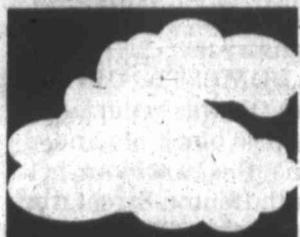


FRIDAY

January 4, 2002

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**Barnes receives fourth term**

A Knott community farmer has been re-elected to his fourth term on the Howard County Farm Service Agency County Committee.

Joe D. Barnes was elected in December to the three-year term, which started Tuesday.

Howard County's FSA director, Rick Liles, said Barnes' area of representation covers the area west of Highway 87 and north of Interstate 20.

"Basically the northwest quadrant of the county," Liles said.

Barnes, whose farm-land is near Knott and Fairview, has nine years of experience on the board already and is currently the committee's chairman, Liles said.

The board handles policy-making for the FSA in Howard County, such as hiring the director and hearing appeals from farmers, he added.

Other board members include Vice-Chairman Maxwell Barr of the Vincent area and Sammie Buchanan of Coahoma. The committee's advisor is Geraldene Posey.

**WEEKEND TICKET**

- TODAY**  
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.
- SATURDAY**  
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A 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.
- MONDAY**  
 □ District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

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## Howard County's first baby of 2002: It's a boy!

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

The first Howard County 2002 baby made his debut Jan. 2.

Joseph Nicholas Fierro, was born at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center; a seven pound, eight 1/2 ounce and 20 inch long baby boy. His parents are Edward Jr. and Esperansa Fierro.

According to hospital staff at SMMC, another baby was in the running for the first New Year's birth but missed the 12 a.m. deadline by a few hours on Dec. 31.

Joseph may have sensed his opportunity to claim the title.

"He was a little early," Esperansa said. "He was suppose to be born on the 10th."

When Joseph began making his challenge for the title, Esperansa thought her pains were false contractions. She realized she was

going into labor as the contractions became stronger.

Esperansa entered the hospital at 9:30 p.m. and two hours later Joseph was born.

"It was scary, but more painful than scary," Esperansa said.

And she was glad to welcome her new son.

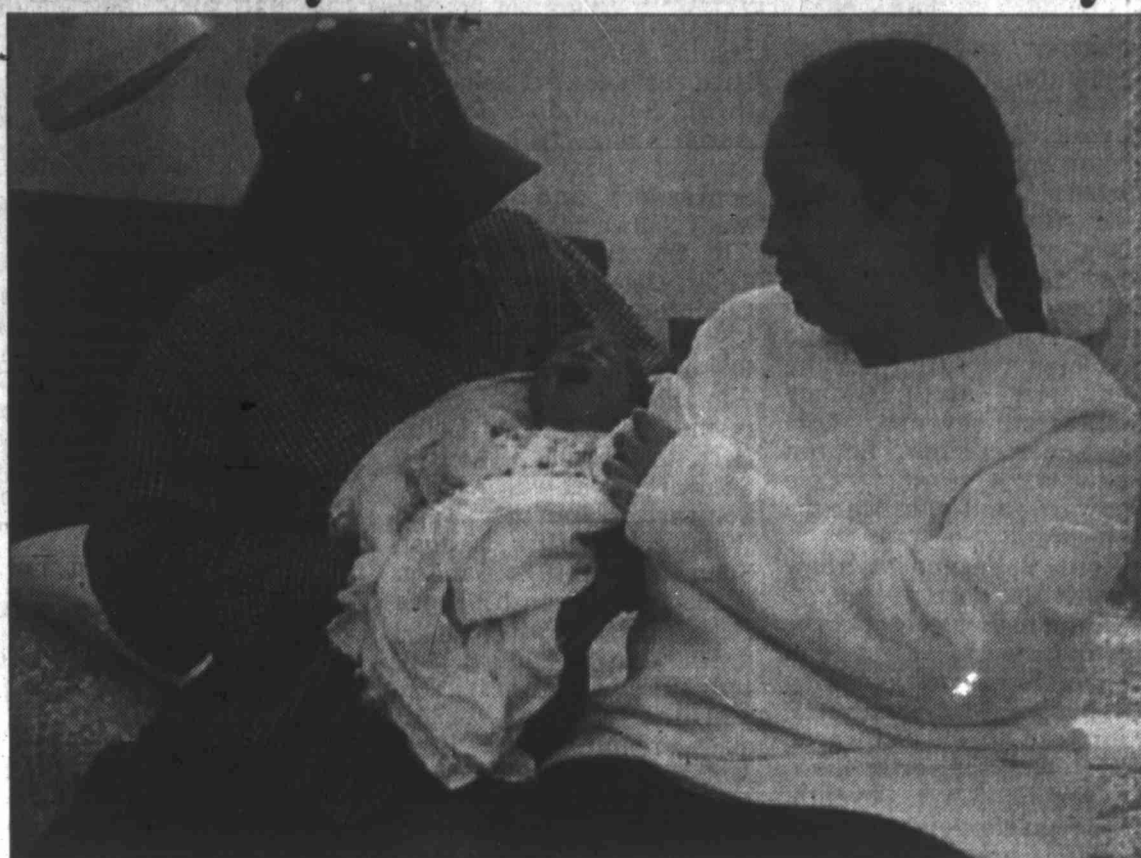
"I cried, I was so happy," she said.

Joseph is the newest addition to the family that includes older brothers, Edward Fierro III and Eric Mathew, Edward Fierro Jr.'s child from a previous relationship.

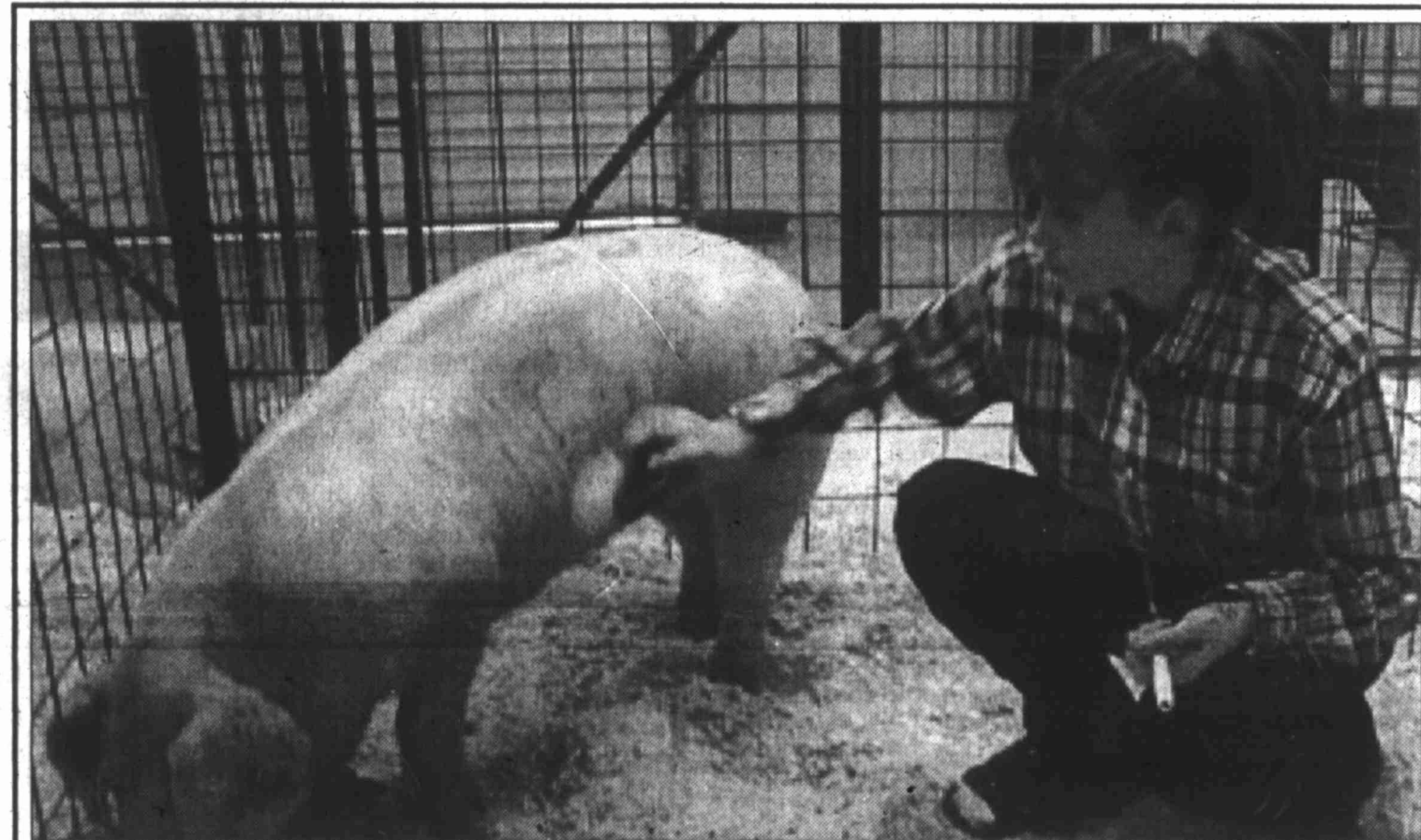
The Fierro brothers seem to favor the first month of the new year; all three boys were born in January.

"I think we will have to have one big birthday in January," Edward said.

Joseph's maternal grandparents are Angelita Nieto and Philip Vigil and his paternal grandparents are Mary Garcia and the late Edward Fierro Sr.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Edward Fierro holds his newborn son, Joseph Nicholas, while Joseph's mother, Esperansa looks on. Joseph is the first baby born in Howard County in 2002.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Thirteen-year-old Marissa Schwartz prepares her hog for show Thursday in the first competition of the Glasscock County Stock Show. The show continued today with the goat show at 8 a.m. 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.

## Putting best hocks forward

### Glasscock County Stock Show getting under way

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — There were some real hogs at the Glasscock County Community Center on Thursday, drawing a whole lot of attention from the crowd.

About 140 porkers were on center stage putting their best hock forward for Plainview Extension Agent and judge Dirk Aaron in the first competition of the Glasscock County Stock Show.

More than 200 parents, relatives and community residents came to the newly built community center building, located 117 S. Myrl St. in Garden City, to support area students showing off months of hard work. The students ranged in age from third-graders to high school seniors.

Competitors have been raising the animals for several months feeding, exercising and grooming the animal to become a sellable

meat product.

"We use animals as a vehicle to teach leadership, responsibility and life skills," said Glasscock County extension agent Steve Sturtz. "Animals are good vehicles because kids like animals."

Also the students have to take responsibility of taking care of the animal, feeding it at the right time and follow through with their goals to raise the best raised meat product, he said.

For 13-year-old Marissa Schwartz, stock show competitions are just fun.

"If it is fun," Schwartz said. "After you raise your animal you get to go to stock shows and meet new people."

Schwartz's participation in the stock shows has given her an opportunity to travel all over the state including attending shows in Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and San Angelo.

The competitions also offer her financial rewards

as well when her animals are auctioned off. The largest amount she has received for a hog, Schwartz said, was \$3,200 that went into her college fund.

This year's stock show has about 70 exhibitors and entries of about 40 sheep, 140 hogs, 80 rabbits and more than 10 steers.

The stock show continued today with goats shown at 8 a.m. 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. 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 noon.

For more information call the Glasscock County Texas Cooperative Extension agent at 354-2477.

Stock show results for Thursday are as follows:

Grand Champion, Paige Sturtz, Champion York; Reserve Grand Champion, Erin Hirt, Champion Chester;

Senior Showmanship, Ashely Hirt; Intermediate Showmanship, Erin Hirt; Junior Showmanship, Macy Schwartz.

In the Chester class results are: Champion, Erin Hirt; and Reserve Champion, Marissa Schwartz.

In the light weight class, results were: First, Marissa Schwartz, second Erin Hirt, third, Erin Hirt, fourth, Ian Schaefer, fifth, Cole Schwartz; and sixth, Kelsey Jones.

In the heavy weight class, results were: First, Erin Hirt, second, Erin Hirt, third, Colby Hirt; fourth, Marissa Schwartz; fifth, Ashely Hirt, and sixth, Macy Schwartz.

In the Duroc Class results were: Champion, Trey Hillger; and Reserve Champion, Kevin Hillger.

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## Laws

### Teens target for reckless driving bill

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

A statewide driver's license law aimed at reining in reckless young drivers went into effect New Year's Day.

The law, created by Senate Bill 577 in 2001 is called the "Graduated Driver License Program" and increases the age of the adult that must be in the front seat with a learner's permit driver, puts a driving curfew on teenagers and limits the number of young friends a driver may chauffeur around.

Big Spring Police chief said the law only affects teens who got their license after the start of this year.

"If they got their license before Jan. 1, they may have been grandfathered out of the new law," he said.

The law says "Any individual who receives either their instruction permit or provisional license before January 1, 2002" will be grandfathered out of "all phases" of the new program.

The law is broken into two "phases." Phase One deals with instruction permits, while Phase Two restrict certain activities for six months after new drivers receive their provisional license.

Drivers under 18 must hold an instruction permit for at least six months before they receive their provisional license. Texans can still apply for the permit at 15.

"Smith said the minimum age for adults in the front passenger seat accompanying instruction permit drivers has been 18.

"They bump that age from 18 to 21," he said.

After drivers have held an instruction permit for six months, completed an approved driver's education

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## Tickets for banquet available at Chamber of Commerce

HERALD Staff Report

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

"The banquet is not just for chamber members but is open to the public," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Anyone wishing to attend is more than welcome."

The banquet is set for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Dorothy

Garrett Coliseum.

The event starts a little earlier than in years past to encourage people to come after work.

That is not the only departure from past banquets, however. Dress is "business casual" and the meal will be a hot dog/hamburger supper.

Chamber officials decided to feature the talents of the community for the evening's theme; entertainment will be provided by the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high school bands.

The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year, honored for their overall contribution to the community. The honorees are selected by a committee consisting of former recipients.

Chamber officials will highlight chamber activities and accomplishments from 2001 and goals for 2002, ValVerde said, and will also recognize the outgoing and the incoming boards of directors.

The Convention and Visitor's

Bureau will debut the new Big Spring publicity CD-ROM to encourage tourism and relocation to Big Spring, ValVerde said.

The CD-ROM provides information about the community.

The Chamber of Commerce is located at 215 West Third. Admission to the banquet is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 11 or younger.

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

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In the light weight class, results were: First, Darren Hillger; second, Lauren Schwartz; third, Trey Hillger; fourth, Marissa Schwartz; fifth, Macy Schwartz; sixth, Halie Schaefer; seventh, Landon Hoelscher; eighth, Cole Schwartz; ninth, Levi Schaefer; and 10th, Todd Weishuhn.

Matthew Frysak, Alicia Frysak, Aaron Long and Colton Schwartz also participated.

In the medium weight class, results were: First, Trey Hillger; second, Kevin Hillger; third, Morgan Schwartz; fourth, Halie Schaefer; fifth, Jake Schwartz; sixth, Macy Schwartz; seventh, Lori Hoelscher; eighth, Lauren Schwartz; ninth, Cole Schwartz; and 10th, Marissa Schwartz.

Keith Batla and Matthew Frysak also participated.

In the heavy weight class, results were: First Ian Schaefer; second, Ashley Hirt; third, Macy Schwartz; fourth, Lauren Schwartz; fifth, Jake Schwartz; sixth, Lauren Schwartz; seventh, Levi Schaefer; eighth, Keith Batla; ninth, Marissa Schwartz; and 10th, Colton Schwartz.

Matthew Frysak and Alicia Frysak also participated.

For the Hampshire Class, Cade Doss earned Champion and Kelsey Jones was named the Reserve Champion.

In the light weight class, results were: First, Levi Schaefer; second, Ian Schaefer; third, Jake Schwartz; fourth, Colton Schwartz; fifth, Jake Schwartz; sixth, Colton Schwartz; seventh, Morgan Schwartz; eighth, Morgan Schwartz; ninth, Cole Schwartz; and 10th, Halie Schaefer.

In the medium weight class, results were: First, Keith Batla; second, Josh Schmitz; third, Landon Hoelscher; fourth, Marissa Schwartz; fifth, Lori Hoelscher; sixth, Levi Schaefer; seventh, Jacob Schmitz; eighth, Lauren Schwartz; ninth, Jake Schwartz; and 10th, Darren Hillger.

Matthew Frysak also participated.

In the heavy weight class, results were: First, Cade Doss; second, Kelsey Jones; third, Ashley Hirt; fourth, Marissa Schwartz; fifth, Lauren Schwartz; sixth, Ashley Hirt; seventh, Sam Long; eighth, Macy Schwartz; ninth, Aaron Long; and 10th, Jake Schwartz.

In the OPB class, results were: Reserve Champion, Macy Schwartz; third, Lori Hoelscher; fourth, Colton Schwartz; and fifth, Alicia Frysak.

For the Yorkshire Class, Champion went to Paige Sturtz and Reserve Champion went to Ashley Hirt.

In the light weight competition: First, Jake Schwartz; second, Jacob Schmitz; third, Paige Sturtz; fourth,

Morgan Schwartz; fifth, Todd Weishuhn; sixth, Kevin Hillger; seventh, Halie Schaefer; and eighth, Colton Schwartz.

In the medium weight class: First, Paige Sturtz; second, Ian Schaefer; third, Marissa Schwartz; fourth, Halie Schaefer; fifth, Levi Schaefer; sixth, Lauren Schwartz; seventh, Ashley Hirt; and eighth, Macy Schwartz.

In the heavy weight class, results were: First, Ashley Hirt; second, Levi Schaefer; third, Sam Long; fourth, Aaron Long; fifth, Alicia Frysak; sixth, Angela Schraeder; and seventh, Macy Schwartz.

In the crossbreed class, Cade Doss was awarded Champion and Reserve Champion was Matthew Frysak.

In the light weight class, results were: First, Colby Hirt; second, Lauren Schwartz; third, Macy Schwartz; fourth, Todd Weishuhn; fifth, Josh Schmitz; sixth, Landon Hoelscher; seventh, Keith Batla; eighth, Paige Sturtz; ninth, Ian Schaefer; and 10th Morgan Schwartz.

In the medium weight class, results were: First Matthew Frysak; second, Lori Hoelscher; third, Lauren Schwartz; fourth, Cole Schwartz; fifth, Landon Hoelscher; sixth, Marissa Schwartz; seventh, Halie Schaefer; eighth, Colby Hirt; and ninth, Josh Schmitz.

In the heavy weight class, results were: First, Doss Cade; second, Kelsey Jones; third, Ashley Hirt; fourth, Lori Hoelscher; fifth, Sam Long; sixth, Colby Hirt; seventh, Marissa Schwartz; eighth, Ashley Hirt; and ninth, Angela Schraeder.

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course and turned 16, they are eligible for a provisional license. The new law puts restrictions on provisional licenses within the first six months.

"Phase Two goes into the deal of having more than one person under the age of 21 in the car with a person who has a provisional license," Smith said.

The law prohibits drivers from carrying more than one passenger under 21 who is not a family member.

Also during the first six months, the teen may not drive between midnight and 5 a.m., except under certain conditions, Smith said.

"Unless it's for work, school or school related activities, or a medical emergency," he said.

Smith said the new law will cause extra work for police officers for a while.

"It's going to be more confusing, so there's going to be more for the supervisors to do in training the officers," he said. "It's just a matter of getting everyone trained and adjusted."

The law directs that the graduated license program be listed under the restrictions on affected teens' licenses. The restriction code will read "TRC 545.424 applies until..." and the date the restrictions end.

Enforcement guidelines published with the law state that an officer cannot use the new law as probable cause for a traffic stop, meaning that the law will only be enforced if an officer discovers an infraction after he conducts a traffic stop for another offense.

For more information check the Texas Department of Public Safety Website at www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\_staff/public\_information/pr122101.htm.

roofs parked among cramped quarters may not seem like a buzz of activity. But inside the wonderland of landscaped aluminum, the retirees who make their homes in South Texas for about three months may no longer be working, but they are active.

"They don't sit in those little trailers," said Bonnie Christian, a manager and resident of Tip O' Texas RV Resorts, one of the more than 500 recreational vehicle parks dotting four counties in the Rio Grande Valley. "They're too busy."

While parks are all over the Sun Belt, in South Texas they are a large part of the "Winter Texan" economy that is embraced by locals. Some are worried that numbers are down this year.

Most resorts have the standards: an indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub and polo net, a wood shop and art building. Activity boards overflow with notices about the writing club, the bridge and pinocle games, and the kitchen band practice.

Fun N Sun RV Resort in Harlingen boasts a 10,400 square-foot cushioned dance floor.

People rent their lots, parking for a week or a year. The lots grow more personal over time, with lawn furniture, barbecue grills, and small gardens.

There's never an idle moment, said Don Phillips, 68, part of a husband-and-wife square dancing team from Syracuse, N.Y. Nearby McAllen touts itself as the square dancing capital of the world.

"You get up with nothing to do in the morning and by the time you go to bed, you've only got it half done," he said.

The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg has found that the visitors pour hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy each season. They also swell the ranks of local volunteers.

A study by the University of Michigan Research Center found that RV ownership among senior citizens increased to 2.5 percent from 8.6 percent in 1997. A third of the 9.3 million campers on the road today are owned by people older than 55, according to the Reston, Va.-based Recreational Vehicle Industry Association.

Canadian anthropologists David and Dorothy Counts set off in a rented recreational vehicle and interviewed some 224 RV owners about their lives. They published the results in their book, "Over the Next Hill."

The study found some RV owners were well-educated former professionals, while others had been blue collar. Some carefully planned each destination, while others were "Zen RVers" who followed whim.

On the RV life cycle, settling in a park often followed several years of full-time traveling.

After a while, people find they want a home base. They'll go to a park they like, they like the people, like the environment," Dorothy Counts said. "You see a return back to the settling down."

Rio Grande Valley billboards say, "Welcome Winter Texans."

But, so far this year, the numbers are down, worrying shop owners and restaurant owners.

"People have decided to stay home," Christian said. "The stock market, their incomes are down. Probably September 11 didn't help."

But the parks are far from being ghost towns, and the tide of license plates from

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

northern states and Canada is unmistakable.

Cold weather prompts buying spree for warm clothing, coats

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — It's not an everyday occurrence that department stores in the Rio Grande Valley have a run on winter coats.

With cold weather forecast to continue into the weekend, many Brownsville residents are shopping for winter clothing.

Shoppers cite two reasons for their belated purchases — near-freezing temperatures and discounts of as much as 50 percent off regular prices.

Naturally, the retailers see the cold weather as a chance to briefly boost business for January, normally a slow sales month.

There is a hitch. Most retailers have already reduced their inventory of winter clothing.

"The recent cold weather definitely has helped sales," Mike Mayorga, manager of an Old Navy store, told the Brownsville Herald.

"When the temperature dropped, we did a brisk business on jackets, sweaters and long-sleeved shirts," Mayorga said. "The thing is, we did more business at Christmas than we expected and our inventory of winter clothing was down severely."

A seven-year veteran in retail, Mayorga said Old Navy sales were boosted greatly by the number of college students returning to the Rio Grande Valley for the holidays.

"A lot of them were new customers for our store, and the purchases they made really helped sales," he said.

"And, the customers from Mexico many of them who live in the colder regions, bought most of the big heavy coats we had," he added.

"Right now, we could use some jackets, but we don't have many. And, what we have is odd sizes."

A sampling of other clothing retailers in Brownsville pretty much mirrored Old Navy's inventory.

A Target store was an exception. "We had people looking for heavier coats when we opened Wednesday morning, store manager Ted Snavelly said. Target still had a good selection of coats on Wednesday, marked down 30 percent to 50 percent, Snavelly said.

"Everybody is pretty wiped out on heavy jackets, but they're still supplying us," he said.

Not everyone was looking for outerwear, just something to keep them warm.

Jeanette Flores searched several Brownsville stores in hopes of finding the perfect scarf, mittens and matching cap.

"I looked all over, but I didn't find what I wanted," she said. "So I settled for this really cool scarf. I feel good around my neck and face when the wind blows hard."

TEXAS LOTTERY

BRIEFS

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.

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.

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.

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POLICE

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

DIMAS ANGUIANO, 42, of 1102 Lloyd Ave. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

JEFFERY SCOTT COX, 20, of 404 N. College in Coahoma was arrested for three Department of Public Safety warrants.

MELISSA YOUNG, 32, of 2705 Ann Drive was arrested on a charge of assault class C/family violence.

THOMAS BRADBERY, 34, of 2705 Ann Drive was arrested on a charge of

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assault class C/family violence.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Drive.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of Cindy Lane, the 1800 block of South Benton Street, the 500 block of Westover Road and the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Drive.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild Drive.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of East 11th Street. A black 1998 Nissan Maxima was reported stolen.

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

Thursday's high 49  
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Record low 0 in 1947  
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Average low 26  
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Sunrise Sunday 7:48 a.m.  
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Bush to attend portrait unveiling

Before returning to Washington next week to focus on the economic recession, President Bush is getting to see his portrait hung in the Texas state Capitol, his stepping stone to the White House.

The president and first lady Laura Bush were interrupting their ranch holiday and flying by helicopter Friday to Austin for the unveiling of Bush's gubernatorial portrait by Fort Worth artist Scott Gentling.

"It's an opportunity for the president to express his gratitude to the people of Texas for the confidence they placed in him," White House deputy press secretary Scott McClellan said Thursday.

Bush was elected Texas governor in 1994 and served until after the Election 2000 recount that made him president.

The \$10,000 portrait, done in a traditional style with Bush pictured in a business suit, was given a prominent first-floor spot among the Texas Capitol's current collection of 50 such memorials.

Attorney says jailed writer to be freed

A novice crime writer is excited at prospects of freedom and the chance to work again after spending more than five months in a federal detention center for refusing to give a federal grand jury her notes about a Houston society murder.

Vanessa Leggett, 33, was set to be freed Friday because the term of the grand jury that demanded all her research for a book on the murder expires then, lawyer Mike DeGeurin said Thursday.

"She enjoys her freedom as much as anybody. The idea that she's going to be free again is what's exciting to her. She's well aware the effort is not over," DeGeurin said after he visited Leggett Thursday night.

He said she told him she was excited to get back to work.

DeGeurin said Leggett's husband, Doak, seemed to be more excited than anybody and spent Thursday cleaning house.

Morales' decision casts race in new light

Dan Morales' decision was a secret, then a surprise. Now his shocker that he's running for governor has stirred up the state's Democratic primary.

His move stunned the Democratic Party establishment, which for months embraced the gubernatorial candidacy of Tony Sanchez, a multimillionaire political novice.

"We're going to have a lively time, I can tell," Texas Democratic Party chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm said after Morales filed his candidacy late Wednesday.

With two Hispanics battling for the state's highest office, speculation abounds about what the historic moment means for Hispanic voter interest and other Democratic races.

"Clearly the big winner is going to be the Democratic Party because we're going to have a real strong turnout in that primary," said former Dallas mayor Ron Kirk, a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate.

Strickland challenging Laney for House seat

A Plainview Republican is challenging Democratic House Speaker Pete Laney for the newly crafted West Texas district he represents. But even Republicans say Judy Strickland faces an uphill battle.

"Laney's got a high profile and tremendous crossover support," said Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock.

However, redistricting gives her a chance, Strickland said.

"All the indicators say there will be a Republican majority, and it's time to give this brand new district a choice and hopefully send someone there who will sit at the majority table," said Strickland, a member of the state Board of Education.

Man recovering after being shot by twin

Walter Roberts, 59, said he wouldn't have shot at the shadowy figure carrying a small flashlight through his house if he had realized it was his twin brother.

He said his brother woke him early Thursday after hearing their dog barking outside.

Thinking his brother had gone back to bed, Roberts grabbed his 22-caliber pistol and went outside to investigate.

But his brother, William, hadn't gone back to bed. He had grabbed a flashlight and gone out on his own to investigate why the dog was barking.

Ex-Klansman ruled competent for trial

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A judge reversed himself and ruled former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry competent to stand trial for murder in a church bombing that killed four black girls in 1963.

The ruling by Circuit Judge James Garrett came Thursday, one month after a hearing in which state psychologists testified the retired trucker was faking mental problems, apparently in a bid to avoid trial.

In a two-sentence order, Garrett said Cherry "has been restored to competency." The judge, without any detailed explanation, said his finding was based on evidence at the hearing and legal briefs.

Garrett set a Jan. 18 meeting to determine when a trial should be held.

Sarah Collins Rudolph stood only a short distance from sister Addie Mae Collins when she was killed in the explosion at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. She said Cherry should have been

tried long ago. "It's his time to stand trial now," she said. "I hope it's finally coming to an end."

The church was bombed on a Sunday morning, Sept. 15, 1963, as the four girls prepared for a youth day service. Two other former Klansmen were convicted of murder in the blast, one last year and one in 1977.

The explosion, at a church that was rallying site for demonstrators seeking to desegregate public schools, was the deadliest attack against the civil rights movement. Killed were Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson, all 14, and 11-year-old Denise McNair.

Cherry was part of a group of Klansmen who came under almost immediate suspicion. He left Alabama several years after the bombing and moved to East Texas, where he worked as a truck driver and cleaned carpets before retiring in the town of Mabank.

Cherry and Thomas Blanton Jr. were indicted on

murder charges in 1999. Blanton was convicted last year and sentenced to life in prison, but Garrett delayed trial for Cherry because of competency questions.

Garrett ruled in April that Cherry, whose age is listed as both 71 and 72 in court records, was incompetent based on testimony of four mental health experts. They said he suffered varying degrees of vascular dementia, which can cause forgetfulness and confusion.

Prosecutors appealed and Garrett committed Cherry to the state-run Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, where he was evaluated and observed for 71 days.

Taylor Hardin psychologists testified during a two-day hearing earlier this month that Cherry was faking mental problems and possibly taking too much of a medicine prescribed for anxiety.

Blanton is appealing his conviction and continues to maintain his innocence.

Another ex-Klansman,

Robert "Dynamite Bob" Chambliss, was convicted of murder in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison. A fourth suspect, Herman Cash, died in 1994 without being charged.

The Rev. Abraham Woods, who led demonstrations against Garrett's original ruling, said he thought Cherry misled attorneys from the beginning.

"Cherry was faking, and after he spent 71 days and nights at Taylor Hardin (psychiatric hospital), those professionals affirmed he was faking," he said. "He could remember anything he wanted to remember."

Cherry's attorneys, Mickey Johnson and Rodger Bass, did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

"We believed all along that he was competent," said Doug Jones, a former U.S. attorney who has served as chief prosecutor in the case. "We believe that ruling was the only ruling he could make under the law."

Pilot wanted to check agent with terrorist mugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American Airlines pilot was so worried that an armed Arab-American Secret Service agent boarding his flight was an impostor that he sought mug shots of terrorists while trying to check the agent's identity, airline records say.

The airline captain doubted the authenticity of the agent's badge and photo identification and kept him off the Christmas Day flight for 1 1/4 hours before ultimately taking off late without him, according to reports filed by the pilot and a manager of the airline's operations center.

The pilot described the man, a member of President Bush's security detail, as acting "very hostile" and making "loud, abusive comments." That raised more suspicion about the safety of allowing him aboard, he said.

Lawyers representing the Secret Service agent disputed the pilot's account, saying the agent was cooperative, calm and professional throughout the encounter and was the victim of racial bias.

"It was the pilot who was rude, unprofessional and demeaning," attorney Christy Lopez said at a news conference Thursday. An American Airlines operations manager said the pilot requested photos of terrorist suspects. The manager said he advised the pilot instead to seek police help in checking the agent's credentials.

The agent, through his lawyers, is demanding an apology from American Airlines and an agreement to train flight crews better about civil rights. The pilot has complained to the Secret Service about the agent's behavior.

Bush told reporters last week he would be "madder than heck" if a government inquiry into the incident found one of his Secret Service protectors was dis-

criminated against.

American Airlines released the pilot's incident report Thursday along with a statement that "the company vigorously resents any suggestion of racial discrimination."

"American will not allow any armed individual onboard, regardless of who he or she is, if that person is angry or acting in a manner that the crew believes could jeopardize the safety of the flight," the statement said.

The agent's attorneys said he hasn't sought compensation from American Airlines but hasn't ruled out a lawsuit, either. If he did receive any money, he would give it to victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, they said.

The agent has not identified himself for security reasons, his lawyers said. They released a statement on his behalf that said: "It has never been my desire to make this incident personal. This case is only about the facts."

American Airlines didn't name Flight 363's captain, either, but posted a copy of his report about the incident on its Web site.

The pilot wrote that his suspicions about the agent were justified by the Sept. 11 hijackings and by more recent reports of a man who carried a bomb in his shoe aboard an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami. That passenger was subdued and then arrested after the flight was diverted to Boston.

The agent was scheduled to have flown alone, using a government-bought ticket, from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to Waco, Texas, to join the security detail protecting Bush at his ranch in nearby Crawford.

When the agent's flight was delayed by mechanical problems, airline workers put him on another plane, bound for Dallas. He was asked to step off that plane for another security check.

The agent left his carryon bags on the second plane. The pilot said his suspicions were aroused because a flight attendant said the passenger was acting strangely, and she had found a book with Arabic markings among his belongings. The agent's lawyers said it was an English-lan-

guage textbook on Arab history.

The agent earlier had completed a required form for law officers traveling with firearms. His lawyers said an airline gate agent scratched out the flight number on that form and wrote in the second flight's number. They said they knew of no other problems with the form.

But the pilot reported that the carbon copy he was given was unreadable and incomplete. He said after the agent completed another form incorrectly, he became loud and abusive.

"The police agreed with me that there was a legitimate concern because of his unprofessional behavior," the pilot reported. The operations manager, in a separate report, said a police officer confirmed the pilot's account.

The agent was flown to Texas the next day after the airline manager spoke to a Secret Service supervisor.

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## OUR VIEWS

### We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- **ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FROM HOWARD COUNTY** who took part in the National Audubon Society's 102nd annual Christmas Bird Count.
- **THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA**, which along with other affiliates throughout the country, celebrated the Young Men's Christian Association's 150th anniversary on Dec. 29.
- **FORSAN'S BUFFALOES** on winning the Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament with a 56-54 victory over Robert Lee in the championship game.
- **BIG SPRING'S STEERS** on their second-place finish at the O.W. Follis Invitational Basketball Tournament in Lamésa. The Steers won two games before suffering a 65-51 loss to Merkel in the championship game.
- **COAHOMA'S BULLDOGS AND BULLDOGGETTES** on their third-place finishes at the Mary Tatum Invitational Basketball Tournament in Big Lake. The Bulldogs defeated Rankin, 72-67, in the third-place game, while the Bulldoggettes took a thrilling 53-52 win over Colorado City.

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

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# Always remember history repeats itself

**W** need to remember that history repeats itself.

Those who fear that the United States is becoming a lot more pluribus than unum should read "The New Americans" (Regnery, 2001) by Michael Barone.

What we are experiencing today, Barone stresses, we have gone through several times before. Blacks — not really "new" Americans, he concedes, but relatively recent arrivals to full participation — are remarkably like the Irish in some key respects.

The Irish started flooding into the United States in the 1840s. The black migration from South to North began 100 years later. Both crashed into a wall that barred them from politics because of their religion or their race (in those days the Irish, too, were considered racially different), excluded them from the market and denied them all but a rudimentary education.



JACK ANDERSON

They were both rural people when they landed in the big cities of the North, without any business training or entrepreneurial instincts. Fathers were often absent. Crime plagued both communities, and the larger society cared not one whit when Irish attacked Irish or blacks assaulted blacks. The one thing they could control was their religion. For the Irish it was the Catholic Church, for blacks, their own brand of Protestantism.

Both drew upon the strength of their religious organizations to form vigorous movements in protest politics. Steeped in the structure of Catholicism, the Irish built hierarchical political machines. Blacks, looking to their own churches, repeated that pattern in their politics. Charismatic local leaders animated the effort.

Barone notes great likenesses between Italian arrivals of 1890 to 1924 and Latino immigrants who began to appear in the 1960s.

Both came from countries with centralized governments where institutions were viewed with justifiable skepticism. The privileged had everything; everybody else had nothing.

For the most part, these were men who came to

America thinking they would work for awhile, send money home, and then return there when they could. Instead, their families wound up coming here. They believed in hard work, they had little interest in government, and they kept their families strong, with fathers exercising dominant authority.

Both Italian and Latino immigrants were Catholic, but the church in America was different. The Irish hierarchy had no resemblance to their own religious setting, with its local saints and festivals. Church bonds for second-generation Italians loosened, while many Latinos at the same stage gravitated toward evangelical congregations. Politics interested them very little.

Jews and Asians have many differences, of course, but they resemble each other in certain important aspects. Jews who left Eastern Europe in the 1880s and Asians who fled their part of the world after 1965 all reached the United States as persecuted peoples, under constant threat of annihilation.

Once in the United States, both groups headed straight to the most dynamic cities. They started out in low-skill jobs, often in garment factories. But many opened their own businesses. A

number of Asians, in fact, brought with them enough money to make business-ownership almost automatic.

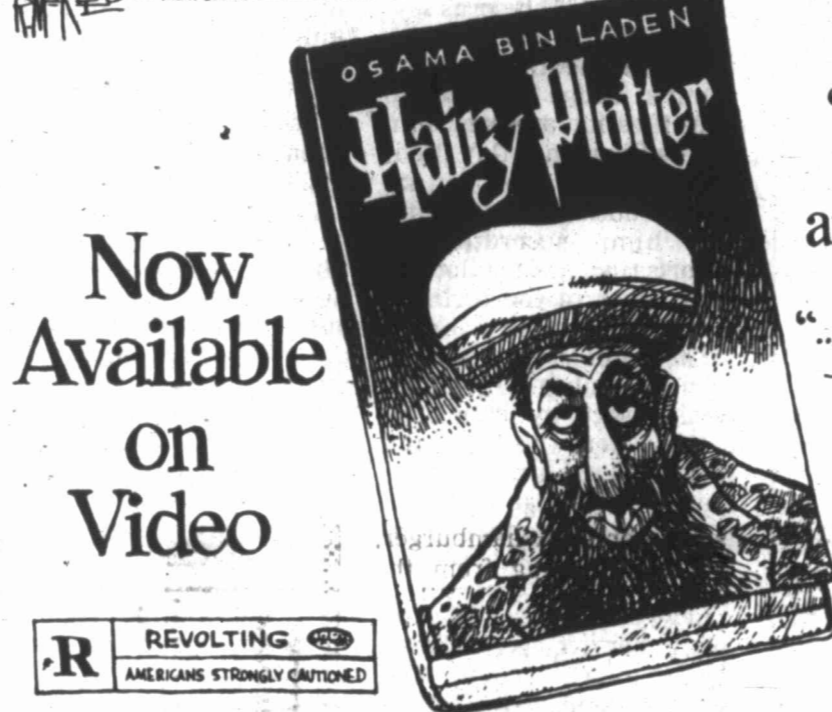
Both cultures were rooted in religions of the book — the Torah for Judaism and Confucius Analects for Asians.

Both valued reading and learning, and both embraced educational opportunities in America. Families were critical to Jews and Asians. Fathers rarely abandoned their homes. Crime rates were low, financial success high. Politics was more compelling to Jews than to Asians, but both staked their lives on professional and business achievement.

What Barone points out, repeatedly, is this: If Irish, Italians and Jews could make it in America, so can blacks, Latinos and Asians. What he didn't mention, since this book was written before Sept. 11, is the new challenge of making sure people from Southern Asia and the Middle East are assimilated as well.

The miracle of Sept. 11, after shock had given way to sorrow, was the realization that we Americans are indeed all one people. What we need to do now is incorporate Muslims into the country, thus bringing the miracle born in agony to its fullest realization.

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## OTHER VIEWS

President Bush can start the new year off on the right foot when he signs into law the No Child Left Behind Act.

This bill fulfills Bush's primary campaign pledge and shows how both major political parties can work together for the nation's greater good.

Neither side got all it wanted out of the new education bill. But both parties worked together until they agreed on a bill that will help the entire nation.

Democrats wanted the bill to include more money. The final bill is not tightfisted.

Federal funds for the nation's schools will be \$26.5 billion next year. Funds going to the Title I program, which helps high poverty schools, will see the greatest increase in history, 20 percent overall and an estimated 30 percent for poor schools.

The bill also gives the Elementary and Secondary Education Act a significant funding boost.

New funds also are provided for after-school programs and literacy instruction.

Arguments over proper government funding levels for public education have been ongoing for decades while academic achievement has deteriorated.

The more promising parts

of the No Child Left Behind Act, however, include requirements for states to establish academic standards and methods to measure academic achievement.

The bill not only mandates annual testing of children in grades 3 through 8, it also provides for tutoring of children in chronically low-performing schools. In addition, it establishes a 12-year deadline to close academic achievement and meet proficiency standards set by the states.

The bill, which was modeled on statewide education reforms used in Texas, focuses on basic skills, primarily reading and math. It does not represent a well-rounded education. But it is a necessary start.

States and school districts must establish academic standards, end social promotions and implement accountability measures for students, teachers and schools.

If the national plan is based on the Texas model, then the Texas plan is based on the Waco Independent School District model.

States that implement the No Child Left Behind Act must closely monitor academic progress in the classrooms and provide tutoring, mentoring and after-school programs for children who start to fall behind.

Special efforts must be made to prevent school dropouts.

Children should not be held back on the basis of any one test. They should be given ample opportunities to show that they have mastered the material needed to be promoted.

In the future, standards should be set for subjects other than reading and math. Grades before 3 and after 8 should be tested.

Tests should be curriculum-based. Teachers and schools should be monitored to prevent wasting classroom time by teaching the tests.

The education bill represents a bigger federal role in public education. Still, federal funding represents no more than 8 percent of the total school bill.

The primary responsibility for providing a quality education for America's public school children remains in the hands of state and local officials, taxpayers, educators, parents and students.

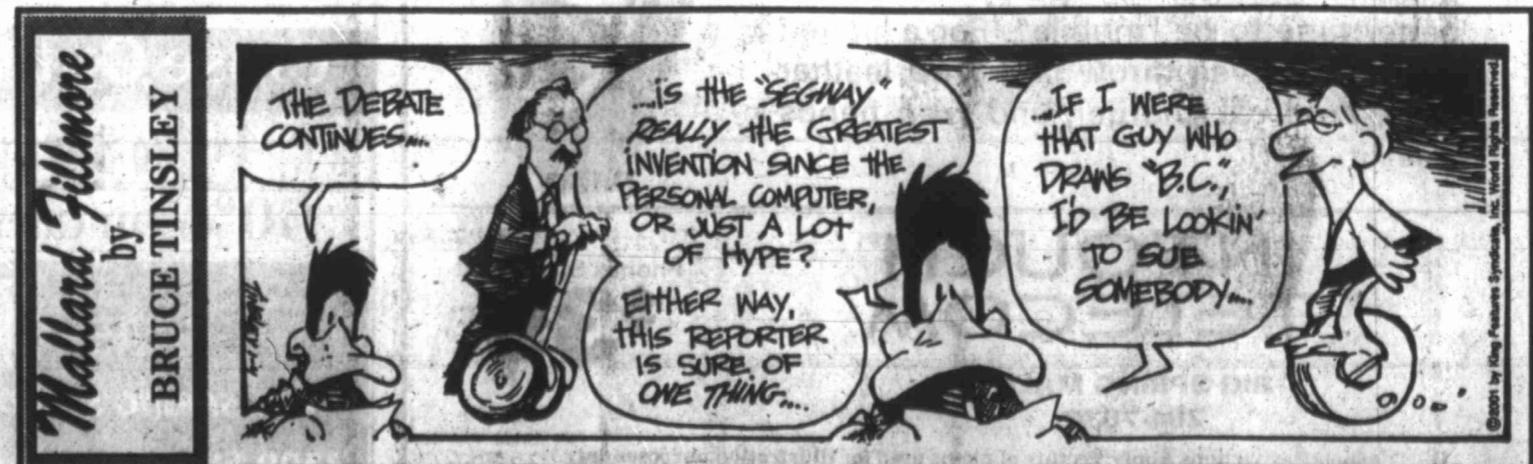
The No Child Left Behind Act represents a welcome bipartisan first step toward a new emphasis in education measurable improvement in academic achievement.

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# CHURCH NEWS

**First Baptist Church** wishes you happy new year and you to get involved in church.

If you do not have a church home, you to visit us.

**First Baptist Church** located at 705 V across from Medical Center.

Our Sunday service at 10:50 a.m. an Rev. Dennis sermon for Sunday is "Bible Vision."

Wednesday begin with handbell children's choirs, the Family Li bible study, p adult choir rehearsal.

Find out more activities on your at fbcbigspr call us at 26 additional information.

If you enjoy Gospel music, "Golden Cove" Friday at 7 p.m.

This is the song with J.D until his death.

They renamed themselves and have sharing their music. You do not need but a love offered taken.

In addition group, "Legacy" be here Feb. 28.

This group Scott Fowler a Bennet who sang and played Cathedral Quarter.

More details of this concert will a later date.

## First United Methodist

Retired past Abendschan, with the morning services and holy nion on Sunday.

Later that day youth will meet and senior high will meet at 6 p Partee Building.

On Tuesday, Bible Study re 6:45 p.m., and N Study is at 11:4 Wednesday.

Children's Day be open on W

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If you do not have a church home, we invited you to visit us.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700-across from the VA Medical Center.

Our Sunday services are at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Rev. Dennis Teeters' sermon for Sunday morning is "Birthing a Vision."

Wednesday activities begin with children's handbell choirs, children's choirs, a meal in the Family Life Center, bible study, prayer and adult choir rehearsal.

Find out more about our activities on your computer at [fbbigspring.org](http://fbbigspring.org) or call us at 267-8223 for additional information.

If you enjoy Southern Gospel music, come hear "Golden Covenant" on Friday at 7 p.m.

This is the group that sang with J.D. Sumner until his death.

They renamed themselves and have continued sharing their music.

You do not need a ticket, but a love offering will be taken.

In addition to this group, "Legacy Five" will be here Feb. 28.

This group features Scott Fowler and Roger Bennet, who formerly sang and played with the Cathedral Quartet.

More details concerning this concert will follow at a later date.

**First United Methodist**

Retired pastor, Jack Abendschan, will lead the morning worship services and holy communion on Epiphany Sunday.

Later that day, mid-high youth will meet at 5 p.m. and senior high youth will meet at 6 p.m. in the Partee Building.

On Tuesday, Disciple Bible Study resumes at 6:45 p.m., and Noon Bible Study is at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

Children's Day Out will be open on Wednesday

and Friday.

The Chancel Choir will not rehearse this week.

The Chancel Choir will have an Epiphany Party at the home of music minister Jim Wright.

Handbell and choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 16.

The handbell choir rehearses at 6:15 p.m. and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about joining these groups contact Jim Wright at the church office.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry.

For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call 267-6394.

**First Christian**

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church (DOC), will preach the sermon "Wishful Thinking" during the morning worship service beginning at 10:50 a.m.

Board members for 2002 will be installed during the worship service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

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

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

First Christian is also in need of a pianist/organist.

If you are interested in the position, please call the church office at 267-7851.

**St. Mary's Episcopal**

Everyone is welcome to attend worship services at St. Mary's.

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

St. Mary's also has Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Sunday we will take down the Christmas greens after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We would appreciate everyone's help with this project. Thank you.

St. Mary's Cursillo/Walk to Emmaus Gathering will be held on Wednesday 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

The Episcopal Church Women will have their next meeting Jan. 13 at 11:45 a.m. at the church.

**TDH warns of dangers of carbon monoxide**

Texas Department of Health

As Texans try to keep warm indoors, they may risk carbon monoxide poisoning, often without realizing the dangers, warn officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Invisible, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas produced by burning fuel such as gasoline, natural gas, kerosene, charcoal or wood.

Inside a home, CO can come from a gas-fueled furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, space heater, range or kerosene heater, fireplace or wood stove. At low concentrations, CO causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain for those with heart disease. At high concentrations, however, CO inhalation causes impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea and

death.

Without good ventilation during use of fuel-burning appliances, carbon monoxide levels rise and, when breathed in, replace oxygen in the bloodstream. The more CO in the air and the longer a person is exposed, the greater the risk of illness or death.

"With any combustion source, there is a risk," said Kay Soper, TDH indoor air quality specialist.

Dangerous CO problems arise when home appliances are poorly maintained or used incorrectly. Non-vented gas and kerosene appliances have the greatest potential to produce dangerous levels of CO in the home, according to Soper.

In addition to these, smoldering or poorly vented fireplaces, slow burning fuels such as charcoal and vehicle exhausts also are potentially hazardous. New homes, or newly remodeled homes, have higher risks

for carbon monoxide hazard because often they are sealed tighter than older homes.

TDH offers these precautions to help prevent CO poisoning — Be sure all appliances are installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Have the heating system inspected annually. Have ventilation systems, including chimneys, flues and vents, checked every year.

Don't burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle, or tent — not even in a fireplace.

Don't use an un-vented gas or kerosene heater in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas.

Never leave an automobile running in a closed garage or in a garage attached to the house even with the garage door open.

Don't leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving.

Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can be pulled

inside the car, van or camper.

One key to safety, Soper said, is to examine the color of a flame. A hot blue flame produces less carbon monoxide and more heat than a flickering yellow flame.

A yellow flame in the furnace or stove burner is a signal to have the equipment re-adjusted to get more air to it. Not only will the stove or furnace be safer, but it also should be less costly to operate.

Soper said people with gas appliances should invest in a carbon monoxide detector. Widely available, CO detectors can warn people if carbon monoxide levels in their surroundings become dangerously high.

Anyone who suspects symptoms of CO poisoning should open doors and windows, turn off gas appliances and go outside. In cases of severe CO poisoning, call the 911 emergency service.

**Alaska program salvages moose meat for the state's needy**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Billy Dickerson Jr. and Cody Dyer trudged through the deep snow and dense woods with one mission: retrieve a moose carcass that had become roadkill.

They dragged the dead animal to their pickup truck and hauled it to Dickerson's house, where it would be gutted and eventually sent on its way to the plates of poor Alaskans.

It's an act repeated hundreds of times each year in Alaska, where workers salvage moose roadkill and donate the meat to charities. Alaska has the nation's biggest moose population, and vehicles and trains here kill about 820 of the big-antlered creatures each year.

"It gives more folks a chance for free meat. A lot of people can't afford to buy steaks or even hamburger, at least judging from the calls I get," said Eileen Brooks, the roadkill program coordinator for the Anchorage region and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, who is known among colleagues as Queen of the Gut Pile.

Other states have roadkill programs, but primarily for smaller animals like elk and deer. Maine is among the few states with moose and gives motorists first right to roadkills, then donates unwanted animals to the needy.

Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection Troopers coordi-

nate the Alaska program, which requires that the meat be given away to anyone who asks. Nonprofit groups, including churches, sign up to take turns collecting the roadkill remains.

Often, traffic collisions only maim moose, so authorities must shoot the animals. In the Anchorage area, that job frequently goes to Fish and Game wildlife biologist Rick Sinnott, who shot the moose Dickerson retrieved after it was seen limping around the area.

Brooks estimates that nearly all the roadkill moose goes to nonprofits. The rate is so high because state police are usually so quickly notified of a moose-vehicle collision, and because

the program requires that a volunteer agency be able to respond within 30 minutes to salvage the meat.

Dickerson was called because his name was next on the contact list as a representative of the Anchorage Baptist Temple. A lifetime hunter, Dickerson estimated the 1,100-pound moose in midtown Anchorage would yield 700 pounds of meat.

But first he and 14-year-old Cody had to figure out the best route to drag it through 300 yards of spruce — no small feat given the moose's large frame and the chilly Anchorage temperatures.

"This isn't for everyone," Dickerson said, tying a nylon rope around the dead moose's neck.

Brooks said 99 nonprofit

organizations are signed up this winter in the area she manages.

Among them is Abbott Loop Community Church, a two-decade participant that averages 10 moose a year, according to member Steve Tandy. The meat is distributed through a community food pantry at the church.

"We always have lots of moose available to whoever wants it," Tandy said. "We never turn anyone away."

Participants occasionally are called to salvage black bears, Dall sheep or mountain goats, Brooks said. But the great majority of collisions involve moose, which is very lean and has a gamey taste.

Sinnott said he's shot more injured moose than usual in Anchorage this winter.

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For some Christians, beginning of Christmas season starts after Dec. 25

LONGVIEW, Texas — By the time Dec. 26 rolls around, most churchgoers are taking down Christmas Nativity scenes and tossing out evergreen trees.

But for some Christians, it's not unusual to greet one another with "Merry Christmas!" well into January.

That's because they recognize and celebrate a 12-day Christmas season that begins rather than ends Dec. 25.

For members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, for example, the Christmas season won't end until Sunday, with the Feast of Epiphany, also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God."

If Christmas focuses on "Immanuel," or "God with us," the term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal."

The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the coming of three wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, which represents the broader revelation of God to the world outside the immediate family of Jesus, said the Rev. Denzil Vithanage, associate pastor of St. Mary's.

"Jesus is present in our hearts today. We have to manifest that through our actions. We tell our people to constantly be a wise man searching for God," he said.

According to tradition based on a Bible story, those wise men were the three kings Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Catholics say these three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star, followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ child and presented him with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Families will celebrate by giving gifts throughout the whole Christmas season and by focusing on serving others.

St. Mary's members will return a gift to God with an Epiphany Service Day on Saturday.

Members will volunteer that day with Habitat for Humanity. Martha's Kitchen and outreaches to the elderly.

"Our idea is God is with us. Every person we meet is Jesus incognito. We are entering into a living relationship with God," Vithanage said.

In traditional churches, the Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with the Epiphany.

The one or two Sundays between Christmas Day and Epiphany are sometimes

called Christmastide. Epiphany is sometimes called Twelfth Night.

In Hispanic and Latin culture it is known as Three Kings Day (el Dia de los Tres Reyes, la Fiesta de Reyes, or el Dia de los Reyes Magos).

And in Eastern churches it is known as the Theophany.

In Vithanage's native Sri Lanka, Catholics make it a point to visit family members during the Christmas season, Vithanage said.

"It's a prolonging of the celebration of Christmas." And so while the rest of the world packs away the decorations and returns presents, these churchgoers are just getting underway with the celebration.

By honoring the wise men's visit to Christ, Catholics also focus on the quest for a fuller revelation of God to each individual,

Vithanage added. It can feel like an uphill battle to wait until Dec. 25 to begin celebrating Christmas, given that retailers begin the holiday shopping push in early fall.

And this year, it might seem strange to enjoy a prolonged celebration in light of the grief and shock of Sept. 11.

All the more reason to celebrate, Vithanage said.

"After Sept. 11, there's so much pain. There should be now an epiphany in my heart. We must realize our life should be a celebration, not a funeral," he said.

"There is joy even in suffering. There is a connection between Bethlehem and Calvary. There was death, but there was also new life," he said. "Our eyes were opened. I think we need to celebrate more. And the celebration is nothing but being with God."

Changes continue at World Trade Center site

NEW YORK (AP) — Just as the first public viewing platform opens for business, a series of changes is altering what visitors can see at the former World Trade Center site now known as ground zero.

For three months, the 16-acre site had the look of post-World War II Berlin with its buildings skeletonized and reduced to piles of bricks by Allied bombing raids.

Two weeks ago, workers dismantled the last standing remnant of the trade center's 1,350-foot north tower. The pipe organ-like section of vertical columns had become the symbolic motif for the Sept. 11 attack by two terrorist-hijacked jetliners.

Eventually, parts of the much-photographed lattice-work may be incorporated in a memorial to the nearly 3,000 people who died that day.

Without it, ground zero looks more like a construction site — an undulating moonscape with a few girders jutting upward, diesel-powered derricks and backhoes lifting debris into trucks that creep slowly along improvised roadways and ramps.

"Now that the ground is flat, it's more devastating than it was before," said Deborah Roberson, a receptionist from Petal, Miss., as she exited the new visitors' viewing ramp.

The 13-foot-high stage opened last month, giving visitors an unobstructed view of the wreckage. It holds between 300 and 400 people.

From the vantage point of a 35th floor apartment two blocks away, the site remains a stunning panorama of devastation, revealing the outlines of building foundations. Diggers, bulldozers and loading cranes are at work, but there is little sense of the feverish, round-the-clock activity that began there just after Sept. 11.

The focus of recovery has shifted to areas below the fallen twin towers, where scores of victims' bodies have been found in the past three weeks, many in stairwells and other locations that were partially protected as steel girders fell.

The rubble created by history's worst act of terrorism is delivered by trucks and barges to the reopened Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, where it is combed by FBI agents for human tissue and potential criminal evidence.

Monahan said the city did not formally embrace the FEMA estimate of 1.2 million tons of debris at the trade center site.

Judge rules ex-Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry competent for trial

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A former Ku Klux Klansman who state psychologists testified was faking mental problems has been ruled competent to stand trial for the murder of four black girls killed in a 1963 church bombing.

Circuit Judge James Garrett handed down the decision Thursday, reversing his own ruling last year that Bobby Frank Cherry was mentally incompetent.

In a two-sentence order, Garrett said the retired trucker "has been restored to competency."

The judge, without any detailed explanation, said his finding was based on legal briefs and on a recent hearing, at which psychologists testified about Cherry's mental condition.

Garrett scheduled a Jan. 18 proceeding to set a trial

date. Sarah Collins Rudolph, who was standing a short distance from one of the victims when the blast occurred, said she was pleased Cherry is going to trial.

"It's his time to stand trial now," she said. "I hope it's finally coming to an end."

Cherry's attorneys, Mickey Johnson and Roger Bass, did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

"We believed all along that he was competent," said Doug Jones, a former U.S. attorney who has served as chief prosecutor in the case.

"We believe that ruling was the only ruling (the judge) could make under the law."

The church, a rallying

site for advocates of public school desegregation, was bombed on Sept. 15, 1963, as the four girls prepared for a youth day service.

The explosion was the deadliest attack targeting the civil rights movement. Killed in the attack were 14-year-olds Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson and 11-year-old Denise McNair.

Two other former Klansmen were convicted of murder in the blast, one last year and one in 1977.

Cherry was one of a group of Klansmen who came under almost immediate suspicion.

He left Alabama several years after the bombing and moved to Texas, where he worked as a truck driver and cleaned carpets before retiring in the town of Mabank.

Cherry was indicted on murder charges in 1999. Garrett delayed Cherry's trial because of competency questions.

Garrett ruled in April that Cherry, whose age is listed as both 71 and 72 in court records, was incompetent based on testimony of four mental health experts.

They said he suffered varying degrees of vascular dementia, which can cause forgetfulness and confusion.

Prosecutors appealed and Garrett committed Cherry to a state-run psychiatric hospital to be evaluated for 71 days.

Psychologists testified during a two-day hearing last month that Cherry was faking mental problems and possibly taking too much of a medicine pre-

scribed for anxiety.

The Rev. Abraham Woods, who led demonstrations against Garrett's original ruling, said he thought Cherry misled attorneys from the beginning.

"Cherry was faking, and after he spent 71 days and nights at Taylor Hardin (psychiatric hospital), those professionals affirmed he was faking," he said.

Another ex-Klansman, Robert "Dynamite Bob" Chambliss, was convicted of murder in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison.

Thomas Blanton Jr. was convicted in the bombing last year and sentenced to life in prison, and a fourth suspect, Herman Cash, died in 1994 without being charged.

Blanton, who continues to maintain his innocence, is appealing his conviction.

Joy unshakable for Christians

I was eating lunch with another pastor friend of mine the other day and discussing some of the things in life that are hard to deal with.



CRAIG FELTY

As we discussed some of the issues that confront all of us from time to time, he made this statement — "Satan will do anything he can to take the joy out of life, but you must never give up your strength."

My mind immediately went to the scripture in Nehemiah 8.

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is our strength."

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

To understand the impact of this statement you must first know that a few weeks prior I had

done a study on the word 'joy' in the Bible.

That study led me to a new understanding of joy. Joy goes beyond happiness or emotional elation.

It should be a deep seated, unshakable thing for a Christian.

Joy is the feeling and assurance you have when you win.

It is the same driving force that keeps a championship team going when they are down two touchdowns in the last two minutes of play and they come through with a devastating two minute drill and onside kick to win the game.

The awesome thing about the Christian life is we will win if we do not give up, give in or give out.

The Bible promises us that much and more.

The next time life tries to kick you down, get with the Lord Jesus, review his game plan for your life and refuse to give up, give in or give out. Your victory is assured.

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Craig Felty is pastor of Cornerstone Church.

Auditors find drug cards offer little savings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Discount prescription drug cards now available to older Americans offer only meager savings, particularly in urban areas, government figures suggest.

The cards, which are marketed by private companies, charge seniors a modest fee, usually \$12 to \$25 per year, in exchange for discounts. But savings are minimal for many of the most popular name-brand drugs, according to data collected by the General Accounting Office.

On average, seniors in three large cities — Washington, Chicago and Seattle — see savings of 8.2 percent on 12 name-brand drugs bought with drug discount cards compared with buying retail.

The savings were more sig-

nificant — close to twice as much — in a rural area in Georgia the GAO examined.

The savings also were more significant for generic drugs.

Drug discount programs charged an average 37 percent less than retail for generics. However, the price of generic versions are much lower to begin with, so seniors saved only a few dollars per prescription.

The cost of prescription drugs is crucial for many older people. Medicare, which provides health insurance to all Americans over age 65, does not cover prescription drugs used outside the hospital.

Many seniors get at least some of their drug costs paid, in some cases by joining a Medicare HMO or by

buying supplemental coverage, but about 27 percent have no drug coverage.

Last year, Democrats and Republicans, including President Bush, campaigned for office with promises to add drug coverage to Medicare.

So far no plan has made it even out of a congressional committee.

Over the summer, President Bush proposed his own version of a drug discount card as a stopgap.

Congress was expected to take up the issue this fall. While many observers thought the chances of success were low, they dropped to zero after the Sept. 11 attacks commanded virtually all energy in Washington toward issues related to terrorism.

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**Bass Club's first meeting**  
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**YMCA expands gymnastics**  
The YMCA program has expanded field of classes cheerleading, gymnastics and Time," in addition traditional classes for girls.  
For more info call Leslie No 267-8234.

**Gonzalez's talks with R**  
ARLINGTON Juan Gonzalez traveled to Thursday to the Rangers.  
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**GOLF**  
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call John Moseley at 263-7331, Ext. 230. Email results to: johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

### 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.

#### Gonzalez's agent talks with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez's agent traveled to Texas on Thursday to meet with the Rangers.

Jeff Moorad, who had spoken with Mets general manager Steve Phillips earlier in the week, left California on Thursday afternoon and arrived in the Dallas area on Thursday evening, a lawyer familiar with the talks said on the condition of anonymity.

Rangers general manager John Hart did not return a telephone call seeking comment. Team spokesman John Blake said he was unaware of any meeting scheduled between Gonzalez and the Rangers.

Gonzalez, the top hitter remaining on the free-agent market, is thought to be seeking \$10 million to \$15 million a season for at least three years. If he signed with Texas, where he spent the first 11 seasons of his major league career, he would join an already-potent offense that includes Alex Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro.

Texas was third in the AL with 890 runs and a .275 batting average last season, but the Rangers had a 5.71 ERA, the highest of any major league team.

To turn around its battered staff, the Rangers have signed four free-agent pitchers. Chan Ho Park agreed to a \$65 million, five-year contract and Texas added three right-handed relievers: Jay Powell (\$9 million over three years), Todd Van Poppel (\$7.5 million over three years) and Dave Burba (\$2 million for 2002).

Hart took a chance on Gonzalez after the 2000 season, signing the outfielder to a \$10 million, one-year contract with the Cleveland Indians.

Following a poor season with Detroit, Gonzalez responded by hitting .325 with 35 homers and a team-high 140 RBIs.

Gonzalez, 32, won the AL MVP award with the Rangers in 1996 and 1998.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television

##### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men  
9:30 p.m. — California at Stanford, FXS.

##### BOXING

8 p.m. — Junior welterweights, Diosbellys Santiago (33-2-1) vs. Ricky Quiles (31-4-3), ESPN2.

##### GOLF

6:30 p.m. — PGA Tour, Mercedes Championships, second round, ESPN.

## 'Canes leave no doubt with 37-14 Rose Bowl win

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Ten years after the Miami Hurricanes last ruled the college football world and a year after being frozen out of the title game, they are No. 1 again.

Miami left no doubt at the Rose Bowl, opening a 34-point lead in the first half against Nebraska on the way to a 37-14 victory Thursday.

Even the Cornhuskers were impressed.

"I think anyone would have struggled with them the way they played," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said.

Ken Dorsey threw for a career-best 362 yards and three touchdowns, sharing the MVP award with Andre Johnson, who had seven catches for 199 yards.

Clinton Portis ran for 104 yards, including a 39-yarder for a touchdown, and safety James Lewis took an interception 47 yards for a TD as the Hurricanes finished a perfect season with a near-perfect performance.

"If you have any more questions, we're 12-0," Miami's All-American safety Ed Reed said. "There's a lot of people saying they should be here. If they were, they would have gotten the same treatment."

In winning its fifth national title, Miami defeated the Huskers more soundly than Colorado did in a 62-36 win on Nov. 23.

The 'Canes, who fake a 22-game winning streak into next season, manhandled the Huskers. They held the nation's leading rushing offense to 197 yards on the ground and just 259 total yards — nearly 200 yards under Nebraska's average.

The Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters voted Miami No. 1 unanimously, giving the Hurricanes their first title since the 1991 season.

Miami picked up the trophy awarded by the USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll following the game.

Oregon (11-1), a 38-16 winner over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl on

Monday, finished second in both polls. Nebraska (11-2) dropped four places and finished No. 8 in the final AP poll, and seventh in the coaches poll.

"The only thing I'd be disappointed in is that we didn't get a shot," Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington said after watching the game in Phoenix. "You can speculate all you want, but I know we have a very good football team."

Before the season started, Miami players vowed they wouldn't allow the computer-driven BCS standings to determine their bowl fate. In 2000, Florida State was chosen over Miami to play Oklahoma in the BCS title game at the Orange Bowl even though the Hurricanes beat the Seminoles.

So Miami went out and finished as the nation's only major unbeaten team.

"The entire team deserves to be MVP," Dorsey said. "Our defense stepped up to the challenge and did

a great job. Our offensive line, receivers, everybody did a great job against a great team."

Johnson added: "I felt like I had something to prove, so I brought my 'A' game."

The stunned Huskers, beaten 62-36 by Colorado in their previous game, had no answer for Miami's speed and ferocious defense. The lopsided score raised even more questions about whether Nebraska belonged in the BCS title game.

"We didn't play well enough to make it a competitive game in the end or in the first half," Solich said. "From that end of it, it certainly wasn't the matchup everybody dreamed of."

Nebraska and its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Eric Crouch, promised there would not be a repeat of the pitiful performance against Colorado. They were wrong, unable to do much against the Miami defense until the game was already out of reach.

## Big Spring rolls to sweep over Lake View

### Lady Steers way too much for Maidens

By VALERIE AVERY  
Special to the Herald

Big Spring's offensive weapons were slow starting, but when the Lady Steers' shots started to fall, Big Spring walked away with a 59-19 win over the San Angelo Lake View Maidens.

Big Spring improves to 11-8 on the season and 2-2 in District 4-4A. Lake View falls to 2-14 and 0-4 in loop play.

The Lady Steers have a day off before resuming District 4-4A action Saturday at 2:30 p.m. against Andrews in the Steer gym. The Lady Mustangs have edged Big Spring twice this season.

"The first time, Andrews had an easy time with us, but we came back at them during the (Best Western Crossroads) tournament and cut it close on several occasions," head coach Jimmy Avery said.

"Andrews is a major district opponent, and this is a crucial game. We need a good crowd to cheer our girls on."

Big Spring led 2-0 after junior Krystle Long's putback at the 6:11 mark. Lake View tied it up, but it was the last time San Angelo would be within reach.

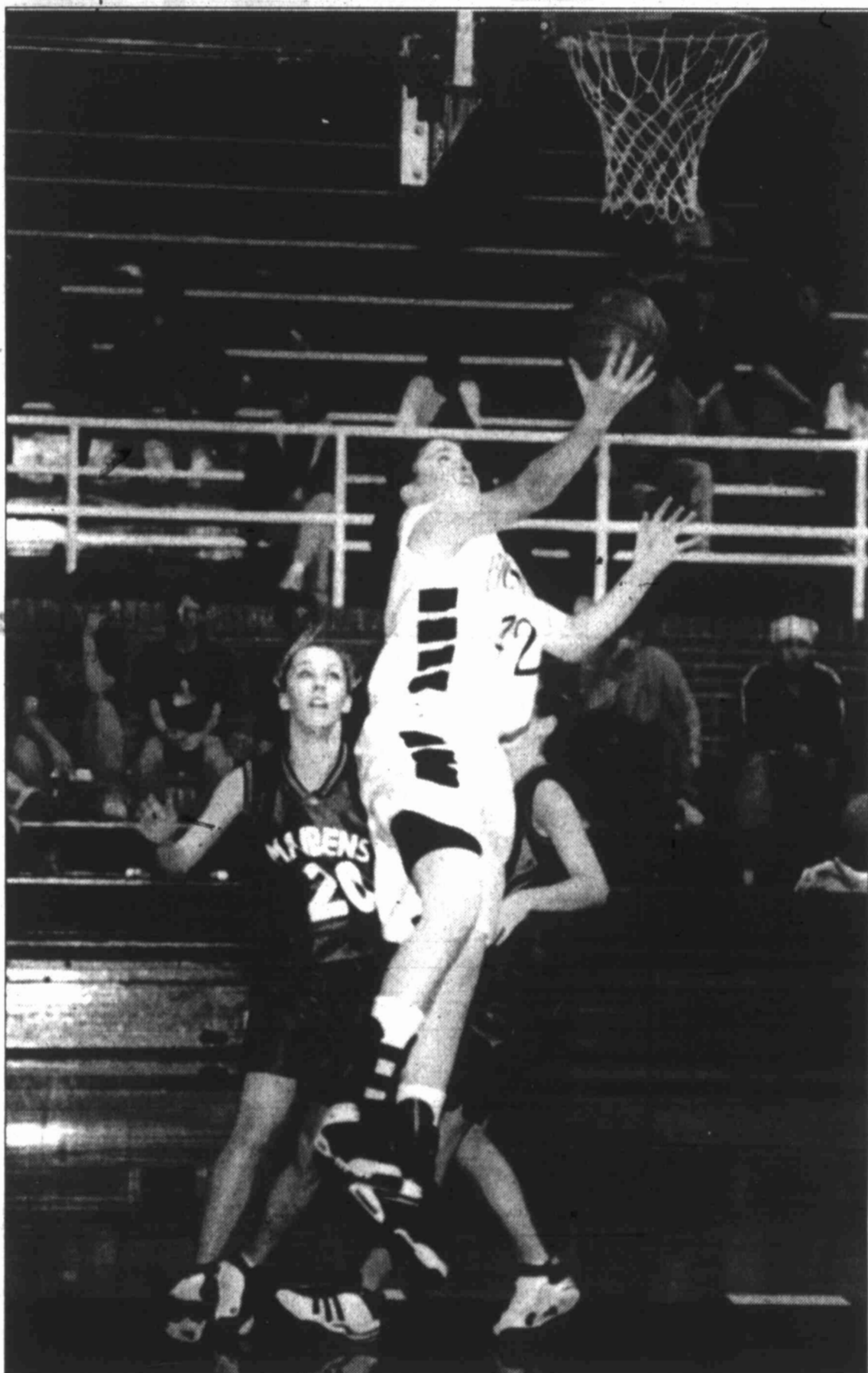
The Lady Steers went on a 10-0 run and held a 10-2 advantage heading into the second quarter of play. Long's steal set up the first basket of the second period, and Kim Wrightsil fed Leina Braxton in one of her team-high five assists for a 14-3 lead. It would be the first of Braxton's four baskets in the period as Big Spring outscored Lake View 19-8 and never looked back.

Courtney Brock made one of her two steals during the game, leading to two points, and Ashley Smith's offensive board — one of a team-high 15 rebounds — and following putback gave Big Spring a 29-10 halftime advantage.

"I thought Ashley had one of her best games of the year," Avery said. "She really crashed the boards and took control."

"Defensively, we took them out of the ballgame. We forced a lot of turnovers and that generated a lot of offense for us."

Big Spring went cold in



Big Spring's Leina Braxton drives to the hoop and lays the ball in for two of her points during the Lady Steers' lopsided win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at Steer Gym Thursday afternoon.

the third quarter as Lake View took advantage outscoring the Lady Steers 8-6, but Big Spring held a commanding 35-18 lead.

The fourth quarter was a different story as senior Brittany Bryant hit two field goals and went 4-for-4 from the charity stripe. Bryant also chalked up a team-high six steals in the game, followed by Wrightsil's five.

Long pulled in eight rebounds, and Jessica Woodward had seven.

"It was good to have a game like this after a tough tournament in Austin," Avery said. "Our girls did a good job of being intense and working hard in a game they were expected to win. The effort was there, and I was very pleased with that."

Lindsay Phillips led all scorers with 12 points as the JV Lady Steers held Lake View to nine points — all of which were scored in the first quarter.

Alex Watkins had 8, Amy Hanes scored 7, Brittany

Raney had 6, Heather Vassar had 5 and Erica Stewart scored 4.

LADY STEERS 59  
SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 19  
LAKE VIEW — Erin Jacobs 1 0-1 2; Erika Fowler 2 0-0 4; Michelle McDonald 0 0-2 0; Amanda Phillips 0 1-4 1; Cassandra Sanders 1 0-1 2; Ashley Reynolds 1 0-0 2; Jana Wilson 0 0-0 0; Allison Hill 2 1-3 5; Stephanie Williams 1 0-0 2; Suzanne Rose 0 1-2 1. Totals: 8 3-13 19.  
BIG SPRING — Tejal Patel 3 0-0 8; Brittany Bryant 2 4-4 8; Courtney Brock 2 0-0 4; Kim Wrightsil 6 0-0 12; Krystle Long 3 1-2 7; Jessica Woodward 0 0-0 0; Leina Braxton 7 0-0 14; Ashley Smith 2 2-7 6. Totals: 25 7-13 59.  
Score by Quarters:  
LAKE VIEW 2 8 8 1-19  
BIG SPRING 10 19 8 24-59  
Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Patel). Total fouls: Lake View 12; Big Spring 18. Fouled out: Long. Technical fouls: None. Records: Lake View is 2-14 and 0-4. Big Spring is 11-8 and 2-2.

### Steers hold on for first 4-4A victory

By CAREN GREATHOUSE  
Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Steers moved to 1-1 in District 4-4A play Thursday afternoon as they took on San Angelo Lake View Chiefs and posted a 72-67 win.

The Chiefs dropped to 0-2 in district play with the loss.

The Steers were able to keep the Chiefs at arm's length early in the game with forced turnovers and steals from Austin Nutting, Arthur Belvin and Mic Fleming. Three-pointers hit by Brandon Greathouse, Belvin and Fleming helped give the Steers a 24-10 advantage going into the second quarter.

The Chiefs recovered during the second period, outscoring the Steers 27-17 and trailed by only two, 39-37, at halftime.

"We let up toward the end of the first quarter and missed a lot of free throws in the second quarter," Steers head coach Brian Ellington observed after seeing his team hold on for the win.

Big Spring's Clayton Weaver started the Steers' scoring run as he dropped his second three-pointer of the game early in the third quarter. Clarence Wilkins, Belvin and Nutting all added buckets giving the Steers a six-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

The tables turned in the fourth quarter when the Chiefs came back strong and were down by just one point with four minutes remaining. The Steers were able to stave off a comeback when Fleming and Wilkins each nailed buckets.

Belvin led the Steers with 18 points, while Fleming finished with 16.

"We won because we've been on the other end of quite a few close games," Ellington noted. "We have some experience and have been able to learn from it."

The Steers take on Andrews at 4 p.m. Saturday in Steer Gym.

BIG SPRING 72  
SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 67  
BIG SPRING — Brandon Greathouse 7, Allen Jackson 2, Clayton Weaver 8, Clarence Wilkins 10, Arthur Belvin 18, Mic Fleming 16, Jason Watson 5, Austin Nutting 6.  
SAN ANGELO — Robert Robinson 10, Billy Ramirez 2, William Lavizzo 4, Vance Montgomery 18, Anthony Smith 16, Cole Bosworth 5, Seap Wheeler 3, Michael Mason 9.  
Score by Quarters:  
Big Spring 24 15 16 17-72  
San Angelo 10 27 12 18-67  
Three-point goals: Big Spring 5 (Greathouse 1, Weaver 2, Belvin 1, Fleming 1); Lake View 3 (Montgomery 3).

## No surprise in AP final poll, Miami claims its fifth championship

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's no debate. Miami is No. 1. The Hurricanes ended talk of a split national championship, completing a perfect season to win their fifth national title and first in 10 years unanimously.

Miami (12-0) received all 72 first-place votes in the final, post-bowl Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters early Friday morning to earn 1,800 points.

The Hurricanes finished the season as the nation's only major unbeaten team with a 37-14 victory

over Nebraska in the Rose Bowl on Thursday night.

"It's an unbelievable honor," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "It's tremendously gratifying to be around such great players, to be able to coach kids at such a high level."

Coker joined Michigan's Bennie Oosterbaan (1948) as the only first-year head coaches to win a national title.

A Nebraska win in the Rose Bowl might have created the fourth split title since 1990. The Cornhuskers would have automatically been

crowned the champion of the USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll, but Oregon would have had a shot at being the AP winner, which is selected independently.

"I just would have liked to have a shot," Ducks quarterback Joey Harrington said.

Oregon, which beat Colorado 38-16 in the Fiesta Bowl, finished No. 2 in the AP poll — its highest ranking ever. Florida was third, followed by Tennessee and Texas. The coaches had the same Top Five as the AP.

Nebraska fell from No. 4 to No. 8, behind Oklahoma and LSU.

Colorado and Washington State rounded out the Top 10.

Coker took over for Butch Davis after the Hurricanes finished No. 2 last season. The Hurricanes started the season ranked No. 2 and moved into the No. 1 spot for good on Oct. 6 when Florida lost to Auburn.

The title completes Miami's return to prominence. The Hurricanes finished with a 5-6 record as recently as 1997, but Davis rebuilt the team.

Coker took over and moved Miami into fourth place for the most AP championships ever.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and final records:

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, AP Poll, Final Record. Lists top 25 college football teams.

NFL

American Conference

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists NFL teams in the American Conference.

National Conference

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists NFL teams in the National Conference.

SOFTBALL

Final records of the 2001 season for various softball teams.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists softball teams and their records.

Baseball

Final records of the 2001 season for various baseball teams.

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Transactions

Baseball transactions including player signings and trades.

College Scores

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists college basketball scores.

NBA

Final records of the 2001 season for various NBA teams.

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NHL

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BOWL GAMES

Summary of bowl game results.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists bowl game results.

Outback Bowl

Summary of Outback Bowl results.

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Citrus Bowl

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Orange Bowl

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Florida Citrus Bowl

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Sun Bowl

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Alamo Bowl

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Las Vegas Bowl

Summary of Las Vegas Bowl results.

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Wednesday, Jan. 2

Summary of Wednesday, Jan. 2 results.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists Wednesday, Jan. 2 results.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Summary of Thursday, Jan. 3 results.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists Thursday, Jan. 3 results.

Friday, Jan. 4

Summary of Friday, Jan. 4 results.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists Friday, Jan. 4 results.

Howard College Basketball advertisement for Saturday, January 5, 2002, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Includes a photo of a player and a schedule of home games.

Sprint PCS advertisement featuring a nationwide long distance plan for \$29.99/month with 3000 minutes. Includes a photo of a Sprint phone and a Sprint Store location.

FISHING

Vertical column of fishing reports and news, including mentions of crankbaits, minnows, and various fishing techniques.



FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 3. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 50 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits and crankbaits in 1-4 feet. Striped bass to 24 inches are slow on perch and minnows in 15-30 feet. White bass to 14 inches are slow on minnows in 18-26 feet. No report on crappie. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are slow on minnows in 15-30 feet. Yellow catfish to 27 inches are fair on minnows and shrimp in 15-40 feet.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 56 degrees; 1014.90'; black bass are good on a 4" pumpkinseed sliding weight craw fish with chartreuse claws, watermelon Devil's Tongues and chartreuse pepper 4" Disc Worms on secondary creeks points and bluff ledges in 6-12 feet. Striped bass are good on Red Fins on the surface over 20-80 feet, drifting live bait or vertically jigging Pirk Minnows and 3" Lit'l Fishie Shads. White bass are fair on Pirk Minnows, 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads and Spin Traps. Crappie are slow on minnows and blue/white Solid Tube Jigs. Channel catfish are slow. Flathead and blue catfish are fair on trotlines.

**PROCTOR:** Water murky; 42 degrees; 1157.56'; black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass to 8 pounds are excellent on 2-inch perch and white 1 oz. RoadRunners on windy points 7-8 feet deep in 19 feet. Crappie are good on jigs along brush line in creek channel in 13 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on cheesebait in 6-12 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch and shad.

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

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 48 degrees; black bass are fair around brush near points. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water stained; 54 degrees; 6.8 low; black bass to 8 pounds are good on crankbaits. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines.

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

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 57 degrees; black bass are fair on minnows and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on goldfish and minnows.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water murky; 55 degrees; 18 low; black bass are fair on jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on minnows and jigs at 20 feet. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows around the boathouses. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows and chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and goldfish. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**OAK CREEK:** Water stained; 55 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are fair around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and cut shad. No boat ramps open.

**OH. IVIE:** Water stained; 55 degrees; 19 low; black bass are fair on crankbaits, jigs and minnows. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs in 25-30 feet. Smallmouth bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and cut shad.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 54 degrees; 5.5 low; black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and cut shad.

**SPENCE:** Water stained; 53 degrees; 7 low; black bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish and minnows.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 10 low; black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are good on minnows and slabs in 20-25 feet. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and perch.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 19 low; black bass are slow on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad and minnows.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water stained; 49 degrees; 22 low; black bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on shad, minnows and shrimp.

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Unfurnished houses for rent  
4BR 2bth. \$300 mo. 2 bdr \$220 mo. Also have 3 bdr. \$240/mn. 264-0510

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Howard County Auditor  
will accept sealed bids until  
10:00 A.M. on January 11,  
2002 for the following:  
The purchase of four (4) vehicles  
for the Sheriff's Office.  
Specifications may be  
obtained in the Auditor's  
Office, 300 S. Main, Room  
203, Big Spring, TX or by call-  
ing (915) 264-2210.  
Bids will be presented to the  
Commissioners' Court at  
10:00 A.M. on January 14,  
2002 for their consideration.  
The Court reserves the right to  
reject any or all bids.  
Drew Lopez, Asst. Auditor  
#3411 December 29, 2001  
and January 4, 2002

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF SCHEDULED  
ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Notice of Scheduled Entry Into  
Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric.  
Code Ann., Section 74.117  
(Vernon Supp. 2001). Cotton  
producers in the Permian  
Basin Boll Weevil Eradication  
Zone, which consists of  
Dawson, Ector, Howard,  
Martin, and portions of Borden  
and Midland counties are  
hereby notified that Texas Boll  
Weevil Eradication Foundation  
personnel will be conducting  
eradication activities in and  
around their fields, beginning  
January 21, 2002. All cotton  
fields will be mapped, and  
treatment will begin during late  
season. For notification prior  
to any chemical treatment, call  
1-800-687-1212 with the exact  
location of your field and  
appropriate telephone numbers.  
Field entry and treatment  
is expected to last until all cotton  
is harvested in the zone.  
For more information regarding  
this program, please call the  
Texas Boll Weevil Eradication  
Foundation at 800-687-1212.  
#3410 January 4 & 11, 2001

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Joint Commission on  
accreditation of Healthcare  
Organizations will conduct a  
reaccreditation survey of Scenic  
Mountain Medical Center on  
January 28 and January 29,  
2002.

The purpose of the survey will  
be to evaluate the organization's  
compliance with nationally  
established Joint  
Commission standards. The  
survey results will be used to  
determine whether, and the  
condition under which  
accreditation should be awarded  
to the organization.

Joint Commission standards  
deal with organizational quality  
of care issues and the safety  
of the environment in which  
care is provided. Anyone  
believing that he or she has  
pertinent and valid information  
about such matters may request  
a public information  
interview with the Joint  
Commission's field representatives  
at the time of the survey.  
Information presented at  
the interview will be carefully  
evaluated for relevance to the  
accreditation process.  
Requests for a public information  
interview must be made in  
writing and should be sent to  
the Joint Commission no later  
than five working days before  
the survey begins. The request  
should be addressed to:  
Division of accreditation  
Operations  
Accreditation Service  
Specialist  
Joint Commission on accreditation  
of Healthcare  
Organizations  
One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will  
acknowledge such requests in  
writing or by telephone and  
will inform the organization of  
the request for any interview.  
The organization will, in turn,  
notify the interviewee of the  
date, time and place of the  
meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance  
with the Joint  
Commission's requirements and  
may be removed before  
the survey is completed.  
Date Posted: December 28,  
2001  
#3417 January 4, 6, & 7, 2002

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for  
Saturday, Jan. 5:**  
Deal with finances in the  
most realistic way you  
know how. Seek out others  
when looking for help  
streamlining your work-  
load. You often change your  
mind midstream. Actually,  
this reversal can be an  
excellent trait, as it allows  
you to grow and become  
more flexible. Others often  
try to lighten you up. You  
have a giddy, playful side  
that emerges more and  
more this year. Your popu-  
larity grows, and if single,  
you might even be over-  
whelmed by potential suitors.  
If attached, your relation-  
ship will develop a unique  
playfulness. LIBRA  
demands and pushes you  
hard.

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)\*\*\*\*** Someone shares  
some serious and important  
thoughts (to them at least).  
Lighten up the moment  
with cheerfulness and shar-  
ing, while respecting this  
person's feelings. Invite  
someone along to the  
movies or a concert. You  
find that a different scene  
changes someone's tune -  
literally. Tonight: Say yes.

**TAURUS (April 20-May  
20)\*\*\*\*** Get into a more  
practical mode. Take on a  
project rather than hiring  
someone. You'll gain in  
many ways besides finan-  
cially. Invite someone along  
to join you, and you will  
have a hoot together.  
Laughter and fun  
inevitably weave together.  
Tonight: Make it easy.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*** Your playfulness  
comes out only after you  
have what you feel is a  
long-overdue conversation.  
Decide on your limits and  
express your feelings. You  
might go overboard with  
spending, though really  
you're just out to have a  
good time. Tonight: 'Play  
the night away!'

**CANCER (June 21-July  
22)\*\*\*\*** Your mood swings  
every time the moon  
aspects a different planet,  
which could be several  
times in one day. Note your  
emotional swings today.  
You will happily wind up

having a good time and  
being silly. Let go of a.m.  
glumness and sadness.  
Reach out for someone.  
Tonight: Happy at home.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\***A friend could be over-  
ly serious. Invite this per-  
son along on your adventu-  
res. You don't need to go  
far. Go out for lunch and a  
stroll together. Follow up  
on another favorite adventu-  
re for the two of you. Reveal  
your true self. Tonight: Out.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*** Though you present a  
very serious attitude with  
those in charge, you certainly  
frolic away with friends.  
You naturally enjoy your-  
self once you clear out  
responsibilities. Romp -  
you deserve it. Friends join  
in, especially since they  
rarely see you like this!  
Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*** Sometimes taking an  
overview could be a bit  
grim. Lighten up; even a  
boss or authority figure  
suggests that you ease up.  
Do just that, and you will  
help everyone relax. Change  
plans to suit the moment.  
You have a ball wherever  
you are. Play away. Tonight:  
Whatever will make you smile.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.  
21)\*\*\*\*** Stand back and allow  
a partner or friend to air  
his or her concerns. You  
find that this will help  
everyone's mood, though  
you might choose to say  
very little. Romp away and  
enjoy yourself. Make it OK  
to spend a little on yourself.  
Kiss off self-discipline.  
Tonight: Make it an early  
night.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-  
Dec. 21)\*\*\*\*** Solidify plans  
with someone at a distance,  
or at least make contact  
through a phone call. Friends  
seek you out, but you  
might find a loved one's  
overtures far more appealing.  
If single, a relationship  
could be blooming. Let go  
of unnecessary structure.  
Tonight: Enjoy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-  
Jan. 19)\*\*\*\*** Others tease you  
and do their best to bait  
you into joining them.  
Responsibility calls. Oh  
dear, when are you going to  
be able to lighten up? Your

playfulness finally comes  
out once you relax - after  
you complete your must-do  
list. Tonight: In the lime-  
light!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.  
18)\*\*\*\*** Reach out for  
someone at a distance. Your  
playfulness comes out as  
you kiss off errands and let  
go of structure. Frolic  
away, as little can stop you.  
Be sensitive to a tendency  
to go overboard, which can  
sometimes cause damage to  
you. Pay attention to a  
loved one. Tonight: Where  
your friends are.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March  
20)\*\*\*\*** Some might  
describe you as naughty, as  
you kick up your heels. Forget  
plans that involve your  
home and responsibilities.  
You delight a partner with  
your wild, happy

spree. A child giggles with  
joy as you start acting like  
one. Play away. Tonight:  
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### Her treatment of choice has husband resentful

Dear Ann  
Landers: My  
wife of 21  
years has  
become enamored of alter-  
native medical  
treatment. At  
first it was  
only chiro-  
practic and  
some massage,  
which actually  
seemed to do  
some good for  
her joint and  
muscle prob-  
lems. Then she  
moved on to  
naturopathy.  
Although the  
naturopath did  
diagnose our  
daughter's wheat  
sensitivity cor-  
rectly, he also  
sold my wife  
hundreds of  
dollars worth  
of "remedies"  
for various  
other ailments.  
Some were  
useless.

Now my wife  
wants to take  
our 13-year-old  
daughter to an  
acupuncturist  
for treatment  
of an ear prob-  
lem. I think a  
lot of this is  
quackery, and  
I resent all the  
money my wife  
is pouring into  
these "cures."  
Worse, I'm  
afraid these  
approaches are  
delaying legiti-  
mate treatment  
from accredi-  
tated medical  
doctors.

When I talk to  
my wife, my  
arguments fall  
on deaf ears.  
She says if I  
haven't tried  
it, I have no  
business

criticizing it. Other than  
cutting off access to our  
credit cards, can you suggest  
any way I can bring  
my wife to her senses?  
Please don't print my  
name or city. - Nameless in the  
USA

Dear Nameless: Some  
forms of alternative  
medicine, including  
chiropractic,  
acupuncture and  
naturopathy, are  
perfectly legiti-  
mate and can be  
helpful. However,  
those who seek  
alternative care  
should not ignore  
standard medical  
treatment. Many  
alternative-care  
practitioners  
belong to regula-  
tory agencies.  
Check them out.  
Make sure they  
are properly  
licensed and, if  
possible, recom-  
mended by some-  
one you trust.  
Some alternative-  
care treatments  
are covered by  
insurance.

Your wife might  
be more receptive  
to your sugges-  
tions if you didn't  
dismiss hers so  
completely. Tell  
her you have no  
objection to the  
acupuncturist if  
she will also have  
the girl checked  
by a pediatrician.  
I am sure she is  
concerned about  
her daughter's  
health and will  
agree that a  
compromise is  
in order.

Dear Ann Landers: I  
am responding to  
"R.M. in Orlando,  
Fla.," regarding  
the 70-year-old  
mother who is in  
good health and  
does not want to  
be placed in a  
retirement home.  
Please tell that  
woman to buy a  
long-term care  
insurance policy  
for her mother.

These policies are  
comprehensive.  
The mother can  
receive profes-  
sional and  
custodial care in  
her own home.  
She can also  
modify her home  
to fit her special  
needs. If addi-  
tional care is  
needed, assisted-  
living facilities  
would be ideal for  
her. They are  
beautiful and  
accommodate the  
needs of the  
elderly nicely.

The long-term  
care policy can  
actually keep Mom  
out of a nursing  
home by provid-  
ing for home  
health care. It  
can protect her  
assets, remove  
the burden from  
the daughter and,  
best of all, provide  
them with peace  
of mind. While it  
is not inexpen-  
sive, an annual  
premium could  
cost less than  
one month of  
actual care. The  
daughter and  
mother should  
visit an agent  
who specializes  
in long-term  
care insurance.  
It could make a  
big difference  
in their lives. -  
M.W.,  
Minnesota Agent

Dear M.W.: Thanks  
for a letter that  
could make the  
golden years truly  
golden.

Is that Ann Landers  
column you clipped  
years ago yellow  
with age? For a  
copy of her most  
frequently  
requested poems  
and essays, send  
a self-addressed,  
long, business-  
size envelope and  
a check or money  
order for \$5.25  
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postage and  
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FRIDAY

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TV schedule grid for Friday, Jan 4, 2002, listing channels (KMGD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and programs (News, Funniest Home Videos, etc.)

DENNIS THE MENACE



"IT'S CALLED A SOAP OPERA, BUT NOBODY SINGS OR TAKES A BATH."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"How come our whole family has birthdays in the same year?"

HAGAR

I'D LIKE A GLASS OF IMPORTED RED WINE, WELL-AGED, FELYCATE TO THE PALATE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME UNUSUALLY RICH AND FULL-BODIED, PLEASANTLY CRISP AND AROMATIC WITH A FRESH AFTERTASTE!!



ONE GLASS OF HOUSE RED!

BLONDIE

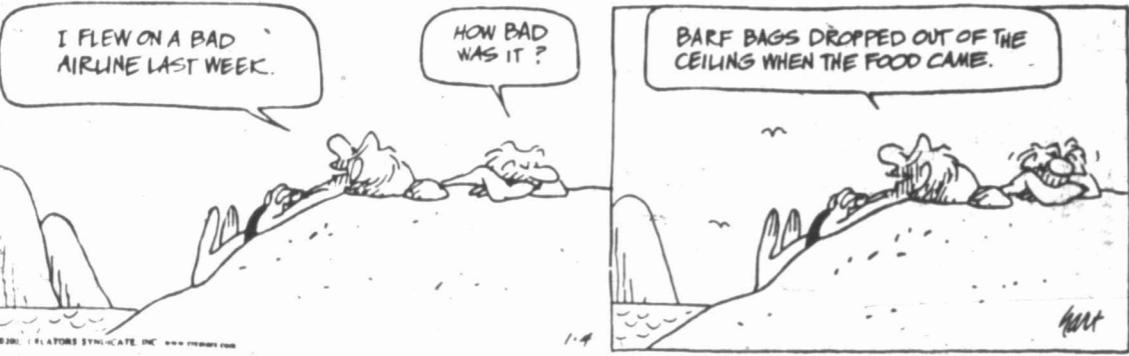


I NEED TO BORROW YOUR ELECTRIC DRILL...

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO DO IS GO OUT AND BUY YOUR OWN!

I NEED TO BORROW SO BUCKS FROM YOU!

B.C.



I FLEW ON A BAD AIRLINE LAST WEEK.

HOW BAD WAS IT?

BARF BAGS DROPPED OUT OF THE CEILING WHEN THE FOOD CAME.

GEECH



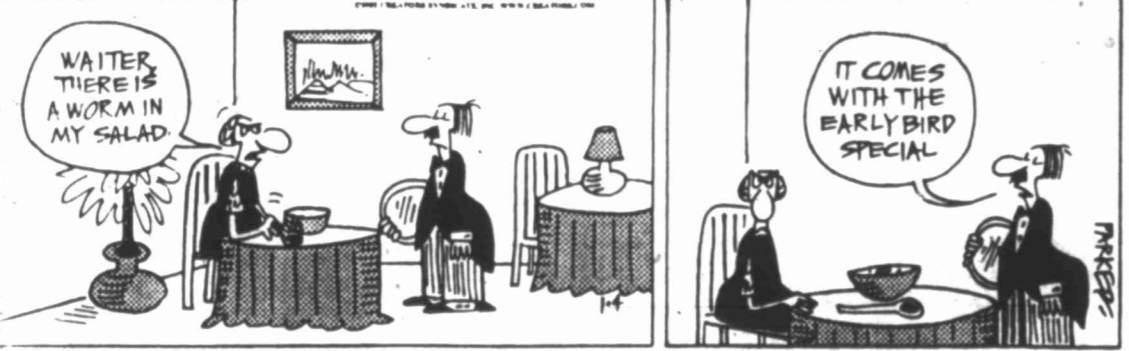
MR. LEDGETER, I TURNED YOU DOWN FOR A LOAN JUST LAST WEEK.

THAT WAS LAST YEAR.

LAST YEAR WAS LAST WEEK.

HOW LONG DO YOU GUYS HOLD A GRUDGE?

WIZARD OF ID



WAITER THERE IS A WORM IN MY SALAD.

IT COMES WITH THE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL.

HI AND LOIS



HOW DID YOU GET TOMATO SAUCE ON YOUR UNDERWEAR?

PARDON ME, I GUESS THAT WAS A STUPID QUESTION!

GASOLINE ALLEY



I want you to go on a diet, Slim!

Ugh! Diet is a four-letter word!

You don't want to get too round around your middle...

...or you won't be around very long!

SNUFFY SMITH



YOU MIGHT NEED A HEARIN' AID, LUKEY!!

HE SAYS YOU MIGHT NEED A HEARIN' AID!!

ALREADY GOT ONE, DOC!!

BETLE BAILY



BOY! I'LL BET THE ARMY HAS A RULE ABOUT EVERYTHING

"PRIVATES NAMED BAILEY SHOULD NOT CEASE MOPPING TO READ BOOKS ON REGULATIONS"

I KNEW IT!

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2002. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

On this date:

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what's believed to have been the first appendectomy, on 22-year-old Mary Gartside.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, President Johnson

outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Chase, Md.

In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

Ten years ago: President Bush, visiting Singapore as part of a Pacific trade tour, announced plans to shift to Singapore the Navy logistics command that was being evicted from the Philippines.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 88. Actress Barbara Rush is 75. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 72. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 67.

Actress Dyan Cannon is 65. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 65. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 47. Actress Ann Magnussen is 46. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order) is 46. Country singer Patty Loveless is 45. Rock singer Michael Stipe (R.E.M.) is 42. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 40. Actor Dave Foley is 39. Actress Julia Ormond is 37. Tennis player Guy Forget is 37. Country singer Deana Carter is 36. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 35. Actor Jeremy Licht is 31. Actress-singer Jill Jones is 27.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

SNOOZE ALERT by Lee Weaver

Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Italian wine center, 5 Appropriate, 9 Sentimentality, 13 Bank offerings, 15 Lady Chaplin, 16 Lamp contents?, 17 Fop, 18 Trunk or torso, 19 Wallet fillers, 20 Odorless gas, 21 Start of a quip, 23 Alley follower, 25 Foolish, 26 Part 2 of quip, 32 Mornings, briefly, 33 Born Free lioness, 34 Established system, 38 Ukraine capital, 40 Ants at picnics, 42 Chess action, 43 Las Vegas area, 45 Second in command, 46 Rec room, 47 Part 3 of quip, 51 Software bootlegger, 54 Slugger's stat, 55 End of quip, 59 Lower than, 63 Nick's mate, 64 Australian gem, 65 Practice piece, 66 "Bummer!"

A crossword puzzle grid with some numbers and letters filled in.