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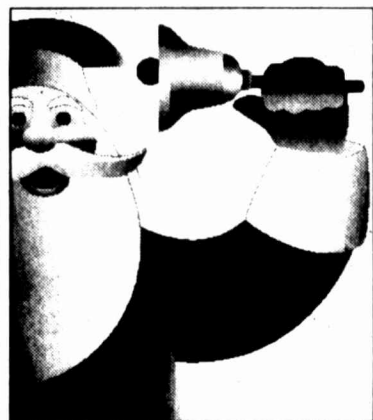
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HELPING OTHERS...

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.



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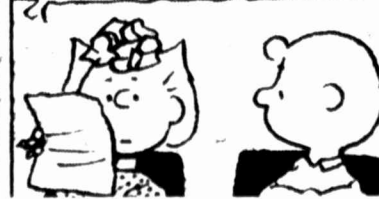
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Out of gift ideas? What about sending a Christmas carol

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Need a gift for someone who has everything? Or just want to spread a little holiday cheer?

The Big Spring High School choir has a solution. The group will offer caroling sessions for \$15 that can be "sent" to a friend, family member or for a holiday party.

Proceeds are hoped to help the group make a spring trip to Florida's Disney World followed by a cruise to the Bahamas.

"We've never tried this

before, but it sounded like a good idea," said Linda Lindell, choir director. She got the idea from music professional in another town who had success with holiday caroling.

"We hope it will be a big success," added Jo Stone, president of choir boosters. "We know it will be a nice gift for a neighbor or friend."

Already, Stone said she has

CAROL GIFTS

WHAT: Christmas carols for gifts
COST: \$15
MORE INFO: Call 264-3641

received a request from someone to send the carolers to the home of a woman who is recovering from a stroke.

"That's really thoughtful," she

said.

Small groups of student singers will do most of the caroling, and the giver can choose from three religious songs, such as "Joy to the World," and "Silent Night," or three secular

holiday songs. Singers can also provide a few minutes of entertainment at a party or other occasion.

To reserve your personal caroling session, call Lindell at the Big Spring High School choir room by Friday. Once school is out for the holidays, many of the students will scatter and scheduling may become more difficult.

"This week will be the best time," Lindell said. "It's possible I could get a group together for something early next week."

With this, and other fundrais-

ers to follow, the choir hopes to make the trip to Florida.

"(When planning a trip), I try to think of something my kids have not experienced," Lindell said. "And many of them have not been to Disney World or gone on a cruise."

While on the trip, choir members will sing on board their cruise ship for the entertainment of other passengers, Lindell said. They will spend a day enjoying themselves at Disney World.

Caroling must be paid in advance. Call 264-3641 for info.

Permian Building begins to come down

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Editor

At about 11 a.m. Monday, Fort Worth-based Midwest Wrecking began bringing the Permian Building down with a 5,000 pound wrecking ball.

The project is expected to take no more than five days, followed by the clean-up of the site.

The building, which has been empty for a number of years, has been a safety hazard since the bricks on the east wall fell during the summer of 1997.

The path to take down the building was cleared in October when Big Spring Main Street offered to pay approximately \$3,000 in back taxes, thus removing the last legal hurdle in the ongoing effort.

At the time the bricks fell, then-owner Al Moore of Austin was attempting a one-man renovation of the 1950s-era office building.

Moore, however, ran into financial difficulties and it was soon evident that the costs associated with trying to renovate the building were more than any possible return on his investment.

About that time, on April 29, 1997, the bricks fell from the east wall.

Since then, the building has served as a community eyesore.

The building was constructed in either the late 1940s or early 1950s, depending on who answers the question.

The earliest reference to the building in the Herald's files is in a Nov. 22, 1953 photo taken from the northwest corner.

The building has had its share of problems over the years.

In mid-May, 1990 two water line breaks on the building's roof sent water cascading down through all six floors — soaking carpets, causing ceiling tiles to collapse and stairwells to be flooded.

Then, just six days later, an electrical fire broke out in the



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Mid West Wrecking Co. of Fort Worth is using a 5,000-pound wrecking ball to tear down the Permian Building, and plans to finish demolishing the building this week according to Brian Choate, project manager. The project began about 11 a.m. Monday.

penthouse and damaged both the penthouse and the sixth floor.

As a result, electricity to the building was turned off.

The lead sentence in the Herald story on the fire read, "It may be time to strike the death knell for the Permian Building...after an early morning fire in the penthouse caused electricity in the beleaguered building to be turned off

indefinitely."

At the time, there were still 12 tenants in the building, but all were either in the process of moving or securing other locations because of a lack of maintenance by San Antonio-based owner Flato Realty.

Moore bought the building in 1996 and began attempting to renovate the facility.

While discussion of demolishing the building has gone on

since the bricks fell, the project began gaining speed earlier this year.

The demolition will cost \$95,450 — an increase of \$6,000 over Midwest's successful low bid following the discovery of additional asbestos on the site.

The monies for the project came from the city, Moore Development, Big Spring Main Street and Cornell Corrections, which gave \$25,000.

Funding request goes before commission Wednesday

Big Spring's efforts to obtain state monies for a downtown tourist rest area have one last chance.

Denied during the first round of funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, the city is still in the running for part of the remaining \$43 million, which will be awarded Wednesday and Thursday.

Mayor Tim Blackshear will make the official presentation to the three-member Texas

Transportation Commission while Frances Wheat will read a letter from State Sen Robert Duncan on behalf of the project.

The monies are part of \$128 million package TxDOT made available for in-town tourist travel facilities.

If approved, Big Spring will have to raise less than \$100,000 in matching funds for the \$500,000-plus project, which will include a plaza and the community Christmas tree.

100th Christmas Bird Count set for Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Wanted — avid bird watchers for the 100th annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count for Howard County.

"We need help with the count. Please, any bird watcher, we need you," said Pat Simmons, local resident bird watcher.

The bird count for Howard County will be held Saturday.

Simmons has been involved with the bird count for Howard County for the past five years.

She participates in the bird count and bird watching because of the "enjoyment to see the beauty God gave to us, and the enjoyment to listen to the music of the different bird songs," she said.

Big Spring Christmas bird counters are among 50,000

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SIMMONS



SPARKS

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees for Howard College approved the plans for a SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf diagnostic center, and learned the college received a favorable preliminary report from the higher coordinating board visit.

"They said they were impressed and humbled by our effectiveness and efficient use of our resources," said Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Members of several other junior colleges visited the campus as part of the coordinating board visit, and made six recommendations to the college. Sparks said one of those recommendations was that the college hire an institutional research expert, creating a new position at the college.

Other recommendations were to integrate the core courses into the curriculum, which will be a simple change to make, Sparks said.

The board also recommended that all continuing education

courses be reviewed, she said.

"This is just the preliminary report, and we will know more when we receive the final report, which should be available within a few weeks," she said.

Trustees approved plans for a diagnostic center for SWCID, a \$250,000 project that was funded through state appropriations. Phil Furqueron, architect, presented plans to trustees that had

scaled down from those submitted last month.

"We had problems with the budget, and after we moved some things around we reached a compromise and this is the plan we would like to submit for bid," Furqueron said.

The approved plan, which will remodel the first floor of Burke Hall into a diagnostic center for hearing impaired evaluations, does not have any apartment-

style suites for overnight guests.

"We believe when we complete the additional wing at the new dormitories, we will address those needs. We are planning on having an apartment in the new wing, as well as non-traditional student housing for married couples," Sparks said.

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Trustees learn student's pass rates

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees for Howard College Monday learned pass rates for several programs have exceeded 90 percent this past year, and also agreed to three program changes.

"In our associate degree nursing program, 12 out of 15 students passed their licensing examination," said Linda Conway, interim vice president of instruction.

Dental hygiene students earned a 90.2 percent passing

rate for state exams, compared to a 92.9 percent passing rate in the western region, and 87.5 percent national results, she said.

The license vocational nursing program students received a 92.3 percent passing rate in Big Spring, and a 97 percent passing rate at the San Angelo campus.

Conway said the difference in the two campuses is the number of students enrolled in the programs.

At least 85 percent of Big Spring cosmetology students passed, while cosmetology students in San Angelo received a 95.5 percent passing rate.

Eleven out of 12 respiratory care students passed, a four-year program, while 94 percent of the emergency medical technician students passed through

a two-year program, Conway said.

Spring catalog changes approved by trustees will provide an additional \$110 examination fee for LVN students. This fee was added to the ADN program last year, Conway said.

"This is a fee for an exam students take before they take their state boards," Conway said.

And distance learning fees will now be assessed students that are applied to Howard College from the networks where the college receives the instruction.

"These are fees that have been charged to us, and we must pass them along to the students. The fees vary, so this is not a set amount," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

Drug bust

Five suspected to be tied to 2 June homicides in Big Spring

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A drug bust in Texas and New Mexico resulted in five indictments and arrests of individuals linked to an ordered and then botched drug-hit killing in Big Spring.

Charged with conspiracy to use and carry a firearm in commission of a drug felony are Elizardo "Lizard" Aranda, his wife Sara Ronquillo Aranda, Efrain Pando, and Louis Alfredo Renteria. A fifth suspect remains unnamed.

Authorities suspect that Aranda supplied, or "fronted" Antonio Miguel Armijo and Timothy Flores 30 pounds of marijuana. When payment was not forthcoming, Aranda allegedly provided Armijo a way to absolve his debt — kill Flores.

In June, Javier Navarro, 21, and Armijo, 20, were shot and killed in the 1100 block of Johnson. Charged with the slayings was 21-year-old Michael Shubert, who is awaiting trial and has been released on \$75,000 bond.

According to investigators, Aranda advanced Armijo and Timothy Flores 30 pounds of marijuana, which was divided between the two men and sold several months before the shooting.

Aranda was unhappy with the delay in payment for his drug advance, and contacted Armijo,

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OBITUARIES

Dale W. Fox

Dale W. "Papaw" Fox, 68, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at his home. Graveside service is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park.



FOX

He was born April 19, 1931, in Blair, Okla. He married Evelyn Marie Marble on Feb. 3, 1950, in Blair, Okla. Mr. Fox had lived in Big Spring since 1968 and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force from March 1952 to March 1956. He had worked at Webb Air Force Base for 21 years in civil service, retiring in 1977. Mr. Fox had also worked for five years at Cain Electric.

He enjoyed helping people, his family and camping and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; Fox of Big Spring; two daughters, Regina Phillips and husband Marvin of Lamesa, Patricia Vess and husband Troy of Big Spring; three granddaughters, April Aguilar and husband Gilbert of Lamesa, and Tony Vess, Brandy Kinsey and husband Paul, of Big Spring; one grandson, Steven Phillips of Lamesa; two great-granddaughters, Meghan and Emily Aguilar, both of Lamesa; stepmother Mary Fox of Altus, Okla.; a brother, Bartley Fox of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Wanda Lankford of Altus, Okla., Linda Odell, Kay Smith and husband Alvin, all of Birmingham, Ala.; two stepbrothers, Raymond Minatrea of Livingston and Kenneth Minatrea of Pampa; one step-sister, Vivian Lamb of Shallowater; brothers and sisters-in-law, Audrey and Lou Marble of Amarillo, Clarence and Glenda Marble of Lexington, Okla., and Marie Marble of Union, Iowa; an uncle, Alist Fox and an aunt, Nana Lou Borden, both of Altus, Okla.; numerous nieces and nephews and lots of friends and very special family members, Charlie, Ellen, Micaela and Jonathan Purcell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Illa Katrina Fox. The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 11th Place, Big Spring; or to the First

Presbyterian Church building fund, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring. The family will receive friends at the funeral home, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

J.D. Gresham

Graveside services for J.D. "Red" Gresham, 77, of Big Spring will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins officiating.



GRESHAM

Gresham died on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, at his residence.

He was born on January 23, 1922 in Quitman, La. and Married Ada Mitchell on July 18, 1973 in Clinton, Ark. He worked for Robinson Drilling Company as a tool pusher. He also served with the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Gresham of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jerry Miller of Teague; three stepsons, Jimmy Freeze of Abilene, J.R. Freeze of Washington State, and David Freeze of Denison; four stepdaughters, Shirley Gedney of Odessa, Joyce Gammons of San Angelo, Lorene Nix of Big Spring, and Irene Wilson of Tampa, Fla.; his mother, Mary Lee Diffey, 97, of Jonesboro, La.; one brother, Paul Gresham of Quitman, La.; one sister, Charlotte Jeeter of Jonesboro, La.; one grandson, Jeff D. Aday of Waxahachie; one son-in-law, Tommy Coats of Big Spring; 14 step-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Archie Lee Gresham of Quitman, La., and a daughter, Janie Gresham Coats of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Paid obituary

Winona Edwards

Winona Taylor Edwards, 89, passed away Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at her residence at Meadowcreek Nursing Home in San Angelo following a long illness. Graveside service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.



EDWARDS

She was born April 17, 1910, in Howard County. She married J. Henry Edwards in Big Spring and he preceded her in death May 3, 1999. Mrs. Edwards had lived in San Angelo since 1948. She grew up in Big Spring and lived there until moving to San Angelo. She and Mr. Edwards were in the real estate business in San Angelo. While she was in Big Spring, she had worked at State National Bank and First National Bank.

She is survived by nine nieces and nephews: John Currie of Big Spring, Ann McComb of Austin, Spike Dykes of Lubbock, Martha Able of Fort Worth, Dr. Taylor Smith of Lubbock, Robert Lebkosky of Springfield, Ore., John Lebkosky of Austin, Charles Kilway and Jack

Kilway, both of Mesquite; and a number of great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Horace F. and Emily L. Owen Taylor; five sisters, Grace Currie, Mildred Hartis, Ruth Smith, Alta Dykes and Bobby Lebkosky.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

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who blamed Flores, according to authorities. Armijo then allegedly agreed to perform a "hit" on Flores, or kill him, to satisfy Aranda's demands.

On June 17, Armijo and Navarro visited Shubert's home on Johnson, looking for Flores. A party and barbecue was occurring at the residence, with people in the house and in the back yard.

According to authorities, Navarro went into the back yard while Armijo sought Flores. Allegedly, Armijo was selected to perform the killing, as Navarro is half-brother to Flores, investigators believe.

A fight ensued between Armijo and Flores, and Armijo allegedly pistol-whipped Flores. A shot was fired, and Armijo lost the ammunition clip in his gun. Reports indicate Armijo and Navarro left the scene at that point.

They returned later after driving around the block, and while Armijo confronted Flores, Shubert allegedly exited the house carrying a semi-automatic pistol and shot Navarro in the groin.

Shubert then allegedly shot Navarro in the head at point blank range, killing him. Authorities do not believe Shubert was connected with the ordered and then botched drug hit, nor with the drug dealings.

Armijo attempted to surrender, according to reports, and Shubert allegedly shot him in the face, killing him. A forensic pathologist in Lubbock determined Armijo and Navarro had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in their blood, and Armijo also had traces of marijuana.

Federal law allows all conspirators involved in a crime be charged with criminal activity. Thus, although Armijo and Navarro died in their attempt to perform the ordered killing of Flores, the five indicted are also liable as conspirators in the

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ically useful information on the early-winter distribution patterns of various bird species and the over-all health of the environment.

The annual Christmas count is a 100 percent volunteer event, and the data collected from the counts have become a crucial part of the U.S. Government's natural history monitoring database.

Count data from 1900 to present are currently available on the BirdSource website <http://www.birdsource.org>.

For more information about volunteering for the Howard County bird count, please contact Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

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volunteers who will be participating in the National Audubon Society Bird Count lasting from Dec. 16 until Jan. 3.

According to Simmons, Howard County bird count volunteers will begin around 7:30 or 8 a.m. and try to cover as much of the Howard County area as possible, counting until the afternoon. The Howard County bird count will last one day only.

One Mile Lake, Comanche Trail city park, Moss Lake, Silver Heels, the County Club area, and Trinity Park Cemetery are just a few of the areas Simmons would like to cover.

"We want to cover as much area as we can," Simmons said. "That is why we need as many bird watchers to volunteer as possible."

This year marks 100 years since Frank Chapman, an ornithologist, and other conservationists decided to protest the traditional bird shoot called the side hunt were teams competed to shoot the most birds and other small animals.

Instead of hunting birds, Chapman and 27 friends counted birds on Christmas day 1900. The Christmas bird count has turned into the longest running ornithological database. The count continues to grow in importance as a means to monitor the status of resident and migratory bird populations across western hemisphere.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting, and competitive event, the annual count reveals interesting and scientific

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Furquerson said once the plans are finalized and bids received, the entire project should be complete in about four months. The diagnostic center should be functional by the beginning of the fall semester 2000, he said.

As that project is completed, trustees will also be approached about plans for the new wing on Burke-Mehan Residential Complex. And work continues on the multipurpose gymnasium on campus, he said.

Don McKinney, president of the college board said, watching the construction taking place on the SWCID campus is seeing

HELPING

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• Pollard Chevrolet, through Dec. 14.

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.

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Henriette Louise Kionka, 90, died Friday, December 3, 1999. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, December 18, 1999 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8248
Calla Mae Perkins, 89, died Saturday. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.
Winona Taylor Edwards, 89, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM, Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Dale Fox, 68, died Monday. Services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Tuesday.

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Columbine videos give glimpses of upside down world of gunmen

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Teen killers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold had run out of people to hate by the time they entered Columbine High School armed for carnage, homemade videos reveal.

After insulting blacks, Christians, women, Jews, athletes, police, and others, Harris is heard to exclaim on one tape, "I hate the (expletive) humans." Klebold concurs. "It's humans that I hate."

A more detailed picture of Harris and Klebold emerged Monday, a day after Time magazine published a story on the videotapes, prompting authorities to allow other journalists to view them.

Their release angered parents of the victims, who said they had been promised they would be shown the tapes before they

were publicly released. Several families viewed them Monday evening.

"This is just going to serve to re-illuminate all the feelings and pain that (parents) have already experienced," said Brad Bernall, whose daughter Cassie Bernall was killed in the April 20 attack.

"I'm really upset that someone didn't have the courtesy (to warn us)," said Connie Michalik, mother of Richard Castaldo, who was left paralyzed in the attack. "If anyone was going to see them, we had the right."

Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Wayne Holverson apologized for causing any heartache to the families. "We sincerely regret the untimely release of the story," he said.

In the videos, Harris, 18, and

Klebold, 17, detailed their plan which would eventually leave 12 students and a teacher dead. Both gunmen then committed suicide.

The pair filmed a dress rehearsal on one tape recorded at Klebold's home. He practiced drawing a shotgun from inside a black trench coat. Harris told him he had to do it faster.

They laughed about haunting those left behind after their deaths. "I don't give a (expletive) about anybody. Otherwise I'd be more remorseful," said Harris.

"God doesn't exist," said Klebold at one point.

In two hours of telling their own story, the teens quote Shakespeare, make apparent references to the video game Doom, predict Hollywood directors would fight over their story

and apologize to their loved ones.

"My parents couldn't have helped it ... My parents have been some of the best parents I've known," said Harris. "Don't arrest any of our friends or family. They didn't have a clue."

The teens bragged that previous school assaults were bush league and they weren't copy cats. "We're the real McCoy," said Harris, with Klebold adding, "I know we are going to have a following."

Both talked of being treated as nerds by athletes and others. Harris, an Air Force brat, said "the (expletive) government closed the bases down." Each time he had to move, he said, "I am at the bottom of the ladder again."

Klebold said the pair would

have sorted out their problems with their fists, as students had done for generations. "but if you touch anyone you are suspended."

Each spoke of their anger. "I'm sorry I have so much rage but you put it in me," said Klebold. Harris said he planned to blow one youth's face off and expected to receive the same

treatment. "I imagine I will be shot in the head by a (expletive) cop."

For Dale Todd, whose son Evan was wounded in the assault on Columbine, watching the tapes only triggered more questions: "It makes me realize that we need to look deeper into society's ills that we're creating kids like this."

Texas A&M photographs suggest bonfire stack was leaning before Nov. 18 collapse

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Just-released photographs of the Texas A&M bonfire stack — taken 36 hours before and 60 hours before it collapsed on Nov. 18 — suggest it was leaning at the time of the accident that killed 12 young people and injured 27.

A&M student Doug Keegan, a senior applied mathematics major who worked on the bonfire this year, used a computer photo program to lay a grid over two images of the stack that he found on the university's local computer network.

Texas A&M released those photos on Monday. With grids superimposed over photos shot from a fixed camera atop a building, it appears that the lines tied from the center pole to perimeter poles had too much slack on one side and that the center pole was bowed slightly, Keegan said.

Some students at the bonfire site said the stack appeared to be unbalanced in the moments before the collapse.

"I was asking a lot of questions: why did this happen? I wanted to see if I could figure anything out," Keegan said.

He turned his photos over to the university police about two weeks ago. As of late Monday, he said, he has not received any response from police or other university officials, he said.

Benjamin Kelley, dean of Baylor University's engineering and computer science school, said uneven distribution of weight could explain the collapse of the four-story-high stack.

"There's no question in my mind that one side of the pole was loaded more than the other," Kelley told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the day after the accident. "Once it's not balanced, it's like getting caught in an avalanche."

Leo Linbeck Jr., head of the committee investigating the collapse, said Monday night that he has not seen Keegan's photos.

"I'm sure it will be part of the body of information to be reviewed," Linbeck said.

Keegan said the lighting in the images made it difficult to say conclusively whether the center pole was leaning before the collapse, but the slack in the lines suggests that it was off-balance. Keegan said he noticed nothing with the stack of logs on the night of the collapse.

"This is my elementary analysis. I may or may not be right, but it certainly says to me that there was slack in those lines,

and that it may have been getting worse," Keegan said.

The day after the accident, one student who was working on the pyramid of logs at the time of the collapse said that moments before, the stack

seemed to be leaning slightly.

"One side seemed to have more weight on it," said Paul Alexander Jones, a freshman who suffered minor injuries. "I'm not sure how that hap-

pened." The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission issued subpoenas Monday for the records of students injured in the bonfire accident and gave hospitals until Thursday to comply.

Russian troops, Chechen rebels clash

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia (AP) — Russian troops and Chechen rebels clashed today on the eastern edge of Grozny, while Russia's main relief agency picked up refugees from the fog-shrouded Chechen capital.

In Alkhan-Yurt, just two miles southwest of Grozny, Russian artillery salvos could be heard echoing across the city. The main fighting was centered on the eastern edge of the city, in areas around the airport, according to the Russian military.

Russian authorities have warned the remaining civilians to clear out of Grozny in preparation for a major attack on the city. The Russians have been bombarding Grozny for weeks, edging ever closer to the Chechen capital.

It was not immediately clear whether the latest fighting was

part of a major offensive, or simply part of the Russian effort to wear down the out-gunned Chechen fighters. Russian commanders say they will use commandos and pro-Moscow Chechen irregulars to take the city bit by bit.

A Russian general said Monday that government forces had taken Grozny's airport, but there were conflicting accounts today about which side was in control. Chechen commanders said their forces were resisting the Russian advance.

On the western side of Grozny, about 100 refugees, many of them elderly women, left the capital on foot before dawn today and traveled along a safety corridor established by the Russians to Alkhan-Yurt. They were picked up there by a bus and five trucks sent by the Ministry of Emergency

Situations.

Like many of the refugees, Taisa Shamkanova said she had been living in a basement and was unaware of a Russian ultimatum that civilians were to leave the city by last Saturday or face an all-out Russian onslaught. Moscow later backed away from the ultimatum after strong international protests.

A neighbor had heard about the corridors established by the Russians, and managed to persuade Shamkanova to leave her sanctuary. The women began their journey at 4 a.m. and were waiting when the trucks arrived.

An estimated 15,000 to 40,000 civilians remain in Grozny. In Moscow, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said that the two civilian corridors would remain open indefinitely.

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OUR VIEWS

Permian Building demolition a sign of downtown revival

It was overheard Monday night that the large number of persons who gathered to watch the demolition begin on the Permian Building probably underscored the fact we live in small town America.

"It's either that, or folks are really excited to see it finally come down," someone else offered.

Indeed. The excitement surrounding the demolition is similar to that we experienced as window after window went into the Settles Building, converting it from its former role as tombstone over downtown to a building that can once again be utilized.

Now that the Permian Building is coming down, the excitement is building about the revitalization of downtown Big Spring. Yes, the eyesore known as the Howard House (corner of Third and Runnels) still remains, but there are plans for it, as well.

And how exciting would it be for Mayor Tim Blackshear to make a successful presentation Wednesday before the Transportation Commission in regards to the monies being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation for the development of a tourist area on the southeast corner of the block on which the Permian Building sits?

To begin being able to take down the eyesore — and to receive word that your request for grant monies to build something positive on the site in the same week would certainly be good news.

While we are all excited at the demise of the structure, let us not forget that had it not been for the efforts of the city, Moore Development, Main Street and Cornell Corrections to raise the necessary monies, we wouldn't be watching the wrecking ball swing.

The demolition company says it will take five days or less to take the building down, which means that no later than Dec. 18 it should stand no more — which is quite a Christmas present, indeed.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Would you be so kind as to place this little request in your newspaper?

I am a Canadian World War II veteran and am looking for an American World War II veteran. His name is Carmen M. Gonzales — serial number 38,338,259. Mr. Gonzales came from Big Spring in the war time. Would like to hear from anyone knowing Mr. Gonzales. Please write to:

L. RAINS
Pro. Pelstraat 59
2035 CS Haarlem
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TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of myself and the people at the Spring City Senior Center, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Joyce Crooker for decorating the center for Christmas. Mrs. Crooker spent several days working at the center and it looks absolutely beautiful, it is the prettiest place in town. The seniors enjoy the decorations very much, as many of them don't decorate their homes as much as they used to and the center is a very festive place to come and have lunch and visit. I would like to invite everyone in the community to come out and have lunch or coffee with us or just come by and see our Center.

BOBBIE LEONARD
Senior Center director

TO THE EDITOR:

This was the first year for the Goliad Cavaliers to enter the Herald Christmas Parade and I have to say that it was a great experience, despite the cold weather. For those of you wonder, the Goliad Cavaliers is the

Jr. Optimist Club, an organization for sixth grade boys sponsored by the Big Spring Optimist Club.

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Thayer for all his hard work and dedication. A special thanks to Mrs. Knecht, who even though was not feeling well, still participated in the parade. So much can get accomplished when you have administration and parental support.

I am very proud to say that we have had 100 percent support from our principal, Mrs. Gainey, and our Cavalier parents. Mrs. Gainey paid us a visit during our float preparation and treated the boys to donuts and juice.

Our Cavalier parents also deserve a special thanks for going out of their way in making sure the boys were there for the parade and ready to go. I also want to thank you, the parents, for waving, cheering, and blinking your lights as we went by. I was very happy to see some of our Goliad teachers out supporting the boys as well. But I have to be honest in saying that it made the boys even happier in seeing you out there cheering them on. Mr. Henry Sanchez also deserves a warm thanks for supplying us with the trailer. Thank you to Big Spring Welding for volunteering their use of a generator. We ended up not using it but thank you so much wanting to help the Cavaliers. And last, but certainly not least, a VERY special thank you to the Cavaliers themselves. They worked hard and represented Goliad proudly.

MRS. SANCHEZ
Cavalier Sponsor
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Writer disagrees with evaluation of Bush

Is George W. Bush smart enough to be president? It's a question that has

preoccupied the political pundits for weeks now, ever since the Texas governor failed a pop quiz administered by a Boston reporter, and it has intensified after each of the three televised debates in which Bush has participated.

Most voters aren't paying enough attention to the race for the Republican presidential nomination right now to answer the question for themselves. But that hasn't stopped editorial writers and TV commentators from blathering incessantly about Bush's "lack of gravitas," all the better to impress their audience with their own intellectual gifts. True or not, the image of a dumb Bush fits nicely with most journalists' prejudices about Republicans in general.

Republicans are never smart. They may be wily, like Richard Nixon, but they are never truly brilliant, like, say, Hillary

Clinton. And how could it be otherwise? Most Republican politicians don't share the media's views on such things as gun control, campaign finance reform or taxes. When was the last time you read an editorial in *The New York Times* or the *Washington Post* in favor of the right to bear arms or against limits on campaign contributions? Which of the TV-network news shows has done a special report on how over-taxed Americans are?

It's just a fact of human nature. We tend to think people who agree with us are smart, and those who don't, aren't. Since most journalists are liberals (some 90 percent of the national media voted for Bill Clinton in 1992, according to one study), they tend to view conservatives as, well, benighted. So long as George W. Bush was talking about compassion for the poor and minorities, the media gave him high marks — he was, after all, talking like them. Ironically, as soon as he started talking about specific policies — lowering marginal tax rates, for example — journalists found him wanting.

It's hardly the first time the media weighed in with their assessment of a Republican candidate's intellectual prowess, which usually coincides with whether they agree with his policies. Ronald

Reagan's intellect was — and remains — a favorite butt of journalists. One reporter noted recently in an article about Bush's supposed lack of brain power: "Like Bush, (Reagan) gave some people the impression he wasn't exactly the brightest bulb in the chandelier." As TV critic Tom Shales noted during the 1980 presidential campaign, the media frequently treated Reagan's pronouncements as if "he didn't quite know what he was saying. It cast doubt on his fitness as a leader, if not, by implication, on his sanity."

Of course, the American people elected Ronald Reagan, anyway, and supported his policies for eight years, despite constant disparagement from the press. Conventional wisdom among elites today is that Reagan was a successful president, if none too bright — a left-handed compliment from folks who neither knew Reagan well nor agreed with him on much of anything.

I remember reminiscing about the Reagan years with Martin Anderson, who was one of Reagan's chief domestic policy advisers both as governor of California and president. Why is it, I asked him, that so few people are willing to acknowledge what I saw all the time I worked in the White House — namely, Reagan's quick intel-

lect. Anderson responded by telling me a series of stories about Reagan's near-perfect recall, about the briefcase he carried on the campaign trail filled with high-brow magazines like *Commentary*, the perceptive questions he'd ask during briefings. Neither Anderson nor I recognized the Ronald Reagan we knew firsthand as the affable buffoon the media depicted as the president.

I've had a similar reaction to news accounts of Bush's deficiencies. My experience with Bush has been more limited than with Reagan — I've spent about an hour talking to Bush on policy issues, one-on-one — but I came away impressed with his understanding of issues. He talked about a range of topics from abortion to the breakdown of the family, from poverty to education. He cited with ease books and studies he'd recently read. He was quick, articulate and well-informed. I found his arguments thoughtful, even on those areas on which we disagree.

I'm betting the American people will make the same judgment, no thanks to any help from the press.

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LINDA CHAVEZ



OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES KIDNAPPED ELIAN GONZALEZ! WHY WOULD HE STAY AWAY WILLINGLY??

True giving and the things you always remember

It was a stuffed Lassie dog, about 15 inches high, with a plastic collar and a real leash. Uncle Bill won it at the county fair. I don't know why he gave it to me,

except I was the right age for a stuffed Lassie, and his own daughter, Amy, was all grown up and married.

As a child, I never questioned the notion that Uncle Bill had knocked down an entire row of milk bottles or looped a plastic ring around the neck of a bowling pin, with only me in mind. I was such a cute kid and all.

That collie is one of two presents I remember getting from an aunt or an uncle while growing up. The other was a pair of plastic high heels I had coveted for weeks in the Woolworth's. They had glitter straps made of elastic and were

of sufficient quality to last about 30 minutes. They had a streetwalker look, which little girls, sorry to say, instinctively love. When he came to Alabama to pay a visit, my Uncle Ray bought them for me.

My aunts and uncles all had children, thus problems and expenses, of their own. Everybody was on a budget. Disposable income wasn't invented. Every one of my aunts and uncles was loving, and, for a kid, it was a treat to see them. But aunts and uncles didn't give presents, except maybe a token at Christmas. They gave hugs and occasional reprimands.

Not to say we didn't have certain expectations.

We expected, for instance, that my Uncle Cary would arrive at my grandmother's house in an exotic new car every couple of years. He once drove up in a silver Thunderbird with doors that opened backward and seats that swiveled. He let us use it for our Ba tmobile.

From my Uncle Ray, we expected entertainment. He knew magic tricks and jokes, and he had a childlike disposition himself. From my Uncle

Otis we expected guidance. He was a walking sermonette.

Uncles were infinitely useful. My Uncle Carlton taught me how to water-ski in a lake full of cypress stumps. And the aforementioned Uncle Bill could be depended on to pick you up, swing you around, give you a ride on his shoulders.

We expected aunts to remain invisible, the way all grown-up women were back then. They stayed off in the kitchen assembling meals fit for kings, or at the far end of the porch gossiping. Aunts were like mothers, only slightly more lenient, and they shushed us and questioned us in appropriate situations.

Aunt Beulah Helen was a marvelous exception. Her refrigerator was full of chocolate-covered cherries that she tapped into whenever there were kids around. I believed her house must be the world's repository for chocolate-covered cherries. She'd let you eat them till you felt sick. Aunt Beulah Helen was nothing like a mother.

I loved my aunts and uncles, dearly, but it certainly had nothing to do with presents they bought me. Which should

have taught me something. Children want your time, your individuality, your wisdom — if you have any. No child in her right mind would turn down a gift, mind you, but still, a bribe is not the way to an elfin heart. It's taken me many years, thousands of dollars and a dozen or more children to learn that lesson. Knowledge doesn't come cheap.

I have paid for hand-woven sweaters and American Girl dolls and tricycles with lifetime guarantees. Somewhere along the way, I've wised up. If you give too much, too often, children can't see you for the gifts you come bearing. They are blinded by their greed — as anybody else would be.

Over the recent holiday, I was walking my nephew Will Grimsley to the bedroom he'd been assigned at my parents' home.

"I'll hold your hand," he offered, and off we went toward bedtime.

"I appreciate this visit," the little boy said, as if he had hosted the entire holiday. I think he really meant it.

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IN BRIEF

YMCA sets hoops camp for Christmas holiday

A basketball camp for both boys and girls has been scheduled for Dec. 20-23 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Big Spring Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter will conduct the camp from 10 a.m. until noon each day.

Basic fundamental skills will be taught to youngsters in grades K-6.

The camp is free to all youngsters who have signed up to play YMCA basketball and \$10 for all others.

Registration is limited to 50 youngsters on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

BSHS softball boosters slate Thursday meeting

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club has scheduled a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room of the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Lady Steers varsity, junior varsity and freshman softball players are urged to attend.

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in kindergarten through the sixth grade for its youth basketball program.

The program fee includes a T-shirt, individual player award and a full service YMCA youth membership for January and February.

YMCA full members may register for \$15. Basic members pay \$25 and non-members pay \$32.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345. Details are also available at the local courses.

Youth basketball program still registering players

Registration for youngsters interested in playing on a Big Spring Youth Basketball Association team will continue through Friday at All-Star Sports.

Players can sign up from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tryouts are slated for Dec. 18 and the participation fee will be \$20 per youngster.

The league is divided into three divisions for first-through sixth-grade players.

For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159.

TP&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan. 2 in Howard County.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is four deer with no more than two of them being bucks.

TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

For more information, call McGinty at (915) 795-2238.

ON THE AIR

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Bearkats earn three first-team spots on 7-1A all-district team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

When coaches from District 7-1A met to select their all-district football team, Garden City's young Bearkats earned three first-team selections.

The league's top three teams — Rankin's Red Devils, Marfa's Shorthorns and Fort Davis' Indians — and traditional power Wink's Wildcats grabbed the lion's share of accolades.

Rankin's Chris Mendez was named the district's most valuable player, while Marfa's Randy White was selected as the loop's outstanding offensive performer and Fort Davis's J.P. Cotton was selected as the outstanding defensive player of the year.

Garden City, which fielded a team almost devoid of seniors, placed one performer on the first-team offense and two more on the first-team defense.

Junior lineman Erik Halfmann was the Bearkats' only selection to the first-team offensive unit and was



HALFMANN TALAMANTES KIGHT

Garden City's only two-way honoree, also earning a second-team honor as a linebacker.

The Bearkats' first-team selections on defense were sophomore lineman Tony Talamantes and junior linebacker Anthony Wheat.

Garden City's other second-team selections belonged to quarterback Justin Hilger and offensive lineman Kyle Kight.

Fort Davis placed seven players on the first-team

offense including quarterback Phillip Prude, running backs Cotton and Ernie Martinez, wide receiver Aaron Liddell, tight end Justin Evans and linemen Dustin Barr and David Pearson.

The Indians' first-team defensive selections were linebacker Gus Hernandez and Martinez, who doubled up as a defensive back.

Rankin players grabbed three first-team spots on offense and five on defense. The Red Devils' offensive selections were lineman Willie Bautista and running backs Ruben De La Paz and Jeremy Armenderez.

The Red Devils' defensive selections included linemen Bobby De La Paz and Brandon Brown, defensive back Bryan Hill and both Armenderez and Ruben De La Paz, who were two-way honorees.

Marfa placed six players on the first-team offense and two on the defensive squad. The Shorthorns' offensive picks were running back Luis Madrid, wide receiver Eddie Pallanez, tight end Kyle Muhle, place kicker Eric

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Steers knock off Monahans

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Monahans took a gamble that Big Spring would be unable to break its press, but the Steers beat the odds Monday night and improved to 7-7 on the season with a 66-53 win over the Lobos.

The Steers, who never trailed but almost allowed the game to slip through their hands several times, turned it on in the first and fourth quarters, posting 48 of their 66 points.

Most of that scoring came from the Steers' big man tandem of Blair Nutting and Lance Brock. The two seniors combined for 29 points.

Sophomore Clarence Wilkins, who shot 75 percent from inside the arc, almost seemed as if he couldn't miss and pumped in 15 points. Junior swingman Jason Woodruff added 11.

"The key was handling the pressure," Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said. "Our guards could break the press and get it inside. I knew we could win it. And in the first and fourth quarters we did that."

The two quarters sandwiched between the strong start and finish were a different matter.

The Steers scored eight points in the second quarter — four by Wilkins and four by Woodruff. And in the third period, Woodruff, Justin Dille, Brock and Nutting combined for 10 points.

"We kept rushing everything ... we made some bad passes and poor decisions," Avery noted. "Their press is designed on the gamble that we're going to turn the ball over. They put lots of pressure on the ball and hope you can't make a good pass out of the trap."

"If you can find the open man, though," he added, "you can make a high percentage shot. We did that for a couple of quarters."

After senior guard John Purcell zigged and zagged getting the ball down court, Woodruff, Dille and Nutting took turns feeding the open man for easy layups in the first quarter.

They found the pipeline to Brock in the fourth quarter, as

he put in five short shots for 10 of his team-topping 15 points.

Big Spring broke away from an 8-6 lead midway through the first period and ended it in a crowd-pleasing fashion as Dille made a behind-the-back pass to Wilkins for the short layup. Brock followed it up the next time down the court with a put-back at the buzzer for a 22-14 advantage.

But the Steers went cold and didn't score for 31/2 minutes before Jason Choate fed Wilkins on an inbound pass to put the Steers up 26-17.

Despite Big Spring's poor second-quarter performance, the Steers still managed a 30-26 halftime lead.

Nutting grabbed Dille's missed shot before the third quarter ended to give Big Spring a 40-35 lead.

"Blair had another good game," Avery said. "He rebounded well (12 boards) and shot the ball well (55 percent)."

Monahans inched closer to Big Spring's 42-39 with Brock rebounding in the game, but Nutting missed the ball to Brock for an easy shot and the Steers were up 44-39. Purcell made a steal and hit Brock for the 46-39 advantage.

That would be the closest Monahans would get down the stretch as Dille hit a layup and fed Nutting. And then, following a spectacular rebound, he passed to Brock who made a turnaround jumper for a 60-53 lead with 1:08 showing on the clock.

Woodruff fed Nutting and then made two free throws and Purcell added a 2-for-2 trip to the line before the buzzer sounded.

"Woodruff had a pretty good game ... especially rebounding," Avery said. "Clarence played really well, too. He was a shooter tonight."

The Steers boss also had praise for the defense his team displayed, especially Nutting's ability to hold the Lobos' Brian Morris to just four three-pointers.

"(Morris) didn't want to drive ... he just wanted to shoot the three," Avery observed. "He was pretty deadly, but Blair kept him pretty much in check."

"We try to hold our opponents to 50 points," he added. "We feel we can win if we do



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Big Spring guard Clarence Wilkins (22) goes up for a layup during the Steers' consolation game against Clyde during the Spring City Crossroads Classic last week. Monday night Wilkins developed the hot hand and shared team-high honors with Lance Brock, both scoring 15 points in a 66-53 win over Monahans.

Howard Johnson's 17 points and Jesse Vanderbilt's 15.

Big Spring 66, Monahans 53
MONAHANS — Oved Porras 0 0 1 2 1, Raul Hinojos 1 0 1 2 3, Ramon Porras 1 0 1 2 3, Lucas Ramos 1 0 0 0 2, Scott Moore 0 0 0 0 0, Fabien Welch 1 0 0 0 2, Brian Morris 0 4 1 2 13, Jorge Arroyo 2 0 0 0 4, Ben Johnson 0 0 1 2 1, Chris Adams 11 0 2 6 24, Dephil Phillips 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 17 4 7 16 53.

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Score by Quarters:
1 2 3 4 Total
Big Spring 15 15 16 20 66
Monahans 12 12 12 19 53

Celeste's Rector headlines Class 1A all-state team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celeste's Jamaica Rector was a magnet on the football field this season. On offense, he attracted double and triple coverage. On defense, teams repelled the area he patrolled.

On Monday, Rector was named the Class 1A defensive

player of the year and was a first-team selection at receiver and defensive back on the all-state squad chosen by Associated Press Sports Editors.

"An athlete like him in Class 1A has to be on the field at all times," Celeste coach Steve Sumrow said. "Maybe when he gets to college he'll stay on one

side of the ball, but he definitely has the ability to play both ways."

The 10th annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season and balloting was conducted during the play-

offs.

The offensive player of the year was Ranger running back Sonny Ainsworth. The junior had 2,011 yards and 25 touchdowns on 183 carries.

Two first-team offensive honorees meet in the 1A finals

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Bulldogs suffer 58-46 loss to Midland Christian; Stanton girls win again

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Midland Christian's Mustangs shook off a cold first quarter and exploded for 21 second-quarter points Monday night en route to a 58-46 non-district basketball win over Coahoma's Bulldogs.

That offensive explosion was almost as shocking as the defensive effort the Mustangs presented in the final eight minutes, as they limited Coahoma to just three points in the fourth quarter.

Coahoma took an early 12-9 lead, only to see Midland Christian outscore them 21-10 in the second quarter to take a 30-22 edge into the halftime break.

The Bulldogs rallied with a 21-point

quarter of their own in the third period, trimming the Mustangs' lead to just four at 47-43 before enduring the virtual ice age of a fourth quarter.

Brett Bennett paced the Bulldogs with 14 points, while senior guard Mario Garcia and sophomore post Chase Ward added 10 points apiece.

Midland Christian's Ben White took game-high honors with 21 points.

Midland Christian 58, Coahoma 46
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN — Ben Fietz 1 0 0 2, Bryan Nevans 1 0 0 2, Ben White 7 2 2 21, Paul Benique 0 2 2 2, Shaun Rickey 4 3 4 11, Chase Feeler 0 1 2 1, Garrett Hellums 4 0 0 8, Stephen Koss 4 3 4 11. Totals 21 11 14 58.
COAHOMA — Garcia 4 0 0 10, Marshall 1 0 0 2, Harding 1 1 2 3, Henry 1 1 3 3, Bennett 6 1 3 14, Ward 4 2 2 10, Teeler 2 0 0 4. Totals 19 5 10 46.
Score by Quarters
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12 17 11 28 58
COAHOMA 12 10 21 3 46

Three-point goals: Midland Christian 5 (White 5), Coahoma 3 (Garcia 2, Bennett 1). Totals fouls: Midland Christian 11, Coahoma 16. Fouled out: None. JV score: Midland Christian 59, Coahoma 56, 2 OT.

Lady Buffs stampede to win in Denver City

DENVER CITY — Stanton's Lady Buffs chalked up their seventh win in a row Monday night with a 60-36 decision over Denver City's Lady Mustangs.

Stanton got off to a quick start and never looked back, leading 18-0 at the end of the first quarter and improving that margin to 34-20 at halftime.

Another 18 point quarter by Stanton allowed the Lady Buffs to take a more than comfortable 52-24 lead into the final

eight minutes of play.

The Lady Buffs, now 11-4, got 15 points apiece from Rachel Madison and Stephanie Washington, while Jessica Thompson added 10 more.

STANTON 60, Denver City 36
STANTON — Rachel Madison 5 5 9 15, Staci Rosebery 1 0 0 2, Debra Phillips 2 0 1 2, Jessica Thompson 4 2 6 10, Stephanie Washington 7 1 2 15, Jessica DeLeon 2 2 3 6, Kaci Moore 3 2 4 9, Christy Saigado 0 1 2 1. Totals 23 13 27 60.
DENVER CITY — Tara Winfrey 3 0 0 6, Mirand Murray 2 1 2 5, Jennifer Beal 1 0 0 2, Celesta Galvan 1 0 0 2, Tia Jordan 4 0 1 8, Leslie Hurt 1 1 2 3, Olga Nevarez 0 0 0 0, Amy Woosley 2 0 0 4, Shawnta Griffin 2 0 0 4, Dusty Beringfield 1 1 4 3. Totals 17 2 9 36.
Score by Quarters:
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Three-point goals: Stanton 1 (Moore), Denver City 0.
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ALL-AMERICANS

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Virginia's Thomas Jones, who ran for 1,798 yards and 16 touchdowns, joined Dayne in the backfield, while Warrick's partner at wideout was Stanford's Troy Walters, who caught 74 passes for a Pacific-10 Conference record 1,456 yards and 10 TDs.

James Whalen of Kentucky was the tight end after a season of 90 catches, 1,019 yards and 10 TDs.

Arizona's Dennis Northcutt, who led the nation in punt returns and ran two back for TDs, was the all-purpose player. Northcutt caught 88 passes for 1,422 yards and eight TDs, and was second in the nation in all-purpose yards at 187.42 per game.

Janikowski, the Groza award winner as the top kicker, was the nation's third leading scorer, hitting 23 of 30 field goals and all 47 extra point attempts for 116 points. Also, 57 of his 83 kickoffs went for touchdowns.

Joining Whitaker on the offensive line were Outland Trophy winner Chris Samuels of Alabama, Chris McIntosh of Wisconsin and Cooney Coleman of Tennessee. Ben Hamilton of Minnesota was the center.

Arrington, the Butkus award winner as the nation's top linebacker, had nine sacks, two fumble recoveries and two blocked field goals. Short led the Lions with 103 tackles and had four sacks and a blocked kick.

Brown had 55 tackles, including a school-record 29 for losses, and 13 sacks. He also forced three fumbles and intercepted a pass.

The other linemen were Corey Moore of Virginia Tech, Casey Hampton of Texas and Florida State's Simon.

Moore, the leader of Virginia Tech's third-ranked defense and Lombardi award winner as the

nation's top lineman, led the Big East with 17 sacks for 150 yards in losses. Moore also won the Nagurski trophy as the country's top defensive player.

Simon had 84 tackles, 21 for losses, and four sacks for a Seminoles defense that allowed just 15.8 points and 98.8 yards rushing per game.

Kansas State's Mark Simoneau and Tennessee's Raynoch Thompson joined Arrington and Short at the linebacker spots.

The secondary was made up of record-setting Deltha O'Neal of California, Mike Brown of Nebraska, Tyrone Carter of Minnesota and Brian Urlacher of New Mexico.

O'Neal set an NCAA record by

returning four interceptions for TDs and finished the season with nine, tied for first in the nation. He returned one interception 100 yards for a score and also had a 100-yard kickoff return for a TD.

Urlacher, 6-4, 240, averaged 14 tackles per game, led the Mountain West Conference with five forced fumbles and recovered three fumbles. He also was used as a receiver and caught seven passes — six for TDs.

Carter, who led the Golden Gophers with 127 tackles, won the Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

The punter was Shane Lechler of Texas A&M. Lechler averaged 46.45 yards on 60 punts.

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Saturday when Aspermont (14-1) plays Bartlett (14-1). Aspermont running back Zach Hunter and Bartlett offensive lineman Ramon Fuentes.

Seasonlong No. 1 Wheeler was one of five teams to have two first-teamers. Making it from Wheeler were offensive lineman Bret Goad and linebacker Ben Dollar.

Wortham had offensive lineman Collin Barker, a 6-foot-9,

310-pound junior who reminds many of former Wortham star Leonard Davis, and quarterback Damien Dixon.

Another duo was Dawson running back Isaac Shaw (who ran for 1,894 yards and 26 TDs and threw for 823 yards and 10 TDs) and defensive lineman Brent Steele.

Sudan filled two of the four defensive back spots with Rocky McAdams and Erik Edwards, while Muenster had kicker Nick Silmon and defen-

sive lineman Craig Hartman.

Rounding out the offense were linemen J.J. Carillo of Baird and Nathan Bishop of Milano, and Iola end Jody Evans.

Other defensive honorees included linemen Trey Tucker of Runge and Robert Dillin of Valley View, linebackers Dustin Gage of Meridian and Jacob Hausenfluke of Jarrell, Carlisle defensive back Michael Fling and Marfa punter Michael Spencer.

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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)
**Don't get discouraged. You might be feeling down as you are pushed beyond your limits. Currently, you might be having a difficult time seeing anything realistically. Just relax. Do something just for you, and you will feel better. Tonight: Pull back and indulge in a stress buster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
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6 PM	News (CC)	Home Imp. Judge Judy	Creatures Antiques Rd.	Yes, Virginia Random Acts	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince	Sonadoras	It Nearly Wan't	Walkons (CC)	The Mask of Zorro (CC)	Her Sisters	Enemy Within (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	ER (CC)	JAG (CC)	Sentinel (CC)	Intimate Portrait (CC)	Turning Point
7 PM	Spin City (CC)	70s Show Ally (CC)	Snow Wolves (CC)	Movie: A Christmas	JAG (CC)	Spin City (CC) Oh Grow Up	Just Shoot Me 3rd Rock-Sun	(05) Movie: The Presidio	Nunci Te Ovidare	Christmas (40) Movie:	Holiday on Ice	..	Hoop Life	Movie: Witness	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball: New	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Sentinel (CC)	Chicago Hope (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER
8 PM	Dharma-Greg Sports Night	Mariah Carey	Nova (CC)	Reunion	60 Minutes II (CC)	Dharma-Greg Sports Night	Will & Grace Frasier (CC)	..	Tres Mujeres	Smart House (40) Movie:	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: The Odd Couple II	Beggars and Choosers	Protection (CC)	..	New Detectives	York Knicks at Houston	Movie: Mad Max (CC)	The Stand (CC)	Movie: Unlikely	Cities on the Sea	Big Stuff: Sea
9 PM	Once and Again (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Taking-Lead	Trans-Siberian	Judging Amy (CC)	Once and Again (CC)	Dateline (CC)	(20) Movie: A	Primer Impacto Noc.	(10) Movie: Just Like Dad	Precious Memories	(40) Movie: Rudy Awaken. Linc's (CC)	Real Sports (CC)	Richard Roberts	City Confidential (CC)	FBI Files	Rockets (CC) Insid NBA	..	..	..	..	..
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Force of One	P. Impacto Nocturno Univ.	(CC) ..	Dallas (CC)	Night Eyes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Newsradio Unhappily	Science Odyssey	Who's Boss? Random Acts	Show (CC) (37) Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	(25) Movie: Viviana a la Medianoche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	(25) Movie: Body Armor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12 AM	(12:06) Gunstoke	Cops (CC) Hollywood	(CC) ..	Paid Program	Show (CC) Grace Under	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Hiro and the Terror	Gordo y Filica El Bablazo	Walt Disney Presents	Prime Time Country (CC)

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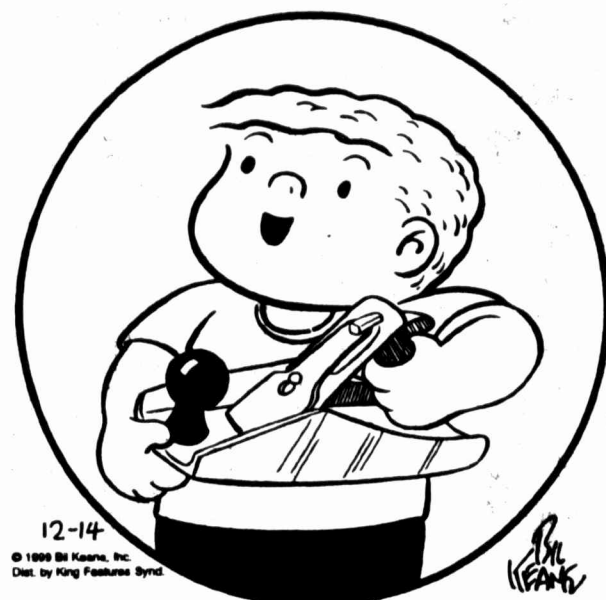
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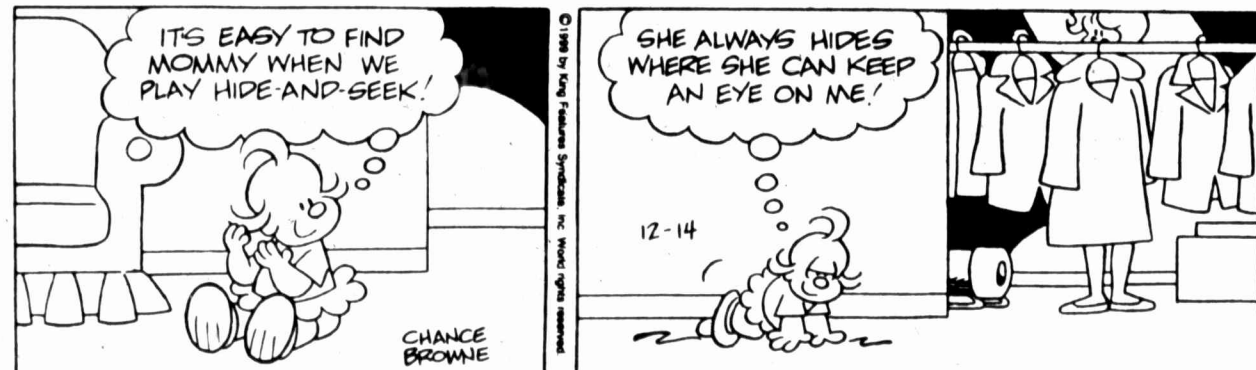
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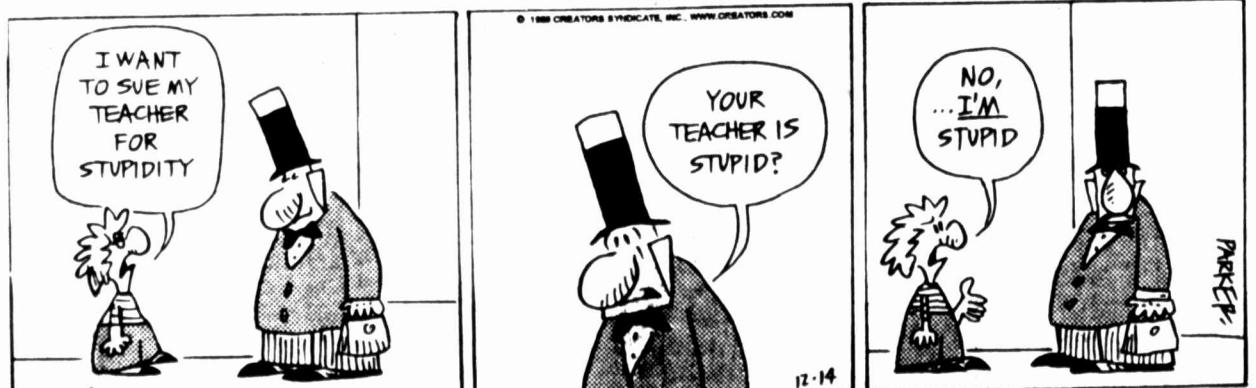
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 1999. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67. On this date: In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner II approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1980, fans around the world paid tribute to John Lennon, six days after he was shot to death in New York City.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft "Voyager," piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

In 1988, President Reagan authorized the U.S. to enter into a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, after chairman Yasser Arafat said he was renouncing "all forms of terrorism."

Ten years ago: Nobel Peace laureate Andrei D. Sakharov died in Moscow at age 68.

Five years ago: A federal judge granted a preliminary injunction blocking almost all of Proposition 187's bans affecting illegal immigrants in California. Former Arkansas Governor Orval E. Faubus, whose refusal to let nine black students into Little Rock's Central High School in 1957 forced President Eisenhower to send in federal troops, died at age 84.

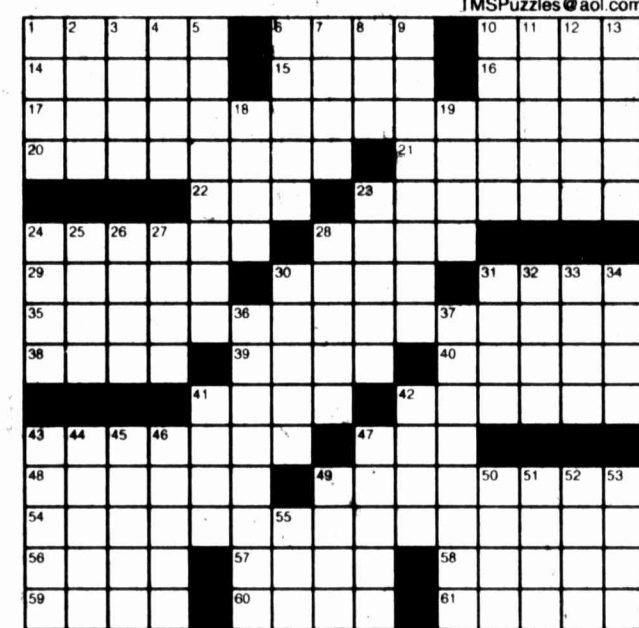
One year ago: President Clinton stood witness as hundreds of Palestinian leaders renounced a call for the destruction of Israel.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 79. "60 Minutes" executive producer Don Hewitt is 77. Actor-playwright George Furth is 67. Actor Hal Williams is 61. Actress Patty Duke is 53. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 53. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 53. Actress Dee Wallace Stone is 51. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 50. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 41. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 41. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Daltymple (Soul For Real) is 24.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- 1 del Sol
- 6 Billstamp
- 10 Stifle
- 14 Soviet collective
- 15 "Typee" sequel
- 16 Light tan
- 17 Simon and Garfunkel classic
- 20 Designates (for)
- 21 Posted
- 22 Small, low islet
- 23 Ferocious fighters
- 24 Pound a beat
- 28 Chomp
- 29 Less cordial
- 30 Burt Reynolds' ex
- 31 Scandinavian capital
- 35 Madhouse
- 38 Pay attention
- 39 Australian rattles
- 40 Gets closer
- 41 School orgs.
- 42 Former Dolphin running back
- 43 Wanderers
- 47 Bridle part
- 48 Make certain
- 49 Persecution delusion
- 54 Sondheim song
- 56 Elderly
- 57 Rope fiber
- 58 Simple weapon
- 59 On guard
- 60 British pianist
- Myra
- 24 Essence
- 25 Longing
- 26 Wear out
- 27 Marsh growth
- 28 Unexpected sum
- 30 Green beans
- 31 Nabisco cookie
- 32 Glimpse over
- 33 Skulk about
- 34 Greek peak
- 36 Move to a fallback position
- 37 Fixes in position
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- 42 Rnd. line
- 43 Shorten a board
- 44 Bay of the White Sea
- 45 Ed who played Lou Grant
- 46 Blues musician
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- 47 Max and Buddy
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