

OBITUARIES

Lee Roy Wright

Funeral services for Lee Roy Wright, 74, Bentonville, Ark., will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 1994, at the First United Methodist Church in Bentonville, Ark., with Rev. Guy M. Whitney, Jr., and Rev. Ben Hines officiating.

Mr. Wright died Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Bates Medical Center in Bentonville.

He was born Oct. 21, 1920, in Olney, Texas. He worked for the Cosden Oil and Chemical Company in Big Spring for 38 years. He was a member of the Midway Baptist Church and the Lions Club in Sand Springs.

Survivors include his wife: Helen Christine Bennett Wright, Bentonville, Ark.; four sons: Wesley Wright and Jimmy Wright, both of Bentonville, Ark.; C. Roy Wright, Big Spring, and Marvin Wright, Temple; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother: Olen Wright, and one sister: Rudell Firenza.

Memorials may be made to the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America in Midland, Texas or to Bates Medical Center in Bentonville, Ark.

Pearlie Wilborn

Pearlie Wilborn, 72, Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1994, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pyrle Bradshaw

Pyrle Bradshaw, Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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James (Jimmy) Pipkin, 33, died Sunday. Graveside services 3:00 PM Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Pearlie M. Wilborn, 72, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

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Life Sunday Deadlines

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries - Wednesday at noon. Complete Herald form available at the office, 710 Scurry. Out-of-town callers call 915-263-7331 for mailed form. Military, Stork Club, This-N-That, Who's Who - Wednesday at noon. Call Janet Ausbury, 263-7331, ext. 112, for information.

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ing fuel into miles-long serpents of flame. "It felt biblical," said Mike Norman, who was on the river when the blast occurred. "It was like hell opening up on the planet. ... I was literally running for my life."

The weeklong nightmare claimed 22 lives and cost more than \$700 million in damage, not including uninsured losses.

For many of those who lost homes or businesses, the rebuilding continues.

Texans saw more misfortune in July, when a record 65 people died in traffic accidents over the July Fourth weekend. Sunday, July 3, was the deadliest day on Texas roads, with 44 deaths.

The deadly weekend has prompted state lawmakers to push for stricter seat belt laws, particularly to protect youngsters. Twenty-seven of the victims were under age 18, with at least 15 lacking safety restraints.

A tragedy from 1993 was revisited as 11 members of the Branch Davidian sect went to trial in the slayings of four federal agents during a botched raid on the cult compound near Waco.

On Feb. 26, jurors in the seven-week trial cleared all 11 defendants of the most serious murder and murder conspiracy charges. Three were acquitted of all charges.

Five were convicted of voluntary manslaughter and weapons charges and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Three others convicted of weapons violations received sentences ranging from five to 20 years.

Sixteen other agents were wounded and six Davidians died in the Feb. 28, 1993, gunfight that began a 51-day standoff.

The stalemate ended April 19, 1993, when fire engulfed the compound as federal agents bulldozed their way in. Cult leader David Koresh and 78 of his followers died in the blaze.

Several elected officials faced legal troubles in 1994.

Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was charged with using state funds, employees and computers for personal and campaign purposes when she was state treasurer, from January 1991 to June 1993. She also was charged with tampering with state computer records to cover up her activities.

But before testimony began in her trial last February, Mrs. Hutchison was cleared after prosecutors lost a key ruling and refused to proceed.

Mrs. Hutchison had claimed the charges were the result of a Democratic plot to hurt her reelection chances. She went on to win a landslide victory over Democratic opponent Richard Fisher in the November elections.

Former Hidalgo County Sheriff Brig Marmolejo Jr. wasn't as fortunate.

Marmolejo was convicted in July of taking \$151,000 in bribes to allow a drug trafficker to enjoy sexual visits and other privileges in jail.

Marmolejo's trial followed the convictions earlier this year of former Zapata County Judge Jose Luis "Pepe" Guevara on federal corruption charges and Zapata County Sheriff Romeo Ramirez and County Clerk Arnoldo "Shorty" Flores for money laundering.

Also finding himself in legal trouble this year is Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros. The former San Antonio mayor has been sued by his old lover.

Linda Medlar, a former San Antonio political consultant who now lives in Lubbock, sued Cisneros for fraud and breach of contract in July, alleging he reneged on a verbal agreement to pay her \$4,000 a month until her teen-age daughter graduated from college. She's seeking \$256,000 and unspecified punitive damages.

Cisneros has denied having an agreement with Medlar and says he gave her money out of compassion.

There was some good news in 1994.

The state's economy gained strength, as housing boomed early in the year and unemployment fell to four-year lows.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect Jan. 1, has increased cross-border trade, although the debate continues over whether the pact is good or bad for the U.S. job market.

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The homeownership rate is simply the percentage of households who own and occupy their own homes. There is a wide range among the states with Delaware having a high 74.4 percent and Hawaii, having a low of 53.2 percent.

According to the REC, most rates are moving upward, but Texas posted the second greatest loss among the 17 states with declining rates between 1970 and 1993.

Christian said, "Conventional wisdom holds that because almost everyone wants to be a homeowner, the only thing stopping them must be housing affordability. But the determinants of the homeownership rate are more complex than any single, simple explanation can provide.

"Careful reflection suggests that homeownership is first and foremost a lifestyle choice that is made at a certain point in a household's life cycle. Affordability then comes within the context of other factors and mainly affects the timing of home purchases over the business cycle. Socioeconomic factors run in terms of lifestyles and life cycles and are the fundamental long-term determinants of homeownership rates."

In 1990, Texas had the third youngest population in the U.S., with a median age of 30.9 years. Texans were also the 10th most mobile population among the 50 states. Christian said youth and mobility are negatives for homeownership.

Married couples have homeownership rates almost 30 percentage points higher than singles. Texas ranks 23rd in the proportion of married couples with 57.8 percent.

Christian said, "Texas' youth, high mobility and middling marriage rate help explain why our homeownership rate is low today, but it forecasts well for tomorrow as young married couples age a little and settle down."

Household head aged 25 to 34 constituted the largest Texas age group in 1990, representing 24.3 percent of all households.

Work

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neighborhoods and the fact that DeAnda is a councilwoman shouldn't matter, but he could see where people would get the wrong impression.

Lambert was contacted about the complaint and he said when DeAnda was informed of the complaint, she asked the inmates to stop.

Lambert added the officers in charge of the particular cleaning detail will let the residents in a neighborhood know when they are cleaning and clearing and will ask them if they want anything removed.

Lambert said the crew tries to help where they can and when they can and not just for any one group or individual.

It was also pointed out by both Lambert and DeAnda that the work done to this point by the crews, in most cases, has been done on privately owned property.

By having the inmate work program cleaning vacant lots and clearing old trees and debris, the city is receiving a supplement to the \$60,000 budgeted to help the city's cleanup efforts.

Other areas targeted for cleanup include more cleaning work at Beals Creek along Birdwell Lane to 11th Place; the west end of town at the salt flat areas south of the railroad; painting and striping at the airport; and clearing alleyways in Big Spring of trash and weeds so machines can get in and cut.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce 1995 ANNUAL BANQUET Dinner 6:30 pm Thursday, January 5th Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Reception for Honorees following Mr. John Sharp Controller of Public Accounts State of Texas Guest Speaker 12.50 per person Tickets Available At The Chamber of Commerce "Building A Better Future Through Team Work"

Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday:

-KENNETH RANDALL HAGINS, 36, no known address, was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

-BRIAN KEITH SMITH, 26, of 1406 1/2 Virginia was arrested for ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1400 block of Lincoln.

-BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 1600 block of Kiowa.

-BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 2600 block of Gregg.

-THEFT in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

-THEFT in the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

-THEFT in the 1700 block of Wasson.

-THEFT in the 300 block of Owens.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday:

-RAMIRO TREVINO, 33, of Rio Grande City was arrested for THEFT OVER \$20 and REVOCATION OF PROBATION FROM WEBB COUNTY.

-JUAN SEGURA PALOMA JR., 17, of 407 NW 10th was arrested for CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Scurry Co.) and released on \$750 bond.

-MATTHEW LYLE EDENS, 27, of HC 69 Box 92 was arrested for THEFT FROM A PERSON. He pleaded guilty in 118th District Court and sentenced to 7 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

-CHARLES RANDOLPH DEAX, 18, 120 Airbase Rd. #025 was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED and released on a \$1,500 bond.

-WILLIAM LEWIS STEAGALD JR., 18, of 1711 S. Monticello was arrested for POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA UNDER 2 OUNCES and released on a \$1,000 bond.

RECORDS

Wednesday's temp. 48 Wednesday's low 42 Average high 55 Average low 28 Record high 79 in 1928 Record low 4 in 1983 Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.34 Month's normal 0.61 Year to date 17.69 Normal for year 18.52 **Statistics not available.

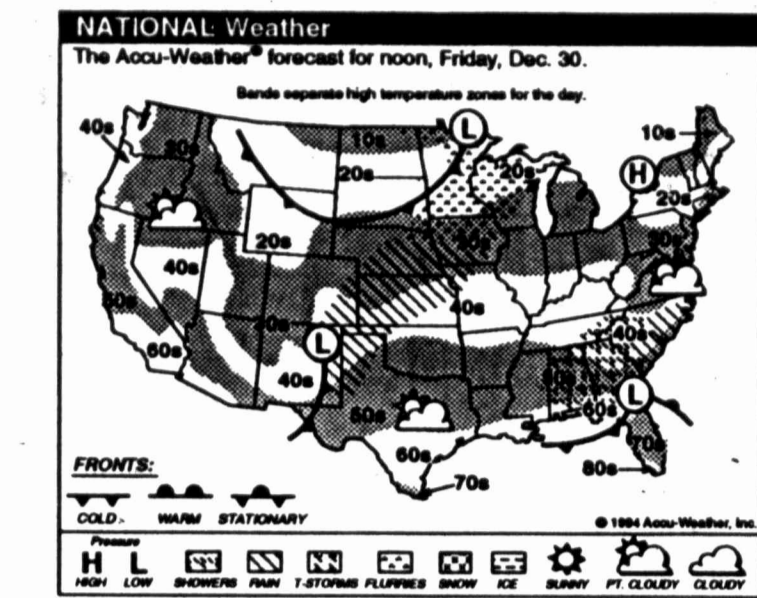
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person would test at .08 after four drinks, he said.

"We're not going after the social drinker or the person who drinks with dinner," he said. "What we're going after is the people who drink to excess and get behind the wheel of a car, and that's where it's a danger to the public."

The .02 limit for minors would be in essence a "zero-tolerance" policy because Breathalyzers cannot establish accurate readings below that, Hochberg said. Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth, has proposed lowering the threshold for minors to zero.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Much colder air will cover the Northeast tomorrow as high pressure builds into New York. A storm moving off the Georgia coast will produce rainy weather in the Southeast. Some rain will fall in parts of the western Plains, while ice and snow cause slippery travel in the Midwest. The Rockies and Southwest will be dry with sunshines.

Did you Win?

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MARKETS

Van Kampen 13.74-14.41 Gold 383.20-383.70 Silver 4.92-4.95

March cotton futures 89.05 cents a pound, down 35 points; Feb. crude oil 17.85 up 6 points; cash hog steady at 34.50; slaughter steers steady at 70 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 39.40, down 17 points; Feb. live cattle futures 70.95, down 25 points; according to Delta Commodities.

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co. Quotes are from today's markets and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY -Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon. -Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 306 Alford. -Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. -Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

-Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

-Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor. -Couples golf play, 5 p.m., Comanche Trail Golf Course. Call Mary Robertson, 267-7144.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Tape Study, 615 Settles. -Big Spring Alliance for the mentally ill, 7 p.m., The Corral. Call 267-7220.

Another proposal would cork the open container law.

Under the current law, a police officer must see someone drinking from an open container in an automobile to issue a citation.

Rep. Fred Hill's plan would revise the law to prohibit open containers in an automobile outright.

"Police officers will tell you that in approximately half of the accidents that they investigate involving fatalities, they will find an open container in at least one of the cars," said Hill, R-Richardson. "So we know that

it's a major factor in accidents and deaths."

Alcohol is a factor in about half of all fatal auto crashes, according to MADD. That rate increases to about 70 percent over the New Year's holiday, Lewis said.

Twenty-eight people died on Texas roads during the New Year's weekend last year, according to the Department of Public Safety. Alcohol was a factor in 15 of the deaths.

In the first six months of 1994, 516 people died in alcohol-related accidents in Texas, the DPS said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman's group files against TWU

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some faculty, students and alumna of Texas Woman's University have begun a legal challenge to keep the school from going co-ed.

They filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing school regents of violating the Texas Open Meetings Law and of usurping authority by opening all undergraduate programs to men.

"The constitutional authority to exist in our present structure has not been set aside by the Legislature," said Bettye Myers, a TWU alumna and kinesiology professor at the Denton school who is the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit asks state District Judge L. Dee Shipman to issue a temporary injunction against the policy change and to uphold the constitutionality of the 1901 Texas statute that created the university.

Killer back in after being freed

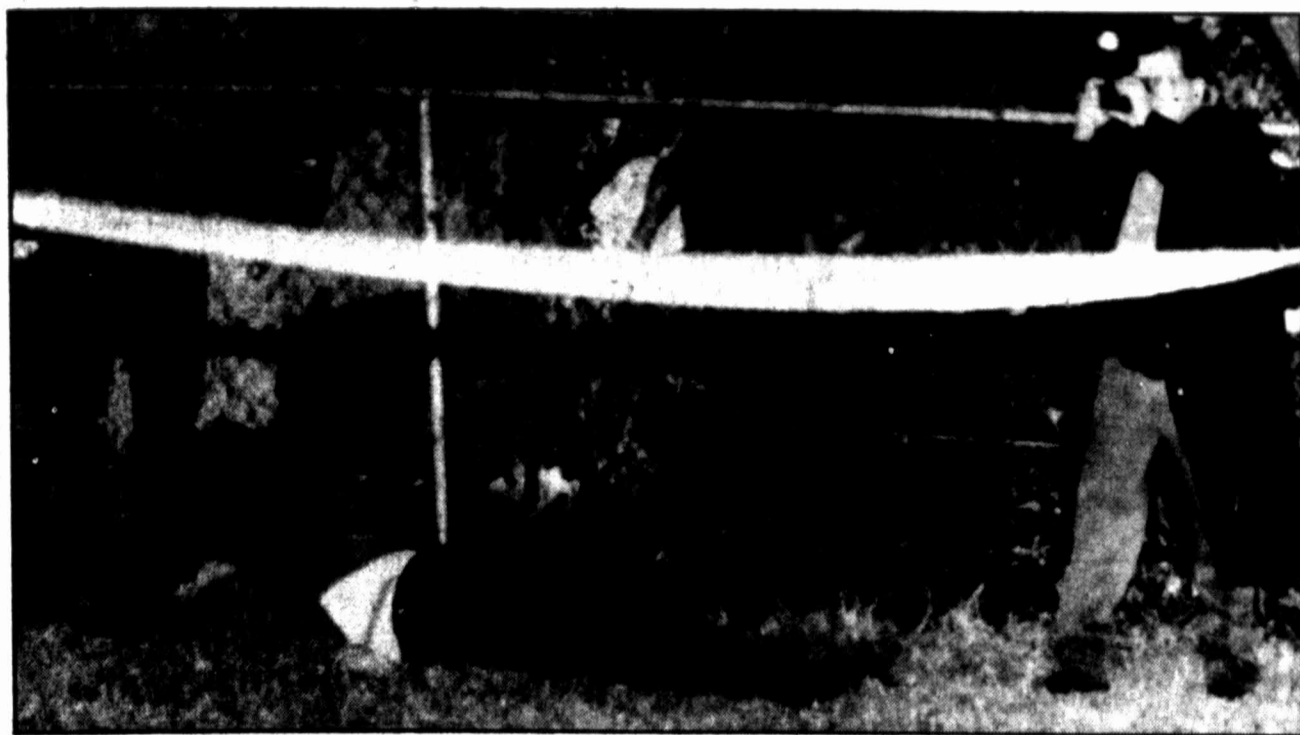
FORT WORTH (AP) — A drifter convicted of beating a homeless man to death for a bottle of beer is back in prison after a bureaucratic mistake allowed him to go free for nearly two months, authorities say.

Clarence Wayne Wilson, 27, already was serving time for auto theft when he was sentenced in October for the August 1992 slaying of Raymond Mara, 71.

But the paperwork for the murder conviction was not recorded when Wilson returned to prison and he accidentally was released three weeks later, prison officials said.

The mistake was discovered last week and Wilson was promptly arrested without incident and returned to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He had been living in Fort Worth and working at a car wash, officials said.

"We screwed up," department spokesman Larry Todd told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It's a rarity, and it ain't gonna happen again, if we can help it."



Police photograph the body of Webb County Elections Administrator Rolando Guerra late Tuesday after Guerra, his wife and daughter were shot to death at his residence in Laredo. Police said the three were shot by a son, Jesus Patricio Guerra, 36, who then shot himself.

Family's killing murder-suicide

LAREDO (AP) — A family argument escalated into a shooting spree that left the Webb County elections administrator and three family members dead, investigators theorized Wednesday.

"All preliminary indications point to a possible murder-suicide," said police Lt. Augustin Dovalina. "But we are waiting on the autopsy findings to get an official determination on cause of death and we'll decide what will be the ruling."

Investigators at the scene of Tuesday night's shooting said Elections Administrator Rolando Guerra's son apparently shot his parents and a sister to death before turning a revolver on himself.

The victims were identified as Guerra, 60; his 60-year-old wife, Felipa; 32-year-old daughter Ana Isabel; and 36-year-old son Jesus Patricio.

Dovalina said investigators were checking the mental history of Jesus Patricio Guerra.

Police Chief J.L. Martinez said he wasn't sure when preliminary autopsy results would be released.

"A crime of violence is unpredictable. It can happen on the spur of the moment and it can happen to anybody," the chief said.

Police confirmed that officers had responded to a domestic disturbance at the home earlier Tuesday and several times in the past.

Paramedics who responded to initial reports of gunshots were fired upon as they approached a victim in the yard. Police said all four victims were dead when they arrived later at the home.

County officials expressed shock.

"Mr. Guerra was a highly respected and well-known member of this community," County Judge Mercurio Martinez Jr. said. "He always assumed the tasks of his office with a high degree of responsibility and integrity."

Rolando Guerra also worked as an English-Spanish interpreter in state and federal courts.

Torture nothing new among the street youths

HOUSTON (AP) — The horrifying torture endured by a 17-year-old runaway was unthinkable but not altogether unusual among the packs of youths that sell drugs and their bodies on the streets, a homeless advocate says.

"Stuff like this happens all the time," said Tracy Brown, executive director for a downtown shelter for homeless young adults. "These are all kids who have drug problems, who are unwanted by their families. They have lots of stuff going on."

The teenager was beaten, sodomized with a curling iron, doused on his head and genitals with flammable liquids and set afire with a cigarette lighter. He was kept in a closet at an apartment, taken out only to be beaten further, police say.

Nine people, mostly homeless teenagers themselves, were charged. Police still were seeking others Wednesday in last week's brutal attack, said assistant police chief John Gallemore.

"This is an especially despicable and reprehensible kind of thing that occurred to a human being," Gallemore said Tuesday. "I just cannot use words strong enough to tell you."

But unfortunately, the violence has become a fact of life for youth on the street, according to Brown. Just last week, one man who frequented the

shelter was shot to death and another, a male prostitute, was shot in the leg "by a trick that wanted his money back."

"Every single day," Brown said. "We see these kids all the time. They are thrown away, they have no direction, then they get caught up in this world. ... Every night you go out on the street it's like rolling dice."

Last week's victim was rescued Dec. 21 by a Harris County constable deputy who saw a group of youths carrying him along a street. He was in poor condition Wednesday at a Houston hospital. Officials, fearing he might be attacked again, asked news reporters not to divulge his location.

Brown, who said he knows the victim as all but two of those charged in the attack, added that other youths at his shelter say the boy was tortured over a drug debt.

"From what the kids are saying, (the teen) owed a lot of money," Brown said. "He basically stole their stash and ran off with it. ... So the big drug dealer sicked the younger ones on him. It's like a hit was out after (the boy), and (he) knew it. ... This is all about drugs."

Police spokesman Alvin Wright said investigators would not speculate on a motive Wednesday and would release no further details on the case "until further notice."

Father blames lack of police action for his son's murder

ODESSA (AP) — Earlier this week, James Earl Crowder was worried about threats against his 18-year-old son. He told police what was happening and felt his pleas were ignored.

Crowder's fears were realized Wednesday afternoon when his son Earl Jason Crowder was

fatally shot at his house.

"This could have been prevented," the elder Crowder said. "I told police about those kids. (The police) knew who they were. But because we were poor and black, they didn't do anything."

Police are seeking a 16-year-

old who reportedly walked up to the house, spoke to Earl Jason Crowder, argued with him, then pulled out a handgun and shot Crowder in the chest.

The suspect may have been involved in prior drive-by shootings and altercations this week, Crowder said.

Odessa Police Detective Vic Sikes said late Wednesday he did not believe the murder suspect was involved in a Monday morning drive-by shooting.

In a statement released Wednesday night, Jim Dodson, commander of the OPD criminal

investigation bureau, confirmed the calls about the drive-by shootings, but said "these shootings have been at different locations and involved several different persons."

The statement said the son "refused to assist in the investigation or file charges."

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"There are two good things in life, freedom of thought and freedom of action."

William Somerset Maugham, English novelist, 1915

We've accomplished much, let's keep momentum going

As 1994 comes to a close, it is the time when people, community leaders reflect on what has passed and what is to come in the new year.

Big Spring has experienced both the highs and the lows this year, but a momentum has been building which is helping to restore the citizens' pride in their town.

In 1994, a group of women began the Proud Citizens Committee and have accomplished a great deal in the short time they have been operating.

Working with the state, they were able to get Big Spring named a Proud Community. And, they continue their efforts with cleanups and improvements such as those in the downtown area.

In addition, the city obtained the use of prisoners from the Colorado City state prison to do cleanup work. While there have been some problems, the crews have managed to clean up Beals Creek, Comanche Trail Park and are tearing down dilapidated homes and, in general, are sprucing up the city.

We have seen a new tradition come to us in the form of the Christmas lighting ceremony. The spirit shown during that time is one the citizens can

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Charles C. Williams
Publisher

DD Turner
Managing Editor

be proud of.

We have seen many new businesses come into town and we have seen some old friends say goodbye. We will be saying goodbye to City Manager Lanny Lambert, who has proved an excellent find for Big Spring in the short time he has been here. But, we welcome a new executive director to Moore Board, Carole Taylor.

This momentum is an intangible thing, not easily seen unless you look around with open eyes and see the changes these groups and people have wrought.

As we look ahead into 1995, we need to resolve not to let this momentum die. It needs more than just a few people to keep it going; it needs all of us, working together, to keep the spirit alive.

As long as we continue to believe in ourselves and our town, we will truly be reflecting a proud Texas community.

Firing Elders, that's entitlement

When the news came on the bar's TV, Slats Grobnik slammed down his beer, stood at attention, saluted, and sang a few lines of "Hall to the Chief."



Mike Royko
Columnist

Be careful, I said, or the proprietor might cut you off.

Hey, what's wrong with showing some respect for our commander-in-chief, a real take-charge kind of guy?"

Are you talking about President Clinton?

"What has somebody else got to do with him? Sure I'm talking about Clinton."

I didn't know you were so enthusiastic an admirer.

"Well, I'll admit that for a while there I was a little bit down on him. I guess I was kind of picky."

Yes, I'd say that throwing ashtrays at the television and shouting about impeachment is an act of pickiness.

"Well, that was before I realized that he was growing into the job and had the vision thing and was making me proud to be a born-again Democrat."

What has brought about this remarkable conversion?

"Because he showed that he feels the same way I do about people who don't have gumption and want the government to do stuff for them that they ought to do for themselves."

Ah, yes, your long-standing hostility toward entitlements.

"Yeah, that's right, entitlements, which should never have been invented because they cause a slouch in our national backbone."

And you are saying that Clinton is now against entitlements?

"Sure, ain't you been following the news?"

Maybe I missed something. What entitlement does Clinton oppose, and has he told his

wife? "He fired that big-time lady doctor, didn't he?"

Do you mean Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the surgeon general of the United States? Yes, he appointed her and now he has abruptly fired her.

"See? That proves that he don't like dumb entitlements."

But her firing had nothing to do with entitlements. She is out because she keeps saying things that upset the White House.

And this time she said that she thought AIDS might be reduced if teachers told students how to masturbate as part of their sex education.

"So, I'm right."

About what? It had nothing to do with entitlements. Dr. Elders was creating potential embarrassment for Clinton by angering those who are not progressive and socially enlightened.

"Nah, you're missing the point like you always do."

Then maybe you can explain it to me.

"Sure. You remember Goofy Archie from the neighborhood?"

You mean Archie the drooler, whose eyes met at the bridge of his nose? How could anyone forget him?

"OK, was there anything on two feet as dumb as Goofy Archie?"

Nothing that still had a pulse.

"And do you remember the day that his old man and his brothers and sisters and grandmother tried to knock down the door of their bathroom with a sledgehammer because Goofy Archie wouldn't open it and they all had to go?"

Yes, that happened frequently. I remember their calling the fire department once to get Archie out of the bathroom, and all of them being arrested for making a false alarm.

"You remember why Goofy Archie spent so much time in the bathroom?"

Everybody in the neighborhood knew. Especially with his grandmother going in the grocery store and always yelling about her "grandson the creepy prevert" and asking Max the butcher if he could perform

surgery to curb the lad's basic instincts.

"And do you remember Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. O'Malley and the rest of the teachers at the school?"

A fine group of dedicated ladies.

"Do you remember any of them telling Goofy Archie to go home and lock himself in the bathroom, or what to do when the door was locked?"

Of course not. They would have fainted at the very suggestion. In fact, when Archie raised his hand to leave the room, which he did every five minutes, they would send Bruno the school janitor along to make sure he returned the same day.

"Now you see?"

See what?

"What I mean about entitlements? Did Goofy Archie need a teacher to tell him about things like, uh, well you know."

No, obviously he didn't.

"So if somebody as dumb as Goofy Archie could handle things himself, it figures that nobody else needed advice on that score from a teacher, right?"

I would say that lads of our era were self-sufficient, yes.

"So that's it. What we had here was another case where people can do something for themselves, something they always did for themselves, without any help from government. But this busybody Dr. Elders wanted teachers to tell them about it, which makes it one of the weirdest entitlements I ever heard of."

"I hadn't thought of it quite that way."

"Sure. But President Clinton spotted it right away. Maybe he never went in the Army, but we all know he's got experience in lots of other stuff, so he kicked her out before she could take the next step, which might have caused a revolution in every PTA in the country."

What step is that?

"If Dr. Elders said it ought to be part of show-and-tell."

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NATION/WORLD

Pilot's 'statement' released

Hilemon buried as negotiations go on

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hours after President Clinton appealed for Bobby Hall's release, North Korea countered today with an alleged statement from the captive American pilot asking forgiveness for "a flagrant violation of international law."

It wasn't clear whether the statement was an indication that North Korea is ready to release Hall or an attempt to intensify pressure for a public U.S. apology.

The statement, dated Christmas Day and purportedly signed by Hall, was released after inconclusive talks on Wednesday between North Korean officials and U.S. diplomat Thomas Hubbard.

Another session was scheduled for today in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

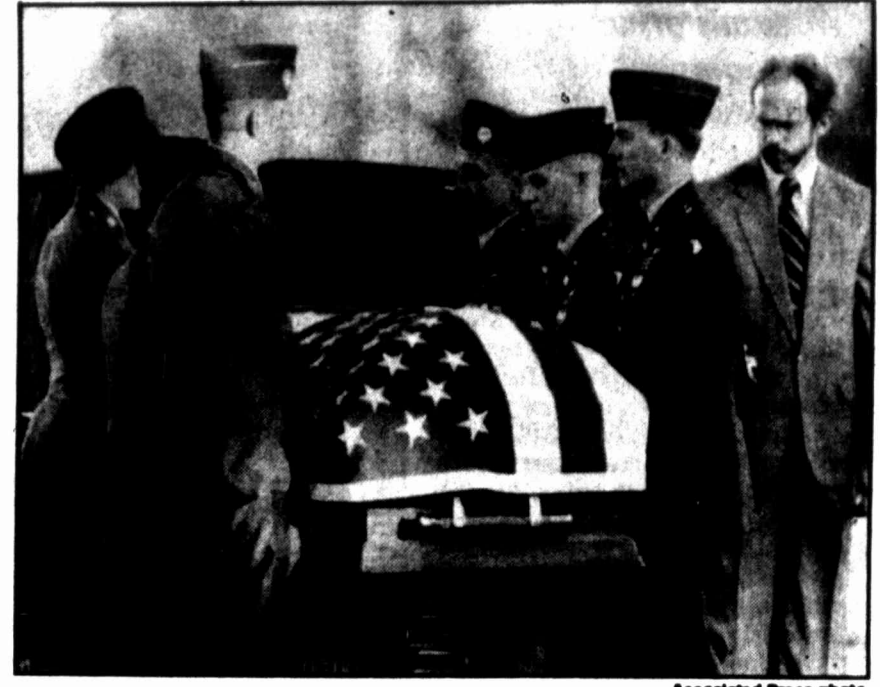
It was impossible to know whether Hall, who was captured Dec. 17 after his helicopter went down in North Korean territory, made the statement voluntarily or under pressure — or whether he wrote it at all. Hall's co-pilot was killed when the helicopter went down.

Korea News Service in Tokyo, a pro-North agency, today released a photograph of the handwritten statement it said it had obtained from North Korea.

The seven-page statement is headlined "CONFESSION." Only the first and last pages are clearly visible. U.S. officials had no immediate comment on whether it appeared to be Hall's handwriting.

There were signs that Washington was rapidly losing patience with North Korea.

Lawmakers and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have said failure to release the pilot soon could jeopardize an agreement to provide \$4 billion in aid to North Korea and improve



The casket of David Hilemon is removed from a hearse at his graveside funeral ceremony Wednesday in Gig Harbor, Wash. Hilemon was killed in a helicopter crash in North Korea.

relations. In exchange, the isolated communist state, suspected of building nuclear weapons, is supposed to stop work on its nuclear program.

In the statement released by the North's official news agency, Hall said he was on a reconnaissance mission when his OH-58C helicopter "deviated from the route" and crossed into North Korea.

He did not admit to spying and gave no explanation for the deviation, but said, "I admit that this criminal action is inexcusable and unpardonable. However, at home my parents, wife and kids are anxiously waiting for my return to them. I only hope, and it is my desire, that the Korean People's Army will leniently forgive me for my illegal intrusion so that I may return to my home and be with my family again."

In Washington, Clinton denied Hall's helicopter was involved in espionage. "He was on a routine training mission. That's all," the president said.

Clinton and administration officials avoided threatening retaliation, even while insisting

the helicopter strayed into North Korean territory because of navigational errors.

After Hall's statement was released, a Clinton administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the helicopter could be viewed as having illegally entering North Korean air space, but reiterated that the action was accidental and not part of a spying mission. U.S. officials have expressed regret over the incident.

It wasn't clear why North Korea released the statement four days after it was said to have been written and just after Hubbard arrived for the highest-level direct talks yet in the crisis.

But there have been indications of a power struggle between the North's civilian leaders and military hard-liners reported to be upset over the nuclear agreement signed two months ago.

Hilemon's body was buried Wednesday in the spot he had requested — a knoll overlooking Mount Rainier in Washington state.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Looking for a new CIA chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is opening a search for a new CIA chief to polish the spy agency's image in the aftermath of nearly a decade of treachery by Russian mole Aldrich Ames.

James Woolsey, 53, resigned Wednesday after two tumultuous years as CIA director during which he was dogged by the Ames affair, congressional criticism of the agency's bloated budget and post-Cold War restructuring.

Woolsey cited personal and family considerations, and the White House insisted he was not forced from office.

Paula Jones suit delayed by judge

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Lawyers for the woman who accused President Clinton of sexual harassment say a judge's decision to delay a trial until the president leaves office frees them to question him about alleged affairs.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright refused Wednesday to dismiss Paula Corbin Jones' lawsuit against the president. She said granting him absolute immunity "would be contrary to our form of government."

In somewhat of a setback for Clinton, however, she said fact-finding procedures such as taking sworn statements from witnesses could proceed while he is in office.

Business as usual as tax season opens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the White House may be trying to outdo each other with offers of a middle-class tax cut, but at the Internal Revenue Service it's business as usual as another tax season officially opens.

The Postal Service is scheduled to begin delivering 109 million 1994 tax forms and postcards next Tuesday. But as in past years, some post offices have already jumped the gun.

Farm groups offer advice to ag secretary choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — While farm group leaders heap praise on President Clinton's choice of Dan Glickman as his new agriculture secretary, they also have no shortage of advice for the defeated congressman.

Glickman's knowledge of agricultural issues and experience with farm programs are seen as a major plus, and fellow Kansan Bob Dole, the incoming majority leader in the soon-to-be GOP-controlled Senate, expects swift confirmation.

"He's very honest and straightforward, and he understands the importance of agriculture to the rural economy," Chandler Keys, senior director of congressional relations for the National Cattlemen's Association, said of Glickman.

"But he's got a lot to do," added Chandler, whose group represents the nation's cattle producers.

And there are lots of agendas among the many varied agricultural special interests.

"We want him to reform the Meat Inspection Act" to update the turn-of-the-century law, Chandler said. "That needs to

be a top priority right out of the chute, and then get on with the farm bill and the reforms that (outgoing Agriculture Secretary Mike) Espy started."

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation praised Glickman's experience with farm issues through 18 years on the House Agriculture Committee; but C. William Swank, the federation's executive vice president, said the veteran lawmaker's greatest challenge will be changing his focus.

"He will have to shake himself free of his old congressional habits and be a true advocate for agriculture," Swank said. "We also need a spokesman who will be able to represent farmers on issues such as the environment, food safety and conservation."

The selection of Glickman, turned out of office by voters in the November elections, comes at a time of retrenchment at the Agriculture Department. The agency must cut its staff by 11,000, reduce spending by up to \$3.5 billion and close nearly 1,100 of its 3,600 county offices.

Aftershocks rattle northern Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Strong aftershocks rattled northern Japan early today, hours after a strong earthquake struck, killing two people and injuring 274.

The undersea quake Wednesday evening was centered in the Pacific Ocean about 390 miles northeast of Tokyo. It had a preliminary magnitude of 7.5.

It ripped roads, wrecked dozens of buildings and forced thousands of coastal residents to flee during a short-lived tidal wave alert. In the capital, the quake was felt as a long, low rumble that made some buildings sway.

Most of the injured were cut by broken glass or hit by falling objects. Police said at least 179 of those hurt were in Hachinohe, a coastal city about 95 miles west of the epicenter.

The two deaths and eight of the injuries occurred when a pachinko, or pinball, game parlor collapsed in Hachinohe.

A total of 135 aftershocks — including one with a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 early today — rocked the region overnight and into the morning, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

"The shaking was strong. I couldn't stand. I saw many people squatting down on the street, and some ran away," said Takashi Masaya, a Hachinohe city official. "I saw pieces of broken glass on the street."

Water pipes damaged by the quake left 30,000 households in Hachinohe without water today. Self-defense forces trucked water into the city. Citizens collected water in buckets.

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SCOREBOARD

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Southern Cal 91, Southern Methodist 83	Alabama 83, TCU 64	Coahoma vs. Water Valley (boys), 2 p.m.	
Rhode Island 87, Texas A&M 68	Texas Tech 67, Penn St. 51	Stanton vs. Miles (boys), 5 p.m.	

Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Dave Hargrave, 263-7331, Ext 116.

Sanders tops on offense

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Sanders fell short of 2,000 yards. That was about the only milestone he didn't topple on his way to being selected the 1994 Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year.

The sensational running back of the Detroit Lions rushed for 1,883 yards this season, the best in the NFL by 338 yards — three games work for many pros. His total was the fourth best in league history, and he did it without any help from another running back or a block-until-you-drop fullback.

"That's really an honor," Sanders said. "That means a lot, to me and to my teammates, too. I was just part of the group. There are a lot of guys on this team that make me look good. I was able to reap the benefits of playing in a good offense with a good line, good receivers and a good quarterback."

You're too modest, Barry. Only four players received votes in balloting by a nationwide panel of 98 sports writers and broadcasters. Sanders had 53 votes, followed by record-setting quarterback Steve Young of San Francisco with 41. Young's teammate, wide receiver Jerry Rice, got three votes, and Cris Carter of Minnesota got the other one.

Young set an NFL record with a 112.8 passing rating, completing 324 of 461 passes for 3,969 yards and 35 touchdowns. Young also rushed for 293 yards and seven TDs.

Rice, last year's winner of the award, set the career touchdowns record with 139 and moved into second place in receptions with 820. He had a career-high 12 catches for 1,499



Detroit running back Barry Sanders breaks free for yardage in a game earlier this season. Sanders was named the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press.

yards and 13 TDs receiving, plus two TDs rushing.

Carter broke Sterling Sharpe's mark for receptions in a season by grabbing 119 passes for 1,256 yards and seven touchdowns.

All four players made the AP All-Pro team. Sanders is the first Lion to win the award.

Sanders has been a star since winning the Heisman Trophy in 1988, and was the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 1989. In his six pro seasons, Sanders has rushed for 8,672 yards, an average of 1,445 per year. The fewest yards he gained in any of those seasons

was 1,115 in 1993, when he was injured and missed five games. He began this season with a 120-yard game against Atlanta, then was held to 16 yards by Minnesota. But his next three efforts were spectacular — 194 yards at Dallas, 131 against New

Several teams made playoffs

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

Almost every area high school, it seemed, had something to cheer about last basketball season.

Although not every area team made the playoffs, it almost seemed that way. The Big Spring boys and girls teams, Forsan's girls, Coahoma's boys, Stanton's girls, Sands' girls and boys and Klondike's boys were some of the basketball teams who qualified for the playoffs during the 1993-94 season.

For the Big Spring girls, a trip to the postseason was nothing new, although the Lady Steers went about it in a different manner.

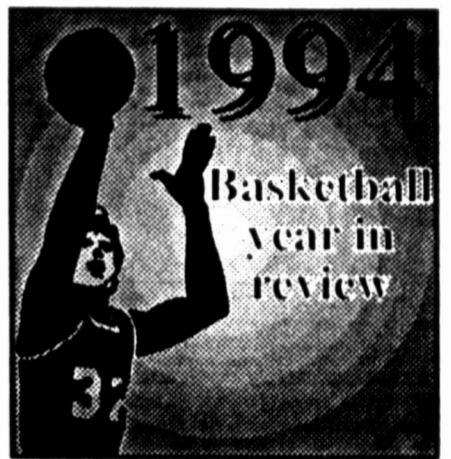
The team lost its only senior, two-time District 4-4A MVP Amy Earnst, to a knee injury midway through the district schedule, but the collection of juniors and sophomores still gave coach Ron Taylor his third straight league title.

The Lady Steers' season ended with a loss to Borger in the area round of the playoffs.

The Big Spring Steers' road to the playoffs also was a bit of a strange one. After starting the season with a 3-14 record, the Steers won 10 of their 12 district games to end the season in a tie for first with Sweetwater. Their season ended with a loss to Pampa in the area round.

The two area teams that went the farthest in the playoffs were the Forsan Queens and the Garden City Bearkats.

The two teams, which ended in a tie for first in District 23-A, advanced to the Region II-1A tournament in Abilene. Forsan fell in the first round to eventual state runner-up Jayton.



which Garden City was knocked off in the semifinals by Alvord.

The Stanton Lady Buffalos, a bit on the short side but blessed with speed, used their full-court style of play to end the season tied with Wall for the District 6-2A lead. The Lady Buffs then defeated Wall in an extra game to gain top seeding, then breezed to a bi-district playoff win before losing to eventual 2A state champion Jim Ned.

Sands got a double championship from its two teams, with both the boys' and girls' teams claiming district title.

Also winning a district title was the Coahoma Bulldogs, who gave head coach Kim Nichols his third league title at the school before losing to Anthony in bi-district.

Rounding out the area playoff teams from last season is the Klondike Cougars, who, despite starting four sophomores, claimed the runner-up spot behind Sands in District 16-1A before falling to New Home in the playoffs.

Sportsmanship: It's not dead yet, folks

Recently, I was told by someone that sportsmanship is dead. The best example, however, that proves that person wrong can be summed up in two names.



Carlton Johnson
Staff Writer

Michael Jordan and Ryan Sandburg.

Jordan and Sandburg are two very likable athletes who stepped away from their respective games for noble, but very different reasons — neither of which deserve nothing more than the most gracious of praises.

Many people still speculate that Jordan will return to basketball (of course there are still people who think they see Elvis every weekend at 7-Eleven), but in the meantime we have to respect his reasons as he stated them when he left the game.

He said he had nothing more to prove. He loves the game,

but his heart just wasn't in it anymore. I don't think anyone will doubt that part of his heart was taken from him when his father was killed.

Sandburg walked away from a contract that would have paid him almost \$7 million during the 1994-95 baseball season.

He left the game because he felt like he wasn't giving it his very best and he didn't want to do anything to hurt the game.

What a thought! Maybe we should ask Sandburg to act as the mediator in the baseball negotiations.

I think he made the best move anyone could make in his situation. After all, if you're not enjoying something you should get away from it. He didn't need the money, but more importantly, he's not tied up in the mess we currently know as baseball.

Sportsmanship is not dead and money is not everything. It only serves to make the world, a world we think will make us happy, go round.

Without these two athletes in a Chicago Bulls uniform or in the Chicago Cubs infield, the

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Astros, Padres pull trigger on trade

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Baseball's biggest trade in 37 years, a 12-player deal between the Houston Astros and San Diego Padres, also had a family angle.

Randy Smith, general manager of the San Diego Padres, sent shortstop Ricky Gutierrez, center fielder Derek Bell, left fielder Phil Plantier and three others to the Houston Astros on Wednesday.

The Astros, whose president is Randy's father, Tal, sent third baseman Ken Caminiti, shortstop Andujar Cedeno, center fielder Steve Finley, right-hander Brian Williams and first baseman Roberto Petagine to the Padres.

Additionally, the Padres will get a minor league player to be agreed on by April 30, or \$50,000.

"One-stop shopping is not bad," Randy Smith said. "This was a perfect fit for both clubs, I think."

Randy Smith spent the Christmas weekend with his parents in Houston. The deal was completed Tuesday before he returned to San Diego.

"Obviously we talked about it as we got closer to finalizing it," Randy Smith said, "but 99 percent of the conversations were

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Houston Astros president Tal Smith reacts to a question about the 12-man deal with the San Diego Padres during a news conference Wednesday in Houston.

SHOT OF THE DAY

Symmetry, sort of
Oregon tight ends Blake Spence, left, and Josh Wilcox work with a large training ball during a team practice in Glendora, Calif. Wednesday. Oregon faces Penn State in the Rose Bowl Jan. 2.

TEXAS SPORTS

Coaches sent packing

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers have told assistant coaches Tom Bettis, Frank Novak, Jim Stanley and Bob Young they can start looking for other jobs while waiting for their contracts to expire Feb. 15.

Oilers general manager Floyd Reese said Wednesday he wanted to give the four time to look for work while he considers the fate of head coach Jeff Fisher.

"All four coaches are great individuals and hard workers," Fisher said. "I think all of them have a good chance of catching on with another team."

Fisher inherited the four assistants when he replaced Jack Pardee in November. The Oilers finished the season at 2-14.

Reese has said Fisher might remain as head coach, but he will also consider other candidates.

NATION/WORLD

Allen honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Kansas City's Marcus Allen, who rushed for 132 yards in the Chiefs' 19-9 victory over the Los Angeles Raiders, was selected the AFC offensive player of the week.

Ripken will walk the line

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cal Ripken's agent, Ron Shapiro, said the Baltimore shortstop will never break ranks, even if the striking players give him their blessing so he can continue his chase for Lou Gehrig's record.

According to a report in the Houston Post, Astros reliever Todd Jones said the union told Ripken it wouldn't mind if he played with strikebreakers. Ripken has played in 2,009 consecutive games and is 121 shy of Gehrig's mark.

ON THE AIR

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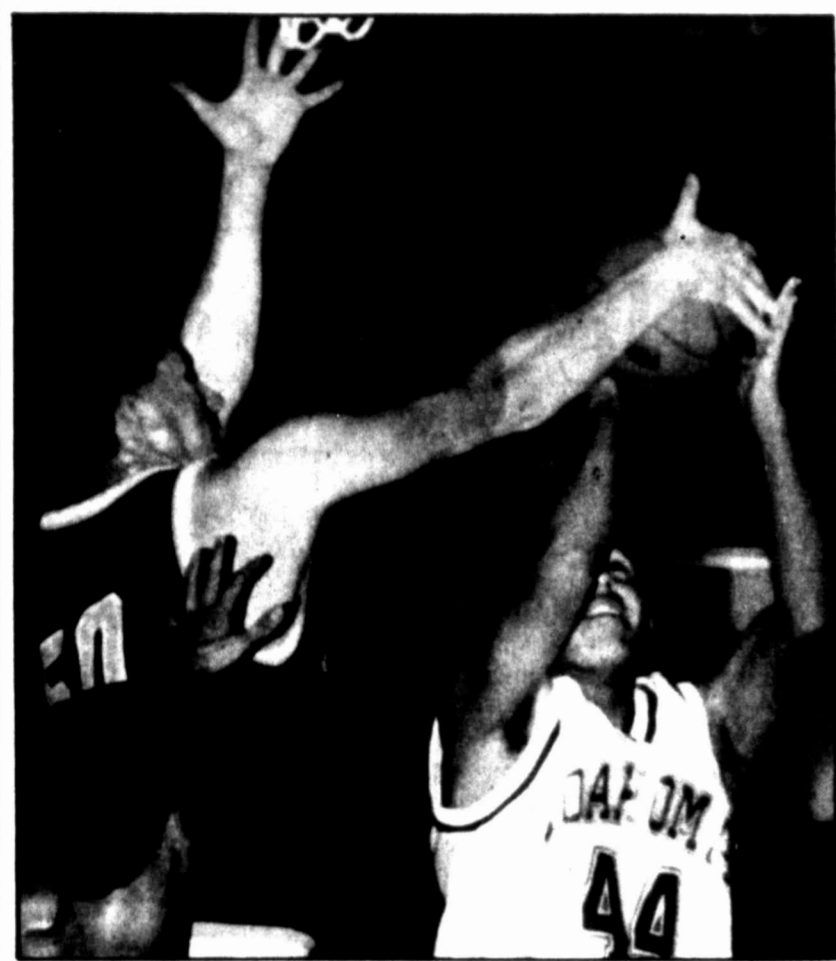
College
Copper Bowl: Brigham Young vs. Oklahoma, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Basketball

College
ECAC Holiday Festival, 8 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
Kraft Rainbow Classic, 10:30 p.m., HSE.
NBA
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).

BOTTOM of the ORDER

GOING FOR TWO



Coahoma's Adrian DeLaRosa (44) prepares to shoot while being guarded by Michael Martinez (50) of Jayton during their game Tuesday. Coahoma, which won 66-34, is in action this weekend at the Sterling City tournament.

Steers fall to Clovis

CLOVIS, N.M. — The Big Spring Steers dug themselves a hole early and were never able to climb out, dropping an 86-58 decision to Clovis in the first round of the Clovis Holiday Tournament Wednesday night. Four players scored in double figures for the Steers, who fell to 4-13 with the loss. Dustin Waters had 16 points, Aaron Bellinghausen had 12, Chris Wollenzejn 11 and Daniel Franks 10. Clovis improved to 6-3 with the win. The Eagles jumped out to a 17-8 lead after one quarter, and

gradually expanded their lead from there. Big Spring returns to action today at the tournament against Portales, N.M. Game time is either 2:45 p.m. or 7:45 p.m., Mountain time.

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Trade

Continued from page 5A with (Houston GM Bob) Watson. "Certainly it was on both of our minds, but over the last 11 or 12 years, we learned to respect one another's position and not get in a conflict of interest," the Padres GM continued. "If we hadn't been in this position before, it would be awfully difficult. But we learned not to ask questions." The deal was the first by any team since owners imposed a salary cap last Friday. If it becomes a 12-player deal, it would match the fourth-largest of the century, behind 18-player deals in 1900 and 1954, and a 13-player trade in 1957.

There also was a 12-player trade in 1957. "I like this deal," said Randy Smith, whose first few months on the job were spent completing ownership's salary purge by trading Gary Sheffield, Fred McGriff, Bruce Hurst and Greg Harris in 1993. "It's a real nice mixture for us, and we did not have to give up our young prospects," Smith said. "Our future still looks good, and our present doesn't look too bad, either." Tal Smith said he left all the deal-making to Watson. And he downplayed the Astros' need to cut their payroll because of the salary cap.

Sanders

Continued from page 5A England, and 166 vs. Tampa Bay. The Buccaneers were his main victim this year, yielding Sanders' career high of 237 yards on 26 carries in Week 10. In all, Sanders rushed for at least 110 yards in 10 games. "Barry is just a tremendous talent," coach Wayne Fontes said, "and, I feel, very deserving of this honor. He is probably, in my opinion, the greatest running back the NFL has ever seen. "For a class guy, a team guy, I think this honor makes it all worthwhile." To a man, Sanders' teammates echo those sentiments. "Knowing Barry, he doesn't give a hoot about the stats and personal goals," said center Kevin Glover, who has blocked for Sanders since he was a rookie. "But we do. As linemen, we don't have stats to hang our hats on. We can't say, 'Well, I scored six touchdowns.' So we try to hang our hats on things like helping him gain the rushing title." "As a whole, Barry's the best back I've ever blocked for and, in my opinion, he's the best one out there," tackle Dave Lutz said. "Some people will argue for Emmitt Smith or Thurman Thomas. I've never blocked for them, but I don't see how they can be any better than Barry." Neither could the voters.

the San Francisco 49ers was supposed to be a gamble. Some gamble. Sanders became the focal point of a defensive turnaround by the 49ers that, along with the team's powerhouse offense, has the club poised for another Super Bowl run. "Without him, we would be a different team," secondary coach Tom Holmoe said of Sanders, named Wednesday the 1994 Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year. "I think a lot of players gained confidence by seeing his approach, his confidence in himself, his confidence in his skills. Now, some people say that the 49ers went out on a limb, but I can say that there's not another team in the NFL that wouldn't want to have him," Holmoe said. Sanders was the last of six new starters in the remaking of San Francisco's defense, which collapsed in consecutive losses to Dallas in the NFC championship game. The two-sport star waited until the baseball season was canceled in September before signing with the 49ers as a free agent, but went on from there to fashion a brilliant season. His presence at right cornerback allowed Merton Hanks to return to free safety, where he turned in a Pro Bowl effort, and also unleashed strong safety Tim McDonald to free-lance more near the line of scrimmage.

Deion wins defensive award

SPORTSEXTRA

FOOTBALL

Tennessee (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (10-1) vs. Michigan (7-4), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas (7-4) vs. North Carolina (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
 Baylor (7-4) vs. Washington State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
 Illinois (6-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
 North Carolina State (8-3) vs. Mississippi State (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
 Nebraska (12-0) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, Jan. 2
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
 Wisconsin (6-4-1) vs. Duke (8-3), 11 p.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
 Ohio State (9-3) vs. Alabama (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
 Fiesta Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 Colorado (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (6-4-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
 Carquest Bowl

At Miami
 South Carolina (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
 Cotton Bowl
 At Dallas
 Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Southern California (7-3-1), 1 p.m. (NBC)
 Rose Bowl
 At Pasadena, Calif.
 Penn State (11-0) vs. Oregon (9-3), 4:50 p.m. (PAC)
 Sugar Bowl
 At New Orleans
 Florida (10-1-1) vs. Florida State (9-1-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

All Times EST
Wild Card Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 31
 Detroit at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.
 Kansas City at Miami, 4 p.m.
 Sunday, Jan. 1
 New England at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Minnesota, 4 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 31
 Cleveland, Kansas City or New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
 Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay or Minnesota at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
 Sunday, Jan. 2
 Detroit, Green Bay or Minnesota at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
 Cleveland, Miami or New England at San Diego, 4 p.m.

NOTE: The division champion with the best record plays the surviving wild-card winner with the lowest ranking record. The division champion with the second-best record plays the other remaining wild-card playoff winner.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings
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 Washington 7 18 .280 14
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 Indiana 16 9 .640 2
 Charlotte 14 12 .538 4 1/2
 Chicago 14 13 .519 5
 Atlanta 11 16 .407 8
 Detroit 9 16 .360 9
 Milwaukee 9 17 .346 9 1/2
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 L.A. Clippers 4 23 .148 17
 Wednesday's Games
 Chicago 105, Boston 97
 New York 101, Detroit 93
 Cleveland 91, Washington 75
 Utah 117, Indiana 95
 Seattle 121, Philadelphia 102
 Thursday's Games
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 San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 Friday's Games
 San Antonio at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.
 New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Virginia finally claims bowl win over TCU

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Virginia buried its demons in the rain, mud and cold of the Independence Bowl, and coach George Welsh and his 18th-ranked Cavaliers are delighted. "It's great to finally get that bowl losing streak off our backs," Welsh said Wednesday night after the Cavaliers used their powerhouse defense and a balanced offense to ambush Texas Christian 20-10. "We had a sense of urgency," Welsh said, in part because of a frustrating string of four bowl losses, but also because of a season-ending 30-27 loss to North Carolina State. The Atlantic Coast Conference Cavaliers wound up 9-3, the Southwest Conference co-champion Frogs 7-5. Virginia end Mike Frederick, voted the outstanding defensive player of the game, said the victory cured a world of intangible ills. "It kept coming up all year," he said. "First, we weren't beating anyone, then we couldn't win in November, then we couldn't win a bowl game. But we just stuck to believing in ourselves." Quarterback Mike Groh hit wide receiver Tyrone Davis with a pivotal 37-yard touchdown pass in the third period, and the Cavaliers pounded the Horned Frogs with the running of Kevin Brooks and Charles May. "When we hit for that touchdown, we knew we could relax," Davis said. "We knew we could score on them anytime we wanted."



Virginia tailback Kevin Brooks, right, eludes Texas Christian free safety Manvel Hopes during second quarter action at the Independence Bowl Wednesday evening.

A couple of Horned Frogs said the riverboat revelry may have been a factor. "We did a little too much seeing the town," confessed defensive tackle Royal West. And when asked what he would do differently, TCU quarterback Max Knake shrugged and said: "I'd probably stay out of the casinos before having to get up at 8:30 the next morning." Knake, the top passer in the SWC with 2,642 yards, completed only eight of 24 passes for a meager 65 yards and was intercepted once by the Cavaliers, who led the nation with 27 steals. "The truth of it is, I played terrible," Knake said. "If I would have played better, there may have been a different outcome in the game." Not likely. Groh completed 14 of 23 passes for 199 yards and hit several clutch shots.

The Cavaliers allowed TCU's All-SWC running back Andre Davis to gain 97 yards on 24 carries, but yielded only a total of 126 rushing yards. Meanwhile, Brooks carried for 114 yards and set up one touchdown with a 52-yard run. And Charles Way added another 90 yards on the ground while scoring once on a 6-yard run. Rafael Garcia opened and closed Virginia's scoring with field goals of 20 and 32 yards. He missed one and had another blocked. TCU trailed 10-3 at halftime and 20-3 at the end of the third period, but marched 48 yards in 11 plays in the final quarter and

scored on a 1-yard pass from Knake to tight end Brian Collins. Groh, voted the game's outstanding offensive player, guided Virginia 68 yards in six plays for the pivotal touchdown, hitting Davis with the final 37-yarder. "The safety bit just enough on the play fake to let me get a step," Davis said. "Mike read it right and threw a great pass." Moments later, Randy Neal intercepted a pass from Knake, and the last demon vanished. The game was sponsored by Poulan-Weed Eater.

Johnson

Continued from page 5A world of sports is minus two great sportsman. Jordan is doing something else he loves. Sandburg is spending more time with his family. Nothing wrong with either of these options, but many sports fans can't seem to distinguish between good and evil. Dennis Rodman is the worst example of a sportsman and team player I've ever seen and he's now as popular as any player in the league. Jordan leaves the game of basketball and people have the audacity to say he's selfish. The only thing Jordan ever

did to hurt the game of basketball is set the standard of excellence too high for anyone else to reach. Sandburg left baseball with a strong message as well. With his wife by his side, he walked away a sportsman and a gentleman. Maybe in another dozen years or so we will have more Jordans and Sandburgs playing basketball and baseball because they love the game and not for how much they can put into the bank. True sportsmanship is not dead!

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GAME: "The Mystery: Star and Minnie"
COMPANY: C SYSTEM: SU (SNES)
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Mickey, Minnie star in fun game

By BRITT and BRIAN WARNER
Thomson News Service

GAME: "The Great Circus Mystery: Starring Mickey and Minnie!"

COMPANY: Capcom
SYSTEM: Super Nintendo (SNES)

DIFFICULTY: Adjustable
PLOT SUMMARY: It was a bright, beautiful summer day and Mickey and Minnie Mouse were looking forward to seeing the circus.

But as the famous couple walked toward the tents, they could tell something was amiss. There were no cheering crowds or busy performers. The place was nearly deserted.

Mickey and Minnie met up with their forlorn pal Goofy, who was not his usual happy self. He explained that something had gone wrong; the circus was all topsy-turvy, weird things were happening, and all the people had left.

Who could do such a thing as to ruin a wonderful circus? Just then the three friends noticed their enemy Baron Pete dash into the big top. It didn't take long for our heroes to figure out that the villainous Pete was up to no-good again.

Now Mickey and Minnie are the only ones who can save the circus!

STRUCTURE: The Great Circus Mystery is a side-scrolling adventure game starring that irresistible twosome, Mickey and Minnie Mouse. This game can be played alone with either of the two characters, or it can be played with a friend where the two of you work as a team.

The duo take an adventurous journey through a dangerous jungle, an icy mountain, and even a haunted house! Easy you say? It's not as simple as you may think.

On their way to the infamous Baron Pete's lair, Mickey and Minnie must overcome various obstacles such as ghosts, ants, and snails.

Along their way, the pair make some new friends: the Lonely Ghosts. Their new friends give Mickey and Minnie some safari and western gear to add to their wardrobe. The safari outfit is equipped with a hook that can be used to slide down vines, swing on circle blocks (so as to fly out farther than normally possible), and climb up walls.

Once in a while an enemy will taunt you and hold up a bulls-eye; shoot this and a special item will appear. The special item may be anything from a battery to some more ammo for your cork gun.

There are six boards our friends have to conquer to get to the Baron's castle. There are hidden treasures throughout, and there are occasional doorways that lead to stores in which Mickey and Minnie can buy goods to refill their power.

BRIAN'S COMMENTS: The Great Circus Mystery was a really fun game. I guess I was wrong when I thought it would be a boring kids game that an older audience wouldn't enjoy.

BRITT'S COMMENTS: This game is exceptionally fun for players of any age. The graphics are very good and the sound is great. It's a fun, nonviolent, and relaxing game; totally amazing! I recommend it to everyone.

RATINGS: Britt.....Brian
Graphics.....4.....5
Sound/Music.....4.....5
Fun Factor.....5.....5
Maneuverability.....5.....5
Length.....4.....5
Overall.....5.....5

College information hotline open Jan. 7-8

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

School won't be out for another five months, but seniors in high school can already start preparing for college.

A college information hotline is being set up to provide timely information concerning post-secondary educational opportunities to Texas students and their families.

High school and college coun-

sors will man 10 phone lines Jan 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Spanish-speaking counselors are also available. Admission representatives from over 25 public and private colleges and universities in Texas will answer the hotline.

The hotline (1-800-829-4599) is operated from offices of the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation in Bryan. When possible, the caller will be able to speak to a counselor from a specific school. Questions are

also fielded concerning vocational, technical and community colleges.

The hotline is for anyone seeking information about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities or special programs. Callers may also request information from specific colleges and universities.

The majority of those who call are high school students and their parents, but some are

in middle school, current college students, adults who did not complete college or never attended and veterans with questions about their benefits.

If counselors cannot answer a specific question, they will research the information and call back within a week with the information.

The sources of information for the counselors include college publications, computerized information systems and the collective experience of the

over 75 admission professionals who are volunteering their time.

Members of the Texas Association of School Financial Aid Administrators will be available to assist with detailed information about the financial aid process and application procedures.

The 1995 College Information Hotline will be open Jan. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll free telephone number is 1-800-829-4599.

MOOSE ON THE LOOSE



Fish and Wildlife Officer Clark Merriman faces down a bull moose after poking it with a pole with a tranquilizer in Calgary, Canada. The moose spent a few hours wandering in the neighborhood with police, rangers and wildlife officials on its heels.

New Years around the world

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

Only three more days until the New Year! This means staying up late, banging on pots and pans, and consuming lots of snacks and sodas until the wee hours of Jan. 1, 1995, right?

Of course. And people all around the world will be joining in the celebration. Celebrating the New Year isn't just an American phenomenon.

In fact, many cultures attach a religious significance to the day which, for Americans, usually means a day off from school or work and having to change the calendar.

The Jewish culture knows the New Year as Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew for "head of the year"). However, their New Year's Day falls differently than ours. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated in early fall and is a solemn occasion, the Day of Judgment.

This day ushers in the penitential season, which ends 10 days later on Yom Kippur. A distinctive feature of Rosh Hashanah synagogue services is the blowing of a ram's horn.

The services stress the sovereignty of God and the hope that all humans will recognize him as Father and King.

In China, the New Year is traditionally a time of great celebration. The Chinese year begins with the second new moon after the winter solstice, which occurs between Jan. 21 and Feb. 19.

Ever eaten in a Chinese restaurant? Then the animal names assigned to the cyclical round of Chinese years will sound familiar: rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, serpent, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog and pig.

The animal names and the years assigned to them are popular decorations for Chinese restaurant placemats and menus. (See, there's some education to be served along with the food!)

Chinese New Year is usually celebrated with gift-giving and religious ceremonies. The calendar is based on 12 lunar months, similar to the calendar used by Americans and most Western cultures.

In the Islamic religion, the calendar is based on the date we would call July 16, 622 A.D. This is the date Muhammad is said to have fled from Mecca to Medina in the Middle East. The Islamic New Year falls in the middle of Western summer.

India's New Year is being celebrated right now, during the last four days of December. The celebrations are similar to those of the Chinese New Year, including gift-giving and religious observance.

New Year's Day and its celebrations differ around the world, but all of us recognize the coming of the New Year as an important milestone. Most Americans will probably stick with the celebrations we know and love - noisemakers, confetti and counting down to the dawn of Jan. 1.
Happy 1995!

Ear monitors save musicians' hearing

By TIM DELANEY
The Victoria Advocate

VICTORIA, Texas — Concertgoers may soon see their favorite musicians wearing something that looks like a hearing aid.

But don't fret — these musical luminaries are not going deaf. The little hearing-aid looking devices seen in both ears are really micro speakers, the latest technology in live performance equipment.

George Cire, an audiologist at Victoria Regional Hearing Center, says he does contract work for one of the original companies supplying the "ear monitors," which are used to help singers hear themselves on stage.

The company, Sensaphonics of Philadelphia, began seven years ago when founder Mike Santucci created a coalition of audiologists across the country to serve the needs of profession-

al musicians.

Cire hasn't been in the entertainment business long, but he said he likes it. "I'm used to working mostly with elderly people who have hearing problems. In the entertainment business you have to be laid back. And we don't take any cameras, ask for any autographs, or backstage passes."

Cire said Sensaphonics has provided ear monitors to groups like the Eagles, Aerosmith, Rush, Poison and Counting Crows, among others.

So far, Cire has worked with The BoDeans and Crosby Stills and Nash. He said the process to get ear monitors begins with an interview and hearing test, which are kept confidential.

Cire, who has a degree in audiology from Louisiana State University and the School of Allied Health Professions, said after the hearing test a musician is given a choice of small speakers that are fitted into the device. Some offer more bass,

others more highs.

Once a selection is made, an impression of the ear canal is made with a pliable clay that sets after 10 to 15 minutes. The mold is then sent to a laboratory for the finished product.

Crosby, Stills and Nash had ear canal impressions done at their rehearsal hall in Los Angeles before the molds were sent to a Kansas laboratory.

Then the devices were sent to the group before their Houston concert in June. Cire was called in to help take sound level measurements and make sure the devices fitted correctly.

Cire worked on Graham Nash's ear monitors. But it was David Crosby who told Cire he saw the ear monitors being used by the Grateful Dead and wanted to try them.

The equipment Crosby, Stills and Nash bought costs about \$3,000, but that didn't include the equipment the group already had — a kind of radio

station transmitter and receiver that allows the group to sing on wireless microphones and costs about \$7,000.

Cire said there are ear monitor models that cost about \$800. "I really believe the technology is going to come down in price."

The hearing expert said the monitors have two benefits for musicians — they can hear better over the loud music, and as much as 20 decibels of outside sound can be cut with the monitors plugging the ears.

Cire has also worked with the area band Rhythm of the Road, which recently purchased ear monitors. "They were able to get the mix they want without blasting each other out. And they've cut their volume at performances by about 15 decibels.

"They can play the same way night after night, no matter what size hall."

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Pope home alumni discuss orphanage pros, cons

By JIM JONES
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Alumni of the Lena Pope Home expressed warm memories of the Fort Worth children's facility at a recent Christmas reunion, but decried House speaker-elect Newt Gingrich's idea of placing impoverished children in orphanages.

"He doesn't have any concept of what he's saying," said Ken Harrison, 33, who lived at Lena Pope from the time he was 3 1/2 until he was 18. "He still believes in that old movie,

'Boys Town,' that Mickey Rooney was in."

Harrison, who attended an alumni reunion at the Marty Leonard Community Chapel on the Lena Pope Home campus, said Gingrich's idea would be costly and would cause pain for children and their parents.

Gingrich, a Republican, appeared recently on Meet the Press to discuss his proposal to revive orphanages and group homes for children of teen-age welfare mothers.

He suggested that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton view the 1938 movie "Boys Town" before criticizing the idea of

moving children from their natural parents to orphanages.

But critics, including Harrison, said the proposal leaves out the human factor.

"Putting someone in a home just because their parents are not wealthy or are living below the poverty line is not right," Harrison said. "Some of the wealthiest people I know have no love at all, and some poor people have all the love in the world."

The facility has helped hundreds and youths since its founding in 1930. About 125 teens live on the campus today.

Joyce Ellis Arteese, who

came to Lena Pope in the 1950s at age 7, said she considers the home's hundreds of alumni as part of her family.

But Ms. Arteese, who lives in Santo in Palo Pinto County, said she is also concerned about Gingrich's proposal to put children from poor families into orphanages.

"You have to give parents a chance," she said. "I made a promise to myself that I would never do what was done to me. I would never give up my children."

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on an AP story that was for use on Dec. 13.

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Sheepdog May Become Drug Program Ambassador

NEW YORK (AP) — An Old English sheepdog nicknamed "Cokey" for the five pounds of cocaine discovered in her belly may become an ambassador in school drug awareness programs.

The 4-year-old shaggy dog arrived Dec. 1 at Kennedy Airport on a flight from Bogota, Colombia. She was lethargic and dehydrated, and X-rays revealed she was carrying 10 cocaine-filled bags with a street value of \$250,000 in her stomach.

Cokey is recovering at the U.S. Customs Canine Enforcement Training Center in Front Royal, Va.

The agency said that Cokey "may very well turn out to be the best ambassador the U.S. Customs Service will have for the drug awareness programs that are presented to school children."

She would visit schools "to show children what happened to her, to show what they did to her to get the drugs into the country," said Joan Baran, a spokeswoman for the agency.

Baran said Cokey is "eating well, but still has 25 pounds to gain."

A New Jersey man who came to claim the dog was charged with possession of drugs with intent to distribute.

Use information from the story to answer the following true or false questions:

1. The U.S. Customs Service became interested in Cokey when she arrived at Kennedy Airport in New York.

2. The Old English sheepdog was being used to secretly bring food into the United States.

3. The dog came to New York in order to be part of a drug awareness program.

4. Customs agents discovered that drugs were hidden inside the belly of the sheepdog.

5. When Cokey arrived at the airport, she was very active and in good health.

6. The canine is recovering, but she is still unable to eat.

7. According to the article, the dog was nicknamed "Cokey" because she became addicted to cocaine.

8. For now, the dog is being cared for at a 125 room hotel in Fort Royal, Virginia.

9. At the U.S. Customs Canine Training Center, Cokey is learning how to recognize the smell of drugs.

10. When schoolchildren meet the sheepdog, they will be able to see how she was mistreated.

BONUS: Cokey will probably be a good ambassador, or representative, for the drug awareness program because many children believe animals should be treated kindly.

Answer Key: 1)T 2)F 3)F 4)T 5)F 6)F 7)F 8)F 9)F 10)T Bonus)T

PART TWO HUNTING FOR A HOME:

Check the "pet" ads in the classified section of your local newspaper. How many animals need a new home? Can you list three reasons why a pet might have to be put up for adoption?

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Especially for kids and their families The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Hello, Alabama!

The Kids of 1994

Here are some of Hoover, Alabama's favorite fads. Put a check if these are popular where you live.



Computers and computer games are in with the students at Hoover Elementary. Do you have computers in your school?

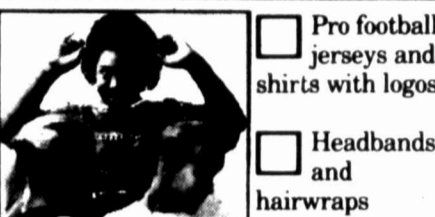
What was "in" for the kids of 1994? The Mini Page surveyed some kids at Green Valley Elementary School in Hoover, Ala.



Hoover is a suburb of Birmingham, Ala., the state's largest city.



Pro football jerseys and shirts with logos



Headbands and hairwraps



Jackets with hoods



Big floppy hats with flowers, made popular by the star of the TV show "Blossom"



Hiking boots



In-line skates

The Mini Page thanks survey teachers Mary Anne Shows, Cindy O'Brien, Debbie Rogers, Jane Keith, Mary Kay Allen, Phoebe Pate, Sharon Sanders, Jean Schaefer and Melinda Payne. We also thank Geri Voelker, NIE coordinator, The Birmingham News, Birmingham, Ala.

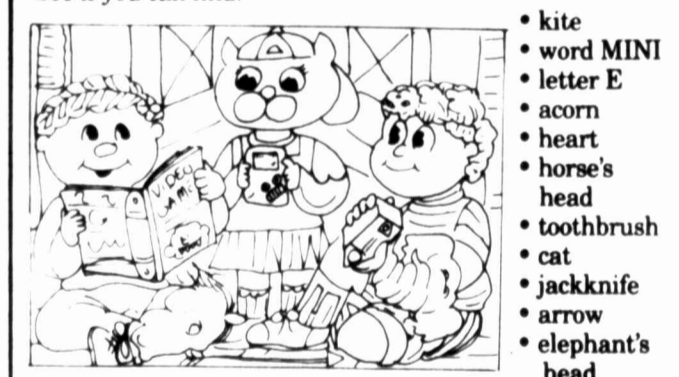
Musical artists: Ace of Base, Boyz II Men, Alabama, Elton John, Garth Brooks, Janet Jackson, Aerosmith, Michael Jackson, Beach Boys, Guns 'n Roses

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Sweet and Sour Chicken

You'll need: 1/2 cup light brown sugar, 3 tablespoons mustard, 4 boneless chicken breasts, 1/2 cup sweet pickle juice. What to do: 1. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and mustard. Mix well. 2. Coat each chicken breast with an equal amount of sugar-mustard mixture. 3. Pour pickle juice in bottom of an 8-by-8-inch, microwave-safe baking dish. 4. Place chicken breasts on top. 5. Cover with waxed paper and microwave on HIGH following your microwave's instructions for cooking chicken. 6. Let stand 5 minutes after cooking. Serves 4.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are playing with video games. See if you can find:



- kite, word MINI, letter E, acorn, heart, horse's head, toothbrush, cat, jackknife, arrow, elephant's head

1994 TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the kids of 1994 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ROALD DAHL, JENNY GARTH, ALABAMA, STEVE AVERY, SHORTS, MARTIN, BEVERLY CLEARLY, DAVID JUSTICE, DISNEY, BOB SAGET, TOM GLAVINE, FULL HOUSE, TAG TEAM, HATS.

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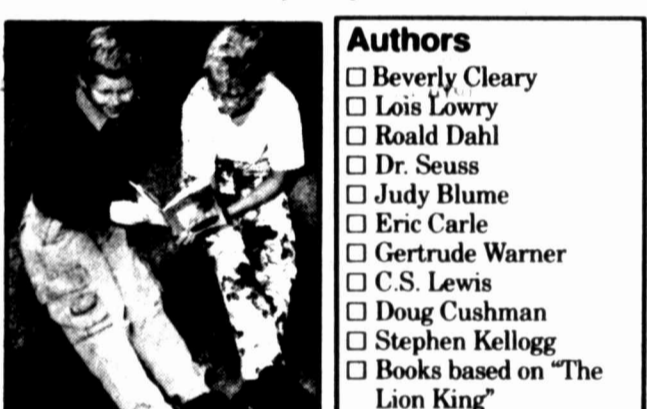
Fads from A to Z

Here are some favorites from all around the country. Circle the fads that are "in" where you're "at!"

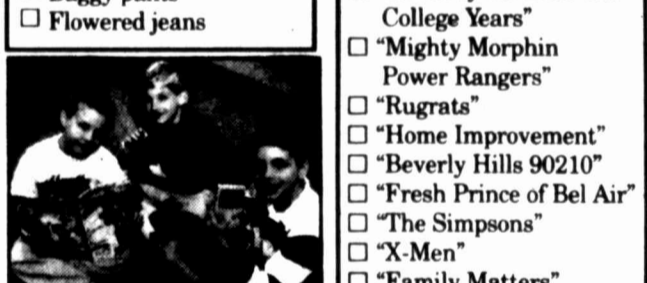
- A - action figures, baby doll dresses, baggy pants, baggy shorts, bandanas, Barbies, Barney, baseball caps, baseball cards, beach sandals, beaded necklaces, beads in hair, bell bottoms, bicycle shorts, big shirts, Birkenstocks, black jeans, body suits, bowl haircut with rattail, boxer shorts, braids, bright clothes, Chinese checkers, chokers, clove, colored lens sunglasses, combat boots, computers, computer games, country music, cowboy boots, crew cuts, cutoff blue jeans, cutting name in hair, dangling earrings, denim shirts, designer haircuts, Disney stuff, earrings for boys, earrings (several at a time), eating fajitas, elephant pants, flannel shirts, flowered hats, flowing dresses, French braid, friendship bracelets, fringed boots, girls wearing guys' clothes, grunge look, hair bows, hair scrunchies around wrist, hair shaved on sides and back, hats worn sideways, headbands, hoodies, holes in clothes, hooded jackets

More favorites from Alabama

Put a check if they are your favorites, too.



Clothes: Baggy pants, Flowered jeans



Computer games and magazines

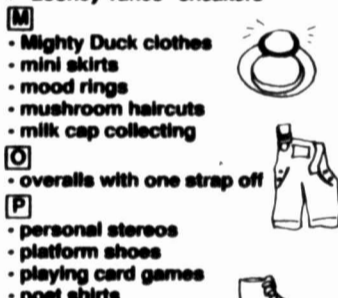
Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Heather Whitestone, Robin Williams, Macaulay Culkin, Harrison Ford, Lucille Ball, Tom Cruise, Kevin Costner, Jim Carrey

Kids and teachers: Use this issue as a guide for a Mini Page 1994 Kids of Today Survey in your class. Please send your results to: The Mini Page Survey, Box 70567, Washington, D.C. 20024

Kids flip over milk caps

Around 90 years ago, milk used to be delivered in glass bottles with caps made of cardboard. Kids in Hawaii made up a game using milk caps. They called the game "Pogs," after a drink made from passion fruit, orange juice and guava juice. Today, the name "Pogs" is a trademark. Only a company called the World Pog Federation can use it on its milk caps.

But now there are many other companies making milk cap games. The milk caps come in sets of six to 11. Each set has one cap called a "slammer" or "kini." The object is to throw the slammer at the other caps and see how many you can flip over.



Milk cap or disk, Slammer or kini

- ice hockey, in-line skating, jean jackets, jean shorts, jumpers, Jurassic Park, keychains on book bags and backpacks, large floppy hats, leave tags on hats, leopard, light-up shoes, line dancing, long hair on boys, Looney Tunes sneakers, Mighty Duck clothes, mini skirts, mood rings, mushroom haircuts, milk cap collecting, overalls with one strap off, personal stereos, platform shoes, playing card games, ponytails, Power Rangers, rap music, remote-control cars, rock music, rolled-up pant legs, ruffled blouses, sandals with socks, 70s look, shirts with cartoon characters, shoes, two different kinds, shoes without laces, short hair on girls, skateboarding, skirts, snap bracelets, soccer, soccer shoes, spilled hair, sport shirts with logos, strap haircut, stretch pants, sweats, sunflowers, tank tops, tattoos (washable), team clothes, tie-dye clothes, trading cards, trolls, T-shirts, Umbros, video games, water guns

YOU CAN SEE THROUGH THEM! Dear Edger, When you see radical stuff in an ornament, you're not really looking INTO the ornament. You're seeing bounced light - light bouncing off stuff in the room that bounces off the curved glass ball. After the gifts are open and the wrapping paper has been wadded up, take a few minutes to look at the room by collecting light with a glass tree ornament. MORE STUFF: Look at the ornament. Light coming in from wide-apart things and pieces will be bounced into your eye. Things that are beside the ball will be reflected into your eye. The ornament is a sphere, and its surface faces all directions. That's what's special. Because the surface of the ornament is curved, it can face your eye and something beside the ornament at the same time. Experiment #1: WHAT YOU NEED: Mirror - shiny ornament. WHAT TO DO: Take some time to see what You Can see in a mirror. Everything you see is light bouncing off the mirror into your eyes. Angle A will always equal angle B. That's why you can't see stuff that's directly beside the mirror. You can't get close enough to the wall to make the angles equal. Try it!

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By ISABEL London Ob

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TOP YOUTH HORSEMEN

Courtesy photo
Howard County Youth Horsemen saddle winners for 1994 were, top, Jarrod Price and Diedra Harris. Second place winners Jack Curry and Whitney Price, right, won horse blankets.



Sleepers' worst nightmare: Insomnia

By ISABEL WOLFF
London Observer Service

Sleep, wrote Shakespeare in "Macbeth," is the chief nourisher at life's feast. Little wonder then that we talk about being "starved" of sleep when deprived of it.

The causes of sleeplessness are many and varied.

"It can be due to a medical condition, such as chronic pain from rheumatism or arthritis," says Professor Jim Horne, who runs the Sleep Research Laboratory at Britain's Loughborough University. "Or it can be chemical, as a result of drinking tea, coffee or alcohol. Chronic or long-term insomnia is often associated with depression or anxiety, and environmental factors certainly contribute."

The great increase in road and air traffic is conspiring to keep us awake. Recently, bleary-eyed, pajama-clad protesters from southwest London took the British Civil Aviation Authority to court, claiming their sleep had been seriously disrupted by the increase in night flights to Heathrow airport.

And sleepless nights, staring wild-eyed into the darkness, are worse than bad dreams, as horror writer Stephen King has realized. His latest novel, "Insomnia," is about a man whose inability to sleep turns his life into a waking nightmare.

King isn't an insomniac, but high-profile sufferers include Margaret Thatcher, who is said to have slept for only four hours a night when she was prime minister. She thrived on her wakefulness; indeed, it could be said to have saved her life. When the Grand Hotel in Brighton was bombed during the 1984 Conservative Party Conference, she avoided the 2 a.m. blast because she was up writing a speech.

For the rest of us, however,

being deprived of the prerequisite eight hours can ruin lives.

One-third of Americans are reported to have difficulty sleeping, and many U.S. hospitals have sleep clinics. But in Britain the condition is treated as of marginal interest. There are only a handful of specialist clinics in Britain and little research is conducted into sleeplessness.

According to Horne, there's a serious underestimation of the problem in Britain. But the little that is known about it suggests that poor sleepers could be costing the National Health Service dearly: They have more general health problems than good sleepers.

In particular, their bodies can find it difficult to repair damaged tissue due to an excess of the hormones adrenalin and cortisone, the production of which is inhibited by sleep and encouraged by wakefulness.

Poor sleepers have been found to have a higher daytime temperature, too. This suggests that they have a greater metabolic rate and more rapid turnover of body tissues. These two factors may contribute to a reduced life expectancy. In one study, a group of middle-aged people who believed themselves to be poor sleepers and who were followed up for six years, were found to have a higher death rate than a group who said that they slept well.

However, many people who claim to be insomniac probably aren't. "The acid test is whether one feels exhausted during the day," Horne says. "Many people who claim to have slept badly actually manage to stay alert and awake, which means they probably are getting enough sleep."

Quality is more important than quantity. "Seven-and-a-half to eight hours a night is probably ideal, but some people can get by on six, as long as it is uninterrupted," he says.

Where'd you get those eyes?

By GREG BISCHOF
Texarkana Gazette

ATLANTA, Texas — There is more to Robert Terry Trawnik's profession than meets the eye.

"When people ask me if I'm busy, I like to say I'm up to my eyes in eyeballs," Trawnik said.

Trawnik, based in East Texas, is one of only about 100 board-certified ophthalmologists in the United States and Canada. He makes artificial eyes for people who have suffered loss of an eye to accidents, disease or birth defects.

Most of his business comes from referrals from eye doctors and also from just word of mouth.

Customers who suffered eye loss resulting from traumatic injury account for about 60 percent of Trawnik's business, while 30 percent of all other cases result from diseases such as glaucoma, diabetes and cancer. Birth defects account for about the other 10 percent.

"I like working with people and I like the feeling you get when you help people recover from an eye loss," he said as he stood in his kitchen amid shelves of antique soft drink bottles, which he collects in his spare time.

He said the saddest part about his job is having to make artificial eyes for children. About 25 percent of his clients are under 16 years old.

Some of the tragedies his young patients have suffered, he says, are caused by reaching for sharp objects, like scissors and kitchen utensils at the edge of counters.

Lawnmowers throwing rocks and other assorted shrapnel along with fireworks (especially bottle rockets), sticks, toy swords, baseball bats and pellet (BB) guns are just some of the items that cause most youthful eye loss, he said.

"It's important for parents to prevent kids from having to visit me in the first place," he said.

Trawnik, 40, first became interested in eye prosthetics when his brother, Randy, lost his left eye in a Reserve Officer Training Corps accident in high school.

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Robert Terry Trawnik

That, as well as their mutual interest in art, is what drew both brothers into the profession.

Trawnik, who used to draw and paint and has done some carpentry and woodwork at various times, began his new career by working with his brother's business in Dallas for seven years. The business has branch offices in Fort Worth, Lubbock, Odessa, Tyler and Shreveport.

He eventually started his own full time practice in Atlanta in the summer of 1993. Trawnik also travels to offices in Shreveport and Tyler every week and to the one in Odessa every month.

Since last year, Trawnik has made about 50 to 60 new "eyes" for people.

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Terry Trawnik, one of only about 100 board-certified ophthalmologists in the United States and Canada, paints an artificial eye in Atlanta, Texas. Trawnik became interested in making artificial eyes when his brother lost an eye in an accident.



Artificial eyes made by Robert Trawnik are made of a hard castable acrylic. They are not completely spherical or soft and gooey as some might think.

Senior volunteers help Even horseback riders need helmets

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

HOUSTON — This time of year, we think of 70- and 80-year-old grandmothers and grandfathers as being on the receiving end of gift-giving and good will.

That's not the case at the North Main Food Pantry, 3525 Beauchamp, where the average age of a volunteer is over 70.

Take 80-year-old George Hatten. The longtime volunteer wears a cap tilted to one side and describes himself as "contrary." Today, his job is sacking Christmas turkeys or filling plastic bags with beans, rice and macaroni.

"Anything that needs to be done, lady. I come down here 'cause I like it," he says. "Putting my time to use instead of wasting it. They need the help."

Indeed, three days a week, the line of clients winds along the Heights-area building and out to the street. Children wait with their parents, or play chase around a garbage can. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and bags of corn, bread, pastries, diapers and butter are handed out until 2:15 or 3. This year, the pantry will feed more than 26,000 needy people and their family members.

Behind the scenes are individuals like Tolula Horton, 84, and Betty Waghalter, 83. They arrive well before 9 a.m. to fill the shelves and divvie up pastries, pies and bread. As the clients file through the front door, Horton sits in the packing area, tallying up names and numbers of family members.

"I have a bad shoulder, but I don't let that stop me," she says. "You can see I have to keep the record straight."

When asked if she finds the advanced age of her fellow volunteers a bit unusual, she just laughs.

Food pantry director Mary Carter says elderly volunteers

are the backbone of their operation.

"The older people want something to do, really need something to do, and the younger ones have full-time jobs," she says.

Carrie Moffitt, executive director of the Volunteer Center, which matches volunteers with jobs throughout the city, says senior Samaritans are the most sought-after. They're dependable and they can work during regular business hours — a daytime slot that's typically difficult to fill.

"We have a saying around here about senior volunteers," Moffitt says. "They have the most to get from volunteering; they also have the most to give."

Generally speaking, older volunteers stay on the job longer, she says. "They tend to be a lot more reliable... They also seem to be able to do long-term commitments. All that adds up."

The North Main Food Pantry is partially supported by a coalition of eight churches, the End Hunger Network and the Houston Food Bank.

Handling the heavier canned vegetables and bottles of sparkling water are Frank Hablinski, 86, and Val Diehl, 82. On the young end of the assembly line are Gene Widacki, 65, and James Beatty, 38.

Josephine Danna, 83, stops by to drop off plastic bags because she knew they'd be running low. Ruth Froehner, 79, is in constant motion between the packing area and front counter.

Ask them what drives their desire to help out and you hear variations on "I feel like I'm doing some good for someone" or "Gives me something to do." Their zeal to nourish the hungry is apparent in a note taped to the door: "Please do not feed the dogs next door. They asked us not to feed them. Val."

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DEAR ABBY: From time to time, you mention the importance of bikers wearing safety helmets, which prompts me to write to you regarding horseback riding.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, each year more than 42,000 people are sent to hospital emergency rooms due to riding-related accidents. The American Riding Instructors Association sponsors a certification program. Instructors certified by this program are required to use approved safety headgear for their students and themselves.

Since this program was instituted in 1984, we have received a number of letters from individuals who, thanks to the fact they were wearing protective headgear, received non-catastrophic injuries. (In one instance, the rider's doctor told her that the helmet saved her life.)

Few people realize that head injuries are cumulative; several seemingly "minor" bumps and bangs can result in serious problems. Your readers should be aware that appropriate safety headgear is vital in any activity in which the head is readily exposed to injury. Those who say they can't afford a helmet should check out the cost of brain surgery! — CHARLOTTE BRAILEY KNEELAND, A.R.I.A. CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, ALTON BAY, N.H.

DEAR CHARLOTTE: Since most people might associate riding accidents with bicycling or motorcycling, your letter provides a helpful reminder of the fact that horseback riding, too, contributes its share of head injuries.

Many enthusiasts insist that "to wear or not to wear" should

be a matter of personal choice. However, it should be remembered that organ banks report that the best candidates for organ donations are hospital patients on life support, with non-reversible head injuries.

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed all those letters about zippers. Here's another one: A gentleman was dining alone at a Beverly Hills restaurant, unaware that his fly was unzipped.

His waitress noticed this, and very discreetly handed him a piece of paper on which she had written:

"Dear Sir: I notice that your fly is unzipped and wide open. I will go to the other end of the room and drop a tray full of silverware on the floor to attract everyone's attention to that area while you zip up your fly." —LONGTIME READER IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR LONGTIME: I hope he gave that waitress a nice tip for the tip-off.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the retired couple who is on a fixed income and had very little to spend for Christmas gifts.

My husband's grandparents are also on a limited budget, but every year, we get a wonderful homemade gift from them. The great-grandchildren get handmade ornaments and paperback books.

One year, Grandma bought some candy tins and filled them with the most delicious homemade fudge, and she taped the recipe on the lid!

Now, I, too, can make the world's best fudge! — MALEAH SMITHAM

DEAR MALEAH: If it's not a secret, please send me the recipe.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Sugar Booklet, P.O. Box 30608, Chicago, Ill. 60654-0447. (Postage is included.)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You get a vision of what could be, and you need to follow through. Let your creative impulses do the talking today. The unbelievable occurs when you touch base with a boss. You have a better chance of getting what you want. Tonight: Be happy-go-lucky. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get in close. One-to-one relating is highlighted, and you feel good. Get to the bottom a problem. Creativity is high, and understanding reaches a new peak. You have reason for celebration. A call from a distance is important. Tonight: Be part of a duo. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Defer to another. If you support a partnership, you will receive many accolades in return. Be more sensitive to someone you put on a pedestal, one whose caring is obvious. Be a team player, and go with a partner's ideas. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You get a lot accomplished quickly, but realize how much you still need to do. Your awareness of choices is important. News from a distance is significant, and you need to spread the word. Wish others a good holiday. This is a special period. Tonight: Relax. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gain insight about what motivates a loved one who is more willing to talk about security and goals. Go with the creative force around you, and honor what's happening. A loved one shows deep caring. Tonight: Be more flirtatious with somebody very close. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Family and home matters dominate today. You get ahead because of what goes on. Understanding is high. Resolve a situation. Your creativity impresses a partner. Romance flourishes today; add it to a relationship. Tonight: Have a good time. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk to friends, make calls and catch up on last-minute information. Others appreciate your sensitivity. A caring gesture toward a co-worker could make a difference. Trust your judgment. Give a family member that extra bit of attention. Tonight: Talk up a storm. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Watch your expenses. A loving suggestion from a partner creates a lot of daydreaming. Be aware of what you want. Opportunities for growth are highlighted. You see a situation in a new light. Tonight: Be encouraging to a child or loved one. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your sensitivity is heightened, causing you to view a situation differently. Get to the bottom a problem. Creativity is high. Be aware of your magnetism and charisma. Build a more secure base of understanding. Tonight: Be your happy self. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use your instincts to promote a project. Because you are on target, another opens up to you. Share deeper feelings, and be aware of what others are saying. Your thinking is unusually inspired. Brainstorm with a loved one. Tonight: Expand your horizons. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friendship is playing a significant role in your choices. Your instincts are right about a financial matter. Follow through on an idea. Trust your judgment, be upbeat and visualize the positive. Focus is on long-term goals. Tonight: Make your resolutions. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are in the limelight. A friend from a distance spreads good news. Get into the excitement of the moment, and be happy. Be more visible and available. At this point, another counts on you. Do a special favor for a friend. Tonight: Out and about. ****

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS DEC. 30: This is an unusual year in which you need to take the back seat and observe. You might go through a mini identity crisis, but by late 1995 you will know which way you are going. You meet people easily, and they like your mannerisms and personality. If you are single, you encounter new possibilities in your daily life; be careful, romance could sweep off your feet. If attached, communicating deep feelings could add to the intensity of your relationship. **SAGITTARIUS** comes out to you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements 036

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Special Notices 042

ALBERTO'S CRYSTAL CAFE #2, INC. HAS MADE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR THE LOCATION OF 300 N. GREGG, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, TO BE OPERATED UNDER THE TRADE NAME OF ALBERTO'S CRYSTAL CAFE #2 AND SALLY'S GARDEN. THE OFFICERS WITH TITLES ARE AS FOLLOWS: MARY JACQUELINE CERDA PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, DEBORAH L. RODRIGUEZ VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.

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Auctions 325
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7:00pm
Thursday, December 29th

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THURSDAY

DEC. 29

Table with 24 columns representing TV channels (KMID, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows representing time slots (6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00) with program titles and channel numbers.

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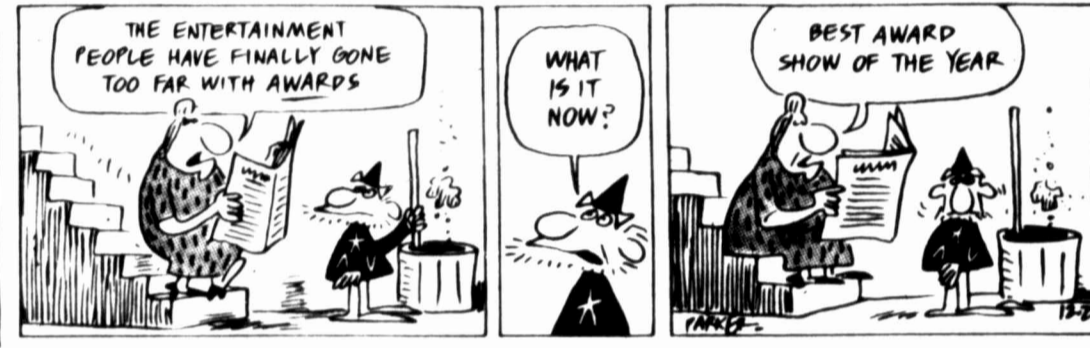
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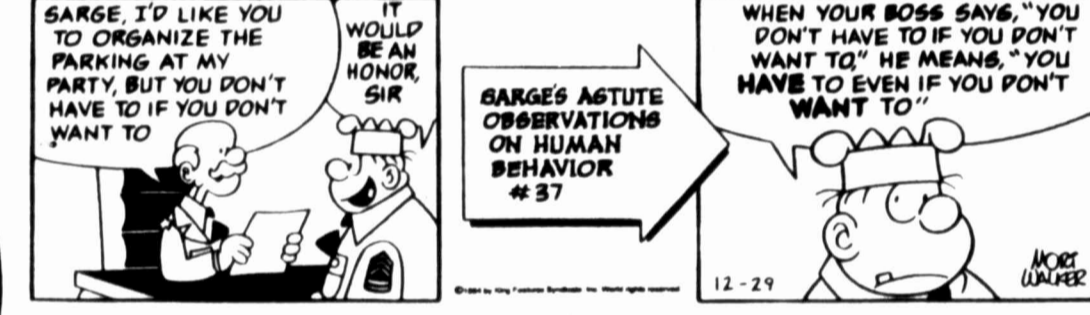
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RITZ movie listings for various theaters including Wesley Snipes in Drop Zone and The Lion King.

CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4 listing DUMB AND DUMBER, THE JUNGLE BOOK, JUNIOR, and DISCLOSURE.

THE Daily Crossword by Raymond Hamel

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.



This date in history

Today is Thursday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 1994. There are two days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 29, 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota.

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 1837, Canadian militiamen destroyed the Caroline, a U.S. steamboat docked at Buffalo, N.Y. In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state. In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized, in Boston. In 1913, the first movie serial, 'The Adventures of Kathlyn,' premiered in Chicago. 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 by the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people. In 1992, the United States and Russia announced agreement on a nuclear arms reduction treaty. Ten years ago: Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi claimed victory in parliamentary elections as his Congress Party captured a more than two-thirds majority in the lower house of Parliament. Five years ago: 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. Thought for Today: 'A fellow who is always declaring he's no fool usually has his suspicions.' - Wilson Mizner, American playwright (1876-1933). The Associated Press

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



'He's making his nest now... There! See it? That son-of-a... He's got himself a futon!'

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information, staff list, and subscription details.

Wednesday's Puzzle solved: BOMB, ALAI, ORIST, LEO, RAM, LENTO, LAMB, COLT, AFTER, AFOOTINTHEDOOR, LONE, STR, APING, OTTOMANS, ALAN, STUOL, REO, PICKUP, THEPIECE, RAY, FILES, REDO, ABBERTON, SPUDS, BOO, ALOP, GETONESFEETWET, CARAT, ROOD, TOWA, ELATE, BLOG, OVER, EASED, YOYE, NERO.