann Landers: For 40 years, I have been friends with a woman who thinks of me as a sister. "Louise" was born with many physical problems. Her mother thought she would never live to be an adult and taught her to endure life rather than enjoy it. Louise grew up with no hobbies, no interests and very little enthusiasm for anything. She was fortunate to marry a kind man who loves her. They adopted a son and have a relatively normal life. Louise, however, is never content. She is totally dependent on her family and friends for happiness.

I recently took early retirement. Louise e-mails or phones every day, and asks that I keep her informed on my every move. She constantly complains about work, her husband, money and the stress of caring for her son.

Gem of the Day: The late, inimitable Erma Bombeck was a true original whose premature passing left a huge hole in the world of journalism. She was once asked, "Your marriage has lasted more than a quarter of a century. What is your secret?" Erma replied, "Actually, there is no 'secret.' I forgave my husband years ago for not being Paul Newman."

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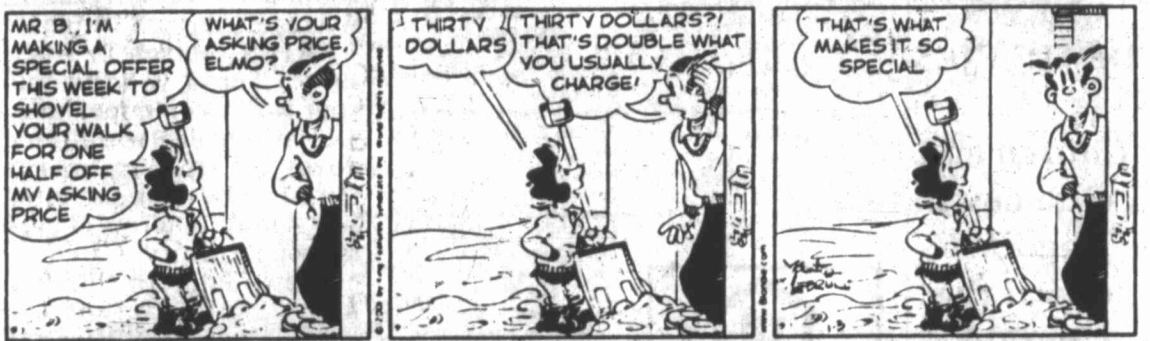


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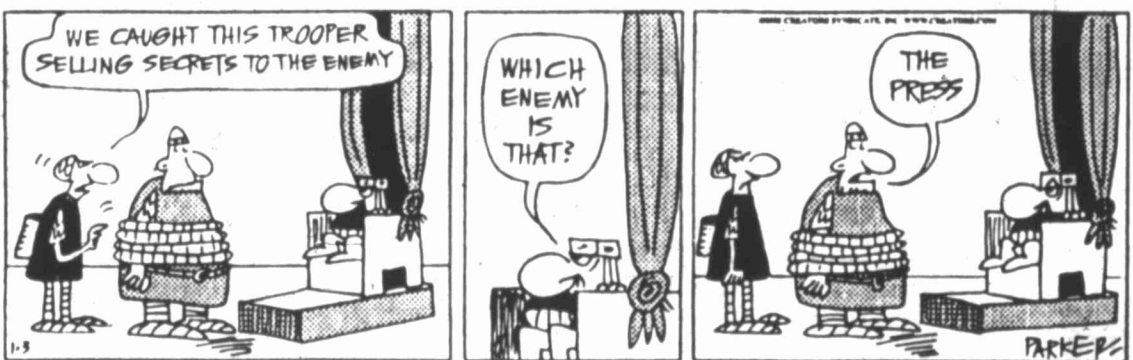
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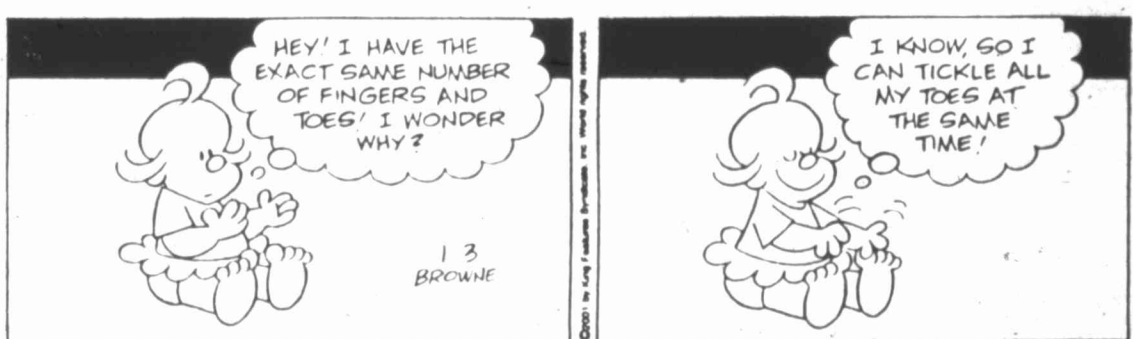
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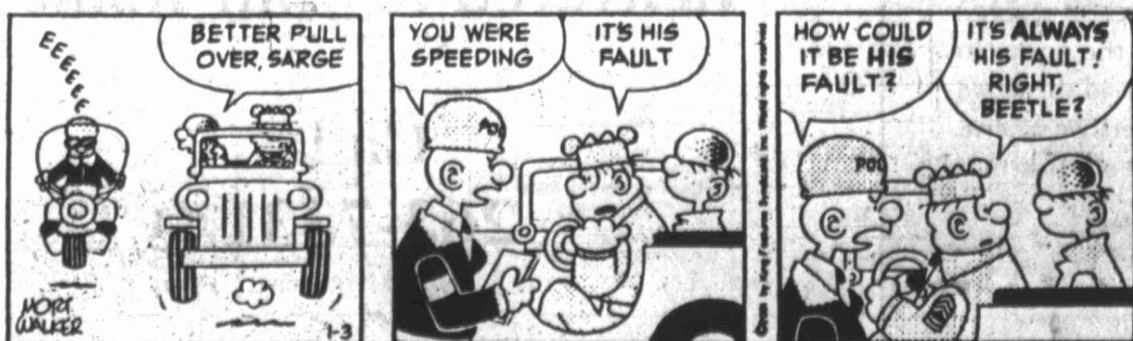
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2002. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as "shoguns."

In 1892, J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1938, the "March of Dimes" campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed a procla-

mation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 1993, President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.

In 2000, the last new daily "Peanuts" strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

Ten years ago: In California, police pursued a driver who had killed another motorist along Interstate 5 for more than 300 miles until the car ran out of gas in Westminster; the driver was shot to death after officers said he pointed a shotgun at them. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age closed above 3,200 for the first time, ending the day at 3,201.48.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. ambassador Vernon Walters is 85. Sportscaster Hank Stram is 79. Record producer Sir George Martin is 76. Actor Robert Loggia is 72. Actor Dabney Coleman is 70. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 66. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 63. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 59. Musician Stephen Stills is 57. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 56. Actress Victoria Principal is 52. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 46.

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Newsday Crossword

HARVEST TIME by Bob Frank Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Celestial bear, 5 "S" sound, perhaps, 10 Slightly, 14 Pottery oven, 15 Bowling lane, 16 Sported, 17 Broadcast, 18 Nurse Barton, 19 Back talk, 20 Advice to a better, 23 Language of Spain, 25 "So long!", 26 Mel of the Giants, 27 Schmaltz, 31 "So that's it!", 34 Writer Maxim, 36 Quaker pronoun, 37 Genesis garden, 38 Deduce one's drift, 41 Vivacity, 42 Botanic branches, 43 Peter of Casablanca, 44 Mil. award, 45 Aperture cover, 47 Thimble Theatre surname, 48 Refusals, 49 Country superstar, 51 Collect one's recompense, 55 Software test version, 57 Having wings, 58 A pop, 61 Ripening agent, 62 George of Just Shoot Me, 63 Sore spot, 64 Lobbing pitch, 65 Racing boat, 66 Take a bit off the top, 10 "Shucks!", 11 Military tenure, 12 Canine cry, 13 OED offering, 21 Take over, on the dance floor, 22 Bill, the Science Guy, 23 Slowed, with "down", 24 Some South Pacific spots, 28 Actor Hawke, 29 Throat clearers, 30 Nightclub performer, 31 Style of outdoor chair, 32 Son of William the Conqueror, 33 Actress Lansbury, 35 Neb. neighbor, 37 Brian of rock, 39 Encroach, 40 Omega's opposite, 45 Mauna, 46 Too, 48 Gets closer to, 50 Locales, 51 US 66 and others, 52 Actor Guinness, 53 Prego rival, 54 List-ending abbr., 55 Cave dweller, 56 Self-centeredness, 59 NL or AL city, 60 Haw's partner

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