



WEDNESDAY

December 29, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 48°-450° TOMORROW 65°-70°

BRIEFLY

Relay for Life meeting slated

The community startup meeting for Relay for Life which was postponed earlier this year has been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Relay for Life, the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser. Underwriters, sponsors and team captains are especially urged to attend.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Donating an organ is the equivalent of giving life, or at least greatly improving the life of someone in need of a healthy kidney, liver, lung, heart and pancreas. While 85,000 Americans await life-saving transplants, at least 400,000 people have received a donated organ over the last 50 years. Here are the stories of a few selfless donors and grateful recipients.

Hometown Hero: Since opening a small town library in 1966 with her own 400 books, Helen Myers has worked to bring the joy of reading to Ellisville, Ill.

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Pat Simmons, chairman of the Festival of Lights committee, sweeps broken glass off Whipkey Drive Tuesday afternoon. Vandals struck the festival site sometime late Monday or early Tuesday, destroying several floodlights and causing estimated damage of between \$100 and \$200.

Vandals strike Festival of Lights; damage minimal but frustrating

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

What's the holiday season without a few Grinches thrown in for good measure?

In just its eighth season, the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights has become a holiday tradition in this area, attracting thousands of visitors from across the country.

Unfortunately, the festival has attracted its share of vandals during the years, too.

The latest such incident occurred sometime late Monday or early Tuesday. A number of floodlights used to illuminate the giant Christmas cards on Whipkey Drive were destroyed, causing damage estimated between \$100 and \$200.

While the vandalism

Friday is the final opportunity to see the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park.

may not have been more than an irritant, it was enough to make Pat Simmons, chairman of the festival committee, shake her head in disgust. "The public response to this has been tremendous," she said. "They feel the same way I do: They don't know why anyone would do something like this."

This is not the first time vandals have struck the attraction, which runs through Friday at

Comanche Trail Park.

The festival has become a popular holiday attraction, and not just in this area. To date, visitors from 35 states and 10 countries have viewed the display, which has temporarily overrun portions of Comanche Trail Park.

More than 700,000 lights were used this year, Simmons said. Many new attractions were built by Cornell Corrections inmates under the direction of vocational/technical instructor Gary Morris.

An arctic cold front last week kept tourism at the site down on Christmas Eve and Christmas — traditionally, the festival's busiest days — and Simmons estimated that the festival would attract

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT



Herald photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency Medical Service personnel render aid to an accident victim at the site of a two-car collision at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and East Sixth Street Tuesday afternoon. According to police reports, the driver was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with minor injuries. The driver of the other vehicle was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Tsunami death toll more than 67,000 as aid rolls in

By LELY T. DJUHARI Associated Press Writer

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Cargo planes touched down with promised aid Wednesday, bearing everything from lentils to water purifiers to help survivors facing the threat of epidemic after this week's quake-tsunami catastrophe. The first Indonesian military teams reached the devastated west coast of Sumatra island, finding thousands of bodies and hiking southern Asia's death toll to more than 67,000.

Town after town along the Sumatran coast was covered with mud and sea water, with homes flattened or torn apart, an Associated Press reporter saw on a helicopter overflight with the military commander of the island's Aceh province. The only signs of life were a handful of villagers scavenging for food on the beach.

Western Sumatra suffered a double blow in Sunday's disaster, shattered both by the most

powerful earthquake in 40 years and perhaps the deadliest tsunami in recorded history, which wreaked destruction across a dozen nations.

Millions were homeless in the disaster, contending with hunger and the threat of disease, which the U.N. health agency said could double the toll.

"The damage is truly devastating," Maj. Gen. Endang Suwarya said. "Seventy-five percent of the west coast is destroyed and some places it's 100 percent. These people are isolated and we will try and get them help."

The first military teams reached the devastated fishing town of Meulaboh on Sumatra's coast, finding some 3,700 bodies — bringing Indonesia's toll to more than

36,200. That toll was likely to rise as more bodies are found. One official on Tuesday estimated that as many as 10,000 people were dead in Meulaboh alone.

From East Africa to southern Asia, chances faded of finding more survivors of Sunday's massive, quake-driven walls of water. Tens of thousands of people were still missing. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said 1,000 Germans were unaccounted for.

"We have to fear that a number of Germans clearly in the three-digit numbers will be among the dead," Schroeder told reporters. Currently, 26 Germans have been confirmed dead.

"We have little hope, except for individual miracles," Chairman Jean-Marc Espalieux of the Accor hotel group said of the search for thousands of tourists and locals missing from beach resorts of southern Thailand —

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Cotton

Harvest is good, but could have been much better

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Almost everyone agrees that this year's cotton harvest has been a good one.

Just how good depends on who you talk to.

Rows and rows of cotton modules sitting in farmers' fields or next to gins give silent testament to the fact that this year's harvest is out-pacing last year's good crop.

What must be somewhat aggravating to some producers, however, is that things could have been even better.

Howard County Cooperative Extension agent Tommy Yeater said that, on average, area farmers have realized a yield of about three-quarters of a bale per acre.

"It was a good crop," Yeater said. "It's just not as good as it could have been."

Yeater said that heavy rains in November, coupled with a lack of sunshine in the prime growing months of September and October, combined to keep this year's crop from realizing its full potential in both quantity and

"The biggest villain was the lack of sunshine in September and October."



Yeater

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HERALD file photo

Area Extension agents estimate this year's cotton crop could exceed 250,000 bales in Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties.

DECEMBER 29, 2004

Obituaries

Ronnie Baldock



Ronnie Baldock, 53, of Big Spring died at 10:19 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 9, 1951, in Big Spring to Earl and Billie Baldock. He served 15 years on the Big Spring Fire Department and was also a carpenter. Ronnie was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Terry Baldock of Big Spring; two sons, Jerry and his wife, Shelly of Eula, and Larry Baldock of Hawley; seven grandchildren, Cory Baldock, Justin Baldock, Bailey Baldock, Shayla Finnell, Chance Finnell, Blake Baldock and Ashley Baldock; several nieces and nephews; five sisters, Betty Atkinson and her husband, Dean, Shirley Johnson, Michelle Kemp and her husband, Sam, all of Brownwood, Diane Turner and her husband, Ernie of Coleman and Kathy Johnson and her husband, Darrell of Hawley; and one brother, Louis Baldock and his wife, Cindy of Mount Pleasant.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Baldock, Cory Baldock, Louis Baldock, Kenny Cobb, Darrell Johnson and Sam Kemp.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Milini Woods Turner



Milini Woods Turner, 51, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at West Highway 80 Church of Christ with Ian Nickerson officiating. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born May 8, 1953, in Big Spring to Leahman Leon and Bertha Mae Woods and she graduated from Big Spring High School. She was a social worker and later a teacher for Big Spring Independent School District. She was a member of the West Highway 80 Church of Christ.

She is survived by three daughters, Lea Terrell and Jaleza Terrell, both of Big Spring and Davina Terrell of Atlanta; three sons, Chris Turner of Atlanta, King Terrell and Ronald Adam Terrell, both of Big Spring; her mother, Bertha Jolley; two brothers, Brian Jolley and Tommy Mitchell, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Paula Jolley of Big Spring and Demetria Woods Halley of Houston; two nephews; one niece; one uncle; and a host of cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leon Woods, one granddaughter, Miracle Terrell, one brother, Ronald Keith Jolley and one sister, Valerie Johnson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Betty Priest Jones

Betty Priest Jones, 76, of Collinsville, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at the Settler's Ridge Care Center in Celina. Private services are planned and interment will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

She was born July 26, 1928, in San Angelo to the late Herbert Lee and Annie Maud Whitmire Smith and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1946. She was married to O.F. Priest and Earl Jones.

She is survived by a brother and his wife, Joe H. and Jane Xu Smith; and a special friend and caregiver, Jackie Edgar of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Travis Lee Smith and a sister, Lou Ann Kimbrough.

Memorials may be made to the Red River SPCA, P.O. Box 543, Gainesville 76241.

Arrangements are under the direction of Huff Funeral Home in Whitesboro.

Mildred L. Petrofsky

Mildred L. Petrofsky, 89, of Henderson, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, in Minneapolis, Kan. A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Jan. 5, 2005, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Henderson.

She lived in Big Spring many years before moving to Henderson. She worked in the First Baptist Church of Henderson's craft room and enjoyed crocheting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Petrofsky in 1994 and by her mother and father, Ola M. Burrows Franklin and F.H. Franklin of Big Spring.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, LaFaye and Bob Hudson and Velena and Kirby Allen of Minneapolis, Kan; one son and daughter-in-law, Dallas and Dorothy Woods of Henderson; two sisters, LeRoy Day of Big Spring and Helen Wooldridge of Canyon Lake; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shields Funeral Home in Minneapolis, Kan.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-16-20-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$34,929.

Winning tickets sold in: Fairfield.

Matching four of five: 134. Prize: \$117.

Matching three of five: 3,785. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 35,579. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-9

Police blotter

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

- Vincent A. Ossorio, 17, 1906 E. 11th Pl., was arrested on two Howard County warrants.
- Assault by Threat was reported on the 2600 block of Langley Dr.
- Class C Assault was reported on the 1400 block of Stanford St.
- Theft was reported on the 1100 block of Lamesa Hwy.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- Stormee Kay Nix, 24, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify a fugitive from justice.
- Shannon Eleanor Long, 19, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department following her arrest on four counts of burglary of a building.
- Timothy D. Taylor, 46, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department following his arrest on a parole violation charge.
- Joe Dewayne Woodruff, 33, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department following his arrest on charges of assault/family violence and violation of a protective order.
- Assault was reported on the 2600 block of Barksdale Dr.
- Barn Fire was reported on FM 2230.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows near 50. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Highs 65 to 70. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 40. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 40. New years day...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40. Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs near 60.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

Take note

□ SENIOR CITIZEN'S NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Friday at the Spring City Senior Citizens. Monroe Casey's "Prowlers" will be playing from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. There will be free party favors and black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 for two people. All senior citizens are invited. There will be no alcohol and no smoking.

□ REGION 18 SERVICE CENTER has video and audio-visual material used in the schools available for viewing Jan. 27. The session is 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the center, which is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor of the education service center, at telephone number 432-567-3260.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ A BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best, to help with the cost of his cancer treatment. Contributions and prayers are appreciated.

□ AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947. For more information about the Buffalo Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

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FRIDAY

- New Year's Eve.

SATURDAY

- New Year's Day.

MONDAY

- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.
- Howard County ARC meets at 8:06 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

Support groups

TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bill would eliminate jail sentence for small amount of marijuana

AUSTIN (AP) — People caught with an ounce or less of marijuana would be ticketed but would not face jail time under a bill that a Houston lawmaker said Tuesday makes sense and still sends the message that officials don't want Texans smoking dope.

The bill by Democratic Rep. Harold Dutton would make possession of an ounce or less of marijuana a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$500 fine. That's the equivalent of a traffic ticket.

Right now, possession of 2 ounces or less of marijuana is a Class B misdemeanor, which could mean a jail sentence of up to 180 days and a \$2,000 fine.

Dutton said Texas has been tough on crime and now it's time to be smart. The current punishment is "clogging up our criminal justice system," said Dutton, adding that he tried but failed to get the Legislature to approve the idea last year.

"A person who has two seeds gets the same penalty as a person who has two ounces and that to me seems eminently unfair and I think that overburdens the system with nonsense," Dutton said. "If we just change the punishment range for these minor quantities, we'd be better off."

At least 29 die in ambush of Iraqi police in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents lured police to a house in west Baghdad with an anonymous tip about a rebel hideout, then set off explosives, killing at least 29 people and wounding 18 in the latest in a series of deadly strikes against Iraqi security forces, police said Wednesday.

The explosion late Tuesday erupted from inside the house in the capital's Ghazaliya district as officers were about to enter, a local police official said. Six neighboring houses collapsed from the blast and several residents were believed trapped underneath the rubble. Seven policemen were among the 29 dead.

The police official said the attack was "evidently an ambush" and that "massive amounts of explosives" were used. He said the explosion was apparently triggered by remote control.

The U.S. military said in a statement Wednesday that 1,700 to 1,800 pounds of explosives appear to have been used in the attack. It added that American soldiers and Iraqi troops "worked together through the night to pull potential survivors from the rubble."

Susan Sontag, famed public thinker, dead at 71

NEW YORK (AP) — As she lay ill last summer following a bone marrow transplant, Susan Sontag would listen to music, keep up on current events and indulge a passion seemingly too light for one of the world's leading intellectuals: Hollywood musicals of the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

Sontag, who died Tuesday at age 71 of complications of acute myelogenous leukemia, was both the most rarefied and the least predictable of thinkers, drawn to the demands of high art but open to the kick of popular culture.

Her fame began with her 1964 essay, "Notes on Camp," which popularized the "so bad it's good" attitude toward everything from Flash Gordon to feather boas. Over the next 40 years, she was immersed in foreign films, the pornographic imagination, silence, science fiction, avant-garde theater and the compatible pleasures of a Rauschenberg painting and the music of Diana Ross and the Supremes.

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quality.

"The biggest villain was the lack of sunshine in September and October," he said. "The (late) rain didn't help... but all those cloudy days really hurt us."

Yeater estimated that Howard County fields may yield more than 80,000 bales of cotton before harvesting is complete.

Travel a few miles south to Garden City, however, and you get a much rosier assessment.

Warren Multer, pest management agent for Glasscock County, is calling this year's crop the best in more than a decade.

"It's going pretty well," Multer said. "I'd say it was the best crop we've had since 1991 or 1992, in both quality and quantity."

Last year, Glasscock farmers produced about 56,000 bales of cotton. This year, Multer estimates that figure could reach as high as 85,000

bales.

In terms of sheer numbers, the news is even better in Martin County, where extension agent Lee Howard estimates yields could reach as high as 100,000 bales.

"But the jury is still out on the quality of the cotton," Howard cautioned. "It's nice to pull a lot of cotton out of the ground, but you still want to pull out a lot of good cotton."

All the good news is leavened with a bit of not-so-good news, this time in the form of lower cotton prices.

As of Monday evening, cotton for March 2005 delivery was selling for 42.9 cents a pound on futures trading. This marks a drop of about 10 cents a pound from this time last year.

And while late-season rains, and last week's snow and ice, have slowed the process somewhat, area gins are now running full-blast, with plans to do so for about another month.

Multer said all the late moisture will have a negative affect not only on overall cotton quality, but

on just how fast gins can churn out product.

"On average, the gin down here can handle about 45 bales per hour," Mulder said. "But when it's wet, the gin can only process about seven or eight bales (an hour)."

Wendall Walker of the Big Spring Co-op Gin agrees that rain really slows down the ginning process, but that's nothing compared to when snow gets on the modules.

"It's really tough to gin cotton that's been rained on," said Walker, who said his operation is running ahead of last year's production. "But I would a lot rather gin rained-on cotton than snowed-on cotton."

However, Howard said this year's record rains were a minor irritant at worst.

"The only downside to the rain is that it's thrown us off schedule, and we can deal with that," he said. "A lot of our cotton is waiting in the fields, waiting for the ride to the gin, but they can only gin it so fast."

Walker estimates that the Co-op Gin has about another month of full operation before the season concludes. That sentiment is echoed by Brad Mikeska of Big Spring, who also said operations were out-pacing that of last season.

That doesn't mean, however, that Simmons considers the festival anything less than a success.

"This is something that helps pull the community together," she said.

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including more than 2,000 Scandinavians.

Sri Lanka on Wednesday listed more than 22,400 people dead, India close to 7,000 — with 8,000 missing and feared dead. Thailand put its toll at more than 1,600. A total of more than 300 were killed in Malaysia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, the Maldives, Somalia, Tanzania and Kenya.

Millions were homeless in the disaster, contending with hunger and the threat of disease, which the U.N. health agency said could double the toll. Along India's southern coast, paramedics began vaccinating 65,000 tsunami survivors in Tamil Nadu state against cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and dysentery, said Gagandeep Singh Bedi, a top government administrator.

"We have accelerated disposing of bodies to minimize the risk of an epidemic. Also, we have started spraying bleaching powder on the beaches from where the bodies have been recovered," said Veera Shanmuga Moni, a top administrator of Tamil Nadu's Nagappattinam district.

At Banda Aceh, the wrecked capital of Indonesia's Aceh province, bulldozers dug mass graves for thousands of corpses lining the streets and lawns as authorities hurried to get the dead in the ground.

Wildlife enthusiasts in Sri Lanka noted their surprise in seeing no evidence of large-scale deaths of animals, suggesting they had safely made it to high ground. "Maybe what we think is true, that animals have a sixth sense," said Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne, whose

Jetwing Eco Holidays runs a hotel in the Yala National Park.

Aid groups struggled to mount what they described as the largest relief operation the world has seen, and to head off the threat of cholera and malaria epidemics that could break out where water supplies are polluted with bodies and debris.

In Sri Lanka, four planes arrived in the capital bringing a surgical hospital from Finland, a water purification plant from Germany, doctors and medicine from Japan and aid workers from Britain, the Red Cross said.

Supplies that included 175 tons of rice and 100 doctors reached Sumatra's Banda Aceh. But with aid not arriving quickly enough, desperate people in towns across Sumatra stole whatever food they could find, officials said.

Widespread looting also was reported in Thailand's devastated resort islands of Phuket and Phi Phi, where European and Australian tourists left valuables behind in wrecked hotels when they fled — or were swept away by — the torrents.

An international airlift was under way to ferry critical aid and medicine to Phuket and to take home shellshocked travelers. Jets from France and Australia were among the first to touch down at the island's airport. Greece, Italy, Germany and Sweden planned similar flights.

The world's biggest reinsurer, Germany's Munich Re, estimated the damage to buildings and foundations in the affected regions would be at least \$13.6 billion.

Donations for recovery efforts came in from all parts of the globe.

The governments of the

United States, Australia and Japan pledged a combined \$100 million while taxi drivers in Singapore put donation tins in their cars and volunteers in Thailand text-messaged acquaintances to give blood to the Red Cross.

In Thailand, rescuers combed the beaches and islands Wednesday for missing tourists and locals swept away by earthquake-powered tidal waves.

Some 30 rescue workers from Sweden, Germany and Taiwan were helping the Thais comb the worst-hit areas as bodies were still washing up on several beaches three days after the waves struck.

Although the toll was expected to soar, a total of 473 foreigners of 36 nationalities were confirmed killed, the Interior Ministry's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said.

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Conny Wade, 81, died Monday.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ronnie Baldock, 53, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Milini Woods Turner, 51, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at West Hwy 80 Church of Christ. Visitation will be from 5:00 until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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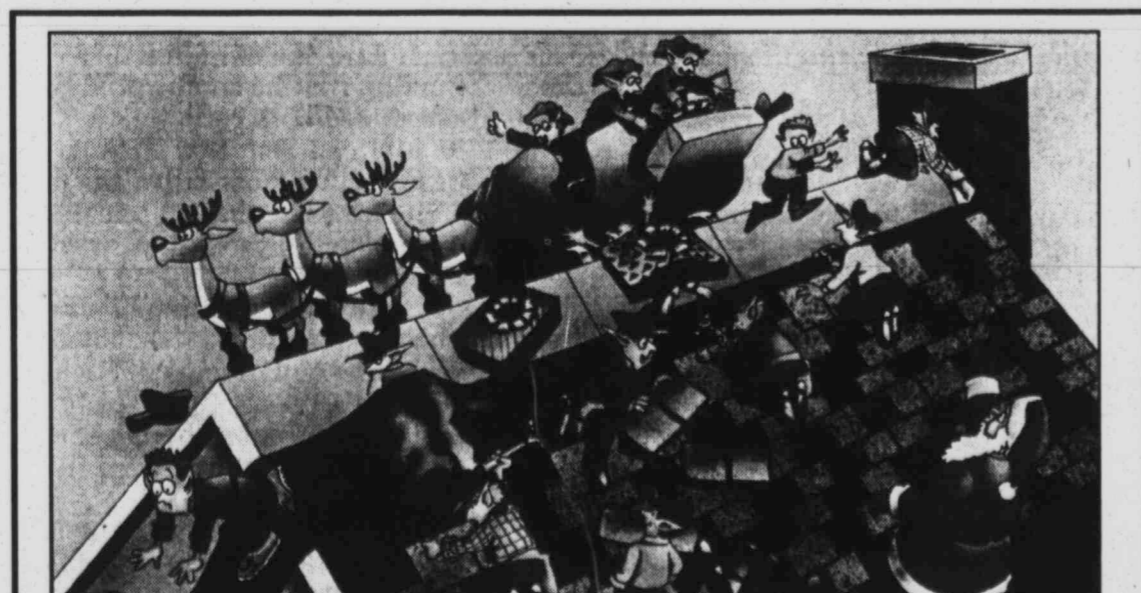
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OUR VIEWS

Time's running out to enjoy the Festival of Lights

Don't let them turn off the lights at Comanche Trail Park before you have an opportunity to enjoy one of Big Spring's most dazzling displays.

Friday is the last evening for the Festival of Lights, which is enjoyed annually by 15,000 to 20,000 people. From the 20-foot poinsettias which beckon travelers off U.S. Highway 87 to smaller displays throughout the park, the setting is one you won't want to miss. By the way, each of those large poinsettias contain 2,700 lights each!

You'll find that the Festival of Lights is a community event as many schools, businesses civic organizations and others have adopted spots throughout the park. This has enhanced what was already a very fine holiday tradition.

There are a number of ways to enter the park, of course, but committee members suggest coming in from U.S. Highway 87, across from the Day's Inn Motel. Arrows direct the right path leading to the spring and then exiting through Kids Zone.

The display is up nightly from 6 until 10. If you have holiday visitors who want to "see the town," you'll want to make sure they take the tour. It's free, though donations to help keep the project going are not only accepted, but appreciated.

So load up the family and head out to Comanche Trail Park tonight, Thursday or Friday. We're confident you'll be impressed, and proud to say this wonderful display is right here in Big Spring.

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Some verse from the Rio Grande

I met one of the most interesting and talented couples I've ever interviewed near Brownsville. Jose and Rosa Perez are both ex-teachers who have turned their attention to preserving classic Mexican music. They spend hours each week producing a 30 minute radio program for a public radio station. They don't get paid for doing the program. They just do it because they think it is important.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

They live on a resaca (a canal-type body of water found only in the valley) near Olmito. Their house reflects their interests. It is filled with books, art and a music studio where they produce their program. They both sing and play guitar. They also have an enormous collection of recorded

Mexican music. They recently have become involved in a writers group that meets on a regular basis in San Benito. Writers voluntarily read their works before the group, then listen to a discussion of it. The group recently produced a CD of their work. Each piece of writing is introduced with some music appropriate to the words.

Jose wrote a poem about sounds he hears around his house during a single day.

"Before dawn, the sounds begin, little chirps and whistles and the far cry of tires on the distant highway. Across the resaca the chachalacas continue their traveling tree-top serenade as they seek the perfect mate. I walk out to greet the day, listening to the faint flutter of nighthawk wings as they chase another mosquito.

"Yellow hues of the rising sun fall on the cooing dove as fishtails splashing echo from the resaca waters. I watch and listen. The

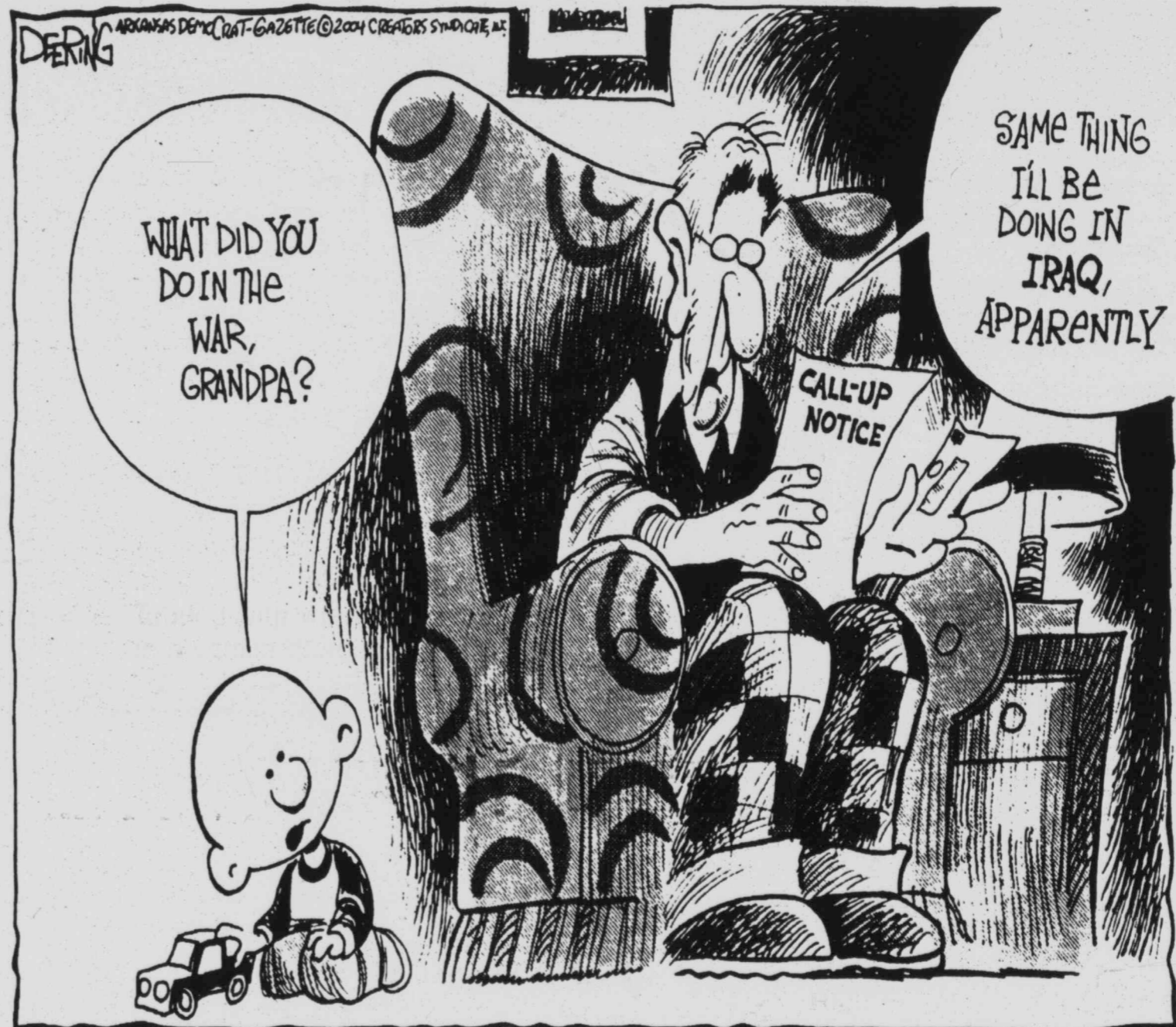
rebellious mocking bird defends with a chatter the bush with bright red chilis, as the daring kiscadee steals yet one more fiery morsel. And the green flashes of hummers skip over the knarled wild olive.

"Shimmering heat of a noonday sun blends with the cicada's drone, soothing the racket of grackles fighting over the last seed. I hear woodpeckers working their wood and larks calling as they flutter across the ground.

"Evening breeze rustles the leaves as a kingfisher screeches and dives, slapping the surface, flying out with a flurry of wings. The sound of life holds me in its arms. As the resaca sighs, I feel its breath.

"Soothing dark arrives with night. Crickets, moths and pale moonlight. The owls and paorakes send calls to balmy air; soft, soulful serenades as I drift into sleep.

"An ebony pod falls."



Inside report: Clinton's criticism

Bill Clinton, who has refrained from publicly second-guessing the 2004 presidential election, in private sharply criticizes John Kerry's aides and particularly campaign manager Mary Beth Cahill.

Talking recently to a close associate, the former president compared Cahill with Karl Rove, President Bush's powerful political chief. "That's all you have to know," Clinton said.

Former Clinton operatives who joined the Kerry campaign three months before the election clashed repeatedly with Cahill on tactics and strategy. She has been publicly criticized by James Carville, Clinton's 1992 campaign strategist who informally advised Kerry in 2004.

Although Rudy Giuliani may suffer politically because of the Bernard Kerik fiasco, it was George W. Bush who insisted on naming the former New York City police commissioner as secretary of Homeland Security despite derogatory information about him.

The White House vetting process did not uncover all of Kerik's problems, but it did discover a few embarrassing difficulties that were called to President Bush's attention. According to sources close to Bush, he was so fascinated by Giuliani's right-hand man that he brushed off this information.

Nevertheless, Republican insiders feel Giuliani was damaged by the Kerik episode. The former

New York mayor would face an uphill climb for the Republican presidential nomination, and his sponsorship of Kerik makes the ascent even steeper.



ROBERT NOVAK

Democratic Sen. Maria Cantwell, facing a potentially difficult 2006 second term election in the state of Washington, may have mixed reactions to Republican State Sen. Dino Rossi apparently being counted out in the 2004 election for governor.

Democratic State Atty. Gen. Christine Gregoire was an overwhelming favorite for governor, but Rossi was ahead in the recount until court rulings favored the Democrats. The only proven statewide candidate for the Republicans, Rossi would be the GOP's best Senate bet against Cantwell.

Cantwell goes into the 2006 campaign in poor financial shape. According to federal filings, Cantwell's campaign committee on Sept. 30 was \$2.5 million in debt with \$264,000 cash on hand. She was elected to the Senate in 2000 by 2,229 votes, personally giving or lending \$10.3 million out of her \$11.5 million total campaign expenditures. Cantwell's personal net worth of over \$40 million was devastated by a falling stock market.

The selection of rising star Republican Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin as keynote speaker for the 2005 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington has raised speculation about him making a Senate bid in 2006.

Democratic Sen. Herb Kohl, the multi-millionaire owner of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team who self-finances his campaigns,

has been considered unbeatable. However, there is no certainty that Kohl will seek a fourth term. Now 69, he is 35 years older than Ryan.

The keynote address at CPAC is usually delivered by somebody older and at a higher position in politics than Ryan, who at age 34 has served six years in Congress. (Former House Majority Leader Dick Armey was the 2004 keynoter.) A former protege of Jack Kemp, Ryan is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the leading supply-sider in the House.

The elation by a partner in the powerful Washington lawyer-lobbyist firm of Covington and Burling that he soon would be associated with retiring Republican Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma almost killed the deal.

The lawyer e-mailed selected friends to tell them that Nickles would be associated with Covington and Burling beginning in 2005, describing it as a coup. When the e-mail leaked, Nickles's alliance with the firm was broadcast on CNN even though the arrangement had not been finalized.

A furious Nickles said the leak killed the deal, but he was talked into calming down. He actually is starting his own lobbying firm but would be associated with Covington and Burling for special projects. Nickles has just finished a hitch as chairman of the Senate Budget Committee and before that was Senate majority whip.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, we never outgrow our need for You.

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Computer virus attacks many rebel Chechen Web sites

Antivirus companies are warning of a new virus that attacks Web sites run by the Chechen rebels and also mocks the authors of MyDoom and Bagle (talk about courting disaster).

According to information from Symantec and McAfee, the Maslan virus, which was first discovered last week, tries to shut down any antivirus applications and then opens a back door on the infected system. And for an unusual twist, the virus then launches a DDoS attack on a number of Chechen news sites.

According to European antivirus firm F-Secure, Maslan uses a technique called SYN flooding, which means an infected system constantly requests pages from the target Web sites in the hope of overloading the server.

The virus attacks chechenpress.com, chechenpress.info, kavkaz.org.uk, kavkaz.tv, kavkaz.uk.com, kavkaz-center.com, kavkazcenter.info, kavkazcenter.net.

Mark Sinclair, technical services manager at antivirus firm Trend Micro, said in a recent press release Maslan is unlikely to be successful at taking down any of the target sites because it exploits the LSASS and RPC vulnerabilities in Windows. Microsoft issued a patch for both these vulnerabilities several months ago.

"There will still be a lot of systems out there that are unpatched but the virus would have

been far more effective if it had taken advantage of some more recent vulnerabilities," said Sinclair.

Sinclair describes Maslan as "very well crafted" and said it was unusual for a virus to be so blatant in its political motivation.

"The virus is very well crafted -- it is a really unusual mixture of bits and pieces. It is also unusual to see virus writers taking such clinically motivated action," said Sinclair.

Sinclair also revealed that Maslan contains a badly worded message that seems to be mocking the MyDoom and Bagle virus authors.

"The message says, 'hah. mydoom bagle etc. since then you do not have future more'. It doesn't make much sense," said Sinclair.

Earlier this year rival virus authors were frequently exchanging insults using text hidden inside the malware's code.

At the time, a variant of Bagle contained a line of text that said: "Hey, NetSky...don't ruine our bussiness, wanna start a war?" In response, a new NetSky variant (F) contained the message: "Skynet AntiVirus - Bagle - you are a looser!!!!"

Christmas card computer virus

Antivirus companies have spotted another mass-mailing Christmas card virus spreading around the Internet.

According to a press release issued last week

by F-Secure, reports are rolling in of Atak.H, which poses as a Christmas e-card.

"There are different levels of risk with these e-mail Christmas cards," said Mikko Hypponen, director of antivirus research for F-Secure.

"It's very similar to past ones we've seen. There's little risk in sending Christmas cards, but there is in opening them. We recommend people to send old-school Christmas cards because there's no security risk in that."

The virus, which is similar to the Zafi worm currently causing havoc on the Internet, spreads to all the addresses in the contacts book of e-mail clients. But unlike the multilingual Zafi, Atak only sends itself in English.

According to F-Secure, the virus contains no Trojan horse -- a tool that virus writers often use to take remote control of computers. Hypponen says this is strange.

The worm, which was discovered yesterday, contains the subject line "Merry X-Mas!" or "Happy New Year!" The body of the text reads: "Happy New Year and wish you good luck on next year."

Hacker sentenced

One of three Michigan men who hacked into the national computer system of Lowe's hardware stores and tried to steal customers' credit card information was sentenced this month to nine years in federal prison.

The government said it is the longest prison term ever handed down in a computer crime case in the United States.

Brian Salcedo of Whitmore Lake, Mich., pleaded guilty in August to conspiracy and other hacking charges.

Salcedo's sentence, imposed by U.S. District Judge Lacy Thornburg, exceeds that given to the hacker Kevin Mitnick, who spent more than 5 1/2 years behind bars, according to a Justice Department Web site that tracks cyber-crime prosecutions.

"I think the massive amount of potential loss that these defendants could have imposed was astounding, so that's what caused us to seek a substantial sentence against Mr. Salcedo," federal prosecutor Matthew Martens said.

Two other men are awaiting sentencing in the Lowe's case. One of them, Adam Timmins, became one of the first people convicted of "wardriving," in which hackers go around with an antenna, searching for vulnerable wireless Internet connections.

Prosecutors said the three men tapped into the wireless network of a Lowe's store in Southfield, Mich., used that connection to enter the chain's central computer system in North Wilkesboro, N.C., and installed a program to capture credit card information.

Lowe's officials said the men did not obtain any such information. The case was prosecuted

in Charlotte because it is home to an FBI cyber-crime task force.

Mitnick led the FBI on a three-year manhunt that ended in 1995 and is said to have cost companies millions of dollars by stealing their software and altering computer information. Victims included Motorola, Novell, Nokia and Sun Microsystems.

Microsoft purchases anti-spyware software

Microsoft announced on this month that it has acquired Giant Company Software, a privately owned provider of anti-spyware, anti-pop-up and anti-spam tools.

Microsoft said it plans to offer tools based on Giant's technology that will help protect Windows PCs from spyware and other deceptive software. The technology complements security features available in Windows XP Service Pack 2, the company said.

A beta version of a tool based on Giant's anti-spyware product will be available to Windows customers within one month, according to a statement from Microsoft. This beta version of the software will scan a user's PC to locate spyware and enable customers to remove it, the company said. The tool will also be configurable, so users can block known spyware and other specific unwanted software from being installed on a computer. The company didn't disclose financial details

of the acquisition, nor did it provide a timeline for the introduction of new products based on the technology, apart from the one-month estimate on the release of the beta.

Over the past couple of years, Microsoft's Internet browser has been hit hard by security threats. Malicious code writers have targeted security holes in Internet Explorer to launch attacks and install spyware. These attacks are often launched when a victim clicks on a specific Web link, opening the door for criminals to take over the person's computer. Once the PC is compromised, the attacker often can access information stored on the computer, load other software on the machine and delete files.

"Spyware is a serious and growing problem for PC users, and customers have made it clear that they want Microsoft to deliver effective solutions to protect against the threat," Mike Nash, vice-president of Microsoft's Security Business and Technology unit, said in a statement. "Through this acquisition we're excited to be able to provide near-term relief to Windows customers by offering new technology to help keep spyware and other deceptive software off their PCs."

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THOMAS JENKINS

Seeking readers who remember attending Big Spring jamborees

Beginning in the 1950s and continuing through the 1970s, Big Spring had a country and western jamboree in the Municipal Auditorium on at least a monthly basis.

A feature story about these jamborees is planned for the life! section of the Big Spring Herald in January.

The editor is seeking individuals who remember the jamborees and will share their experience and memories, whether they be a band member or other participant or a spectator who enjoyed the music.

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Please contact the life! editor at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com if you have any information about the jamborees.

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Scientists near answers on Civil War mystery men

By MICHAEL KILIAN
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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — The last two unburied dead of the Civil War have not been forgotten.

For 140 years, they lay trapped in the turret of the legendary ironclad USS Monitor on the sea bottom 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

Discovered when the turret was raised by marine archeologists two years ago, the skeletal remains of these two 19th century U.S. sailors have since reposed at the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, where forensic experts have been painstakingly assessing DNA samples and other evidence in hopes of determining the men's identities.

The work is not finished, but historians at the federal government's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, based here and established to protect the wreckage of the Monitor from treasure hunters and other underwater intruders, are hopeful that a report might be released next year.

It is known that four officers and 12 enlisted seamen died when the Union Monitor foundered during a gale while being towed to a new duty station in the Carolinas on New Year's Eve 1862.

But which two these might be has thus far baffled scholars and investigators.

That the remains were found in the turret has been of little help.

"Nobody should have been in there," said Monitor Sanctuary Manager John

Broadwater. "While it was under tow, that would have been a real rough place to be. It would have been wet, and up high, so you would have been tossed around. Once the guns were secured, there would have been no reason for anybody to be up there and probably nobody wanted to be."

"It's a mystery," he said.

The epic March 9, 1862, battle between the Monitor and the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia — the first clash between iron-sided warships — changed the course of naval history.

Built from the burned-out hulk of the captured Union frigate Merrimack, the Virginia had easily sunk two wooden-sided Federal vessels the previous day, establishing itself as a Confederate wonder weapon that threatened to break the U.S. Navy's blockade of Chesapeake Bay.

The arrival of the Monitor put an end to those ambitions.

The ensuing slugfest between the two forerunners of the modern warship ended in a draw, but the Virginia was prevented from taking any further action against the blockading fleet.

Later trapped in the shallow waters of the James River, the Virginia was burned again to keep the Yankees from repossessing her.

By year's end, it was decided that the steamer Rhode Island would tow the ships to Carolina ports for use against Confederate vessels there. Passing Cape Hatteras

on the Outer Banks, the ships were struck by a ferocious gale.

Monitor helmsman Francis Butts later recalled: "The vessel was making very heavy weather, riding one huge wave, plunging through the next as if shooting straight for the bottom of the ocean and splashing down upon another with such force that her hull would tremble, and with a shock that would sometimes take us off our feet, while a fourth would leap upon us and break far above the turret."

Taking on water, the Monitor requested that the Rhode Island send boats to take off the 60-some crew members, but before all could be rescued, one of the two hawsers, or tow ropes, was lost, causing the ironclad to yaw and roll violently. The last anyone aboard the Rhode Island saw of the ship was the eerie glow of the red lantern that had been affixed to the Monitor's mast.

The wreck of the Monitor was not found until 1974, some 240 feet below the surface.

In 2002, the turret was brought to the surface and then taken ashore as an emergency measure to prevent further deterioration.

It has been placed in a conservation tank at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, where the ship's two 11-inch Dahlgren cannons were removed from it this year for restoration work.

According to Broadwater, the outer casing of the gun barrels was turning soft from the long

immersion in seawater.

"They had been engraved after the battle of Hampton Roads," he said. "We had a real struggle trying to figure out how to make sure we didn't damage those engravings, for they make the guns unique. They were both labeled 'Monitor — Merrimack,' and then one was engraved with 'Worden' (after the captain, John Worden) and the other one 'Ericsson,' for the builder (John Ericsson)."

Eventually, the guns will be displayed in the museum, where the Monitor's fully restored propeller and the famous red lantern are on exhibit.

The skeletal remains were discovered almost immediately after the turret was brought ashore.

The Hawaii lab, part of the military's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, is primarily concerned with the identification of recovered remains of troops from Vietnam, the Korean War and World War II.

Its forensic experts could work on the

Monitor case only part time.

Other challenges have also delayed the identification process.

"There was no soft tissue with the skeletal remains that could be used for detailed DNA analysis," Broadwater said. "We were a little disappointed by that. But, according to the forensics folks in Hawaii, we did get some fairly good DNA ... which gives us some information but not so much as we hoped for."

Also, like the cannons and the turret, the remains were covered with mineral concretions from the years in salt water.

"They had to chip away at the concretions and try to clean the bone so they could look for any physical injuries and anything that might provide clues to the identities," Broadwater said.

Another problem was all materials recovered from the Monitor are considered historic artifacts and must be treated with care.

"One of the guys still had his boots on,"

Broadwater said. "They had to try to figure out how to remove the bones of the feet from the boots without damaging the boots."

A number of brass buttons were recovered from the turret and may help narrow the identification process because they were all from enlisted seamen's uniforms.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Johnie Webb, senior adviser of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, said progress has been made in determining the approximate height and age of the Monitor victims but no information will be given out until the report is complete, and that may take some time.

The report will be made to the Navy Casualty Office because the two crewmen are officially considered missing naval personnel.

Once the Navy gets the report, Webb said, the really hard part begins.

"They have to find a maternal relative of one of the sailors and make a DNA match with a blood sample," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers lose in tourney play

Big Spring's Lady Steers opened consolation bracket play at the Abilene High Invitational Tournament in solid fashion Tuesday morning, posting a 52-40 win over Burnet, but say their stay cut short later in the day with a 51-41 loss at the hands of Amarillo Tascosa.

Carmen Lewis led the way in Big Spring's win over Burnet, scoring 14 points, while Raegan Ritchey added eight.

The Lady Steers jumped out to an 18-8 lead after the first quarter and then put the stops on Burnet's offense in the second quarter, taking a 27-9 edge into intermission.

Burnet attempted to battle back in the third quarter, trimming Big Spring's lead to just 11 going into the final period, 40-29, but that's as close as the Lady Steers would allow the opposition to come.

In the loss to Tascosa, Alex Watkins paced the Lady Steers with 14 points, while Ritchey had 11 more.

It was the first period that again proved telling, as Tascosa lit up the scoreboard with 21 points in the first eight minutes, putting Big Spring in the position of having to play catch up for the rest of the game.

"It just got away from us in the first quarter," Tim Van Hecke said. "Every shot they made was a 3-pointer."

The Lady Steers return to action on Tuesday when they travel to Snyder.

"Everything we're doing is designed to be ready for our district opener here against San Angelo Lake View," Van Hecke said.

Cowboys place Anderson on IR

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will be without third-down back Richie Anderson for the season finale Sunday.

Dallas put Anderson on injured reserve with a pinched nerve in his neck. The Cowboys also released offensive lineman Matt Lehr, who went from starting nearly every game last season to hardly playing this season.

750 pay respects to Johnny Oates

COLONIAL HEIGHTS, Va. (AP) — About 750 relatives, friends and former baseball peers, including a contingent from Texas, paid their last respects Tuesday to former Rangers manager Johnny Oates.

He died Friday 58 after a three-year fight with glioblastoma multiforme, an aggressive brain tumor.

Most of those at the funeral service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church were associated with Oates through his 35-year baseball career of playing, coaching and managing.

Oates was best known for managing the Rangers to their first three postseason appearances, in 1996, '98 and '99.

Oregon St. deals Notre Dame 38-21 bowl loss

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Derek Anderson enhanced his future with a big final game for Oregon State — against a Notre Dame team whose epilogue to the Ty Willingham era was just another loss.

Anderson threw for 358 yards and tied an Insight Bowl record with four touchdown passes Tuesday night in the Beavers' 38-21 victory over the Irish.

The senior quarterback completed 28 of 45 passes with no

interceptions in a game that should help his prospects in the NFL draft. Anderson said he would take the next term off to stay in Arizona and hone his skills.

He plans to play in the Senior Bowl.

"Then we'll see where football takes me from there," he said. "Hopefully, I can continue my career."

The Beavers (7-5) won six of their last seven, largely because Anderson overcame his reputation for throwing interceptions about as often as he threw for

touchdowns.

"If you look at us over the last six or seven weeks, it was just a great, great job of quarterbacking," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said. "I think Derek probably made a lot of money in the last few weeks."

Anderson moved ahead of Steve Stenstrom to No. 2 on the Pac-10 career list with 11,249 yards passing. Only Carson Palmer (11,818) had more.

The Irish (6-6) spoke repeatedly about winning the game for Willingham, fired at the end of the regular season. But Sammie

Strouther's 52-yard punt return and Derrick Doggett's blocked punt helped Oregon State to an early 21-0 lead.

"The short field position the first half just killed us," Notre Dame interim coach Kent Baer said. "The blocked punt and the punt return, you take that away, and it's a much closer game — but that's all part of it."

Brady Quinn threw two touchdown passes as Notre Dame twice cut the lead to 10 points, the last on an 18-yard throw to

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Firing up Texas' D

Robinson, Tomey get Longhorns' blood going

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Greg Robinson was prowling the sidelines with red-faced intensity, pumping his fists and yelling encouragement to his Texas players as they fought through a tough game against Oklahoma.

When Derrick Johnson scooped up a diving interception, the Longhorns' first-year defensive coordinator turned to Sooners fans and said ... well, that depends on who you ask.

Oklahoma fans said Robinson spewed a string of expletives that would make a sailor blush. Robinson said he was simply giving them the "Hook 'em Horns" salute.

Either way, it's clear that Robinson's aggressive attitude has helped shape a Texas defense that went from a liability in 2003 to arguably one of the Longhorns' best units in years.

It'll be tested Saturday when No. 6 Texas (10-1) meets No. 13 Michigan (9-2) in the Rose Bowl.

"We swarm and attack. Our intent is to put the offense on its heels," Robinson said. "They've risen to the challenge."

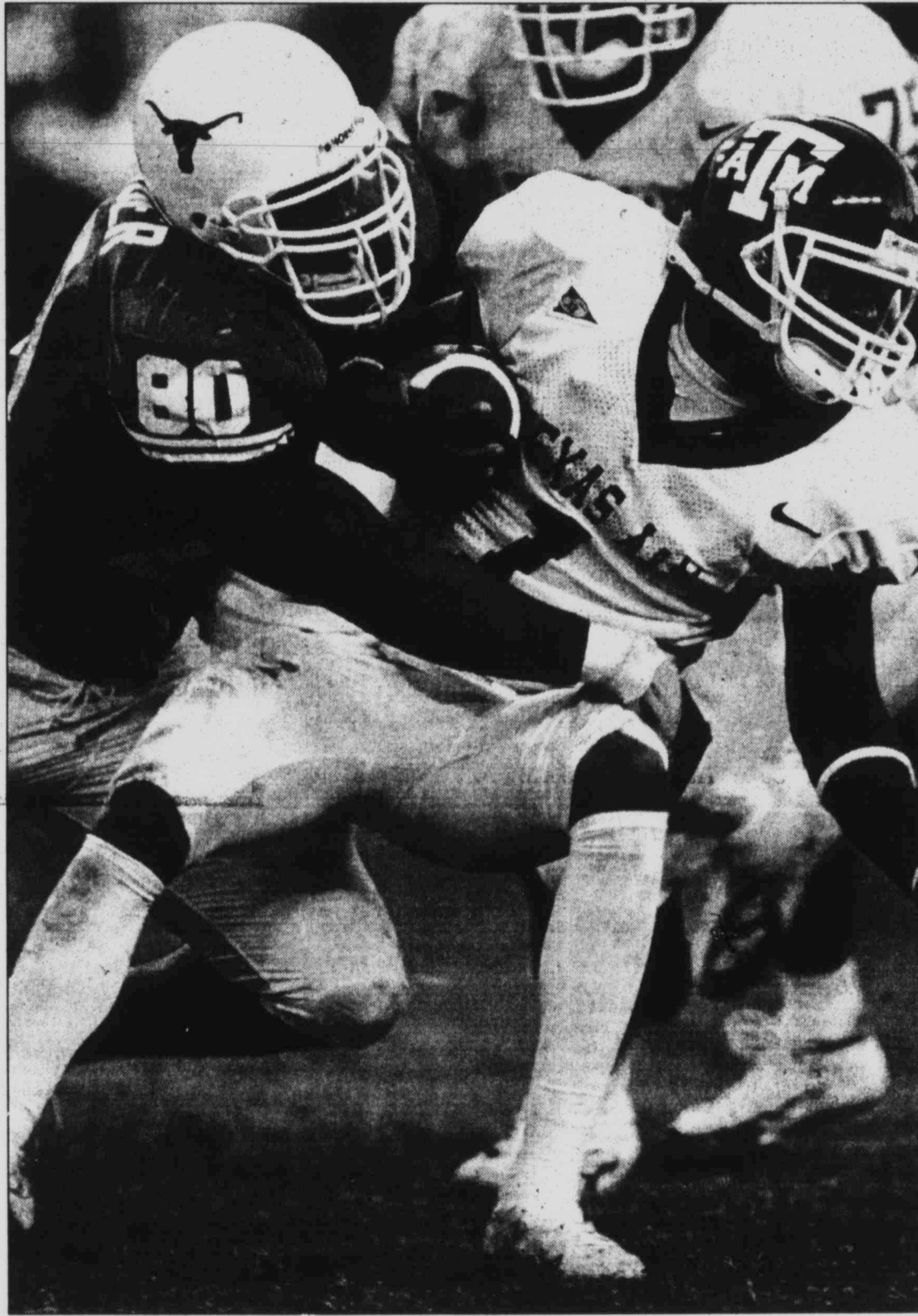
Robinson had just been fired from his coordinator's job with the Kansas City Chiefs when Texas coach Mack Brown hired him, and former Hawaii and Arizona coach Dick Tomey, to bolster the Longhorns defense.

Brown was initially concerned about a potential clash of egos.

"They have worked wonderfully together," Brown said.

UT players say Robinson and Tomey brought a new attitude of mental and physical toughness.

"They brought in a different kind of fire and passion," said defensive end Tim Crowder. "It's real fun. They're real



KRT photo/Erich Schlegel/Dallas Morning News
University of Texas defensive end Tim Crowder (80) sacks Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal (1) during their game at Royal-Memorial Stadium in Austin on Nov. 26.

nasty, and that's how they have us playing."

Robinson, who coached eight years at UCLA before winning two Super Bowls as the defensive coordinator with the Denver Broncos during 14 NFL seasons, rekindled his passion with his return to college.

"It made me remember why I got into coaching," he said. "I always felt that I would someday come back to college football."

The Longhorns got their first real taste of his intensity in the season-opening 65-0 win over North Texas.

A late touchdown would have been meaningless, but Robinson was yelling at his players to preserve the shutout.

"Our job is not to allow any points. I don't care if there's a turnover that puts you at our 1-yard line, we're not going to let you walk into our end zone," said defensive tackle Rod Wright.

Tomey, 66, coached the "Desert Swarm" defenses at Arizona from 1987-2000. He's responsible for the defensive ends and took over the offseason conditioning program that required players to

report for drills at 6 a.m.

Tomey announced his philosophy the day he arrived on campus in January.

"I think you should be known for how hard you play and how hard you hit ... defend your goal line with a passion," Tomey said.

At one of Texas' first full workouts, Tomey was jumping around too close to a tackling drill when he got leveled by 300-pound lineman Stevie Lee. Tomey had hardly hit the ground when he

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Iowa St. earns bowl win

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

AP Sports Writer

SHREVEPORT, La. — Stevie Hicks burst through holes he had never seen before. Bret Meyer darted and weaved and completed just enough passes to keep the defense honest.

Sometime between the end of the regular season and Tuesday night's Independence Bowl, Iowa State rediscovered its running game.

The Cyclones pounded the ball at Miami of Ohio all night in a 17-13 victory that capped an impressive turnaround — from 2-10 in 2003 to 7-5, a share of the Big 12 North title and a bowl championship this year.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to be one of the most improved teams in the country," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. "You have to credit that to our kids for not being denied."

They certainly weren't on this night, when Miami came up short in its bid to send coach Terry Hooppner out with a victory. Hooppner is leaving to become the coach at Indiana, a job he accepted Dec. 17.

"That was as good a football as we have played all year, especially their defense," said Hooppner, whose team lost to Michigan in the second week of the season. "I'm glad I won't see them next year."

Those teams that do play Iowa State can expect to see plenty of Hicks and Meyer.

Hicks, a sophomore, ran 27 times for 159 yards and scored the game's first touchdown on a 4-yard run. Meyer, a freshman, carried a season-high 23 times for 122 yards, set up the go-ahead touchdown with a weaving 23-yard run in the fourth quarter and passed for 114 yards, completing 10 of 28. He was named the game's offensive MVP.

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Mavs defend home floor with 113-94 win over Celtics

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks got serious about defending their home court.

Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 11 rebounds for his 15th double-double of the season, and Michael Finley added 21 points as the Mavericks built a 28-point first-half lead and eased to a 113-94 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

Erick Dampier matched his season-high with 16 points, all in the first half, and Jason Terry had a season-high 14 assists for Dallas.

The Mavericks, beginning a stretch of five straight home games, improved to 9-6 at home-

Dallas, 36-5 at home last season, had lost three of its previous four home games and has been more successful on the road with a 10-4 record.

"It's nice to win on the road, but we've been letting games slip away here," Nowitzki said. "We have to find a way to get that right."

Paul Pierce and Jiri Welsch had 17 points each, and Raef LaFrentz scored 16 points to pace the Celtics, who've lost eight of their last nine meetings with the Mavericks.

After trailing by 24 at halftime, Boston came out with more energy and started the third quarter

with a 24-11 spurt to pull to 84-73. But Dallas recovered with a 7-0 run capped by Finley's buzzer-beating jumper to take a 91-73 lead into the final quarter.

Dallas missed its first shot of the game, then converted its next nine in bolting to a 41-20 lead after one quarter. Dampier had 12 points and Nowitzki scored 11 in the opening quarter while the Mavericks shot 17-of-22. Dallas had nine layups and dunks in the first quarter, five dunks from Dampier, to post its highest-scoring quarter of the season.

"We came out and set the tempo at both ends," Terry said. "We were able to get in the lane and

guys got in their spots. It all worked out."

The Mavericks went on to a 73-49 halftime advantage helped by a 16-0 late second-quarter run. Dallas was led by Nowitzki's 20 first-half points.

Shooting 28-for-43 from the floor in the first half (65 percent), Dallas rolled to its biggest lead (68-40) with 1:57 left until half-time.

"They exploited our defense," LaFrentz said. "It took them two possessions to figure out what we were doing and then they went to work."

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Rhema McKnight that made it 31-21 with 4:52 left.

The Irish's onside-kick attempt backfired and left Oregon State at the Notre Dame 28. Dwight Wright's 3-yard TD run with 3:19 left sealed the victory.

The Irish lost their seventh consecutive bowl game. Notre Dame's last postseason victory was in the Cotton Bowl at the end of the 1993 season.

Oregon State improved to 2-0 against Notre Dame. Five seasons ago, the Beavers pounded the

Irish 41-9 just down the road at the Fiesta Bowl.

The Irish pass defense crumbled in three consecutive season-ending losses, allowing 14 TD passes against Pittsburgh, Southern California and Oregon State.

The Beavers had TD drives of only 26, 4 and 45 yards take their early lead, then went 90 yards in 12 plays midway through the second half after Notre Dame had cut the lead to 24-14. Anderson's 1-yard TD toss to Newton capped the long drive, and it was 31-14 with 12:17 to play.

"That was a big drive," Anderson said. "We were talking on the sidelines

and said, 'Let's go answer it.'"

With Willingham ousted, and hired as head coach at Washington, the Irish played under Baer, Notre Dame's defensive coordinator. New Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis, offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, takes over the Irish program when his NFL season ends.

"I'd be lying if I told you it didn't affect some people," Quinn said. "You try your best, at least as much as you can, and try not to look too far ahead or too far back."

"I think this team dealt with this situation that we were given as good as

any team could."

Baer, who might join Willingham at Washington, said it had been an emotional month for the coaches and the players.

"I think there is a definite bond that has been created over this," he said. "That's a great group of young men in there. I'm very proud of how they played, and I can't say enough about them."

The capacity crowd of 45,917 was the largest since the Insight Bowl moved to Bank One Ballpark six years ago. The roof was open at kickoff, but was closed in the first quarter as a light rain fell.

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Boston turned up its defensive intensity in the third quarter, doing a better job defending Nowitzki on the pick-and-roll. Dallas scored only 18 points in the third quarter, four from Nowitzki.

"They were dancing behind the pick-and-rolls and picking us apart," Welsch said. "We changed

that and in the second half we were trapping the guy with the ball and it was much better."

Notes: Mavericks G-F Jerry Stackhouse sang the National Anthem, receiving a standing ovation from the crowd and hugs from teammates. ...Stackhouse had missed the previous four games due to a sore right hand. ...Dallas G Marquis Daniels sat out with a sore left ankle.

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When it was over, the Cyclones had rushed for 295 yards, a school record for a bowl game. They had averaged just 128 yards a game during the season.

"For this game, we put in a couple of new plays that we saw on film would work," Hicks said. "The offensive line was coming off the ball real well. These are some of the biggest holes I've seen all season. It was just a great job by them."

Hicks ran his season

total to 1,062 yards, the eighth time in McCarney's 10 seasons a back has topped 1,000.

"If you look back at the tradition of all the great running backs that have come out of Iowa State ... just to get back to the old ways of what Iowa State rushing used to do, it's

great," center Luke Vander Sanden said.

With ESPN's cameras recording the moment, Miami athletic director Brad Bates told the team just before the game that offensive coordinator Shane Montgomery would succeed Hoepfner as coach.

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popped back up. "I was thinking, 'He can't take too many of those,'" Crowder said. "But he kept right on going. I don't know where he gets the energy."

Tomey reportedly won't be staying at Texas long. An source at San Jose State told The Associated Press that Tomey has been hired to revive the school's struggling football program. San Jose State scheduled a news conference for Wednesday but didn't disclose the reason.

spokesman, Tomey declined comment Tuesday.

Statistically, Texas' defense won't grab much notice. UT ranks 24th nationally (out of 117 Division I-A teams) at 317 yards a game. The Longhorns are 56th in pass defense and 14th in both rushing and scoring defense.

What's more impressive are big plays and big games when the team needed them the most.

In a 22-20 win at Arkansas, Larry Dibbles forced a late fumble that killed a potential game-winning drive. In a 51-21 win at Texas Tech, blitzing schemes confused

Tech quarterback Sonny Cumbie. Jarring hits in the secondary all but shut down Tech's potent passing attack.

In a 26-13 win over rival Texas A&M, the Longhorns sacked Reggie McNeal eight times and held the Aggies to 94 yards of offense after half-time.

Even in Texas' only loss, the defense gave up just one touchdown to No. 2 Oklahoma in a 12-0 defeat.

While Robinson and Tomey ranted from the sidelines, Johnson was the leader on the field.

The winner of the Nagurski and Butkus awards this season, the

All-American racked up 128 tackles and tied an NCAA record with eight caused fumbles. He could have left for the NFL after his junior year but chose to spend this season studying under a coach who had tutored some of the NFL's best players.

Robinson says he's never coached a faster linebacker. Johnson credits the coach with making him a more complete player.

"Talent will only take you so far," Johnson said. "He (Robinson) said he's seen a lot of players with a lot of talent who could jump high and run fast but couldn't make it at the next level."

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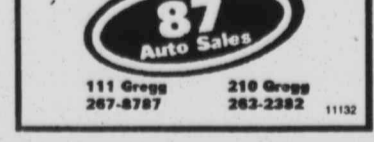
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Leo moon invites us to a cosmic happy hour, where the free food and half-priced drinks have us just jolly enough to spin a tall tale for the sake of being social. The tendency toward exaggeration can be awfully fun, and laughter will emanate from normally sober individuals. Be effusive. Everyone needs love and acknowledgment.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a hush over your land, which is terrific since you crave a little downtime after the holidays. On the other hand, part of you feels guilty, like you're supposed to be doing something at all times. Cool your jets.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll find harmony in your relationships with women and will benefit from their intuition

and caring approach. Any sort of creative endeavor gets a little boost right now, even if you can't immediately see the results.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in a wonderful mood — perhaps the result of some secret communication? Translate that energy into a fun evening with the one you love, and you can't go wrong. If single, wear white or silver to attract someone's eye.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your normally uncanny intuition is bound to be a little fuzzy now. Don't act on your first impression — think it over. Tonight is much better for making decisions. It's better for upping your glamour quotient, too.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though it's winter, the sun is already beginning to overtake the darkness. Feel your power slowly growing. Hold this belief close to your heart. Let it take hold and flourish. There's no need to act yet — just knowing is

enough.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Any sort of home-based project, particularly in the kitchen or bath, can be easily tackled. You make quick work of plumbing fixes and organizing the pantry, fridge or vanity. Enlist your children by making it fun.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are incredibly popular, able to emotionally connect to people with ease. If you have a public appearance to make, this is a wonderful opportunity. Brush up on your jokes — make 'em laugh, and then, reel 'em in.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A light bulb turns on in your head. This moment of perfect clarity is likely to resolve a problem you've been brooding over for days and will happen when you're showering, driving, working out or dozing off.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can nail what's wrong and rid yourself of it once and for all — that is, if you're willing to dig and access

the emotional cause of your trouble. The excavation is not as painful as you think it will be.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fertility issues come to the fore, be they physical or mental. If a creative project seems stalled, take a brisk walk outdoors to get those juices flowing again. Any sort of climbing or hiking is always beneficial to goats.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expect yesterday's emotional outburst to have repercussions. Whether it was your bad or someone else's, try to keep your cool and ride it out. The shock waves from this one could last through the weekend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler once said, "Sometimes you're the windshield, sometimes you're the bug." Now, you feel like the bug, but try to keep your sense of humor. This funk will be gone by tomorrow.
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I gave up everything for someone who

later left me. Will I find someone who will truly love me? I was born April 18, 1960, and have been communicating for a year with a man born on July 16, 1950, but I'm not sure of his feelings or intent. At this time, I am afraid to make any more mistakes romantically, so I'll leave it to the stars. Please help."
There is a time to throw up your hands regarding love and say, "I give up!" thus letting the universe take over, but you're not there yet, Aries. To "leave it to the stars," as you say, is too dangerous for you because you have not yet determined the reason you were so willing to give up everything for the person who eventually left you. Though you are still healing from the hurt, you have not yet realized that this person's leaving was the best thing that ever happened to your love life. See, a person with whom you are truly compatible would not want you to give anything up in order to have a relationship with him.

You are doomed to repeat the same mistake with this Cancer man unless you figure out why you made it in the first place.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jon Voight shows his Capricorn class this year as he tries to heal his much-publicized rift with daughter Angelina Jolie in an unusual way. He'll use the press as a way of sending messages of love to his daughter until she's compelled to reciprocate. Capricorn men born in 1938 are realizing that it's more important to be loving than to be right and will try to teach others through compassion.
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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife's 85-year-old father lives with us, and he is slowly breaking up our marriage. He is gross and nasty, thinks he owns the place and treats us like little kids. We have no privacy.

Dad moved in after his wife died, and he's been here a few years. He is quite capable of taking care of himself, but is too lazy and was spoiled rotten by my mother-in-law. Talking to him does no good. He's just ornery and mean. My wife hates the situation but says she is responsible for him until he dies, even though she is well aware that our marriage should be her first priority.

Unless something can be done about Dad, we're headed for divorce court. What should I do to save our marriage? — Giving Up in Michigan.

Dear Michigan: Being responsible for Dad doesn't mean he has to live with you. It only means that you both should see that Dad gets the best care possible. Start looking into retirement homes and assisted-living centers. Dad sounds like a good candidate for such places, and he could make lots of new friends as well. Point out to your wife and your father-in-law that he obviously is unhappy with the current situation and it is wrecking your marriage. He needs to find more appropriate accommodations. Please don't wait.

Dear Annie: This letter is in response to "Disappointed in Seattle," who went on a job interview and sent a nice thank-you note, but has heard nothing since. I am a career counselor and can tell you this man has plenty of company. Here are my tips:

Taking the online job application and giving it a makeover probably cost "Disappointed" the job. It says there's something wrong with the company. Job searches can take anywhere from six months to a year or more. He may need to adjust his expectations of the job market.

Interviews are a two-way street. Never lose sight of the million-dollar question: "Is this job really for me?"

Career changers like "Disappointed" often need to rethink their approach, and a good career counselor may be of help. The National Career



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Development Association (www.ncda.org) has a public referral directory.

Finally, every rejection is one more step toward finding the right job. With the right approach, right attitude and LOTS of patience, I am sure "Disappointed's" fortunes will turn around soon. — Theresa O'Neill, MA, NCC Career Counselor, Newark, N.J.

Dear Theresa O'Neill: Your optimism will boost the spirits of the unemployed. Read on for more:

From the Midwest: I worked for several years as a business manager. On more than one occasion, we had labor attorneys tell us NOT to contact people who weren't hired, for fear they would sue us for discrimination. I always told applicants they "weren't selected at this time, but I would keep their resume on

file."
Brookline, Mass.: If he interviewed with 10 companies and accepted an offer from one of them, I wonder if he would take the time to contact the other nine to tell them he is no longer a candidate, and to thank them for their time and effort in considering him. I doubt it. Courtesy is a two-way street.

California: I was a human resources director for over 25 years and can tell him to count his blessings. That company either is short on personnel or they simply don't care much about the people they interview. A top-quality company wouldn't ignore him. It connects the success and productivity of its enterprise with the morale and treatment of its employees. A smart company recognizes that applicants are customers, too. Treat them well, and they'll be the best advertising dollars a company can spend.

Dear Annie: I have been married for two years to a man who appears to be the perfect gentleman. "Archie" is well liked in the community and seems to be a great husband and father, showering me and the children with attention and compliments — in public. The problem is, he is a completely different man at home. He yells

at the children for trivial things, and has pushed my 6-year-old and knocked him over.

Archie monitors my phone calls, interrogating me and staying right by my side until the conversation is over. When he isn't home, he has caller ID units around the house to track incoming calls. He has hidden digital tape recorders in vehicles I drive and even hacks into my e-mail. I am not allowed to go outside and unwind with my neighbor after a day of taking care of a house and five children unless he is sitting right there, or harassing me every five seconds to come inside.

I insisted Archie go for counseling, but he is so smooth he tells the counselor what he wants to hear and then goes right back to the same old thing. We currently are separated, and I have a protective order against him for assault and battery.

I am concerned that so many people do not know about Archie's other side. I don't want to create trouble for him or smear him in the community, but I am tired of people thinking he is some kind of saint who is being unjustly accused. They have no idea what he is really like. What should I say to them? — Dixie in D.C.

Dear Dixie: Nothing. It's none of their business, and more importantly, you may be putting yourself or your children in jeopardy if Archie finds out you are publicizing his abusive behavior. Even those folks who believe he is saintly have their private doubts. The truth eventually will surface. Don't rush it.

Dear Annie: "Potty-Peeved in El Paso" might feel better about her neighbor's lawn toilet if she maintains a good sense of humor.

Our town periodically rewards folks who have beautiful yards. When getting rid of an ugly green toilet, we took it to our daughter's yard, put plastic flowers in it, along with any other cheesy lawn ornament we could find, and attached a sign saying "Mayor's Beautification Award." Her elderly neighbor actually congratulated her.

Our daughter then took it to her brother's yard and added a few plastic flamingos.

That Christmas it appeared on our lawn with flashing Christmas lights. When you stop and consider, the possibilities are endless. — Royal Flush in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: You must have great neighbors. Not everyone could handle a green toilet with

flamingoes and flashing Christmas lights as a lawn decoration. Thanks for a good laugh.

Dear Annie: I am married with three teenage children. My husband and I both have full-time jobs, but sometimes I feel I just can't handle things anymore.

My husband, "Hank," works long hours as a bartender. He comes home drunk almost every night, swears at me and treats me badly, although he's never hit me, thank God. The kids can't stand him. He used to be fun to be around, but now he is just miserable.

We are both in our 40s, and I'm wondering if Hank is going through some kind of mid-life change. He is not the same person I married. We never go out anymore. Hank's life is in the bar. I feel like packing it up. — Barkeeper's Wife

Dear Wife: Hank could be depressed, but he is self-medicating with booze and has a serious drinking problem. Frankly, we're surprised his employer hasn't said anything. Bar owners don't like their bartenders to be drunk. Get in touch with Al-Anon (www.al-anon.alateen.org) at 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) and ask for help.

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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

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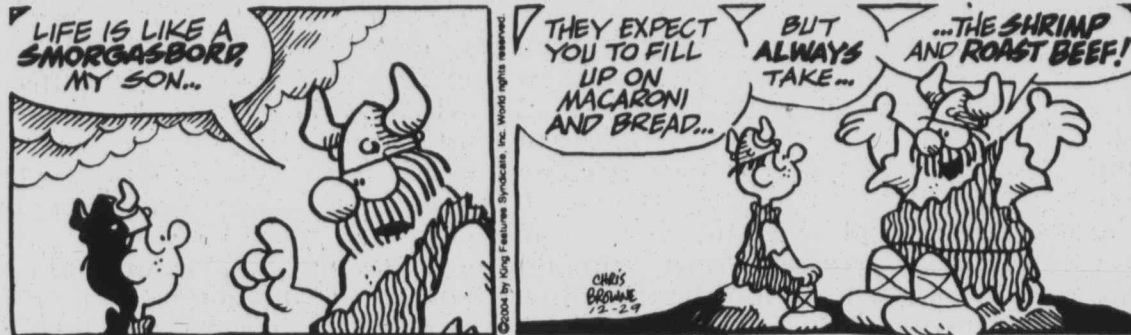
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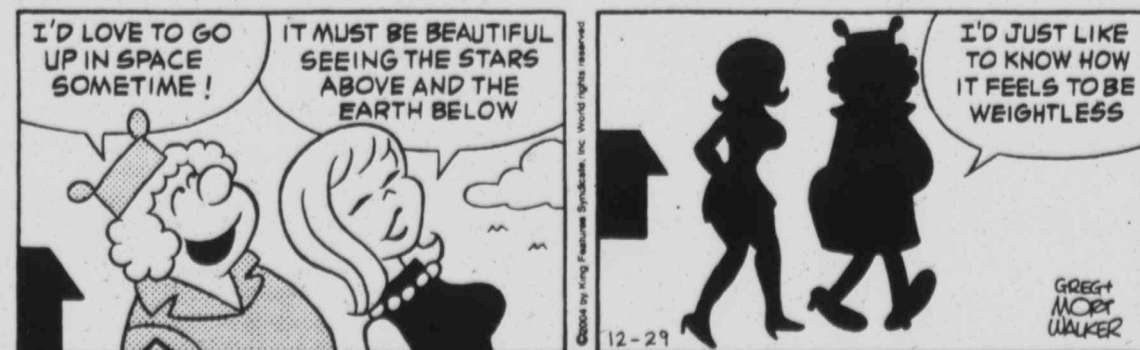
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 29, the 364th day of 2004. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

On this date: In 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in England.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized, in Boston.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place

in South Dakota as some 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1934, Japan renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and the London Naval Treaty of 1930.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany began dropping incendiary bombs on London.

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1989, playwright Vaclav Havel was elected president of Czechoslovakia by the country's Federal Assembly, becoming the first non-Communist to attain the post in more than four decades.

Ten years ago: U.S. officials confirmed the release of U.S. Army helicopter pilot Bobby Hall from North Korean custody (due to the time difference, it was Dec. 30 in Korea when Hall crossed the demilitarized

zone to freedom).

Today's Birthdays: Actress Inga Swenson is 72. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 70. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 67. Actor Jon Voight is 66. Country singer Ed Bruce is 64. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 63. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 58. Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. is 58. Actor Ted Danson is 57. Actor Jon Polito is 54. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 53. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 45. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 45. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 43. Actor-comedian Mystro Clark is 38.

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Newsday Crossword

WISE GUYS by Daniel R. Stark
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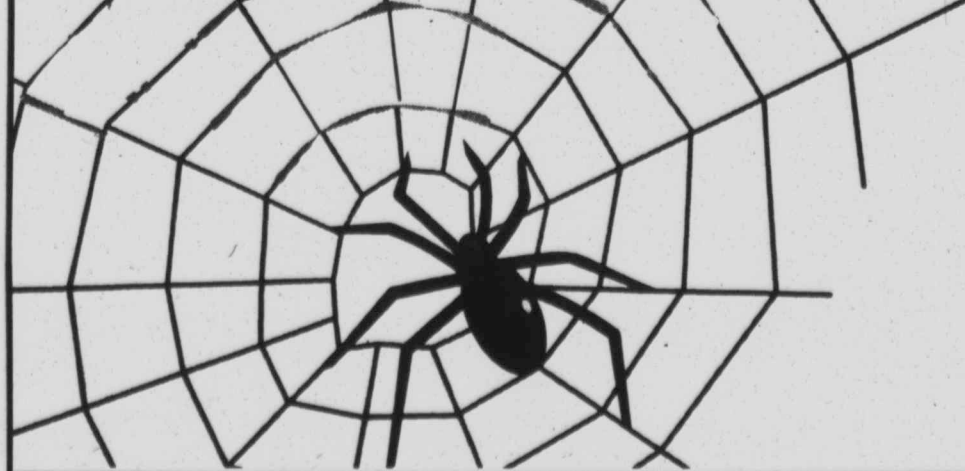
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