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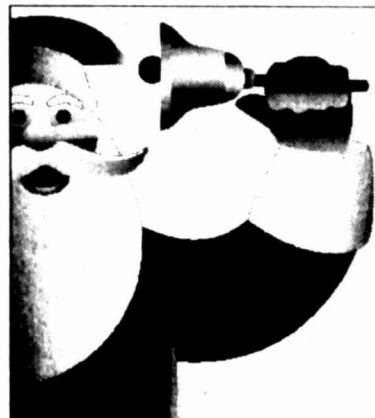
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HELPING OTHERS...

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

If your organization has an established program to help others and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall
- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop
- Gale's Sweet Shoppe

Salvation Army Kettles:

- Wal-Mart
- Rip Griffin's
- Big Spring Post Office
- Bealls For Her
- Cinema IV

Toys For Tots:

- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping through Dec. 14.

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First Nazarene's Drive-Thru Nativity gets under way Thursday

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The true meaning of Christmas will be presented in a live performance by members of the First Church of the Nazarene in the 13th annual Drive-Thru Nativity Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday



HUFF

from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

"There are not many voices proclaiming the true meaning of Christmas because we become so overwhelmed by all the commercialism. The nativity is a reminder there would not be a Christmas season without the birth of Christ," said Roger Huff, pastor of the church.

And to benefit the Salvation Army canned food drive, Huff said donations of canned goods will be accepted from any one who cares to bring their goods in their car to donate.

"If we could get each car to

bring canned goods as a donation, we could have hundreds, maybe thousands of cans of food to donate to the Salvation Army," Huff said.

The nativity began 13 years ago as seven scenes. Today, the nativity has grown to 17 scenes. The scenes portray the story of the birth of Christ to his return. Live animals such as sheep, goats, and donkeys will again play a part of the nativity.

For Bob Goodwin, a congregation member and nativity volunteer, the nativity is a working witness and helps to pro-

claim the words of Jesus Christ. Around 150 volunteers will participate in this year's nativity. The nativity is one of the largest in Texas, according to Huff.

"I have talked to many people, some out of state, and they have not heard of any drive-through bigger than this," Huff said.

Visitors from New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arkansas viewed the Nazarene's nativity last year.

The line will start on Lancaster going south then when it reaches the intersection

of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Lancaster it turns west on Martin Luther King Boulevard. Congregation members will be helping to direct traffic.

"Visitors usually start to line up around 5:30 or 5:45 p.m.," Huff said.

For those who dread long lines, Goodwin suggests coming around 9 p.m. because there is less traffic. "Most visitors come early because they bring their children, and the children need

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Shirley Long (back), an employee in the county auditor's office, along with county treasurer Teresa Thomas and county clerk Donna Wright decorate a lighted display on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Wright said the entire display is a collective effort of county employees. Sock snowmen decorating the tree were created by county employees during their lunch hours and another employee created the wood post snowmen.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

School calendar

BSISD sending survey, seeking feedback from parents on preferences

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Parents of children attending Big Spring schools will receive a parent survey this week, requesting input on the school calendar for the 2000-01 school year.

"We're looking at start dates and end dates and looking at the historical holidays. We are sending out this survey to see what are the desires and cares of the community, and we are trying to get input and understanding," said Big Spring Independent School District deputy superintendent Murray Murphy.

Parents are asked to return the survey by Dec. 15.

The survey, which should be distributed to all parents this week, asks specific preferences for the school calendar. Three options are presented, along with an opportunity to write in a personal preference.

These options are Aug. 7, 2000-May 18, 2001; Aug. 21, 2000-May 31, 2001; and Sept. 5, 2000-June 15, 2001.

Since all BSISD campuses are air conditioned, the heat of the summer is no longer a consideration for school dismissal, he said. And legislative directions have lengthened the school year from the calendar parents enjoyed during their school years.

"We have to have 178 student

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Other options available to mid-August start of classes

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Selecting a school calendar that meets the needs of students and teachers, and complies with legislative requirements, need not mean beginning school in the middle of August.

By placing all teacher work days and in-service days at the beginning of the school year, before students return, is one solution proposed by the group, Texas for a Traditional School Year.

"We believe a more compact school calendar, as opposed to a bloated calendar, will get school beginning nearer Sept. 1 or Aug. 30," said Tina Bruno, executive director of the group based in San Antonio.

Bruno said by placing all teacher work days before school officially begins, instead of spacing them throughout the school year, will grant students an additional week of summer vacation, and better prepare teachers to meet their students for the year.

"Teachers' developmental and work days should all be put at the front of the school

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Sands CISD parents to get copy of district's TEA report card

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Parents of students in the Sands Consolidated Independent School District will receive a copy of the Texas Education Agency report card today, and are invited to a special meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday to review these scores.

"We'll have a packed house. We do this at the same time as our Christmas program so we

will have an audience. We know no one would come to hear just us," said Dr. Donald Bryan, superintendent.

Following the report card meeting, a special Christmas choral program featuring all Sands students directed by Eric Skiles, choir director, will be presented. The meeting and program will be in the high school auditorium.

"We do the presentation of the report card and the Academic

Excellence Indicator System report because all districts in Texas are required by the legislature to have a public hearing," Bryan said.

This year Sands CISD received exemplary status as both a district and for all campuses, the highest rating available from TEA. These scores are based on Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test scores,

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First Baptist Christmas program set

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

First Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program twice this weekend, on Friday and Sunday nights.

"This is a big Christmas production," said Stan Hanes, music minister for the church and director of the show. "It involves actors, our Sanctuary Choir and our children's choir, along with special lighting."

The show, which has a long history at the church, has a different theme every year. Hanes

FBC CHRISTMAS

WHAT: "A Christmas to Remember"
WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Sunday
WHERE: First Baptist Church sanctuary

Program features Sanctuary and Children's Choirs

said. This year's theme is "A Christmas to Remember."

"There will be some of the familiar songs, and a tradition-

al Christmas message," Hanes said, adding that the plot employs a modern storyline as well as the Biblical story of the first Christmas.

"The story is about how Christmas impacts our lives today," he said. It uses a scene involving a modern-day father and daughter, who are looking at photo albums and discussing memories, to frame the traditional story.

More than 40 adults and 40 children will be part of the show. Some of the featured

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Andrew Lewis, a second-grade student at St. Mary's Episcopal School, pulls the train whistle at the Heritage Museum this morning. The class was touring the museum's exhibits.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆The Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie were named after characters in the film "It's a Wonderful Life."

◆The odds against a bridge player getting all 13 cards in the same suit in one deal are about 158,753,389,899 to one.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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St. Mary's plans music Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will continue its lunchtime concert series, "Advent Offerings" Thursday beginning at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A thirty-minute program is planned with Mary Frances Malone, harpist, and Joyce Bradley, soprano.

Malone holds a master's degree from Indiana University with majors in both piano and harp performance.

Bradley earned a bachelor of music education from North Texas State University with a specialty in voice.

Among the pieces they will perform are "Silent Night," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," "What Child is This," and "O Holy Night" along with arrangements of other traditional carols.

There is no admission charge for the concert, and attendees are invited to bring a sack lunch. After the music, everyone can adjourn to the Parish Hall to eat their lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided by St. Mary's.



Rochelle McMeans, in photo at left, works on her gingerbread house Sunday at the Heritage Museum. Above, Gale Pittman, owner of Gale's Sweet Shoppe, admires a house made by Denise McComb (back to camera) while Shelby Stewart (background) works on hers. Pittman hosted the free gingerbread house decorating party at the museum, providing materials and expertise at no charge to participants. Each person was invited to decorate their house in whatever way they chose.

Monitor your kids while they surf the Internet

Have you started buying gifts for your kids yet?

Well, if you haven't, I hope you will take in consideration what I have to say about one popular gift for children.

I know a lot of you will probably buy computers for your children (I know many of you already have them, but please consider this anyway!). If you decide to get Internet access, please BE CAREFUL!

I can't stress enough on the dangers of the Internet. You get into the wrong web site. For example, I was doing some research on the web for a school paper, and when I did a search, there were many good sites, but as I scrolled down, I found some pornographic ones listed right along with the oth-

ers! The titles alone of some of these sites were appalling. I could n't believe that I had discovered these when all I was doing was some academic research.

Parents, please monitor what sites your children are using. This kind of stuff can draw them in unexpectedly.

It really upsets me that even on the Internet one cannot explore without running into

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something x-rated. It's bad enough it's on TV, music, books, etc. So once again, parents, please monitor your children when exploring the Internet no matter what age they are.

So much for my soap box; on to other things! Have you noticed how many lights are being displayed this year?

It seems like every block in this town has at least three or four houses displaying lights.

It looks great! I can remember years back when it seemed like no one cared about Christmas anymore! I'm glad to see people are starting to bring the fun back into it. I'm anxious to go "light looking."

I know my kids are, especially my daughter. She just loves to look at lights! It's amazing what simple things can entertain children for hours, even with all the influence on their lives from television and computers.

Gina Garza is features assistant of the Herald. She writes a weekly column with family information and tips.

Treating yourself? Do your homework

WASHINGTON (AP) — The doctors were astonished: The 47-year-old Detroit woman's muscle tissue was rapidly dying. She soon needed a feeding tube and ventilation as she lost the ability to swallow or breathe. Yet doctors couldn't find any disease.

The only clue: She ultimately revealed she had a sack full of herbal products. She first used a few as diet aids, but then when she began feeling ill, she desperately bought some 20 different herbs in her search for a cure-all.

Enter toxicologist Susan Smolinske, a sort of medical detective at Detroit's poison control center. She tested the patient's grab-bag of self-treatments and found a suspect: ma huang, a Chinese herb also known as ephedra. It often is used for weight loss, but Smolinske says it has been blamed for 15 other cases of muscle destruction.

"She didn't realize the herbs were the cause of her problem, and compounded it" by taking more, explained Smolinske. The woman eventually recovered.

Then there was the young woman who walked into Smolinske's office covered head-to-toe in an amazing rash. Itchy pustules even coated the soles of her feet. She had just switched from her regular multivitamin to one with added ginkgo. Smolinske's diagnosis: Every so often it is very rare — ginkgo can be contaminated with a poison ivy-like substance.

Alternative therapy is attractive to cancer patients. One in every three uses some form of it, mostly dietary supplements, in hopes of boosting their immune systems or easing chemotherapy side effects. Yet doctors can't say which of the products is best to try, or which might be dangerous.

How to be a savvy user of the myriad alternative therapies and dietary supplements on store shelves is a question especially acute for women; who experts say use such products far more often than men.

So the Journal of the American Medical Women's Association dedicated its fall issue to checking out the science behind the products.

The result is the proverbial good-and-bad news: The researchers found some glimmers of hope, saying a few herbs in particular need study as possible anti-cancer and gynecologic therapies.

But they also found far too little scientific research on popular remedies, and they urged doctors to take better care of women by talking honestly about what they use.

Studies suggest 40 percent of patients don't tell doctors they use alternative therapies, making a diagnosis of some rare bizarre reaction like those Smolinske sees difficult — and making it hard to learn a remedy's real effects, good or bad.

Some supplements are proven helpful. Folic acid and calcium are highly recommended for many women, for example.

While the supplements industry insists problems are rare, some products are considered risky, especially if taken with other medications.

Many herbalists, for example, advise people on blood-thinners to avoid ginkgo and ginseng.

Other remedies simply haven't been studied for safety. But there are big differences between test-tube, animal and human research.

"People without medical training ... find that something worked in mice and they get very excited about it," a researcher cautioned. "Are you a man or a mouse?"

PEOPLE

CLEVELAND (AP) — Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt and James Taylor will be in the class of 2000 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

They will be inducted on March 6 in New York, joined by Earth Wind & Fire, Lovin' Spoonful and the doo-wop group the Moonglows, the rock hall foundation said Tuesday.

The Cleveland hall also will induct Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday as early influences on rock music. Arista Records founder Clive Davis will be inducted in the non-performer category.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wayne Gretzky is the new pitchman for Bud Light.

"I have admired the sponsorships and commitment Anheuser-Busch has put behind the sport of hockey," he said Monday. "The company's leadership in sports marketing is one with which I am thrilled to be associated."

The deal calls for Gretzky to appear in TV, radio and print ads.

Food safety requires knowing steps

Over the next few weeks, a lot of food with prepared, transported, consumed and discarded. With that in mind, let's talk about some basic facts related to food-borne illness and how to prevent it.

An invisible enemy, bacteria, is waiting for the right chance to invade your food. It may be present on foods when purchased, or get into foods during preparation, cooking, serving or storage.

Some facts about bacteria:

- Harmful bacteria can be found on all raw products.
- Bacteria loves room temperature and grows rapidly in the danger zone of 40 degrees to 140 degrees F.
- Growth of harmful bacteria can be slowed or stopped by refrigerating or freezing.

- Food-related illness can produce symptoms from mild to very serious, and the illness may occur 30 minutes up to two weeks after eating contaminated foods.
- Infants, young children, older adults and people with weakened immune systems are most likely to become ill after eating contaminated foods.

To fight food-borne illness, food safety experts recommend that we think about food safety at each step in the food handling process, from shopping to storing leftovers.

Following are four steps to reduce the risk:

CLEAN — Wash hands, utensils and surfaces in hot soapy water before and after preparation, and especially after preparing meat, poultry, eggs or seafood. Using a disinfectant cleaner of mixture of bleach and water on surfaces and antibacterial soap on hands can provide some added protection. Be sure to rinse all utensils, surfaces and hands well. Be sure to use a clean dishcloth, as one that has been hanging around the sink provides the perfect climate for bacteria.

SEPARATE — Keep raw



DANA TARTER

meat, poultry, eggs and seafood and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods. Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, eggs or seafood.

COOK — Cook food to the proper internal temperature (this varies for the type of meat and poultry). It is wise to use a meat thermometer to check for doneness. Cook eggs until the yolk and white are both firm.

CHILL — Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours and make sure the refrigerator is set not higher than 40 degrees F, and that the freezer unit is set at 0 degrees F.

Scientists estimate that each year, between 6.5 million and 33 million people suffer from the consequences, often thinning they have "stomach flu." You don't have to be one of the unlucky ones. Use your everyday weapons, soap and water, refrigerator, a food thermometer, and remember the four steps, CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK and CHILL.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent, family and consumer science.

Slice of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE HOWARD COUNTY RED Cross volunteer meeting will be the first Tuesday of each month at Canterbury South in the arts and crafts room, 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

RETIRED TEACHERS OF HOWARD County-Big Spring will meet Monday in the fire-place room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB will bring in the Christmas spirit this year by selling poinsettias. They have five colors available: red, white (looks like a pale yellow), pink, striped, and peppermint. The flowers are \$10 each, available from any Coahoma Lion.

For more information, call Bill R. at 394-4384, Jack at 394-4527, Quail at 394-4000, or any other member of the club.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

THE LAST WORD

Say not you know another entirely until you have divided an inheritance with him.

Johann Kasper Lavater

No legacy is as rich as honesty.

Shakespeare

When people cease to complain, they cease to think.

Napoleon

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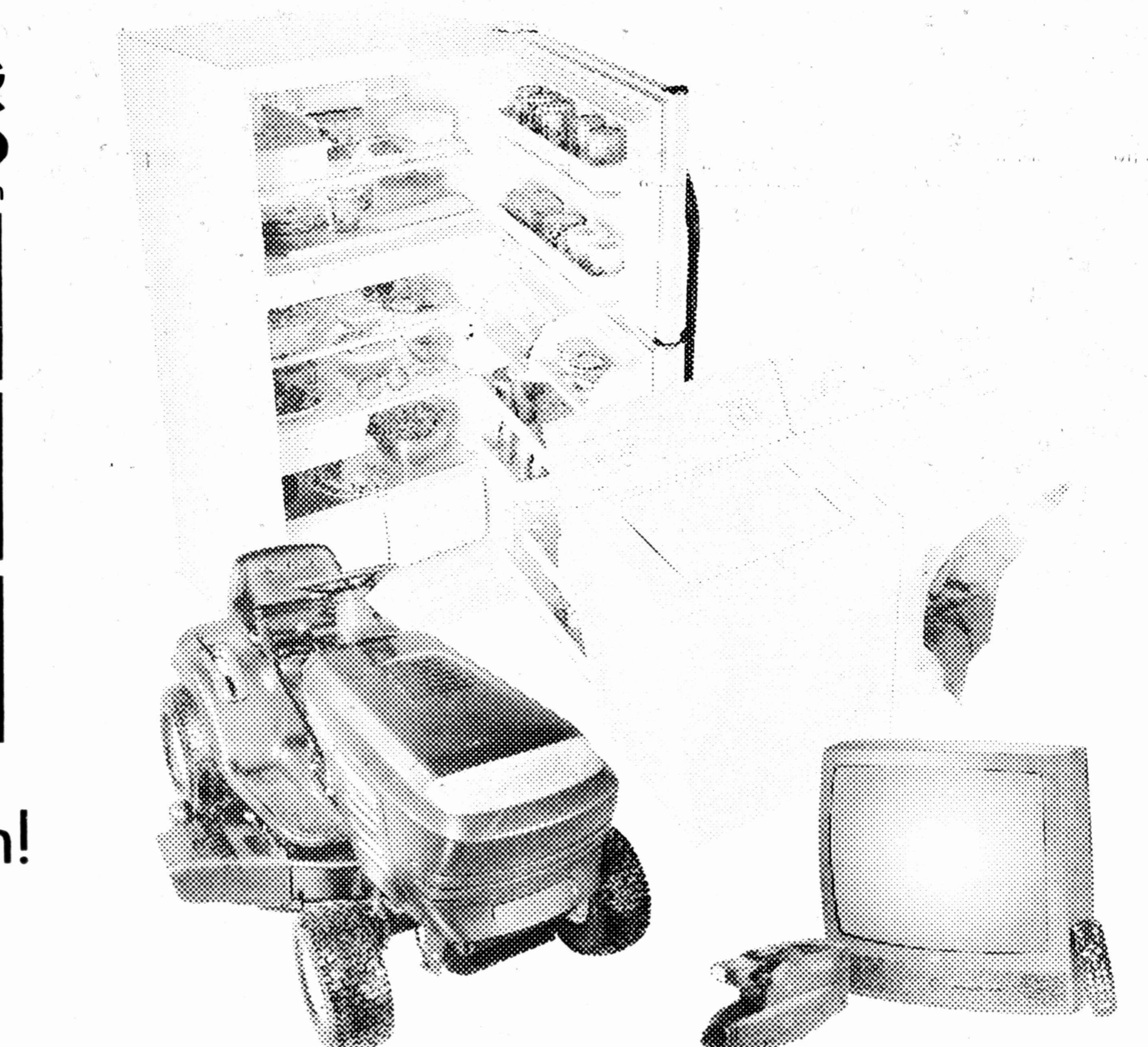
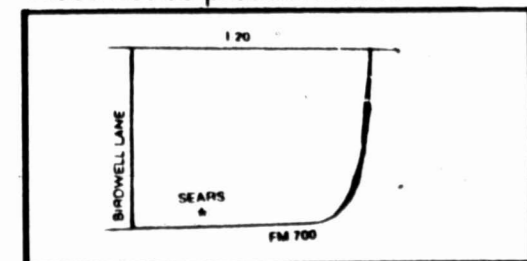
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Jon Bagwell I academic aw

Center Jon Ba named the ac winner in fo Spring High Sch Bagwell, who earned first-team all-district honors as an offensive lineman by District 5-4A coaches, was announced as the Steers football player with the highest grade during Monday Steers Football sored by the Quarterback Cl The academic only individual Spring coaches the annual ban

Junior high L suffer sweep

Andrews' Mustangs sweep four games from Junior High's squads on Monday. The seventh saw Andrews take over Big Spring and a 33-24 dec "A" team. Eighth-grade Spring's "A" t heart-breaking while the "B" te ed 37-17.

Kim Green pa grade "A" team

while Leina Bra The "B" team from Lindsay W The seventh eight points Vanderbilt, w Higgins added unit got five poi Kendall Adan Bailey and Kelli All four Big play host Greenwood team

Jackalopes pl fans at HEB s

Players from Jackalopes hoo meet fans and a tures from 4 p. today at the H Big Spring. The store wil drawing for Jac tickets and othe

Jackalopes su as 'Howard C

The Odessa Ja scheduled S. "Howard County Ector County Co they'll take on Buzzards at 7 p. Tickets for t priced at \$3, \$5. To purchase more informati Jennings at 267-

Cancer Socie Texas Golf Pa

The Howard C the American C is encouraging advantage of the Texas Golf Pass. The pass, w golfers with m rounds of golf courses, is now \$35 donation. The Comarcl Course, Big Sp Club and Star Club are partic program. Those wanti pass can do so b ACS-2345.

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Television COLLEGE BASKET

6 p.m. — Great Tournament, Tem Gonzaga, ESPN, C

8 p.m. — Great Tournament, North Cincinnati, ESPN, NBA

7 p.m. — Los A at Sacramento Kir 11.

NATIONAL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — Ce Hurricanes at Dall Ch. 29.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League ANHEIM ANGELS—Named Bobby Ramos bullpen coach, Mick Billmeyer bullpen catcher and John Van Omum advance scout. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark Langston on a one-year contract. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with INF Rey Sanchez on a two-year contract. MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired RHP Scott Randall from Colorado for OF Chris Latham. Signed RHP Hector Carrasco and OF Mike Cummings to one-year contracts. TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Brantley on a one-year contract. NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with LHP Allen Watson on a two-year contract. SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with 1B John Olerud on a three-year contract. TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Munoz and INF Luis Alicea on one-year contracts. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed 3B Weiss Ottaviano on a one-year contract and OF Jake Bumfield on a minor league contract. ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with 1B Brian Hunter on a minor league contract. FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Julio G. Rebull Jr. senior vice president of marketing, communications and sales. LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Kris Rone executive vice president and chief marketing officer. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Brantley on a one-year contract. Designated 2B David Adair for assignment. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Signed OF Adam Hyzdu, INF Jason Wood, RHP Jose Lopez, and OF Daren Hooper. Released LHP Michael Chaney, RHP Mario Cordoba, RHP Danny Crawford, RHP Manuel Helena, C David Diaz, C Jose Sanchez, C Alvaro Zambrano, 3B Victor Arango, SS Digno Delarosa, OF Santos Cortez, OF Mike Douglas, OF Juan Hernandez and OF Alvin Holaday from their minor league system. Sold the contract of RHP Greg Hansell to Hanshin of the Japanese League. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association INDIANA PACERS—Activated F Jonathan Bender from the injured list. Placed C Zan Tabak on the injured list. FOOTBALL National Football League CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed DT Esera Tugalo on injured reserve. Signed DT Vilamiya Mumaou and DT Antonio Dinger. DENVER BRONCOS—Waived OL Paul Wiggins from the practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed DE Jon Harris. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB Bernard Rooks. Released LB Ron McKersion from the practice squad. Moved WR Sean Morey from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed DT Garrett Johnson to the practice squad. HOCKEY National Hockey League NHL—Suspended Calgary Flames D Denis Gauthier for two games for elbowing New York Rangers F Tim Taylor on the head in a game on Dec. 6. ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled LW Jeremy Stevenson from Cincinnati of the AHL and assigned D Dan Trebil to Cincinnati. DALLAS STARS—Sent F Jon Sim and F Chris Murray to Michigan of the IHL. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled G Jean-Sebastien Aubin from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of AHL. Assigned G Craig Hillier from Johnson of the IHL to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes American Conference East and West, and National Conference East and West.

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Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Lists teams from Georgia Tech to Boston College.

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Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Lists teams from Washington to Chicago.

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ROUNDUP

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basketball action Tuesday night. Borden County retaliated in the girls' varsity game, however, as the Lady Coyotes posted a lopsided 78-38 win over the Lady Buffs.

The varsity opener saw Valerie Wootan score 27 points and Julie Mayes add 21 more, as the Lady Coyotes improved to 8-0 on the season.

The Lady Buffs got 14 points from Stephanie Washington, but there simply wasn't enough Stanton support, as Borden County literally coasted to the win after taking a 40-22 halftime lead.

In the nightcap, Stanton improved to 3-1 as Blaine Smith and Jeremy Hull paced a balanced scoring attack for the Buffs.

Both Smith and Hull scored 10 points apiece, but eight teammates figured in the Stanton scoring.

The best the Coyotes could answer with was a game-high 11 points from T.J. Sharp, while Trent Pepper added eight more.

Bearkats here Tuesday evening. First-year Garden City head coach Mike Wallace was able to use every one of the 15 players he put in, uniform during the game, as the Lady Bearkats stormed to a 71-25 win that improved their record to 7-1 on the season.

M'Lynn Niehues paced Garden City with 11 points, while Lori Hoelscher added another 10 for the Lady Bearkats.

Wallace used his varsity players in the first half, as Garden City rolled to a 39-14 advantage,

then inserted players normally relegated to junior varsity action for the final 16 minutes. The Lady Bearkats now head to the Miles tournament where they'll face Christoval at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Table with columns for Game, Score, and Details. Lists various girls' basketball games and scores.

Advertisement for Armadillo Saloon & Sports Bar. Features 'DAILY DRINK SPECIALS' and 'Sunday and Monday Night Football 267-1992'. Includes address and hours.

Advertisement for YMCA Membership. Features a cartoon character and text: 'What A Great Gift Idea! There's something for everyone on your gift list at the Y!'. Lists membership rates and benefits.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AP TOP 25

Table listing the top 25 college football teams in the Associated Press poll, including Stanford, Clemson, and Florida State.

NCAA SCORES

Table listing scores for various NCAA sports including basketball, volleyball, and tennis.

AWARD

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State. Dayne ran for 214 yards, but carried only once in the fourth quarter. The Spartans came into the game with the No. 1 rushing defense.

"This award is a great tribute for Ron, the ultimate team player, to realize this individual acclaim as the nation's top player," Badgers coach Barry Alvarez said. "He has epitomized our program with his no-nonsense, blue collar approach."

After his record-setting game Nov. 13, there was a ceremony to acknowledge the Badgers' second straight trip to the Rose Bowl. There was also a surprise for Dayne.

As fans held up white souvenir towels bearing his No. 33, Dayne was asked to look to the upper deck at the west side of the stadium. When he did, a gray cover was pulled away to reveal DAYNE 33 etched into the facade.

"When I saw it, I was so shocked," Dayne said. "I didn't know whether to cry or laugh," Dayne said.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center advertisement with address and phone number.

BARGAIN MART Discount Foods advertisement. Lists various food items and prices: Celery Stalk 29¢, Red Delicious Apples 8/1.00, Iceberg Lettuce 19¢, Bananas 8¢ LB, Chef Made Turkey Gravy 3/1.00, Rainbow Flavored Raisins 69¢, Swift Butterball Oven Roasted Turkeys 3.99, Tray Eggs 1.49, Carnation Condensed Milk 89¢.

Lady Bearkats romp to easy 71-25 victory. GARDEN CITY — San Angelo Cornerstone was simply no match for Garden City's Lady

PlayStation advertisement featuring a cow and a computer monitor. Text: 'I've never been jealous of opposable thumbs until this moment.' Promotes PlayStation favorites and On-Cue Music, Books, Movies.

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DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My mother and stepfather would love to be the guardians of my children. My children adore both of them. The problem is my mother has a drinking problem. She never drinks during the day, or even every day. However, she entertains a lot, and when she does, she often drinks too much and becomes loud and slurry. I consider her to be a binge alcoholic and can recall incidents of her being drunk since I was 7. I overcame my own alcohol and tobacco addictions because I wanted to do it for myself. I felt it was important to set a good example for my children. I knew I couldn't expect them to listen to me tell them not to drink and smoke when I indulged in both

nasty habits.

Now that I am free of these substances, I don't know if I should approach my mother about this issue. Should I tell her that I wouldn't want my children growing up in a household where alcohol is used irresponsibly, and give her a chance to clean up her act and quit? Or should I just not mention that I have selected someone else in my will to be my children's guardian and let it be a surprise should the occasion arise?

Mother would become incredibly hostile and defensive if I bring up her drinking habits. I want to stack all of the odds against my children becoming alcoholics, as it does run in the family. My husband agreed that you would know how to handle this in the best way. — STACKING THE ODDS IN OREGON

DEAR STACKING: Your children must come first. Arrange for someone other than your mother to be your children's guardian. Then contact Al-Anon and inquire about an intervention program for her. With the help of an intervention team, talk to your mother about her binge drinking and the effect it had on you while you were growing up.

If she gets a handle on her problem, you can change your will at a later date. Perhaps it will be an incentive for her to quit.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I decided to host a small but formal New Year's Eve party. I called my neighbor to tell her, and to invite her and her family. She graciously offered lots of help and proceeded to give me her guest list.

I politely told her that my husband and I were hosting the party. (I thought perhaps she had misunderstood — that she thought I had asked her to host the party jointly.) I explained that we wanted to keep it small and limited to our close family and friends; therefore I could extend the invitation only to her, her husband and their children. She replied that she didn't think it was out of line to invite her own guests — and that they probably wouldn't show up anyway.

It has caused a lot of friction between us, and I have since canceled the party, which I really didn't want to do. Can I still have the party but not invite them? They live right up the street. — A DILEMMA, PACIFICA, CALIF.

DEAR A. DILEMMA: Just

when I think I've heard everything, I receive a letter about a neighbor like yours. To invite people to a party and assume they "probably won't show up anyway" is foolish. What if they DO show up and you're not prepared for them?

Give the party, and allow me to be the first to wish you a happy, healthy new year. Make one of your resolutions to have little to do with your neighbor. It doesn't take a crystal ball to predict she'll be angry when she learns she wasn't

included.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 9:

Make positive changes, with an eye to greater financial security. You have energy and will on your side, and you can create nearly anything you want. Just go for it. If you are unhappy about your work or another part of your life, look at changing it. Do n't settle. If you are single, go after what you want. If you need a new look or a lifestyle change to feel ready for a relationship, now is the time to start. A very special person enters your life this coming year. If attached, your relationship can develop as you want it to. Just decide to make it so. CAPRICORN shares good money sense.

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)

Build on established ground. You break through barriers because of your insight into present events. Take action on what you know to be. Success is yours. Build on your strengths and eliminate your liabilities. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Reach out for another; make headway; take a risk. Listen to your sixth sense. You know what is needed. With a partner's support, you clear obstacles and make a big impression on a boss or higher-up. Remain clear, confident and motivated. Tonight: Take a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Though you may feel vulnerable, reach out for another. Discussions are necessary, but you'll negotiate a new midpoint. Talks are heated; you see others in a new way. Realize that both of you have different points of view and that this is OK. Tonight: Go out of your way for another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You draw in what you want and need, even if you think a loved one is

take a strong hand right now; let others reveal their true colors. How you visualize a situation could be considerably different than how another does. Observe the differences. Know what you want, then head in that direction. Tonight: Be a social whirlwind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Recently, your social side has dominated, but now it's time to dig into work. You might not always know what is best. Fortunately, a boss gives you a strong sense of direction. Tackle your work with creativity; brainstorm with coworkers; don't always expect agreement. Tonight: Working into the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Others are certainly friendly and full of ideas. You might feel a bit put down by another's dynamic thinking. Don't compete; work as a team. Use your great sense of organization as well as your high energy. Nothing will stop you. Tonight: Romp the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Emphasis is on family and security. You might not see life the same way as another does, but you need to talk through a disagreement instead of taking an either/or attitude. Be creative with your communication. Steer toward what you want. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your good will is contagious. Make an extra effort to talk through problems. Don't feel pressured by a family member. You might not get the results you want. Work with another's moods. Try to understand what he feels is going on. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A decision to clear out shopping might be wise. You have a lot on your plate and could easily be overwhelmed. Recognize that you can only do so much! Use the phone and computer to make work and holiday errands simple. Tonight: Don't push.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You draw in what you want and need, even if you think a loved one is

being difficult. Revive your thinking about spending. You could feel out of sorts when dealing with another who might be very tense. Give others space. Be generous with a friend. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Take a back seat and think through a decision. Clarify what you want. Family and domestic matters assume even more prominence in your life, though you feel overwhelmed by responsibilities. Take action in a matter concerning a friend. Tonight: Take so me time by yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Be easygoing and listen to your instincts. Don't act on anger; instead, think and feel. A boss appreciates your

mellowed feedback and thought. The hardest part is getting a conversation rolling. You might feel awkward. Do it anyway. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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WEDNESDAY

DEC. 8

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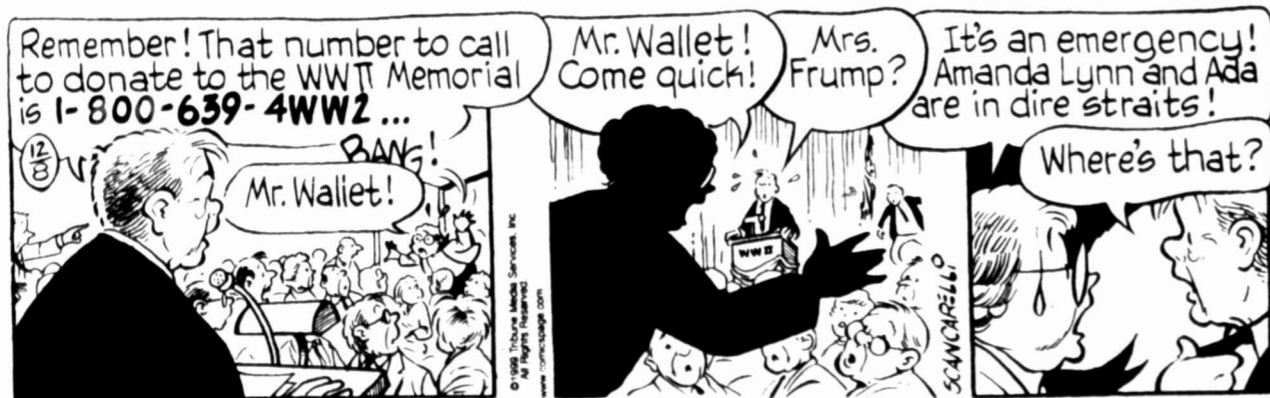
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 1999. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1776, George Washington's retreating army in the American Revolution crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Word search puzzle titled 'Tuesday's Puzzle Solved' with a grid and a list of words.

Advertisement for Big Spring Herald, including contact information and office hours.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'AUTOS', 'AFFO APPL', 'BOOK', 'CAR', 'CLEA', 'CELL SER', 'CON', 'FRA', 'CON', 'SER', 'Specia', 'Bric - E', 'Stucco', 'Driv', 'Patio - (915)', 'CON', 'FRA', 'CON', 'SER', 'Specia', 'Bric - E', 'Stucco', 'Driv', 'Patio - (915)'. This appears to be a list of services or advertisements.

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