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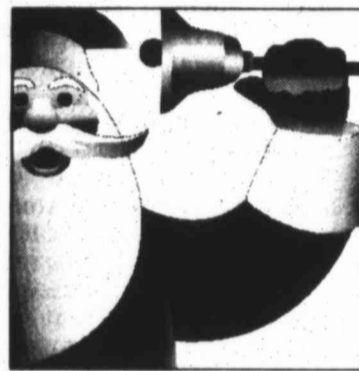


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Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army kettles:



Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
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- Big Spring Mall

Other efforts:

- H-E-B Food Stores Ring In A Miracle to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 or \$2 will be added to your grocery total.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas. Also, a food drive is under way. Call 267-4124 to donate.
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand made gift to the church, 508 N. Aylesford.
- Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that represent 26 Howard County children who are currently clients of the Children's Protective Services. Visit the bank to adopt one of these children.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting cans of food to be distributed to the area needy. Bring two or more cans to the Ritz, the Star or Cinema Four movie theaters and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize.

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Stenholm, Hutchison, Gramm support airstrikes

From Staff and Wire Reports

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm put aside deliberations of impeachment temporarily Wednesday to focus on support for the air strikes in Iraq.

"First and foremost, I support our troops who are in the Middle East defending our nation," said the Democrat from Stamford. "My thoughts and prayers are with our men and women in uniform throughout the world and their families."

Stenholm said that after being briefed by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he agrees with the decision to attack Iraq.



STENHOLM HUTCHISON GRAMM

"I agree with the advice of our military leaders that swift, decisive action was necessary. Saddam Hussein failure to live up to his commitment to allow unrestricted access by weapons inspectors demands a strong military response,"

said Stenholm.

The 60-year-old long-time lawmaker has still not reached a decision on the House impeachment vote which has been postponed because of the airstrikes, but called for both parties to come together on the issue of national security.

"When it comes to threats to our national security, we must put partisan differences aside and stand firm against our enemies," Stenholm said. "Now is the time for us to come together not as Democrats and Republicans but as Americans to support our troops and defend our nation and our national inter-

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School bells ring in holidays today, Friday

HERALD Staff Report

Christmas means more than just presents, eggnog and mistletoe. For area school children, Christmas also means no classes for the break.

Big Spring and Forsan classes dismiss Friday and will resume Jan. 5. Coahoma students dismiss today and will return Jan. 5.

Sands, Glasscock County and Grady students dismiss Friday.

Glasscock County students will resume Jan. 4. Sands and Grady students return Jan. 4.

Family finds gift of life within tragedy

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

For Dolores Green, Christmas 1998 will long be remembered as the year she received a gift most precious.

Minutes before their home was engulfed in flames, Green and her fiance Santos Villa Jr. grabbed her three sleeping children and rushed them outside to safety.

Within minutes, as the family stood outside watching, their home burned.

"All of this we can replace," said Green, 22, sweeping her arm toward the charred remains of her home at 1220 W. Third.

"But what we can't replace are these," she said, touching her children Maggie, 4, Micheal, 3, and 2-year-old Brandon.

The drama began unfolding in their home about 10 p.m. Dec. 12. While watching the evening news, Green said she could smell plastic melting, and called out to Villa.

"You know how it is, when you're ready to go to bed, and your man isn't. He was working on the children's room and he kept saying, 'just one more. When we finish this one we'll quit for the night,'" Green recalled.

Villa worked late that night, hanging sheet rock in a room the couple were remodeling. With three small children, and another due in March, the family needed additional bedrooms, Villa, 23, said.

"We always close our door

"We look fine, we're alive, so this is going to be all right. We'll pull through."

-Dolores Green

when we go to bed, and if that door had been closed, it would have been too late. The kids would have been gone," Green said.

When she and Villa investigated the smell of melting plastic, it took several minutes before they located the source.

"The bathroom was on fire, and the wall. A closet separates the children's bedroom from the bathroom. It caught fire. If it wasn't for that closet, the flames would have stopped us from getting the children out," Green said.

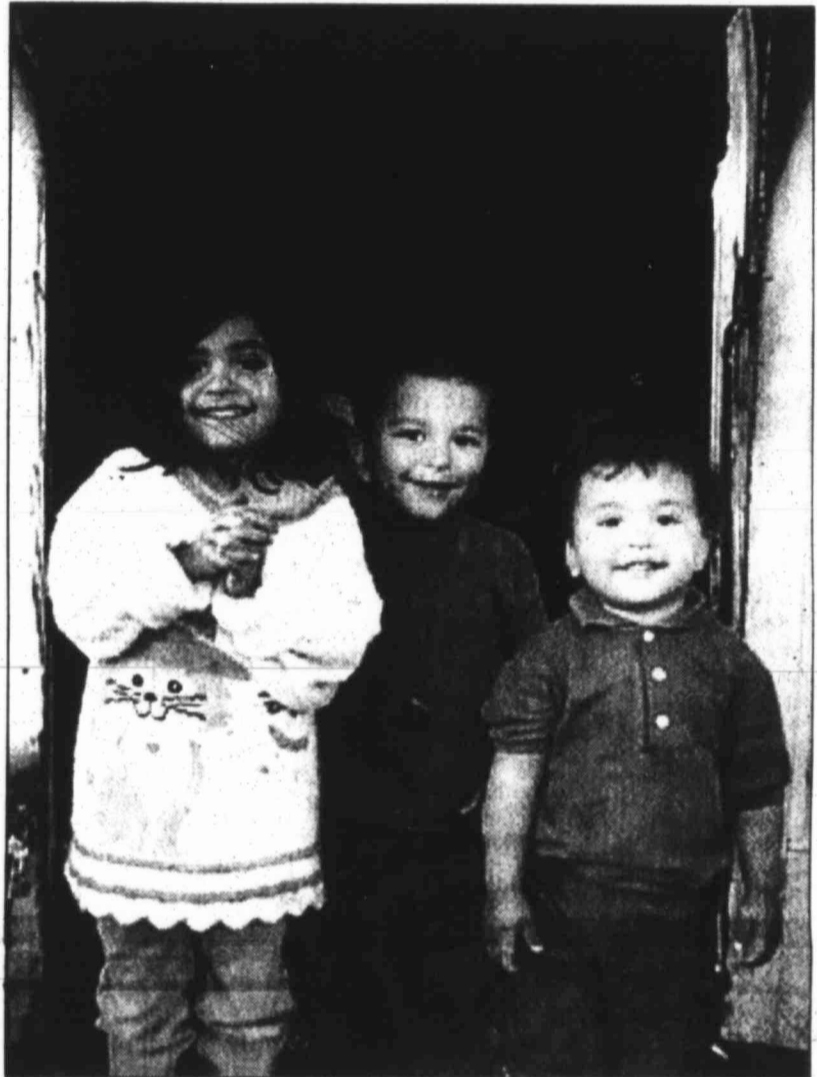
Fire Marshal Burr Lee Settles said the family was lucky to have escaped with their lives.

"If they had been asleep, they wouldn't have made it. The home is built like a mobile home, and the fire would have gone through it," Settles said.

The fire department report said when firefighters arrived on the scene two minutes after receiving the call, flames were seen shooting out from the structure.

Estimated loss is \$10,000, and Settles said the family basically lost all their possessions, including appliances, furnishings and clothing.

Probable cause for the fire was listed as an unvented



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Standing on the their front porch, now covered with ashes and soot from a fire in their home, are Maggie Carrasco, and her brothers Micheal and Brandon Green.

water heater. About 600 gallons of water were used to extinguish the flames.

Green said the children keep asking what happened to their

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Vandals

Police nab two suspected of park vandalism

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department has apprehended two of the juveniles suspected of committing the recent vandalism at Comanche Trail Park.

"We received a call from Crimestoppers and arrested two juveniles, who are now detained with juvenile probation," said Big Spring police chief Lonnie Smith.

Following interrogation of the suspects, Smith said the two youths, 14 and 16, will be charged with burglary and criminal mischief.

"We believe we will bring a third juvenile in today, through investigation" Smith said.

The vandalism and burglary occurred the first weekend in December at the park.

The Pro Shop at the golf course was burglarized. The No. 10 golf green and the archway near the spring were vandalized, according to police reports.

According to a person in the county attorney's office, penalties for juveniles vary from case to case, and every case is different.

Several different codes of law, including the Penal Code, the Family Code, the Education Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure are involved in determining punishment for a conviction of a juvenile.

For an adult charged with burglary, the penalty is a state jail felony, which is prescribed by law to incarcerate an individual in a state jail facility for

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Committee: Student will remain in alternative program

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A committee of Coahoma High School educators on Wednesday decided a student should remain in the district's alternative education program, despite her family's assertion that it was making her physically ill.

Mandy Hanslik, sentenced to 20 days in the AEP for bringing a handgun on the school cam-

pus, has been ill and hospitalized, the family attorney said.

The family appeared before a committee of teachers and counselors Wednesday to determine if her illness qualified her for an alternate arrangement under section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The committee agreed that she does not fall under 504," said Michael Hartman, Coahoma superintendent. Hartman had

given Hanslik a sentence of 20 days in the alternative program after she reported to school officials on Nov. 19 there was a gun in her mother's car, which she had driven to school that day.

Under the federal Gun-Free Zone Act, mandatory punishment for bringing a gun on campus is expulsion for a year, which can be reduced by the superintendent.

"They follow the letter of the law," Hartman said of the com-

mittee that made Wednesday's decision. The hearing was monitored by personnel from the Region 18 Educational Service Center and special education experts, he said.

But a meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoon to try to reach an alternate agreement in the situation, said Max Wright, the Hanslik family attorney.

Wright, Coahoma school

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Chamber banquet to feature local talent; Board takes care of end of year business

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Bob "Tumbleweed" Smith Lewis will be the keynote speaker at the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in January.

That announcement, closing out the year and making plans for 1999 was the primary business of the chamber board, which convened Wednesday.

New president Chuck Williams said Lewis was asked to speak with the theme in mind of "going local."

"We're looking forward to that," he said of the Jan. 22 banquet, "I think will be a wonderful evening." Other details will be announced as the annual event approaches.

Board members handled routine reports and noted upcoming activities.

Out-going president Ray Kennedy told the group, "I have discovered that what makes a good president is the people around him. It's not the president himself. I want to tell you



LEWIS KENNEDY WILLIAMS

how much I have enjoyed this year."

Williams, who takes over in January, said, "I am looking forward, after the holidays, to get rolling," and thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

Lee George was named to fill a spot on the Charitable Trust board of trustees, replacing Cavan McMahon.

Terri Newton, executive vice president, announced that the chamber will hold an open house on Dec. 23.

Among other dates, it was noted that the annual ag expo will be held March 25 and the health fair is set for April 17.

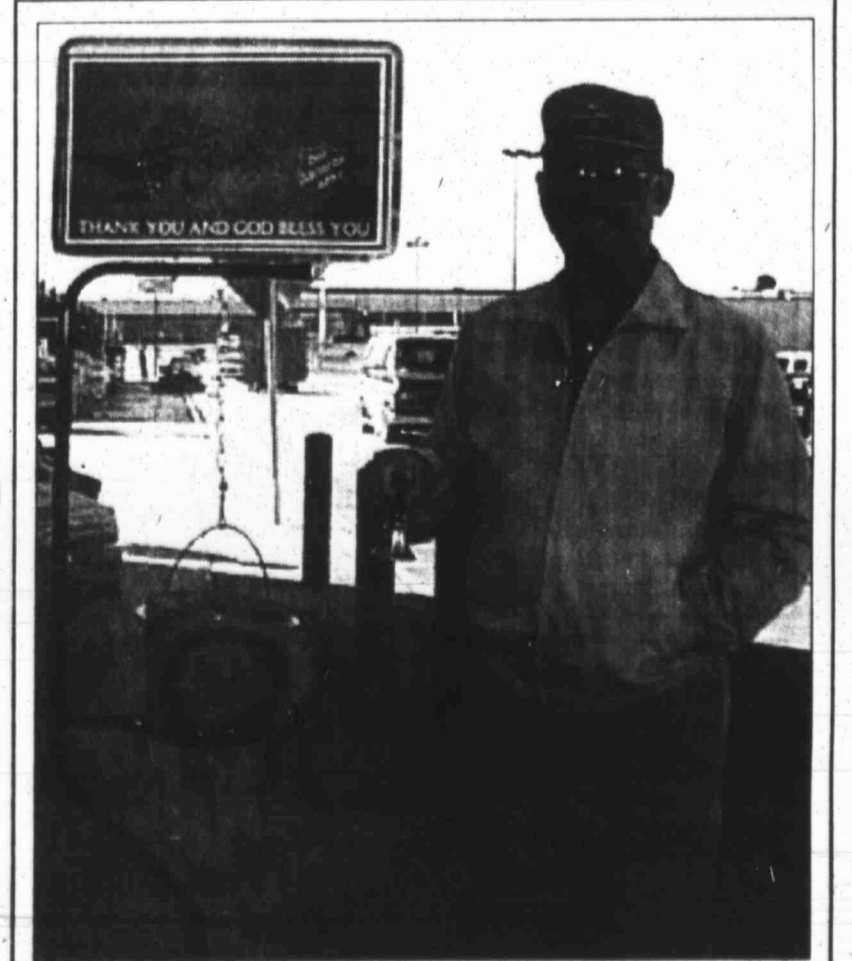
New board members, announced last month, are Joel De La Garza, Norwest Bank; Allan Johnson, A Llan's Furniture; Liz Lowery, Howard College; Barbara Morrison, Western Container; and John Weeks, KBST Radio.

Officers for 1999 include Jim Purcell, president-elect; Terry McDaniels, first vice president; David McKay, treasurer; and George, Dora Roberts Community Center chairman.

Others are Mel Prather, vice president of tourism; Richard Steel, vice president of government affairs; and Amber Rich, vice president of public affairs.

Still others are Lanelle Witt, vice president of retail development; and Randy Phillips, vice president of memberships.

The board also approved previous minutes and financials.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Big Spring Rotary Club member Bill Crooker, long-time county commissioner, volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army kettle fund drive at Wal-Mart recently.

DECEMBER 17 1998

OBITUARIES

Toots Mansfield

Toots Mansfield, 84, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998, in an El Paso hospital. Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, Chaplain of Baptist Memorials Center in San Angelo, and Rev. Flynn Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum, Big Spring.



MANSFIELD

He was born on May 15, 1914, in Bandera, and married Mary Nell Edwards on Dec. 1, 1940, in Big Spring.

He came to Big Spring in 1940 from Bandera. He worked as a rancher and as a rodeo cowboy and was a seven time World Champion Calf Roper. Mr. Mansfield was the first president of the Rodeo Cowboys Association and was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. In 1995, Mr. Mansfield was named "Man of the Year" in Big Spring.

He was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Nell Mansfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Deane and Harold Kelley; and a grandson, Paddy Bryne Kelley, all of El Paso.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Taylor, Buddy Hunter, Bud Poage, Bill Neal, Jr., Rip Patterson, Don "Lefty" Reynolds, Harold Kelley, and Paddy Kelley. Honorary pallbearers will be Malcolm Patterson and Truman Jones.

The family suggests memorials to: West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Rd., San Angelo; 76904-9989.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6 to 7 p.m.

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

Paid obituary

Pearl Frances Roberts Jewett

Service for Pearl Frances Roberts Jewett, 95, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at West Hwy. 80 Church of Christ with her son, Bill Jewett, and her son-in-law, W.R. Loper, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive

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Pearl Frances Roberts Jewett, 95, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at West Hwy. 80 Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Shirley M. Bradshaw, 63, died Wednesday. Services will be 11:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Toots Mansfield, 84, died Wednesday. Services will be 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

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Memorial Park

Mrs. Jewett died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at her residence.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1903; in Canon County, Tenn., and married George W. Jewett. He preceded her in death. She homesteaded, taught school, was a homemaker and cared for other people until her health failed. She had lived in Greeley, Colo. for many years until 1991. Mrs. Jewett was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: two sons, William "Bill" Jewett of Big Spring, and Jack J. Jewett of Milam; one daughter, Pansy Pearl Jewett of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

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

Shirley Bradshaw

Service for Shirley Bradshaw, 63, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bradshaw died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at her residence. She was born on Oct. 30, 1935, in Albany, and married R.D. Bradshaw on Aug. 21, 1954, in Clovis, N.M. She came to Big Spring in 1961 from Colorado City. She taught school in Big Spring and Coahoma from 1972 to 1986. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her husband, R.D. Bradshaw of Big Spring; one son, Bobby Bradshaw of Midland; one daughter, Mari Kate Eglos of Lake Mary, Fla.; three brothers, Ronnie Miller of Dimmitt, Bruce Miller of Lubbock, and Don Miller of Breckenridge; and three grandchildren.

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six months to two years.

Smith said the investigation into the incidents is continuing. And the juveniles gave an expected reason for the crimes.

"For the thrill and excitement," Smith said.

Several local community groups and individual citizens have launched efforts to prevent the recent rash of vandalism that has occurred in the Big Spring community.

Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons committing crimes. Call 263-TIPS (7477).

FAMILY

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ster lived in the open flame.

"So now I tell him the fire monster from the water heater ate our home," she said.

Micheal seems content with that explanation. He and Maggie both gaze quietly at a soot-covered, fire ravaged couch, now sitting in the front yard.

"I was brave," Maggie said. And her brother Micheal said he also was brave.

"I was not afraid. I'm tough," Micheal said.

Destroyed in the home were a month's worth of groceries. Full, unopened cans and jars of food lie in the rubble, covered in soot and ash.

"The Red Cross bought us some groceries," Green said.

A water bed, and bedroom furniture in the parents' room might be saved, and children's clothing, except for under clothes, may be salvaged with machine washings in vinegar, Green said.

"What I will really miss is my rocking chair. I've had that rocking chair since I was pregnant with Maggie, and it is the only thing that will soothe her,"

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Green said.

Two televisions and two VCR's were melted in the heat. One set belonged to Green's mother.

The other were recent Christmas presents from Villa's mother, Green said. Christmas decorations, along with everything in the front four rooms of the home were lost, she said.

The Salvation Army has offered to place the children on a waiting list for Christmas assistance. And Big Spring Housing Authority is attempting to relocate the family, she said.

"I really want to thank all the people who have helped us," Green said.

The young family refuse to be grieved. A spirit of determination remains, and they hope to rebuild the house.

"Look at this yard. It's a great yard for my children. They can play out here and I don't have to worry about them," Green said.

"We look fine, we're alive, so this is going to be all right. We'll pull through," she said.

STUDENT

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board president Gail Wells, attorney Blake Hansen who represents the school district, and Hartman were among officials expected to be in the meeting this morning.

Wright said if a compromise cannot be reached, the family will consider other options.

Options the family is considering include a lawsuit in federal court, based on federal laws for people with disabilities. The premise of the lawsuit would be that Hanslik's civil rights had been violated by the committee's decision, Wright said.

Another option is for the family to pursue appealing its original case against the school district, which argued that Hanslik's punishment was too harsh. Last week, U.S. District Judge Robert Moore upheld the school's punishment, saying the district had followed the applicable laws.

IRAQ

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ests." Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has been critical of Clinton's foreign policy, expressed concern about the timing of the strikes, but supported military action.

"Saddam Hussein cannot be allowed to wave a red flag to the rest of the world and get by with it," she said. "We believe he is making weapons of mass destruction. We know he will use them on his own neighbors and his own people and that must be stopped."

"I think that now that we are in this action, we must support the president and the troops." Hutchison, who serves on the defense appropriations subcommittee, added, "Our strike must be beyond any kind of a modest air strike."

"While the president's timing and motives in launching these strikes may be questionable, I strongly support the use of whatever force is necessary to protect our troops," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The first wave of airstrikes against Iraq produced "severe damage to some targets," Secretary William Cohen said today, as the Pentagon readied further attacks aimed at destroying Hussein's ability to create weapons of mass destruction.

Military officials spent the night studying photographs taken by spy satellites and U-2 aircraft in an attempt to assess the damage from Wednesday night's attack, which came on the eve of a scheduled House debate on four articles of impeachment against President Clinton. House leaders postponed the debate after the attack.

In a series of TV and radio interviews from the Pentagon, Cohen was asked repeatedly if the first day's attacks had been successful. "I'm not trying to classify them as being totally successful at this point," he told AP Radio.

He said officials were still studying the intelligence, but preliminary reports had shown that targets had been hit. He characterized the damage as

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

"severe" and "substantial" and said he was "impressed with the accuracy" of the strikes.

Without elaborating on details of the next wave of strikes, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said, "This operation is not completed."

"We know very much what we want to accomplish," he said. "We know what the targets are that we seek to destroy or hit and we will systematically attack those targets."

In Baghdad today, children headed to school and government workers went to offices as usual after the nightlong attacks. Downtown streets were busy with traffic. Saddam's whereabouts were unknown, but he appeared on television to condemn the "wicked people" who launched hundreds of missiles.

Amid images of crumpled brick buildings in Baghdad, an Iraqi doctor said 30 people were wounded and two killed during the initial attacks.

Military officials said a second night of attack called for using 15 Air Force B-52H bombers, armed with long-range AGM-86 air-launched cruise missiles, based on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

In Washington's tense political atmosphere, Republican leaders postponed the House debate on the impeachment of Clinton after the attack began, even as some voiced suspicions about the president's timing. Around the capital, security was tightened at embassies and other "critical installations."

Cohen repeatedly denied any political motive by Clinton in launching the attacks on the day before he faced an impeachment vote in the House — a vote now postponed. "There has never been a political decision coming out of this building from President Clinton dealing with our men and women in uniform," Cohen said on Fox TV.

Iraq, Russia and China called for an immediate halt to the U.S. and British attacks, but a divided United Nations Security Council took no action.

Tree forest winners announced

Herald Staff Report

Heritage Museum officials have announced the winners of the Community Christmas Tree Forest.

Judges were the museum's board of directors, who chose first, second and third places. First place went to the St. Mary's Episcopal School tree, made by the students and teachers at the school. It was a traditional "children's tree" with old-fashioned ornaments.

The St. Mary's kids won a tree of Beanie Babies for their efforts. Second place went to American Business Women's Association, which decorated a tree with floating angels, twinkling lights and soft clouds. Third place was a tie between four other trees in the contest: a Veteran's tree, Girl Scout tree, Howard County tree and Terrier Friends tree.

The Veteran's tree was a patriotic salute decorated with red, white and blue flags, ornaments and original medals.

The Girl Scout troops 111, 239 and 199 created a tree wishing "ewe a merry Christmas." It was decorated with their photos on ewes (sheep).

The Howard County tree was really a contest to see who could guess which county official was which — from their baby and childhood photographs. Kay Kennemur decorated it.

Terrier Friends decorated a festive tree dedicated to the dog, including Scottish and Toy Fox terrier ornaments and dog bones.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

March cotton 61.60 cents, down 85 points; Jan. crude 11.82, down 56 points; Cash hogs at 11; cash steers at 58 even; Feb. lean hog futures 28.65, up 70 points; Feb. live cattle futures 59.12, up 42 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: WEDNESDAY 12:39 a.m. — 1300 block Wright, medical call, one

Don't be blue, 'cuz your 42 Happy Birthday Will

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POLICE

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

AN UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1200 block of East 18th.

THEFT, CLASS B was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

DOG BITE was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

ANTHONY TORRES, 19, was arrested for failure to identify.

THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of East 11th Place. Two grown Rottweilers, valued at \$650, were reported stolen.

DONALD VANDERBILT, 27, was arrested for warrants.

THEFT was reported in the 2600 block of Cindy, at 350 and 1-20, 400 block of Birdwell, 1700 block of Marcy and 18th and Gregg.

THEFT CLASS B was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie.

THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens. Beer and cigarettes valued at \$133.39 were reported stolen.

WILLIAM GRAVES, 58, was arrested for public intoxication.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of North Scurry.

MANUAL HOLGUIN, 33, was arrested for local warrants.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

TIMOTHY DUFFEY, 24, was arrested for motion to revoke probation and assault.

TARA PETERSON, 23, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 64 Wednesday's low 31 Average high 58 Average low 29 Record high 77 in 1946 Record low 11 in 1989 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.54 Month's normal 0.37 Year to date 13.18 Normal for the year 17.92

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Big Spring Thursday GO WASHIN Despite st the timing Iraq, Hous postponed impeach President C lawmakers stand by "We're g members, Democrat, for furth Friday, po within the incoming Livingston. Before-W to postpr prospects w ively dim a after anoth for impeac is not expe Amu WASHIN downtown rushed hor Paul. Min stood bene vision, gaz ish images "I think coming ar Dailey, 23, nutritional don't think do with the at all" Other An sure, q President C tary action the U.S. Ho tives prepar identical im 130 years. "It's funn works out i Retra WASHIN conference One to Was Clinton poll security ac ers and t them to mous. Some 24 missies toward Iraq, president kered flow the White H dling with himself to cr Within an camera in th addressed th This sin clear and pre stability of th the safety where? Wednesday Cops PHILADEL Police who a pair of arm they had esc They spotte chase. What they they had th they got Wednesda driver of the had a guilty s If all begar when a pair o \$20,000 wat Marcus in th Mall. According JU GO SA ON LAD LADI "TIME

GOP leaders postpone impeachment vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite strong cynicism about the timing of airstrikes against Iraq, House Republican leaders postponed a history-making impeachment vote against President Clinton. They advised lawmakers to stay in town and stand by.

"We're going to ask that all members, Republican and Democrat, remain available for further action possibly Friday, possibly Saturday, but within the near future," said incoming Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La.

Before Wednesday's decision to postpone, the president's prospects were growing increasingly dim as one GOP moderate after another declared support for impeachment. That outlook is not expected to change by a

short delay.

"I would think the votes are pretty much in place," said Rep. Peter King, a New York Republican who favors censure over impeachment. "Right now it certainly looks like the president will be impeached."

Livingston said Republicans decided "in the interest of support of our troops ... the only thing that we need do is pass a resolution of support for our troops."

Democrats rushed to defend Clinton, House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt suggested that the House "not take up impeachment until the hostilities have ended. It shouldn't come up as long as our troops are in harm's way."

He also joined with Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle

in warning Saddam Hussein to "make no mistake that despite domestic political differences in the United States, the American people and Congress stand firmly behind the defense of our nation's vital interests."

Clinton, near the end of a televised address on the bombing, broached the subject himself. "Saddam Hussein and the other enemies of peace may have thought that the serious debate currently before the House of Representatives would distract Americans or weaken our resolve to face them down," the president said.

Livingston contended that Republicans "have left the issue of impeachment to the conscience of the men and women in the Congress," while the White House has waged a major

lobbying campaign.

"And ironically, in the last few days, there have been many, many members who have, left to their own devices, decided that they were prepared to vote in favor of impeachment," Livingston said.

One announcement that stung the White House was the pro-impeachment declaration of Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., who had previously said he would oppose impeachment.

"I get the impression that the president considers himself above the law," Porter said.

Also coming out for impeachment was Republican Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio, who said Clinton "has shattered the trust of the American people by committing perjury, obstructing justice and corroding the rule of law."

Americans react with suspicion and support

WASHINGTON (AP) — As downtown office workers rushed home for dinner in St. Paul, Minn., Phillip Dailey stood beneath a food court television, gazing up at the greenish images of Iraq under fire.

"I think it was a long time coming and overdue," said Dailey, 23, the manager of a nutritional supplement store. "I don't think it had anything to do with the president's scandal at all."

Other Americans weren't so sure, questioning why President Clinton ordered military action on Wednesday as the U.S. House of Representatives prepared for the first presidential impeachment vote in 130 years.

"It's funny how the timing works out isn't it?" asked Bill

VanAcker, 33, a salesman at Ralph Pontiac and Honda dealership in Rochester, N.Y. "You didn't hear anything on the news tonight about the impeachment?"

"This is just like 'Wag the Dog,'" added Henry Heise, 55, referring to the recent movie in which a president invents a military conflict to distract the country from a sex scandal.

"If he can't keep his house clean at home, how can he handle things outside the country?" asked Heise, who was watching the airstrikes through a store window in the Crown Center mall in Kansas City, Mo.

While some Americans were skeptical about the attack's timing, many others said the action was appropriate and dismissed suggestions the White House

ordered the bombing to divert attention.

"I didn't vote for Clinton. I don't particularly like the man, as far as what he's done. But I don't believe that this is a ploy," said Alan Bauer, 45, a Santa's helper who wore his red-and-white hat as he left work in Kansas City, Mo.

"The timing is just coincidental," agreed John Callen, 41, a hotel concierge in Philadelphia. "Clinton is just trying to prove he can still run the country. It's time to get back to that rather than spend so much time on his personal infidelities."

Longtime bowler Joe Girsch almost never talks politics on league nights at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo, Iowa. But Wednesday night was different. Girsch, 67, a farmer from

nearby Cedar Falls, said as he got up to bowl a frame that he was suspicious of Clinton's motives: "His timing stunk. I'm sure the impeachment vote influenced when he was going to do it."

Happy hour revelers at The Scorecard, an Omaha, Neb., sports bar, fell silent as they watched President Clinton fill a dozen televisions during his address to the nation.

"I think it's what needs to be done," said Mark Iltisch, 24, who came out from the kitchen to watch the president's speech. "Saddam is playing too many games in the world."

About 100 protesters in New York City's Times Square waved placards and chanted "Stop the bombing! Stop the war!"

Retracing 24 hours that led to cruise missile strikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a conference call from Air Force One to Washington, President Clinton polled his top national security advisers and found them unanimous.

Some 24 hours after the administration ordered cruise missiles to strike Iraq, the president hunkered down in the White House residence fiddling with words to explain himself to critics.

Within an hour, he faced a camera in the Oval Office and addressed the nation.

"This situation presents a clear and present danger to the stability of the Persian Gulf and the safety of people everywhere," Clinton said Wednesday, outlining the newly

minted "Operation Desert Fox" to punish Iraq for defying international weapons inspectors.

On Capitol Hill, where House members were poised to begin voting on Clinton's impeachment today, many Republicans felt outfoxed.

Incoming Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La., visibly agitated, said he wouldn't "second guess" the administration but did note that Iraq has been defying United Nations weapons inspectors since August.

Republicans, he said, "regret the circumstances that have delayed substantive and effective action until this date."

One after another, Vice President Al Gore and administration officials stood before the news cameras to bat down any suspicion of political motives. But the crash-bang intersection of Clinton's twin crises was unavoidable. All day Wednesday, he shuttled between meet-

ings on Iraq and sessions on surviving the increasingly dim House impeachment vote.

He squeezed in an impromptu pep talk to his senior staff. "As we go through this, you should remember that, ultimately, the American people get things right."

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said planning for the airstrikes began on Nov. 15, the last time Saddam pulled Clinton to the brink and backed down. Clinton made his "Go" decision and pulled the trigger this time only after the United Nations inspection team reported its mission was hopeless, Berger said.

He described a conference call that Clinton, returning from the Mideast with Berger and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, placed from Air Force One on Tuesday afternoon. Gore, Defense Secretary William Cohen, CIA director

George Tenet and a small handful of other advisers were summoned to the line in their Washington offices.

"We talked it through," Berger said.

"The recommendation was unanimous the president should go forward."

Back at the White House, just after 1 a.m., Clinton called House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle to deliver news of the looming airstrikes — and take the temperature on his prospects for impeachment.

Despite the late night and his punishing 12-hour flight, Clinton was suited up in coat, tie and cufflinks by 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

In the basement Situation Room, he went around the table and polled his national security team once more. Still unanimous, the attack was on.



CLINTON

Cops run down wrong pair after \$20,000 store robbery

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police who were looking for a pair of armed robbers knew they had escaped in a gray car. They spotted one and gave chase.

What they didn't realize is, they had the wrong car. But they got a dandy chase Wednesday anyway. Seems the driver of the car they spotted had a guilty secret of his own.

It all began about 12:20 p.m. when a pair of robbers swiped a \$20,000 watch at Neiman Marcus in the King of Prussia Mall.

According to Upper Merion

Police Lt. Robert Deuber, a man asked to see a Cartier watch, then grabbed it from a sales clerk and ran. A security guard tried to tackle him, but his accomplice drew a revolver, told the guard to let the man go and fired into the ceiling.

The pair escaped in a gray four-door car — just like one police spotted nearby a few minutes later. When an officer tried to pull it over, the driver sped away and headed for the Schuylkill Expressway.

Police blocked off part of the expressway and traffic backed up. The driver and his passen-

ger abandoned their hemmed-in car, ran across lanes of oncoming traffic and jumped into the Schuylkill River.

Troopers went after them, wading into the 42-degree, chest-deep water. It was like a scene out of "The Fugitive" until officers on the other side of the river finally corralled them.

Officers eventually figured out that they ran away because the man driving the car didn't have a valid license. There were no other charges outstanding against either of them, police said.

The driver was charged with reckless driving and other moving violations, then he and his friend were released.

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Construction worker indicted in fire

MIDLAND (AP) — A construction worker already charged with arson in connection with a blaze that killed his daughter, stepson and common-law wife, was indicted on capital murder charges Wednesday.

Garland Leon "Butch" Martin, 35, was arrested in April after an indictment charged him with setting the Feb. 25 fire.

Martin's wife, Marsha Poole, 24; her son, 3-year-old Michael Brady Stevens; and the couple's daughter, Kristin Rae Martin, 18 months, were killed when the fire swept through their home.

A Midland County grand jury on Wednesday returned three capital murder indictments against Martin.

Martin was free on bond after the earlier indictment. Sheriff Gary Painter said Martin would be re-arrested and bond set at \$250,000.

* Painter has said an accelerant was used in starting the blaze, but no motive has been discussed publicly.

Fort Bliss: More sent to Southwest Asia

FORT BLISS (AP) — Some 700 to 800 more Army troops from Fort Bliss have been ordered to prepare for deployment to Southwest Asia amid the latest U.S. military strike on Iraq, post officials said Wednesday.

Soldiers from the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade are part of the military buildup.

A statement from Fort Bliss gave no details regarding when the troops would ship out, saying the information would be provided "within operational security guidelines."

The troops join other Fort Bliss soldiers who were deployed to the Persian Gulf region as tensions with Iraq heightened last month. There are already 24,100 U.S. military men and women in the region, including personnel from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

President Clinton ordered a "strong, sustained series of airstrikes" against Iraq on Wednesday in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. weapons inspectors.

Prosecutor: Inmate to be charged

ABILENE (AP) — A special prosecutor says he'll pursue rape and kidnapping charges against a prison inmate who allegedly held a female guard hostage in his cell and assaulted her.

Bill Juvrude, a prison prosecutor based in Plainview, said he has sufficient evidence to proceed after the attack early Sunday morning at the Robertson Unit.

Juvrude said he will file charges of aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping against 22-year-old Jesse Trevino Cortez, a convicted rapist.

"We believe we have the evidence to go forward with this case but there are still things we are investigating," Juvrude said.

The case could be presented to a grand jury as early as next week, officials said.

Prison investigators say the female guard was conducting bed checks at 2:40 a.m. Sunday when Cortez somehow opened his cell door and grabbed her.

Wielding an 8-inch piece of sharpened metal, Cortez only released the guard after two hours of negotiation with prison officials.

"We don't know how Cortez managed to open his cell door," said Latham Boone, chief prosecutor for the Special Prison Prosecution Unit. "That is something we'll be trying to determine."

Prison employees who asked to remain anonymous say the prison may have had trouble with faulty cell door locks. Some employees complained that the prison was trying to cover up the incident by releasing a report Monday that failed to mention the sexual assault. The report said the guard was treated for scratches on her neck.

CORRECTION NOTICE

THE Dunlap's Insert in today's Big Spring Herald should have been inserted in the paper for Wednesday December 16th. The Sale Is Currently In Progress. The Big Spring Herald apologizes for the omission of this Ad.

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OUR VIEWS

If it takes kissing a pig, our citizens will do that as well

Some people will do anything for attention. Well, almost anything. Even Hangar 25 Restoration Committee president Jerry Worthy fudged just a little when it came to paying off a promise this week.

He had vowed to kiss a sow if the group's fund-raiser was successful, which in this case, meant raising \$2,200 toward converting the World War II era hanger into an aircraft museum.

In fact, the event raised \$2,600. Worthy made good on his obligation with a quick peck on the hog's back. It wasn't the sloppy smooch we would have liked to have seen, but it got the job done.

Getting the job done, that's one thing we like about Howard County and its residents. People go the extra step to make sure a project is successful.

We've seen the same type of special effort this year with the Friends of the Settles, Big Spring and Howard County United Way, the Festival of Lights, the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Angel Tree project. In each case, individuals or groups of individuals came forward to help overcome obstacles and make those projects succeed.

We don't mean to imply that those were the only projects going on. That's another thing we feel that our community can be proud of. There is always something in the works — usually multiple things — and it is always for one of two reasons: to help promote the city and county or to lend a hand to its residents.

Which affords us the opportunity to get on the soap box only for a brief moment to say if you want to get involved with a project, all you need to do is pick up the telephone and make a phone call. Most groups are glad to have all the help they can get.

We don't have to tell those volunteers there is an amazing amount of satisfaction in being a part of a project that helps needy families during the holidays, or makes a dream like the air museum a reality.

Worthy said next time he challenges the Hangar 25 Committee, he's going to raise the stakes. "They meet their challenges," he said.

Committee member Gloria McDonald agreed. "It's very hard for them to fail at a challenge," she said.

Just ask the pig.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Children are at the center of Christmas as this feast focuses on a poor Child born in a stable on a hillside in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago.

However, countless children in the great State of Texas, and for that matter around the country, will not enjoy Christmas because they are tragic victims of abuse and neglect, sometimes malicious, sometimes simply from incompetence on the part of the parent or whatever adult is present.

The Christmas spotlight needs to shine on this critical and tragically painful situation of our life in Texas.

Judge Scott McCown of the State Court in Austin recently stated that "Children are the critical public policy issue for Texas."

He pointed out that we prevent crime through preventing child abuse.

Texas has the largest number of children living in poverty of any other state, and the rate of poverty is being translated into a high level of juvenile crime and creating a crisis for the state's Child Protective Services.

Judge McCown recently published a report urging

Governor Bush and the Texas Legislature to dedicate 2% of the state's budget towards additional funding to stop child abuse.

I think it should be even higher.

In researching the statistics, the judge pointed out that Child Protective Services is overworked and understaffed, despite a growing budget and that neglect produces criminality as surely and effectively as abuse.

There is an appalling difference in public policy in our state between what we do in terms of prison expenditures and what we spend to protect children.

We need a stronger political will and a clearer vision to confront this tragic situation.

If we would deal more effectively with the troubled young people in our society, down the road we would save ourselves billions of dollars in prison costs.

We would be giving thousands of young Texans a wonderful Christmas throughout the year and preparing many productive citizens for the future of our state.

**MOST REV. MICHAEL D. PFEIFER, OMI
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The serene wisdom of Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Last week one of the greatest men of the 20th century, a true giant among men, celebrated his 80th birthday.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, though a Nobel Prize winner for literature, is not great because of his literary skill but because of his indomitable courage and integrity. He is one of the greatest Christian heroes in the 2,000-year history of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

He was a high school math teacher, saw much combat as an artillery officer in World War II, was literally plucked off the battlefield by Joseph Stalin's secret police, and sent to the gulag. He survived eight years of that hell, he survived cancer, he survived harassment by the KGB and he survived exile, and not once, not on any issue, did Solzhenitsyn

compromise with his persecutors.

I can recall from a book written by his great friend, the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, that the KGB once gave Solzhenitsyn strict orders, laced with threats, not to attend the funeral of a friend who was also out of favor with the Communists. Not only did Solzhenitsyn go to the funeral, he walked down the aisle to the open casket and kissed his friend on the forehead.

"He was the first man to take on openly and single-handedly a great country and to win his struggle. He was the first man in Soviet Russia to behave like a free man," historian Edvard Radzinsky told Reuters news agency.

It's hard for us, so long blessed with freedom, to comprehend what enormous courage it took for Solzhenitsyn to "behave like a free man" inside the most murderous and vicious totalitarian state in the history of the world.

And he hasn't changed. He is, at 80, as outspoken in his criticism of the corrupt, crime-ridden post-Soviet Russia as he was of Communism. After he

was thrown out of the Soviet Union, he paid us the great compliment of criticizing the corruption and cowardice of Western culture in a commencement address.

After that speech at Harvard University, the American Establishment, especially the press, was so offended by the truth that he dropped off the media's map. And though he lived for 20 years in Vermont, he might as well have been in Siberia for all the American people were ever told about him. I don't believe he was ever again invited to speak at any major public gathering.

This, of course, only verifies his indictment of the corrupt culture where major universities routinely award honorary degrees to foreign thugs and killers and cheap entertainers. To our everlasting shame, a White House where thugs and dictators are routinely welcomed never invited Solzhenitsyn.

His honesty was more than the political and cultural establishment could bear. Just as he could not be intimidated by threats of prison, torture and execution, so, too, he could not be bought by people in the

West. So the American Establishment, like its Communist counterpart, also exiled him.

"What surprises me most in Solzhenitsyn," said Heinrich Boll, a German writer who won the Nobel Prize for literature, "is the calm that he emanates." It is his faith that creates the calm.

"How easy for me to live with You, O Lord!" Solzhenitsyn says in a prayer-poem. "How easy for me to believe in You. When my mind parts in bewilderment or falters, when the most intelligent people see no further than this day's end and do not know what must be done tomorrow, You grant me the serene certitude that You exist and that You will take care that not all the paths of good be closed. Atop the ridge of earthly fame, I look back in wonder at the path which I alone could never have found, a wondrous path through despair to this point from which I, too, could transmit to mankind a reflection of Your rays. And as much as I must still reflect, you will give me. But as much as I cannot take up, You have already assigned to others."



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Not since Truman Capote wrote about a boyhood Christmas has there been a book as fine as "The Silent Stars Go By."

I have read it twice, and I can't say enough good about it. If you lack a gift, or if you're having trouble getting your mind right for the holidays, this is the first-class ticket.

Georgia's Philip Lee Williams has written of Christmas 1959 on the high-mystical line between country and town near little Madison, Ga. His parents, Ruth and Woody, were 35 and 37 respectively. He was 9. He had an older brother and a new baby sister.

They lived in an old house, "nothing special, a structure of white wooden siding with two sentinel water oaks in the front yard and a chinaberry tree dangling its shriveled fruits at the end of the front porch." He desperately wanted a football uniform from Santa Claus, a red one like the Morgan County Bulldogs wore.

Phil's father was the high-school principal, a man wise and kind. That year Mr. Williams decided to invite the community to the high-school auditorium to hear Handel's "Messiah." Phil's family had Handel on 78-rpm discs -- there were 38 sides in the set. Mr. Williams had built their record player himself.

Concert night came, and Phil watched his father lug the monster record player and the "Messiah" to the school.

"I knew this was a fine and decent act, expressing both his altruism and his deep love for music," Phil writes. "I imagined that dozens, maybe hundreds, would start filtering in, that at the end they would thank him -- thank me -- for this marvelous Christmas gift."

Nobody came. Not a single soul. The Madison newspaper ran a story about the "upcoming" event two days after the fact.

"As I recall, Daddy didn't say anything about it," Phil writes. "In the end, he got to listen to the 'Messiah' again by himself at home, and that was enough joy at Christmas."

"I called Phil to talk to him about the book. A former newspaperman, he now lives in Watkinsville, about 20 miles from where he grew up, on a dirt road where all he hears are "the wind and the hawks." One recent night, he was to speak at the Madison library, and, appropriately enough, it also was the day of the town's Christmas parade.

I asked him about the "Messiah" story, my favorite part of the book.

"That night was a lesson in hubris, a formative thing for me," Phil says. "Not so much because nobody came, but because my father didn't seem to mind."

The Christmas of 1959 was the last one the Williams family spent in the old house at the edge of the country. They moved to town. His father left the high school and worked for a number of years in the radio and TV repair business in a space at the back of Bowden's Music Shop.

In 1976, the old house burned down. Phil was working for the Madisonian newspaper at the time and heard about it.

"I went out and got in my car. It was very early in the morning, and the ruins were still smoldering. My mother was already there."

There are several things about this little book I will never forget.

The warm story itself, of course. "People who had good childhoods need to say it," Phil believes.

I will remember the apt descriptions of a Southern Christmas. "In the South there was only one true kind of Christmas tree: the cedar."

I will remember Phil's "harp-string strands of rain," one of the best descriptive phrases I've ever read.

And if I live to be 100, I'll remember the ending of his first chapter: "I did not guess this would be the last Christmas tree I would ever help cut in that precious country of childhood."

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Furby fury Shoppers search for holiday's hot toy

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

This year's hottest Christmas toy is a furry — some say downright ugly — creature that's as hard to find as a flying reindeer.

Don't look for a Furby at local stores right now.

"We haven't had any for a couple of weeks," said Fermin Gutierrez, toy department manager for Wal-Mart. "At first, when we got them in, we had people waiting in line at midnight. We have six or seven calls a day wanting one."

The Furby is advertised as a newer version of last year's Giga pet, which was a key-chain sized interactive pet that kids had to "feed," by pressing buttons. The Furby, however, takes the concept further, boasting a 400-word vocabulary.

Gutierrez said the appeal is obvious.

"It can learn from you," said the manager, who has not been able to get one for his kids. Wal-Mart policy is that employees may not hold back "hot" items for themselves.

At the store's giant after-Thanksgiving sale, Furbys were advertised at \$24.97, which was \$5 off the regular price.

"We had to limit one per customer," Gutierrez explained. "That's hard to do when people want something so bad."

One woman called the store from Oklahoma, asking if they had any Furbys left. Apparently, she had been unable to locate any closer to home.

Another woman, whose granddaughter is battling cancer, was able to secure one of the furry pets for her.

"You've never seen someone so happy," Gutierrez recalled.

Other toys, made popular by television programs like those on Nickelodeon, have been selling well, but nothing like the Furby, which is this year's "Tickle Me Elmo" or Cabbage Patch Doll.

"We had 22 of them the day of the sale," Gutierrez said. "And we had a list of people wanting them seven pages long."

Employees still contact people on the waiting list when Furbys come in. The last shipment was depleted Friday, and Gutierrez said he doesn't know when — or if — anymore



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Johnny Hooper shops at Wal-Mart's toy department recently. The store has plenty of the popular holiday toys, but not the Furby, shown at top.

expected. But in this last week before Christmas, Gutierrez still won't say searching locally for a Furby is a lost cause. The store is still getting calls every day. "I just can't say for sure," he said. "We might get some in, and we might not."

SCHOOL NEWS

Voice of Democracy essay winner

Clay Hart, who won first place in the Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the VFW, has won first place again in the district competition.

Hart's essay no goes on the competition at the state level, where 10 winners will be chosen to go on to national competition in Washington, D.C.

BSHS Key Club

The Big Spring High School Key Club has an excellent program this year. The club has a large amount of memberships, that are providing their time for our community. The club's top member this month is Brittany Roberson.

The Key Club has worked numerous community service projects. A recent event was the Tour of Homes.

Key Club members have been assisting the tour for quite a few years.

The club reports the tour was a great success.

Coahoma FFA

Mid-America Pipeline of Big Spring recently donated a trailer to the Coahoma FFA. The Coahoma FFA is a part of the State and National FFA Association.

FFA students learn about food and fiber production in a number of courses.

FFA members also exhibit livestock projects and learn important life skills in time and money management as well as the responsibility of caring for an animal. The Coahoma FFA Chapter appreciates the donation by Mid-America Pipeline.

FFA members involved in the programs this year include: Lindsey Bunn, Jennifer Larue, Amber Choate, Traci Crawford, Jessica Pope, and T.J. Tatum, Brooke Daylong, Kara Jeffcoat, Keith Brockman, and Brandon Long.

Alcoholics don't drink to get drunk

QUESTION: My husband drinks a lot, but it doesn't affect him very badly. It is amazing just how much he can drink without getting dead drunk. Does that mean he isn't an alcoholic?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: I'm afraid you are describing a telltale characteristic of alcoholism. Let me turn to Dr. Keith Simpson, a physician who specializes in treating alcoholics. I asked him to describe the early symptoms that family members should look for. Dr. Simpson, a past president of the National Council on Alcoholism, said:

"The first red flag is a 'tolerance' for alcohol. The person finds he has to drink more to achieve the same result. He calls this being able to 'hold his liquor' — a status symbol in many parts of the world. In reality, it is a danger signal, indicating a chemical adjustment has been made.

"Second, a person reaches a place where he doesn't want to talk about his drinking anymore. He knows he is consuming more alcohol than other people, and he wants to avoid all reference to it. This begins a process of denial that may be with him for years to come.

"Third, the person begins to experience blackouts. By that I mean that he has brief periods of amnesia that lengthen as time goes by. What is happening is that the brain's recording cells aren't remembering what is being said and done. Furthermore, it's a low-dose phenomenon: It happens after one or two drinks. I'm not referring to the process of being stone drunk from the anesthetic effects of great quantities of alcohol. Instead, the person thinks back on the previous night and says, 'Gee! I can't remember a doggone thing after that second drink.' It's a scary experience.

"Fourth, the person begins to notice that he can't consistently predict how much he's going to drink once he starts. To me, this is the key feature of alcoholism and constitutes the definition of the disease. It occurs when an individual is constantly drinking more than he intended because he can't help it. He sits down to have a beer and wakes up the next afternoon.

"It may be hard for people to believe, but alcoholics don't drink to get drunk. They merely want to have a drink or two. That's why they can swear they'll never get drunk again, and mean it. They have no incentive of breaking that promise. Nevertheless, they sit down to have a drink with a friend and bingo, it's morning."

Let me share with you now the words of Pauline, the spouse, and Bob, the alcoholic, about their experience with this family nightmare:

"I couldn't count the times Bob promised he would never drink again. That must be the most frustrating part of the See DOBSON, Page 6A

Deaf and hearing students sing and sign in school choir

DALLAS (AP) — Christopher Kearney is barely 4 feet tall, crowded among the taller children on stage. But when the music starts from a boombox bc boom box near his feet, he seems like a giant.

Standing in the middle of about 60 Stonewall Jackson Elementary School students, the 9-year-old launches into a solo to start Alabama's "Angels Among Us," soundlessly mouthing and signing the song's first verse.

His eyes sparkle as he lip-synchs with the singer's deep voice: "I was walking home from school on a cold, winter day, took a shortcut through the woods and I lost my way ..."

A confused look covers his face. He makes everyone believe he is lost, but this fourth-grader is on familiar ground.

Since kindergarten, he has performed with the sign-language chorus at the northeast Dallas school. Christopher is one of 12 deaf children in the group.

The chorus recently made its first national television appearance when it signed the lyrics during country singer Randy Travis' half-time performance at the Dallas Cowboys' Thanksgiving Day game.

Christopher, deaf since birth, sways with the music. He senses the beat by watching codirectors Bill Pittillo and Sue Human, who move as they direct.

The group's deaf students are joined by 48 others who hear. All of the chorus members sign the lyrics, while the hearing children also sing on some numbers. Audience members often remark that they can't tell which children are deaf.

"When people see them perform, it gets the word out that any child can do anything, and you don't have to be a hearing child to be able to know what music is about," said Peggy

Kearney, Christopher's mother.

"It's just that they're all one."

That's what the chorus is all about, its directors said.

"We want to build a bridge between deaf and hearing children," Pittillo said. Or, as Mrs. Human put it, "We like to join the beauty of sign language and the beauty of music."

That becomes clear as the refrain starts for "Angels Among Us," when all of the students — in near-perfect synchronization — paint musical pictures with their hands, their faces and bodies: "Oh, I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from somewhere up above ... All put their arms above their heads in an arch symbolizing 'somewhere up above.'"

"I can feel the song with my expressions," signs Christopher. Pittillo serves as the boy's interpreter at school.

Mrs. Human, a kindergarten teacher, and Pittillo, the school's full-time sign language interpreter, founded the group eight years ago, calling it the "Friendship Chorus." The children perform wearing T-shirts with the American Sign Language symbol for friendship on the back. The symbol is two index fingers hooked together to show two people — or two groups — coming together.

The chorus has become so popular that the co-directors now limit it to second-through sixth-graders.

Stonewall Jackson is one of three Dallas schools that serve as a regional center for deaf education. Deaf students come from throughout Dallas County to attend the school. Each student, hearing and deaf, learns sign language.

At rehearsal, Pittillo interprets Mrs. Human's directions for the deaf students. Pittillo and Mrs. Human teach the students to use a fist to show a bell, then shake it. The stu- See CHOR, Page 6A

Alamo memoir that defies Crockett tradition goes to the University of Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — A Mexican army officer's 1840s diary that defies the popular legend of Davy Crockett's death at the Alamo is being donated to the University of Texas, which tried but failed to buy the controversial papers last month.

"We're delighted, needless to say," said Don E. Carleton, director of the university's Center for American History. "It's a very valuable scholarly resource. It's one of the best accounts of the Texas Revolution that we have."

The memoir, purportedly an eyewitness account written by Lt. Col. Jose Enrique de la Pena, says Crockett was captured and executed March 6, 1836, along with other volunteers who were defending the Spanish mission in their fight

to create the state of Texas out of Mexican territory.

Pena's account defies the traditional story: that Crockett valiantly fought Mexican troops to the end of the 13-day siege, wielding his long-rifle, Betsy, like a club before he fell near the doors of the Alamo's chapel.

The diary had been at the John Peace Library at the University of Texas at San Antonio for nearly 25 years but was sold by John Peace III, son of the man for whom the library was named.

The 200-page manuscript and associated documents, about 700 pages in all, were sold at an auction to two unidentified Texans for \$350,000 last month in Los Angeles.

The university revealed Tuesday that the buyers were alumni Charles W. Tate of Houston and Thomas O. Hicks of Dallas. Both men have a history of donating to the university.

The university also revealed it was among the bidders. "We made a huge effort at the auction to bring this manuscript back to Texas," Carleton said. "We are delighted that these donors have acted so generously."

Many experts question the authenticity of the account, said to have been dictated in Spanish by Pena in the 1840s. Carleton said it says nothing shameful about Crockett, who "fought to the last," and that it offers wider insights "about the conduct of war."

SLICE of life!

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Kimberly Merket
Position/School: 6th and 7th grade English, Goliad Middle School.
Years in education: 13
Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: Staying calm in the classroom and not panicking when anything unusual occurs.
Why I became a teacher: I want children to learn and grow as much as possible. I want to be part of children's futures.
Special hobbies/Interests: Sign language, music, science, animals, kids.
Family information: husband Rusty, daughter Kendra - 7, two sisters and an awesome set of parents!
People would be surprised if they knew I: Love WWF wrestling.

Most gratifying experience with young people: Seeing the light come on when they figure out answers and realizing they understood what is going on in the classroom.
If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: Students would realize teachers are here to help, and not here to be mean and force learning onto them.

Educator of the Week is a random drawing of questionnaires. Call the life! desk at 263,7331, ext. 236 for more information.



THE LAST WORD

Every real though on every real subject knocks the wind out of somebody or other.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Folks that blurt out just what they think wouldn't be so bad if they thought.
Kin Hubbard

Thought is born of failure.
Lancelot Law Whyte

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frowns. Some are showing no expression.

"Look happy," Pittillo orders. More students smile.

Later at the same rehearsal, Pittillo splits the group in half. He makes a group sitting on the floor study the performers on the stage.

"These guys are supposed to find the ones with expressions and hopefully find what is right for themselves," he said. "No one likes to watch blank faces."

Still, some students never add a smile.

Lauren Dowell, a 9-year-old third-grader, said she likes the chorus. But when she signs, her face shows no hint that this is a girl who never misses a rehearsal or performance. She is deaf. Her 8-year-old sister, Lola, a second-grader, is not, but sings in the chorus to learn more signs so she can better communicate with her sister.

Lauren, like many deaf students; is still trying to become fluent in sign language. Like any student fairly new to the chorus, she also is learning to become more confident in front of an audience. This is just her second year in the chorus.

Emalee Price, who turned 9 on Monday, is an old-timer, a member since kindergarten.

"It's fun because I can make hearing friends," Emalee said of the chorus. She speaks as well as signs.

Jennifer Babb, an 11-year-old sixth-grader, co-directed a song with Emalee. She, too, has been in the chorus since kindergarten. It was her first exposure to the deaf. "I learned they're really just like normal people. They're just regular people," she said.

"On the stage or on podiums in the middle of the football field at Texas Stadium, the students don't focus on the fact that some of them can hear and some of them can't."

"It's kind of a sense of being together. It's just like we're all the same," Jennifer said.

Christopher, though, said he and his hearing classmates can never be exactly the same. Every performance, the students and co-directors teach the audience some signs.

"We need to teach more people more signs so they could talk to deaf people," Christopher said. He said the chorus does that. "Other people see the chorus and they say, 'Oh, deaf people can teach hearing people things.'"

It's like the angels in the song that come down to earth "to show us how to live, to teach us how to give ..."

DOBSON

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experience, having Bob look me straight in the eye and tell me he's through - really done with bingeing. He'd say, 'I've seen how it hurts you and the kids and I've had it. I promise you that I'll never do it again!' Then in a day or two he was dead drunk.

"I thought he was lying to me. How could he love me and lie so many times to my face? But he wasn't lying. He couldn't keep his promise. Bob thought he could whip this problem with willpower. It's like trying to stop diarrhea by making up your mind to do so."

We asked Bob to express what he was feeling during this period of repeated failure. He said he was confused by his inability to overcome the habit. "I thought the problem might be vodka, so I switched to scotch, and then bourbon. Then I tried meditation. Nothing worked. I tried a dozen approaches to control my drinking, but I always went back to it."

"Then I tried covering it up. I carried a bottle of Binaca in my pocket and I always had a green tongue. I drank for six months without Pauline ever knowing it. Every Saturday morning she would wash her hair and then sit under a noisy hair dryer for a half-hour. I could hardly wait for her to get preoccupied because I had a fifth of vodka in the cupboard. I would race in and get a can of Fresca from the refrigerator, pour half of it down the drain, and fill the other half with vodka. Then I'd drink it in front of the television set with a halo around my head.

"You really have to be calculating to hide a drinking problem from those you live with. This went on for months. You see, I was addicted to a drug and was completely unaware of it."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Seenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

Due to Christmas falling on Friday, Church and Club News will run on Thursday

ODDS-N-ENDS

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Maybe it's possible to have too much Christmas spirit.

As part of a school tradition, students brought 300 Christmas trees to Madison East High School last year. This year, school officials have enacted a tree ban.

Some students say the principal, Milt McPike, is a Grinch.

"It's bogus," said Matt Mellenthin, a senior. "It's just for fun and it's only a tradition."

But school officials say having what amounts to Christmas tree farm in the school is a fire hazard.

"They create a little forest there," school district spokesman Mike McCabe said Tuesday. "The fire marshal went as far as to threaten the school with a fine."

McCabe said one student last year was even reported to have cut down a tree from a golf course.

"You know how high school kids are," McCabe said. "One class thinks it has to outdo last year's class."

BALDWINVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — It appears to be something of a Christmas miracle. For 15 years, someone has erected a tiny nativity scene

right after Thanksgiving in the root arches of a raised yellow birch tree at the Beaver Lake Nature Center.

In his eight years as director of the center, Bruce Stebbins hasn't been able to find out the identity of the nativity naturalist.

"I thought it was an employee," said Stebbins. "But I couldn't get anyone to say anything. I suspect it's a regular park user."

Each time, the figures are different. Stebbins said they show up annually, just like the unwanted visitor who illegally cuts down Christmas trees a week before Christmas.

"The first week of December, the good guys come," Stebbins said.

The nativity this year includes a rustic hand-built manger and several ceramic figures sitting on a bed of pine boughs.

FORT EDWARD, N.Y. (AP) — The sabotage suspects are just 2 inches tall — but police still can't catch them.

Authorities think a gang of field mice have botched the dispatching system at the Washington County emergency center, gnawing on circuit boards and other delicate electronics at the radio trans-

mission tower.

So far, the mice have not been stopped.

"These mice have been quite destructive," county Emergency Services Director Toby Dusha said. "We fix one problem, we think we're OK, and they destroy something else."

Now the mice face the ultimate penalty. Officials hoped to drown the critters by setting up five-gallon pails full of water, luring them with a spinning soda can sattered with peanut butter.

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Is this something out of Instructions for Dummies? "Remove your child before folding the baby stroller."

The warning label is real, in fact — it took top honors in a Wacky Warning Label Contest judged by the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, a consumer advocacy group.

The group's president, Robert B. Dorigo Jones, said the group wants to shed light on frivolous lawsuits he thinks courts should throw out.

"Wacky warning labels are a sign of our lawsuit-happy times," Jones said.

Runners-up included: —A sleeping pill prescrip-

tion warning the drug may cause sleepiness.

—A fireplace lighter caution against using the device near fire, flame or sparks.

—A laser printer cartridge warning people not to eat the toner.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Who stole the Grinch who stole Christmas?

A 5-foot replica of the Dr. Seuss character was taken from a family's front yard.

"A Grinch got stolen," 3-year-old Katie Ard said. "My mommy liked him ... and now he's gone."

The family bought the \$55 decoration Sunday. Katie had wanted to take a picture with it that evening, said her mother, Erica Owens.

But it was getting dark, and she asked her daughter if they could wait another day. The next evening, it was gone.

Breaking the news to Katie was not easy.

"I never got my picture taken with it," she told her mother.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers boosters set to meet tonight

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Big Spring High School athletic training center. Those interested in supporting the Lady Steers athletic teams, cheerleaders, managers and trainers are urged to attend.

Gonzales chalks up his first hole-in-one

Amador Gonzales recorded the first hole-in-one of his golfing career Monday on the 15th hole at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Gonzales used a 5-wood in recording the ace. The shot was witnessed by Tommy Billabla, Gilbert Reyna, Daril Pineda and Manuel Ramierez.

Youth basketball league beginning registration

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association is currently registering youngsters for league play at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is open to boys and girls in the first through sixth grades. All games will be played on Saturdays at Rannels Junior High School.

Registration at the mall will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. through Friday.

In addition, youngsters can register at Neal's Sporting Goods during business hours throughout the week.

A fee of \$20 is required for each participant in the league. The deadline for registering is Friday.

For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159, Duane Murphree at 394-4557 or Rick Watkins at 267-2358.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

Baylor narrowing list of coaching candidates

WACO (AP) — Baylor athletic director Tom Stanton is considering about a half-dozen candidates to take over a team coming off three straight losing seasons.

Top candidates include former Alabama and Texas A&M coach Gene Stallings, Southern Mississippi coach Jeff Bower, and Kevin Steele, the Carolina Panthers assistant.

Stanton also has interviewed Highland Park coach Scott Smith, a former Baylor quarterback. A popular theory has Stallings being hired as head coach and Smith joining his staff as coach-in-training.

Baylor offensive coordinator Eddie Williamson reportedly was interviewed on Monday. Arkansas defensive coordinator Keith Burns said he was contacted by a Baylor official on Tuesday and "they're trying to work out a day for me to come in."

"We interviewed another candidate (Tuesday) and we'll do this again for the next couple days," Stanton told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "Our advisory committee will meet...to discuss the situation. Part of our strategy has been to talk about where we are in the process after each interview."

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL 6:30 p.m. — Louisville at North Carolina, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8:30 p.m. — DePaul at Kansas, ESPN, Ch. 30. 11 p.m. — Stanford at Nevada, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Usual suspects make Pro Bowl but not Zach Thomas

NEW YORK (AP) — Zach Thomas, Miami's middle linebacker, appeared to establish himself in 14 games as not only a Pro Bowl candidate, but a possibility for defensive player of the year.

Not to Pro Bowl voters. When the results were announced Wednesday, the inside linebackers on the AFC team were Junior Seau of San Diego and Ray Lewis of Baltimore, not Thomas, who has overcome a lack of height to become the leader of a defense that has allowed 40 fewer points than any team in the NFL.

"You don't rate your success on making the Pro Bowl," a disappointed Thomas said. "I know I had a great year and I'm still playing well. I look at the guys who made it, and they're not playing any better than I am."

As usual, the Pro Bowl voting was often a case of rounding up the usual suspects.

Reggie White was selected for a record 13th time; Jerry Rice, back from a year

Five Cowboys make NFC team

IRVING (AP) — Five Dallas Cowboys made the NFC Pro Bowl team announced Wednesday, including cornerback Deion Sanders and offensive lineman Larry Allen, both starters.

Cowboys making the reserve squad for the game to be played in Honolulu on Feb. 7 were safety Darren Woodson, defensive lineman Leon Lett and offensive lineman Nate Newton.

Sanders, who made his seventh career Pro Bowl squad, was selected as a starter at both cornerback and kick returner. It's the first time a Dallas player has ever made the team as a returner.

Allen was selected as a starter at tack-

le in just his first season at the position. He had made it three other times as a guard.

It's the fifth appearance for Woodson and the second for Lett.

Newton returns to the Pro Bowl squad after a year's absence.

"It's a great honor for me particularly since I switched positions," Allen said. "It never gets too old making the team because you are selected by your peers," Sanders said.

"I've got to be one of the oldest guys going over there at the ripe old age of 37," said Newton. "I've worked hard and it feels good. Having Larry Allen next to you didn't hurt any, either."

Randy Moss earned what is likely to be the first of many selections, and Doug Flutie, back from Canada, proved that

age (36) and height (5-9) aren't impediments to stardom.

As usual, good teams were rewarded. The Denver Broncos and Minnesota Vikings, both 13-1, each led their conference with nine players each.

And the only four teams without representatives were clear losers — Indianapolis (3-11), Chicago (3-11), Philadelphia (3-11) and St. Louis (4-10).

But the Dolphins (9-5) came close, placing only defensive tackle Tim Bowens on the AFC squad that will face the AFC Feb. 7 in Honolulu. That's compared with five from Baltimore (5-9).

"As good as the defense has been playing, I felt we'd get some recognition," coach Jimmy Johnson said. "It always makes you scratch your head."

Still, there were a lot of pleasant surprises, like Flutie and Sam Gash, his Buffalo teammate, who was voted to the AFC team as the fullback.

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Bufs headline all-district team

Coahoma gets six positions on second team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

When District 3-2A coaches met to select their all-district football team, Stanton's Buffaloes and Seagraves' Eagles dominated the balloting.

And while the Eagles managed to upset Stanton during the seventh week of the season and went through the season undefeated, it was the Bufs, who reached the state semifinals, who grabbed the lion's share of the mythical squad's first-team selections.

Nine Stanton players picked up 15 spots on the first team, led by quarterback Kyle Herm who was honored as the unanimous selection as District 3-2A's most valuable player, as well as being a first-team selection as a return specialist and defensive back.

Coahoma was shut out in the first-team balloting, but six of the Bulldogs earned second-team spots.

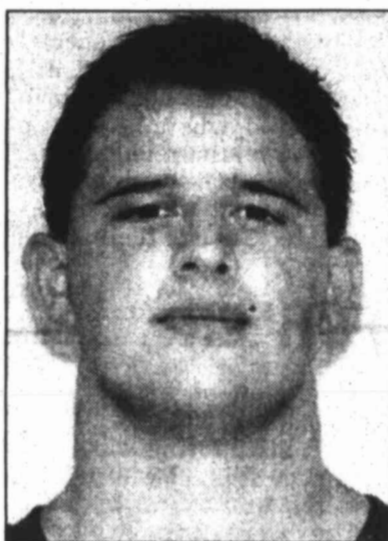
Herm, who finished his three-year career as the Bufs' starting quarterback with 81 touchdown passes — the all-time leader in Class 2A and third on the career list regardless of classification, was also selected as a second-team punter.

Four other Bufs starters were named as two-way performers on the first team, Edward Segura earning spots at center on offense and a lineman's post on defense; tight end Chad Smith doubling up at defensive end; Maurice Martinez picking up honors as a wide receiver and defensive back; and Jody Louder being named as both a fullback and linebacker.

Two other Bufs standouts, Jeremy Smith and Jeremy Hull were named to the first-team offense and picked up second-team spots on defense. Smith was a first-team offensive lineman and second-teamer as a linebacker, while Hull was selected as a first-team running back and to the second-team defensive secondary.

In addition, the Bufs placed offensive lineman Dustin Kargl and wide receiver Austin Kelly on the first-team unit.

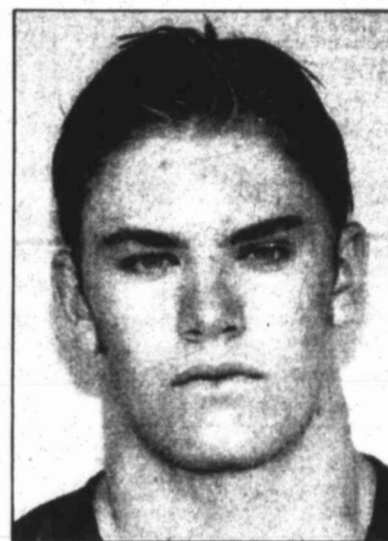
Stanton's other second-team honorees included offensive linemen Johnny Klein and Shawn Franklin and defensive



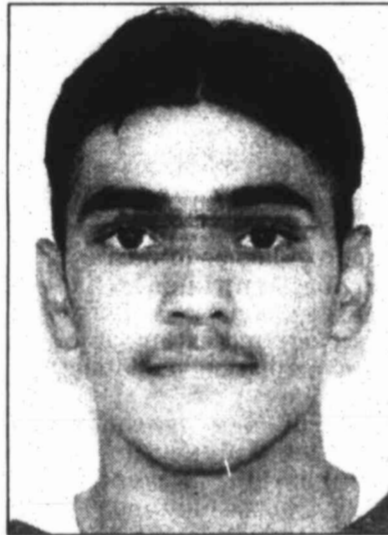
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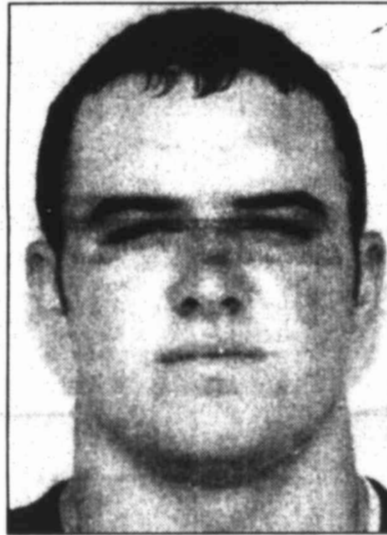
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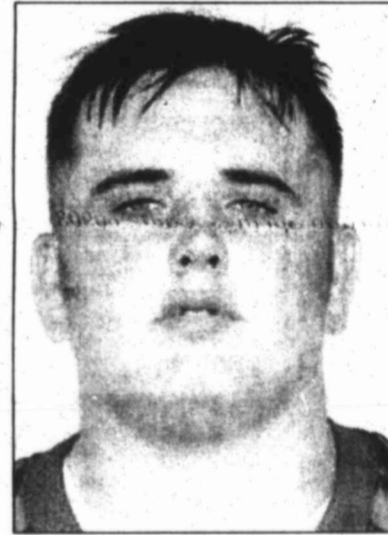
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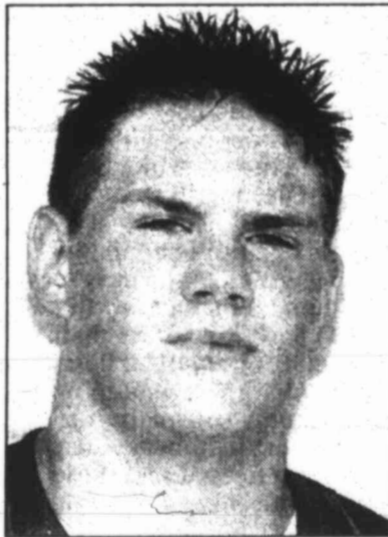
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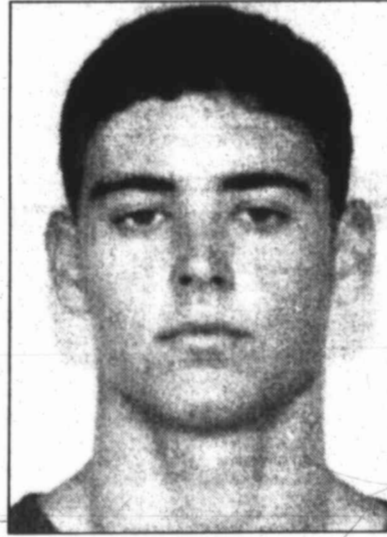
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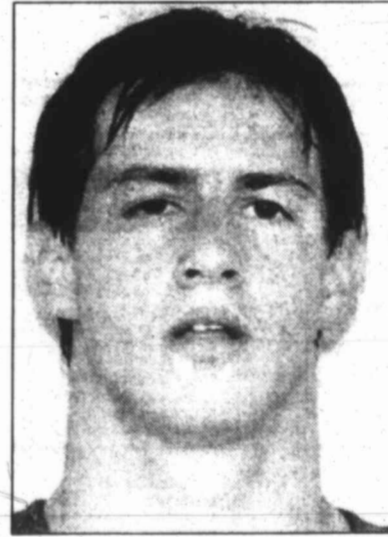
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back Sal Gonzales. Franklin was also picked as a second-teamer as a defensive lineman.

Coahoma's second-teamers were center Bobby Newton, offensive lineman Lane Belew, kicker Walt Borden, defensive lineman Logan Long, linebacker Lorin Wolf and defensive back Lance Monteone.

Seagraves picked up seven first-team spots on offense and added six more on defense. Leading the way for the Eagles

was quarterback Jeremy Bandy, who not only was the first-team signal caller, but picked up a first-team spot as a defensive back, and Dusty Hill, who was tabbed as the loop's most valuable defensive player as well as a first-team pick at tight end.

Teammate Jared Floyd was also a two-way first-teamer, sharing the spot at center with Segura and was the first defensive unit's other defensive end.

The Eagles' other first-team selections went to offensive linemen Josh Ruiz and Steven Lehnert, fullback Jimmy Lovington, defensive linemen Josh Cursinger and Jonathan Bueno, linebacker Chris Cevazos and running back Brandon Luckey.

Rounding out the first-team offensive unit were offensive linemen Dustin Brunson of

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A&M punter ready to play quarterback

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Shane Lechler's practice schedule has changed dramatically. But then, so have his duties with the No. 8 Texas A&M.

Until two weeks ago, Lechler was the team's punter, an AP third-team All-America selection. Now he's the backup quarterback, too, as the No. 8 Aggies prepare for their New Year's Day Sugar Bowl game against No. 3 Ohio State.

"This keeps me busy... Usually, I'm done (with punting duties) the first 15 minutes of practice," Lechler said. "I'll go in and lift weights and — I'm not going to lie — I'll watch TV sometimes. What are you going to do, stand around and let the mosquitoes bite you?"

Lechler, a high school quarterback, added quarterback duties when starter Randy McCown left practice with a broken left collarbone Dec. 2 as the Aggies prepared for the Big 12 title game against Kansas State.

Brannon Stewart, the hero of Texas A&M's upset of the Wildcats, will start the Sugar Bowl, but Lechler is one injury away from calling signals for the Aggies.

Lechler hasn't thrown a college pass as a quarterback but he has completed two passes this season, one on a fake field goal that went for a 37-yard touchdown to roommate tight end Dan Campbell.

"We'll give him some reps in practice and see how he does," offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe said. "He's able to execute all of the running game and I had him write down six or eight passes that he felt comfortable throwing."

McCown got his injury on his final play, a 1-yard touchdown, against Texas on Nov. 27. The break wasn't confirmed until Wednesday after the game when McCown went down in practice.

That's when Kragthorpe sent for Lechler.

"He was probably in the weight room watching Oprah when they told him he was the backup quarterback," Kragthorpe said.

Lechler almost had to play quarterback against Kansas State on Dec. 5, when Stewart suffered a sprained right knee at the end of a series. Kragthorpe told Lechler to get ready to go into the game.

"I was in the press box and he

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Oops! Payola not on IOC's list of banned-substances

All those red faces at the International Olympic Committee insist there is a perfectly reasonable explanation for what looks like bribe-taking and blackmailing by as many as two dozen members.



JIM LITKE

And this is it: Payola has never been on the IOC's list of banned substances.

It turns out the same people who send athletes home from the Olympics for taking the wrong cough medicine aren't always sticklers for rules. Twenty-six years ago, Austrian

skier Karl Schranz was barred from the Sapporo Games because he pocketed \$50,000 from sponsors. Today, that barely covers the tab when a half-dozen IOC honchos go out to lunch.

Judging by IOC boss Juan Antonio Samaranch's reaction, though, the real scandal is not the outlandish ransoms demanded by some committee members who vote on which cities get the games.

On the contrary. Being part of the IOC is practically a license to live large. Members stay in the best rooms, swill the best champagne, ride in swell limos and occupy the choice seats at the biggest events.

No, the real scandal is that somebody in a position to know dragged one of the worst-kept secrets in sports out of the closet.

"Samaranch always told us, 'Tell us what you know, not what you've heard,'" recalled Sir Robert Scott, head of the Manchester, England, Olympic bids for 1996 and 2000. "We all heard things."

Marc Hodler, who serves on the IOC executive board, heard more than most, and increasingly, he's been willing to share them with the public. Hodler is as far from the bomb-throwing type as it gets. Everything about him screams status quo. He's 80 years old, Swiss and as loyal a lieutenant as Samaranch has ever had. But he couldn't hold his tongue any longer.

The allegation that launched a dozen other allegations from a dozen other sources centered on Salt Lake City and the 2002 Winter Games. Hodler said during the weekend that the Salt Lake

organizing committee set up what amounted to an educational slush fund — nearly \$400,000 in scholarship aid to 13 people, including six relatives of IOC members — to make sure their bid was successful. According to rumors, that was a steal; stories abound of payoffs of \$10 million or more being demanded.

He later expanded his charges, saying Salt Lake City may have paid out as much as \$630,000 — although not all may have gone to IOC members or their relatives.

Hodler also said as many as 25 IOC members may have received favors or cash for votes during the last four elections.

So far, the IOC has launched an inves-

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 16. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfrishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on 7" black Power worms and white spinnerbaits fished around the bank. Crappie are good on jigs fished around the docks at night under lights and during the day over brush piles. Hybrid strippers are good on Rat-L-Traps and slab spoons fished in the evening in 20 to 30 feet of water (look for the birds). Catfish are good on cut baits fished in the river.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 65 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 5.3 pounds are good on topwaters, white Terminator spinnerbaits, red shad and green Texas-rigged worms and jigs fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass to 8.5 pounds are fair on live bait and yellow/white bucktail jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are fair on live perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on 7" black Power worms fished around the drop-offs of the banks and the big island in the center of the lake. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs fished at the dam (get an early start to secure your position). Hybrid strippers are fair on jigs fished in 15 feet of water by the dam. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 66 degrees; 29' low; Black bass are slow on topwaters, red shad and green Texas-rigged worms and jigs fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the tree tops. White bass are good on slabs and jigs fished up the river. Striped bass to 38 pounds are good on live shad and white/chartreuse jigs fished up the river. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 40 to 80 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 40 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water murky; 57 degrees; Black bass to 4 pounds are good on slabs jugged around the hardwoods in the major creeks in 18 to 22 feet of water. Spotted and smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows fished in Big Grape Creek. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet of water. White bass are very good on minnows fished at the south end of the lake by the bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are fair on goldfish and large minnows fished by the dam in 25 to 30 feet of water.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear; 61 degrees; 9 feet low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on worms, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on jigs and slabs. Smallmouth bass to 4.2 pounds are fair on crankbaits and jigs fished in the rocky areas of the lake. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and cutbaits. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 67 degrees; 12' low; Very little activity on the lake due to windy and cold conditions.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 65 degrees; 16' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles in 12 feet of water. White bass are slow. Hybrid strippers are good on live perch and shad. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and chicken livers fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 58 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-rigged purple worms fished in the mouths of the creeks in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in the creeks in 5 to 8 feet of water. White bass are good on small crankbaits. Hybrid strippers are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

KEMP: No report this week.
NOCONA: Water stained; 62 degrees; 4' feet low; Black bass are good on topwaters, spinner and jerkbaits fished in 1 to 6 feet of water around the mouths of the creeks and oves. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on slabs and jigs fished in the main lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 66 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows fished in 2 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and chicken livers fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch.

O.H. LIVE: Water clear; 62 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on spinner and crankbaits fished in the creeks in 3 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished at night in 20 to 25 feet of water. White bass to 2 pounds are very good on slabs fished in 25 to 45 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on prepared baits fished in 25 feet of water.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 55 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and black/blue Rattle Power Jigs. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are slow on live shad fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut and prepared baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Texas-rigged worms fished off the bank. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are very good on slabs, worms and minnows fished in 2 to 18 feet of water. Striped bass to 22 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 67 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and black/blue Rattle Power Jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

SWEETWATER: Water clear; 60 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged purple lizards and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: The lake level is at 1% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: This report will be temporarily suspended pending some change in the condition of the lake. Water level is down about 20 feet.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Other Reindeer

Santa's reindeer
During the holiday season, we often think of reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh. Most Americans got their first idea of Santa with his flying reindeer in a famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Clement Clarke Moore wrote it as a Christmas present for his nine children in 1822.

A relative sent it to a newspaper, which published it without Moore's name.



Reindeer usually live in the arctic. These are in the World-Famous San Diego Zoo.

The Lapland reindeer
What about the other reindeer? These are the ones that live in the arctic, in the cold far north.

The people of Lapland, the Lapps, have been herding reindeer for about 3,000 years. These animals are almost tame, or domesticated.

The Lapps taught native Alakants to herd reindeer.

Lapland is an area in the cold arctic. It is not a separate country. Parts of this area are in four countries: Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia.



Lapps depend on reindeer for:
• hides to make tents, bedding, boots and clothing.
• stomachs and intestines to hold food.
• antlers for making tools, dolls and cooking utensils.
• meat, milk, cheese and butter.

They also use reindeer to pull sleighs. Lapps have many stories about flying reindeer pulling people in sleighs. The idea of reindeer pulling Santa probably started there.



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T.N.A.T.I.
(sent in by Sarah Gaines)

**Q: What did the lawyer wear to court?
A: His lawsuit!**
(sent in by Suzanne Brown)

**Q: What is a caterpillar's enemy?
A: A dogapillar!**
(sent in by Diana Chaudron)

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Yule Logs

You'll need:
• 3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
• 4 tablespoons powdered sugar
• 2 teaspoons milk
• 1 cup pecans, chopped
• 2 cups all-purpose flour

What to do:
1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Form into small log shapes about 2 inches long.
3. Place on a baking sheet. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen.

TRY 'N FIND
REINDEER

Words that remind us of reindeer are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find:
REINDEER, LAPLAND, FUR, WATER, SWIM, HERD, MIGRATE, COLD, HAIRS, ARCTIC, HOOVES, NORTH, CALF, VELVET, CARIBOU, WILD, LICHEN, HIDES, MILK, ALASKA, WOLVES, SNOW.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are visiting a reindeer. See if you can find:

- caterpillar
- bucket
- dolphin
- elephant's head
- number 3
- Santa's face
- star
- fish
- letter D
- snake
- bird
- elf
- word MINI
- letter A
- number 8

Reindeer Up Close and Personal

How can reindeer live within the freezing Arctic Circle, where the average winter temperature is 30 degrees Fahrenheit below zero? Here's how:

Fur
Reindeer have a double coat of fur. They have a thick outer coat with hairs that are like hollow tubes. These hairs make them better able to float in water. The undercoat has short, dense hairs.

Food
Wild reindeer might migrate more than a thousand miles each year. In the spring they travel north. When the weather grows colder, they travel back south.

Reindeer eat grasses and woody plants in the summer. In the winter they eat moss and lichen, little flat plants that grow underneath the snow. Reindeer can eat many plants that would be poisonous to other animals. Chemicals, or enzymes, in their stomachs break down the poison. Reindeer herds are on the move all the time looking for food. They also are excellent swimmers.

Feet and hooves
Reindeer have broad, flat hooves that give them support in winter snows and in summer mud. They have side dewclaws that keep them from sinking into the snow and mud. Their hooves act like snowshoes. (A dewclaw is a toe that does not reach the ground.) When reindeer walk, you hear a click, click sound. This is caused by the snapping of a tendon in each foot.

Antlers
Female reindeer are the only female deer with antlers. Males lose their antlers around October, when mating season ends. Females keep their antlers until around May. During the winter antlers help females protect the calves they are carrying. When they begin growing, reindeer antlers are covered with a soft, furry membrane called velvet. The velvet carries blood to the antlers. While the antlers are growing, reindeer are very careful not to bump or damage them. But within days after their antlers stop growing, male reindeer start rubbing their antlers on trees and bushes to scrape off the velvet. Antlers are very hard and bonelike. They can weigh 22 to 32 pounds. Males use their antlers to fight off other males during mating season.

Faces
Their ears and nose are covered with thick fur to protect them against the cold. Their hearing is not very sharp, and their eyesight is poor. Their sense of smell, however, is very strong.

Site to see: For more information about animals at the San Diego Zoo, check out: www.sandiegozoo.org

The Mini Page thanks the San Diego Zoo for help with this issue.

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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) Prepare to take an even stronger role with the people whom you care most about. Make resolutions about enhancing your professional image. What you promise yourself today can happen in future tomorrows. Your steady guidance and deep insights promote others' confidence. Tonight: In the limelight.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Listening to a partner helps you make a decision. Find ways to gain more insight, be it through a course, observing other styles or simple detachment. Intuition helps you know what direction to go in. Being alone could be difficult; find friends. Tonight: Catch a live musical show.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Reveal what is going on inside your head. Understand what "makes someone tick. Discuss what will inspire your confidence. Decide about investments and a partnership. Who wears the pants here? Decide which stepping stones lead to a special goal. Tonight: Enjoy the seasonal, social whirl.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Finish up work as soon as you possibly can. Others might not have the same ideas as you regarding the most recent plans. Still, you must meet several social commitments. You can no longer ignore them. Put on your most festive face and make the best of it. Later, you will be happy with your actions. Tonight: One party after another.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use your imagination at work. You accomplish a lot, even if someone plays devil's advocate. Finding the holes in an idea helps you solidify the concept. Be open to feedback. Take a relaxation break. Get to the gym at lunchtime. Tonight: Last-minute errands and

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Build on strong foundations. Make resolutions about loved ones, children and friends. You can improve the caliber of your relationships by opening up. If single, you might meet someone important. But keep business, money and pleasure separate. Tonight: Do what you enjoy the most.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Reach out for others. Make a point of discussing plans this morning to avoid a last-minute snafu. A partner responds to your overtures slightly negatively. What did you expect from this person? Keep communications flowing. Tonight: Finish errands, then head home.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You work hard and often leave little energy for anything else. Handle funds in an appropriate manner. Consider using the phone for shopping, visiting and completing as much as possible. Acknowledge your limitations. Tonight: Do as little as you can get away with.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Follow through on money matters right now. A loved one or child might be demanding, wanting everything his way. Recognize your capabilities, then help others be realistic. It all starts with you! Start making important resolutions. Tonight: It could become expensive.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Pull back, then make decisions. Family life is unusually dominant right now. You could be weighed down, feeling a lack of space. Discussions produce solutions. The answer could be a lot simpler than you think. Be willing to do your part. Tonight: Out of the doldrums.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Join friends, and let more celebration into your life. You are already in the holiday spirit. Stay focused on what you want. Someone wants to help and is there for you. Loosen up, and talk about a problem. Solutions come easily. A new friend puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Holiday cheer.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Accept responsibility, and stay on top of work. A boss might really need your assistance. Although you might feel pressured, the effort is more than worth it. New beginnings occur because of your willingness. Delay personal plans if needed. Tonight: A lot of hoopla and fun with friends.****

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Mom is unsure about breaking engagement news to daughters

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old woman with two daughters, 17 and 13. I've been divorced for eight months, but the marriage was dead 10 years ago. Most of that time, I have slept on the couch. Although my daughters never saw me hold hands, kiss, or show any kind of affection toward their father, I'm not sure they realized how unhappy our marriage was, and they were upset when we divorced. I met "Andy" while separated but still legally married. We have fallen in love and want to marry in about six months. However, my daughters are not crazy about him and think I should date others. Andy and I have been looking at engagement rings. I'm worried that if I just show up with a ring on my finger, my daughters will be upset. They don't like it when they see Andy and me being affectionate with each other, and I'm not sure they know how serious we are. When should I tell them? I've been somewhat of a pushover in the past, but I won't budge on this. Andy and I love each other and we will be married. -- FUTURE FIANCEE

DEAR FUTURE FIANCEE: Forewarn your daughters and explain, without blaming or belittling their father, that you are seizing this opportunity for a happy future. If they're not forthcoming, make it clear that just as you treat their friends

with respect, you expect the same from them with regard to your future husband. Reassure them that your love for them won't change, and ask for their blessings. DEAR ABBY: I have begun a weight-loss program after having been seriously overweight for many years. This time I seem to be on the right track because it's working. When I go to a dinner party, is it OK to take a cooked chicken breast with me and give it to my hostess to serve to me? It would not be putting her out, as I would have already cooked it. I cannot eat ham, roasts or steaks, but I don't want to miss being with my friends. Please answer ASAP because the holidays are upon us. -- MOTIVATED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MOTIVATED: I admire your determination in negotiating the holiday minefields. You certainly may take your specially prepared food with you, but warn your hostess when you accept the invitation, so she won't be offended. Most guests will respect and admire your efforts to lose weight. And nuts to those who would criticize you! What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) ©1998 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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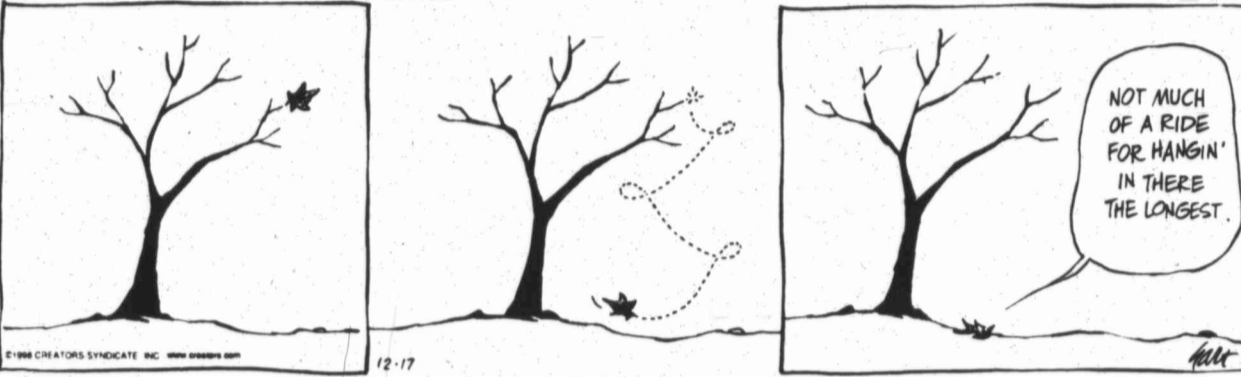
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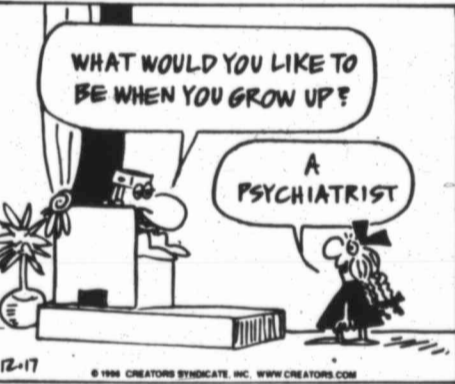
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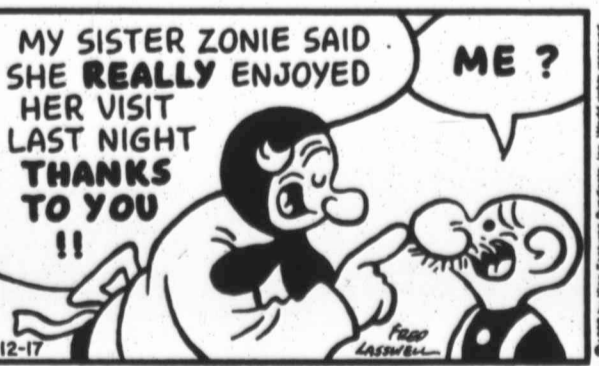
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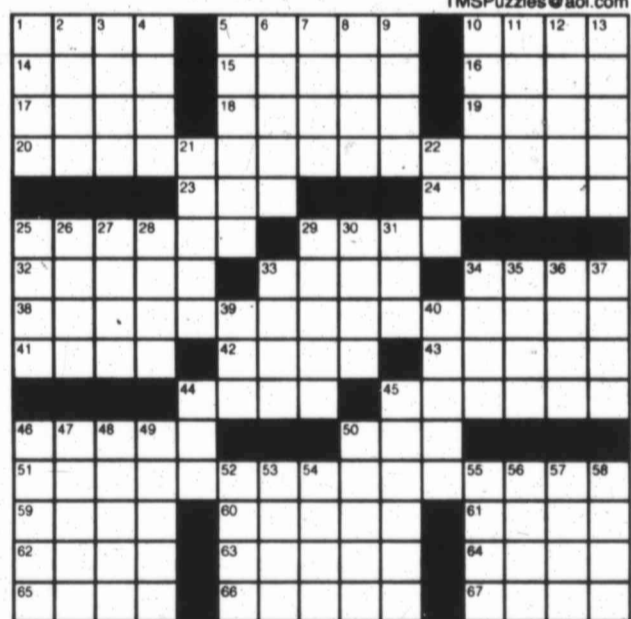
Today is Thursday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 1998. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright went on the first successful manned powered-airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 Area of a church
5 Hawks' opponents
10 Actual event
14 Fast time
15 Slur over
16 Maltese currency
17 Poetic name for Ireland
18 Pay a call
19 Poetic offerings
20 Second to none
23 Abandon the truth
24 Villainous
25 Thingamajig
29 Roe source
32 Annoyed
33 Spinnaker, e.g.
34 Northern Scandinavian
38 Gioacchino Rossini opera
41 Louver
42 Mid-month
43 Vegetable for stews
44 Emulate eagles
45 Implores
46 Setting
50 Painting and sculpture
51 Barely escape
59 Trojan War hero
60 Stringed instruments
61 Verve
62 African antelope
63 Show host
64 Arsenal cache
65 Singletons
66 Denoted
67 Bugle call



By Diane C. Baldwin Columbia, MD 12/17/98

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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1 Guinness of 'Star Wars'
2 Llamaland
3 Tizzy
4 Sicilian volcano
5 Completely lacking
6 Martini garnish
7 Gripping tool
8 Correct copy
9 Eve's youngest
10 Botanist's interest
11 Assistants
12 High point
13 Delectable
21 Cutting edge
22 Finale
25 Claim to a share
26 Spoken
27 Gumbo ingredient
28 Liability
29 Not so risky
30 Serpent's warning
31 Pale or ginger
33 Soft drink
34 Merchandise category
35 Inter (among other things)
36 Trudge
37 Ballpoints
39 Grande
40 Electrical measure
44 of Cortez

- 45 Lock in the dials
46 Military hat
47 Exiled Acadian
48 Dodge
49 Means of connection
50 Quaking tree
52 Science subj.
53 Hobble
54 Killer whale
55 Miami team
56 Ata,
57 Improvise on the piano
58 Adam's grandson

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American independence. In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia. In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial of insubordination. In 1939, the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay. In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast. In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time. In 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed its Project "Blue Book" by concluding there was no evidence of extraterrestrial spacecrafts behind thousands of UFO sightings. In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, California, to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford. In 1986, Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released. In 1996, Peruvian guerrillas took hundreds of people hostage at the Japanese embassy in Lima. (All but 72 of the hostages were later released by the rebels; commandos stormed the embassy the following April to end the siege.) In 1996, Kofi Annan of Ghana was appointed United Nations secretary-general. Ten years ago: In his first public statement since the U.S. decided to open direct talks with the PLO, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir expressed shock, calling the U.S. decision a "painful" blow. Five years ago: Fox Television outbid CBS for the National Football Conference TV package. So-called "suicide doctor" Jack Kevorkian was released from jail in Oakland County, Mich., after promising not to help anyone end their lives for the time being. One year ago: The United States and 33 other countries signed a convention in Paris aimed at eradicating bribery in international business. President Clinton's panel on race relations met at Annandale High School in Virginia. Birthdays: Newspaper columnist William Safire is 69. Actor Armin Mueller-Stahl is 68. Magazine publisher Robert Guccione is 68. Singer-actor Tommy Steele is 62. Rock singer-musician Art Neville is 61. Actor Bernard Hill is 54.