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Stanton earns respect, ticket to state finals with 35-7 rout of Italy

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BROWNWOOD — Like Aretha Franklin, Stanton's Buffaloes were out to earn some respect.

And playing on a sun-drenched field before a crowd estimated at 7,000 here Saturday afternoon, the Buffs earned it from Italy's Gladiators in the Class 2A state semifinals.

The problem was that the entire Italy contingent — players, coaches and fans — seemingly never understood that fact and continued to talk trash all the way to the bus for the long ride home.

Stanton (15-0) parlayed a 7-0 halftime lead into a 35-7 rout of Italy (14-1) and a ticket to Saturday's state championship game opposite Rogers' Eagles (14-1) at Bedford's Pennington Field.

It was clear that Stanton wanted to deliver a message to the Gladiators.

"One of their players told a Waco television station that it was an embarrassment to them to have to play a West Texas team in such a big game," Stanton assistant coach Doug Gordon said as Stanton's celebration spread over the entire south end of the play-

ing field at Gordon Wood Stadium.

Gordon said the Stanton game plan was to control the line of scrimmage — something Italy Coach Bryan Erwin thought to be impossible based on his pre-game comments.

"We felt like if we stayed low, we could move them," Gordon said. "We felt like our line was a strength for us and we intended to keep doing what we did all year."

The Buffs did. Working behind James Taylor, Edward Segura, Josh Carson, Jeremy Smith, Jerry Don Hardin, Kason Anderson and Chad Smith, Stanton

quarterback Kyle Herm had the time needed to complete seven of eight passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

In addition, the same line opened holes for Herm to scamper 27 yards for the game's first touchdown and Jody Louder to ramble 48 yards on an off-tackle dive in which he spun out of a tackler's arms and carried Italy defensive back Edwin Wallace the last 10 yards to the goal line.

And despite the fact Wallace was finally able to knock the ball out of Louder's hands, Stanton's Tyrone Davis was there to out-scramble four Gladiators for the ball and the score.

It was that same line that allowed the Buffs to batter Italy's defenses for 252 yards on 36 rushes — amassing 380 yards against a Gladiator team that had allowed just 180 yards per game all season.

"We like they didn't give us any respect," Gordon said. "Our thoughts were that the low pad was going to win the battle at the line and they weren't going to take that away from us."

Erwin, crying alongside his players, sought to downplay his pre-game comments that helped spark Stanton's

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What's Right with Big Spring?

Residents young and old tell us what they like about the Spring City



Respondents say there's plenty to see and do in our community

Several weeks ago I asked readers to tell me what they thought were the good things about Big Spring. While the written responses have not been overwhelming, I have received many interesting answers to my query. People have stopped me on the street to tell me good news about our town, and one elementary school used the answers as a writing assignment.

Basically, the ideas about what is good about our town have fallen into three categories: natural features, man-made attributes, and people. I

have compiled them and would like to share them with the readers.

Bonnie Neel caught me as she came out of the county library. "We want you to know that we think the best thing we have in Big Spring is the wonderful



Nancy Koger
Guest writer

sunsets. We've been lots of places, but nowhere else do they have sunsets to compare with ours."

Our Austinite son concurs; he says that he could charge admission in the capital city if he could take back one of Howard County's breathtaking sunsets.

Birds are one of the unsung assets of Big Spring. Sharaya Owens, third grader at Bauer, asked, "Wouldn't it be great if everyone knew that Big Spring has many beautiful birds?"

April Tatad, fifth grader at Bauer wrote, "You'll probably want to gaze around the big

spring that the town was named for or go watch the Sandhill Cranes." When my grown-up children call in the fall and winter, they ask if the cranes are here or if we've heard the cranes — a sound of Big Spring that they miss.

The late Sue Corson told me that with our variety of terrain and watering places, Big Spring is one of the premier spots in this part of the country for bird watching; she had verified over a hundred species.

The various water sites in and around Big Spring give it a unique quality in arid West Texas. Several students cited

the spring...the Comanche Indians found the little water hole and named it Big Spring," said Chelsea Anderson, Bauer third grader. They also gave enthusiastic notice of Comanche Trail Lake and Moss Lake. Wesley Parks noted that "Comanche Trail has fishing, and you can even go canoeing there in the summer."

Not only is Big Spring blessed with water, it has hills! Kyrie Wright, fifth grade, says, "One of my favorite things to do is walk up Scenic Mountain with one of my friends. When I get to the top, I always stop to enjoy the view."

Heather Granados, fifth grader, states, "you can go up on Scenic Mountain and watch the ground hogs" (or at least the prairie dogs). My husband thinks that the "loop" south, east to Forsan, north to I-20, and west back to town is a scenic drive that gives views of ranches, oil wells, Signal Mountain, and the refinery at their best vantage points.

One natural attribute of Big Spring that is perhaps too often overlooked is the climate.

Longtime resident and community activist Janell Davis wrote in her extensive list, Please see RIGHT, Page 3A



Schools, facilities highlight tour of town

Having so many natural attractions in one place might seem enough to attract residents and visitors, but Big Spring boasts a number of man-made attributes.

Most of the children who wrote what they liked about Big Spring mentioned the schools. Alicia Correa stated, "A good reason for wanting to live in Big Spring is that there are good schools."

Wesley Parks went even further: "There are great schools, great teachers, and they help you and try to make you ready for the next grade... The teachers help all students learn."

Billie Miller, who came here 50 years ago, says that local schools prepared her children for college so that "they never had any trouble in school." In

fact, her grandson, Jason Phillips, has returned to be a teacher/coach in the Big Spring school system.

We also have a fine community college that provides associate degrees in college preparatory areas and superior technical career preparation in several fields.

The dental hygienist program has four students from California who came here because of the school's reputation. The cosmetology school supplies this area with beauticians, and the computer training benefits college-age people and helps local businesses with training.

My nomination for the most underrated asset in Big Spring is the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. This

school is the only college level school for the hearing impaired in this area of the country.

It brings in students from all over the nation and provides a much-needed service for a special sector of the population. The staff deserves the admiration and support of our whole community, and so do the students.

Our town also has some unique facilities that were built back in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps: the rodeo bowl, Comanche Trail Amphitheater, the park facilities on Scenic Mountain and Comanche Trail Park Swimming Pool.

Some visitors from Pennsylvania and Austin here

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Today, sunny. Highs 60-65. Sunday night, clear. Lows around 30. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Monday night, fair. Lows 30-35. Extended forecast, Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 50s to lower 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs 55-60. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Highs 60-65.			

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USDA set to launch agriculture census

By CARLTON JOHNSON
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Beginning Monday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will launch its 1997 Census of Agriculture, meaning more than two million farmers and ranchers will be receiving census and agriculture report forms. The 1997 census is the 25th census taken since the practice began in 1840.

According to state and local officials, the census of agriculture is the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricul-

tural data at the county, state and national level.

Some of the reasons for using this type of data include:

- Businesses use the data to determine what kind of products to sell and where to sell them.

- Industry uses the data to decide where to locate processing and manufacturing plants.

- Grower organizations use the data to plan marketing strategies.

- Federal, state and local agencies use the data to plan rural development, land use manage-

ment, water resource management and agricultural research.

- Universities and colleges use the data to teach future farmers and inform farmers and policy makers about the economic and environmental implications of various farm practices.

- Congress uses the data to develop agriculture programs and policies.

Howard County Assistant Extension Agent Brandon McGinty said the uses of the census will vary from area to

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during the fair last year were overwhelmed at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. They said, "This place is far superior to the place where the Travis County Rodeo is held, and of course, we had nothing like this back in Pennsylvania." All of these native stone structures were built to last, and they provide public places that we can use and be proud of still.

The student writers pointed with pride to the Kid's Zone play area in Comanche Trail Park. Jessica Ybarra wrote, "You might like to play at Kid's Zone. People in Big Spring helped make it." Nick Paradez urged, "You've got to move to Big Spring because we have some neat stuff. The citizens worked together to build Kid's Zone." The playscape is a source of community pride.

An attribute of our community that has recently acquired a new home is the Dora Roberts Howard County Library. Previously located in the old post office building, the library moved into the former bank building west of the current post office. The library offers books, magazines, microfilmed records, copy machines, general



The 11th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade, held last Saturday, attracted thousands to watch the many lighted floats, like this one from Culligan Water Conditioning Co.

ogy software, reading groups, children's puppet shows, and interlibrary loan services are provided.

Another unique Big Spring structure is the Moorish-towered Municipal Auditorium. Its architecture is always distinctive. After a fairly recent renovation, the interior has been restored to its former glory. The Auditorium is the home of the Big Spring Symphony, a musical organization unique for a town this size in the state.

The Heritage Museum is housed in a structure that is a part of the town's history and houses some unique collections. The longhorns and the doll collection from the Terrazas family are worthy of a visit by every resident. A part of the museum complex is the well-restored Potton House on Gregg Street.

One city structure that has been brought to the public attention lately is the Dora Roberts Community Center, often still referred to as the

Cosden Club, overlooking Comanche Trail Lake. Thanks to the leadership of Beverly McMahon, generous funding from the Dora Roberts Foundation, and the work of many interested citizens, this landmark is now a usable public building and not just a pleasant memory.

Civic-minded Janell Davis wrote us a list of most of the assets already mentioned and included "a viable YMCA with Olympic-sized pool." The YMCA buildings and organization offer many services to the people of Big Spring. Seniors use the pool and training facilities daily for their exercise routines. People of all ages go to various types of exercise classes or athletic leagues.

A place to visit for inspiration and education is the Vietnam War Memorial. Begun as a movingly simple memorial, the site now includes a helicopter for that era, and will soon add a F-4 Phantom Jet.

As the home of former Webb Air Base, Big Spring has access to remarkable airport facilities. Recently, through the leadership of Nelda Ragan and Jerry Worthy, one of the hangars has been designated as a World War II memorial, Hangar 25. This memorial will attract visitors as well as serve as a living history lesson for residents.

One of the structural attractions of Big Spring, especially at

night, is the Fina Oil and Chemical Company refinery—a myriad of petro-industrial tanks and towers that resembles the fictional city of Oz lighted at night.

Anyone approaching from the north on Highway 87 sees an imposing group of red brick buildings resembling a small Ivy League college. In reality, Big Spring State Hospital is a vital part of the state's mental health/mental retardation facilities. The facility brings together clients from all over West Texas, doctors and health care professionals who are assets to the community, and volunteers from a large area.

As I began to list all the natural and manmade things that make Big Spring unique, I found that there seemed no stopping place. What's right about our town might best be summed up by Bauer third grader Rudy Rodriguez:

"Wouldn't it be great if everyone knew that Big Spring, Texas, was a great city because it has great schools, Comanche Trail Lake, Moss Creek Lake, hospitals, Howard county Library, churches, a mild climate, Fina Refinery, oil companies, an airport, stores, a mall, the Vietnam Memorial, Scenic Mountain and drive, the railroad museum, golf course, Howard College, and SWCID? That's all part of our great city. I like it!"

-NANCY KROGER

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"Two excellent golf courses and water that permits year-round play." Third grader Chelsea Anderson thinks "Big Spring is a good place to live because we have the right temperature for farming." Some of us who are here all the time and cuss the occasional sandstorms forget how much of our days are blessed with sunshine and blue skies. The U.S. Flight Academy, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport, draws on the fact that this former airbase boasted the most clear-weather flight days in the U.S. Our weather is not necessarily predictable, but it is usually enjoyable.

Valley hit with snow

HARLINGEN (AP) — It's a pretty good bet there won't be a white Christmas in the Rio Grande Valley this year, but a mixture of sleet and snow did fall across some parts of the region Friday as temperatures plunged.

While there was little chance of accumulation, the wintry precipitation was expected to continue through Saturday.

"It's going to be cold," said Tim Speece, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Brownsville. "We've got a slight chance of light rain or snow."

Lows Friday night and Saturday were expected to hover around 30 degrees in the western Valley to 35 degrees near the coast. But sunshine was expected to warm temperatures back into the 60s on Sunday, Speece told the Valley Morning Star.

The normal high temperature in the Rio Grande Valley for this time of year is 72 degrees and the average low temperature is 53 degrees.

The last time snow fell in the region was Nov. 3, 1991, in Brownsville. The last measurable snow was in 1965 in the western portion of the Valley, according to National Weather Service statistics.

Farmers did what they could to prepare for the dipping temperatures, but agriculture officials said it was not expected to get cold enough to cause serious damage to most crops.

On page 1A, (top photo, from left) Nick Paradez, April Tatad and Sharaya Owens play at Kids Zone; Big Spring Police Officer Moe Horton shows Heather Granados, left, and Cody Cockrum the inside of a police car. Stories were by Nancy Kroger and photos were by Jonathan Garrett.



Bauer students, from left, Chelsea Anderson, Alicia Correa and Wesley Parks have questions for principal Andrea Clark.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

School uniforms grow in usage as positives touted

Combating behavior and discipline problems have, unfortunately, become of the biggest tasks facing educators these days. The latest weapon in their arsenal has become school uniforms.

Requiring students to wear uniforms to school, proponents say, cuts down on class distinction and eliminates gang-related apparel and dress code violations while generating better behavior and fewer discipline problems.

San Antonio's public school district recently made headlines when its school board voted to require its 60,000 students to wear uniforms, making that city the largest in Texas with such a mandate.

In West Texas, Midland ISD cleared the way recently when it left the uniform issue up to individual campuses. San Jacinto Junior High became the first school in town to require uniforms when it adopted its code at the start of this school year.

SJH principal Larry Winget has become an enthusiastic backer of the proposal.

"I'm still amazed how smoothly things are going," he said. "They're going much better than I anticipated. I anticipated a decrease in certain types of behavior, but I'm amazed at how much the decrease has been."

The numbers back up Winget's claim. Although the school has the same number of students as last year, discipline referrals to Winget's office have dropped 24 percent. And major discipline concerns, such as fighting and hazing, are down 37 percent from this time in 1996.

Those results have prompted other Midland schools to consider uniforms in the near future, although no firm decisions have been made.

The obvious question, therefore, is that if uniforms seem to work so well in Midland, why not here in Big Spring?

Before we back the idea, however, there are a few things we want to know:

- Can reduced discipline problems, like those chronicled at San Jacinto Junior High, be directly attributable to school uniforms? The numbers would seem to suggest so, but no firm data has been developed along those lines.

- Would school uniforms be less effective in smaller communities like Big Spring? One could argue that the smaller and more close-knit the community, the less need for solutions such as uniforms is less.

- Would a properly enforced dress code allowing different forms of dress accomplish the same results as uniforms?

- Would parents of BSISD students support uniforms? For that matter, do students support the idea? Their concerns should be addressed, also.

These are just a few of the issues that must be addressed before a community consensus on school uniforms can be reached.

Certainly, we support any reasonable measure that improves student behavior and discipline, and if uniforms show they can be an effective, long-term solution, we will wholeheartedly support a plan for its inception.

But let's be a little more sure how deep the water is before we jump in.

Imagine your child without a Christmas ...

There was a disturbing headline on top of Page One in Friday's Herald. It was stark, it was gloomy and it scared me.

It read "276 'Angels' not adopted, Angel Tree deadline extended."

Since I first arrived in Big Spring on Dec. 1, 1991, I have always been impressed with the compassion within this community ... with the willingness of her people to dig deep and help others less fortunate.

Once again, it's time ... only now, there's little time left. Help me with this one, please.

Close your eyes and picture a child ... a child all excited, about the holidays and the prospects of Christmas because all they have seen and heard and read for the past few weeks — at school, on the television, on the radio and in the newspaper — have dealt with Santa Claus and Christmas and gifts and toys and special holiday meals and treats.

But the stark reality is that deep down — and sadly enough for some, maybe it's not so far deep down — that this particular child knows there won't be any such Christmas ... at least,

not for them.

The home they live in is barren of decorations ... there is no tree, and there certainly aren't any presents or packages.

Their mom and dad, if they are lucky enough to have both a mom and dad at home, work hard for their money. They fight to pay the bills, to keep the old vehicle running and to try and do their very best to provide warm clothes, a warm home and nourishing food for their children.

Sadly enough, Christmas gifts, holiday meals and shiny decorations just don't have a place in a budget that is stretched to the limit every pay day.

This child knows their mom and dad love them ... they know they care ... but they wonder why it is that they can't have something special at Christmas like all of their little friends.

Again, picture that child for me ... and imagine that it is your child.

Now, back to reality. Because you are luckier than some, your child and your family won't go without this holiday season, will they?

You'll do everything within your power — everything the Good Lord will allow you to do — to make certain that little Susie and little Johnny have everything it is they've asked for over these past few weeks.

I know, because I promised myself when I became a grand-

father that if there was any way on God's green earth that I could do it, that I would for Miranda Michele. Now that I have been doubly blessed with Andrew, I feel that way even more.

Miranda and Andrew will have a wonderful Christmas. No, they won't get everything they wanted — although at age 2, Drew is not quite at the "I want" stage — but they will get more than enough.

But there are Mirandas and Susies who won't get anything unless you and I go to Wal-Mart today and take an Angel's name off that Angel Tree.

There won't be any Christmas morning excitement with paper being ripped away and packages opened.

There won't be any "ooohs" and "aaahs" as they discover what Santa Claus brought them.

For those children, the stark reality that there may well be no such thing as Santa Claus will break through the holiday facade that they have been forced to live with.

Can you imagine your child getting up on Christmas morning and there being nothing for them? I can't imagine that of Miranda and Drew, and the mere thought of it brings tears to my eyes.

Christmas should be a wonderful time of the year for children. A time of lights and parades and toys and candy canes and memories that will

last a lifetime.

Won't you help give a child less fortunate than your own — or your grandchildren or even your great-grandchildren — the opportunity to experience a child's Christmas?

What gift could you give that could be as wonderful as one that would put a smile on the face of a child or bring that wonderful child's giggle that makes us all smile ... and what thought could be worse than knowing that unless you do something, that on Christmas morning a child someplace in Big Spring will get up, hoping against hope but knowing all too well that there'll be no Christmas for them.

And on that day of all days, what could be worse than a child without Christmas.

Today, go to Wal-Mart and adopt an Angel. Even if you've already adopted one, adopt another if you can afford it and help make a difference in the life of a child.

Give them that smile and that laugh — but more importantly, give them the gift of being able to be a child at Christmas.

Please ... time is slipping away and there won't be a tomorrow.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Angel Tree will be taken down Monday. If you can help, please adopt an Angel today or call the Salvation Army on Monday at 267-8239 to find out how you can help.)

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Although this letter is addressed "To The Editor," perhaps it should be headed "Herr Burgermeister," because it is a collection of statements to the mayor of Big Spring.

- Mr. Blackshear, your petulant, if not infantile, assault on the integrity of the *Big Spring Herald* was, at best, unprofessional. When a group of people whose identity is refused to the public is sanctioned by the city government to drive around the city in unmarked cars, then make written reports to the Code Enforcement Office — regardless of the name of that group — it amounts to nothing more than a Secret Police Force.

The citizen whose name is on the report is refused information about who made the report, but a copy of the complaint is sent to the Code Patrol.

- Your cohorts (whom you consulted about property values being damaged by unkept lawns or vehicles they don't like) have as their primary objective in their business the making of money off the already inflated real estate values in our community. Is it any wonder they (and you) want to throw around that worn cliché "it damages my property values"?

- If you intend to bring up the "no parking" ordinance again, you will be in open defiance of the will of the people.

- When a proposed ordinance is presented without full disclosure of fact, as the "no parking" ordinance was, we have government by deception.

- When a person in high office says the "no parking" ordinance was dead before the council meeting of Dec. 9 — but the first reading of that ordinance passed by a 4-3 vote in a preceding council meeting, it has the appearance of the misrepresentation of fact. It was not dead.

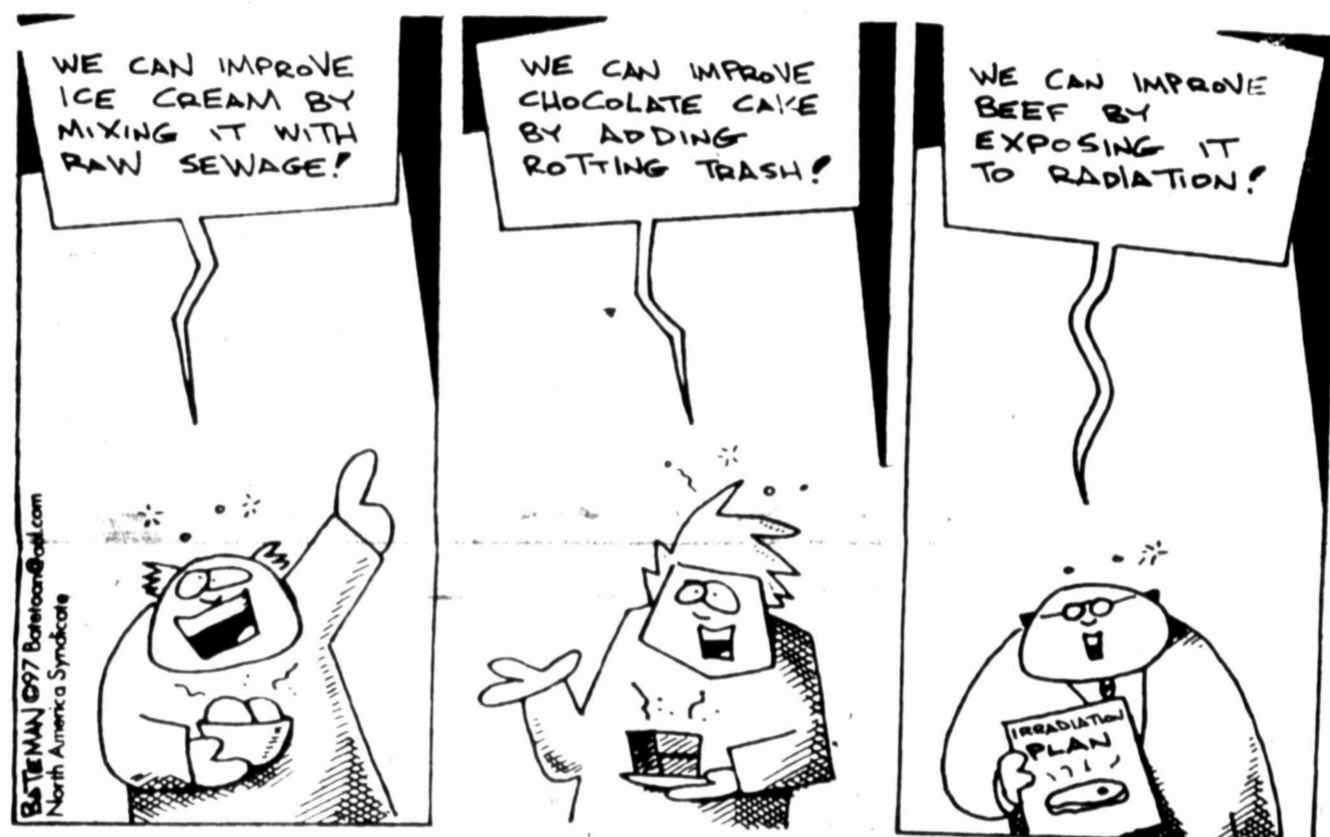
You, Mr. Blackshear, do have a right to an opinion, but not when it flies in the face of the electorate whose only desire is to be "...secure in their homes."

Perhaps it is time for the constituents of a certain arrogant politician to reconsider who to vote for in the next city election.

DAVID H. KING
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John H. Walker
Managing Editor



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce disbanded its Athletic Committee three years ago. Over the past three years the BSISD has hosted 20 play-off games involving football, basketball, baseball and volleyball. In view of the press we have received there are some points I feel need to be mentioned:

- Last year during the Thanksgiving holidays we hosted a football playoff game. We had to operate with skeleton crews. The two concession stands were understaffed for the crowd and of the eight law enforcement officials required by the UIL Football Plan we were only able to secure two.
- It has been recommended to advertise and just take anyone who wants to work. This is such an over-simplification, as far as a solution, as those responsible for dealing with large sums of money need to be bonded (ticket takers, etc.).

- \$10,000-\$15,000 is a responsibility!! Mismanagement would be disastrous.
- The liability we assume for crowd control, etc., places us in a perilous position if an incident should occur and we do not have proper supervision.
- The time our staff is involved to prepare the field

- and the reimbursement for work is an overall loss to the district. We have a minimal charge for the use of the facility — \$300. If we asked for all costs the used of the facility could be up to \$2,000. Who pays for this difference? The district!
- The district will continue to accommodate playoff games. Hopefully, on future holiday weekends, we will be able to secure enough personnel to host events, if not, we will decline. I am always amazed that no word is mentioned that for every one we decline there are 20 others we have hosted. (No puns on the back for those not one word of local thanks from anyone.)

Will Rogers once said, "All I know is what I read in the newspaper." I believe if Will was alive today his advice would be don't believe everything you read in the paper.

W.A. McQUEARY
Superintendent
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EDITOR'S NOTE: In Will's day, perhaps the scenario wasn't to shoot the messenger.

TO THE EDITOR:

The Salvation Army would like to thank all those who helped with Thanksgiving for the needy in Big Spring. There were those who prepared pies

and cakes, those that delivered meals to shut-ins, who gave and collected can goods, who helped prepare the food in the kitchen and those that served, greeted and simply made the needy people of Big Spring feel good. All those who took part were a blessing and we appreciate you very, very much.

MAJOR AND MRS. ROY TOLCHER
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Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm sure there are parents that are concerned about what their children can reach through the Internet. I have just read about a filter which is available to eliminate this from your computer. Maybe encourage neighbors and friends to get it to protect our children. This must be updated each day as these responsible for the filth put on new ones each day.

You can call X-STOP at 714-734-9299 to get more information.

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GARTH BROOKS SEVENS

Ingredients for Wonderland of Lights

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MARSHALL — I have not exactly dined with kings and queens in my life, but I've met a few important people, or people who thought they were important.

I've interviewed a couple of presidents after their terms of office, sat in the White House and listened to advisors and cabinet members, I've spoken personally with every governor elected in this state for the last quarter century. I have waded through rooms full of members of both the house and senate, both state and national. I have met a few movie stars and sports celebrities.

With few exceptions, I have never found myself in awe of the person sitting across from me. We all need to take a bath daily to keep from smelling. Yet, having said that, I now find myself in awe of an entire town, including people whose names I barely know. This position has come about because of my front row seat to the making of Marshall's Wonderland of Lights. I never would have believed it. Indeed, if I hadn't seen the Wonderland develop right before my very eyes, you couldn't have convinced me that such a thing could ever happen at all.

This many people, spending this many hours away from family and recliner and, here's the kicker, doing it for free.

The simple truth struck me a few days ago. The seven gillion lights in Marshall don't mean a thing. It's the people. Seven gillion lights with no warmth behind them are a nuisance. A thousand lights with the spirit of Marshall, now that's something special. If you could plug those lights into the citizens of Marshall and they would shine as brightly.

Just as simple is the reason that half the cities in Texas have tried — and largely failed — to develop a light show of their own: They don't have the people power.

Oh, they may have more people and they may have some extremely dedicated people, but they don't have this many peo-

ple willing to give up this much time around the holidays. If they don't have the volunteer power, other cities must pay for the work. In that case, the numbers just don't add up.

It takes roughly 12,000 volunteer man-hours to produce the Wonderland of Lights. That means that it would take 20 full-time employees 15 weeks to do the job. Pay each employee the minimum wage and the cost is a cool \$61,000. Of course, Marshall has some full-time and part-time workers, too. If you add them in, the personnel cost alone would be well over \$100,000 per year.

If you did all that you know what you'd end up with? A crummy imitation of the Wonderland of Lights. Because anyone who has been down to the corner burger joint knows what kind of effort minimum wage earners put into their jobs.

No, this job could only be

done by people who love Marshall. Attorneys who make \$100 per hour in the courtroom will be giving hours away telling people on a tour bus about Lady Justica on top of our courthouse dome. Businessmen and housewives will be shoveling the stuff Clydesdales leave behind into big barrels. People who spend eight hours a day on a difficult job will spend another six hours a night working on Wonderland.

Why do they do it? Cynics might believe that, though, these businessmen are not getting paid for putting up lights they are getting money in some other way.

But the volunteer who has done the single most (so far as I know) is Wonderland Chairman Monte Bacon, who operates a furniture store. He isn't likely to get a lot of people driving by his store to pick up a couch on the way home.

LOOK TO THE EAST



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
The Three Wise Men look toward the east in a scene at First Nazarene Church's Drive-Through Nativity. The 11th annual event continues through tonight.

Mir astronauts plan to celebrate Christmas holidays in style

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — American astronaut David Wolf and his Russian crewmates aboard the Mir space station plan to celebrate the holidays in style.

Wolf, who is Jewish, received a menorah as a Hanukkah gift from his sister. The menorah and gelt, holiday candy that looks like coins, were delivered by a Russian supply ship in

October. "We'll celebrate in the traditional way," Wolf said during a news conference today. "We'll enjoy the light show on the Earth instead of our own Christmas lights. Actually, our consoles here look a lot like Christmas lights a lot of the time."

Added commander Anatoly Solovyov: "There is no, appar-

ently, champagne here for us to celebrate the New Year, although there is, of course, the desire."

Alcohol is banned from U.S.-based ships, but the Russians are more lenient. There have even been confirmed reports in the past about vodka on board Mir.

Wolf said he craves "those sweet potatoes with the marsh-

mallows on top that my mom makes." He said he'd also like a good pizza.

The 41-year-old doctor and engineer assured reporters that he feels extremely good after nearly three months in space.

"It's getting better and better although I miss home more and more," he said.

Wolf said he feels safe aboard Mir and noted that the station

has been running well since his arrival in late September. That's allowed him to devote most of his time to science work, in particular an experiment to grow three-dimensional kidney and nerve tissue.

Earlier in the year, there were problems galore aboard Mir including a fire in February and a cargo-ship collision in June.

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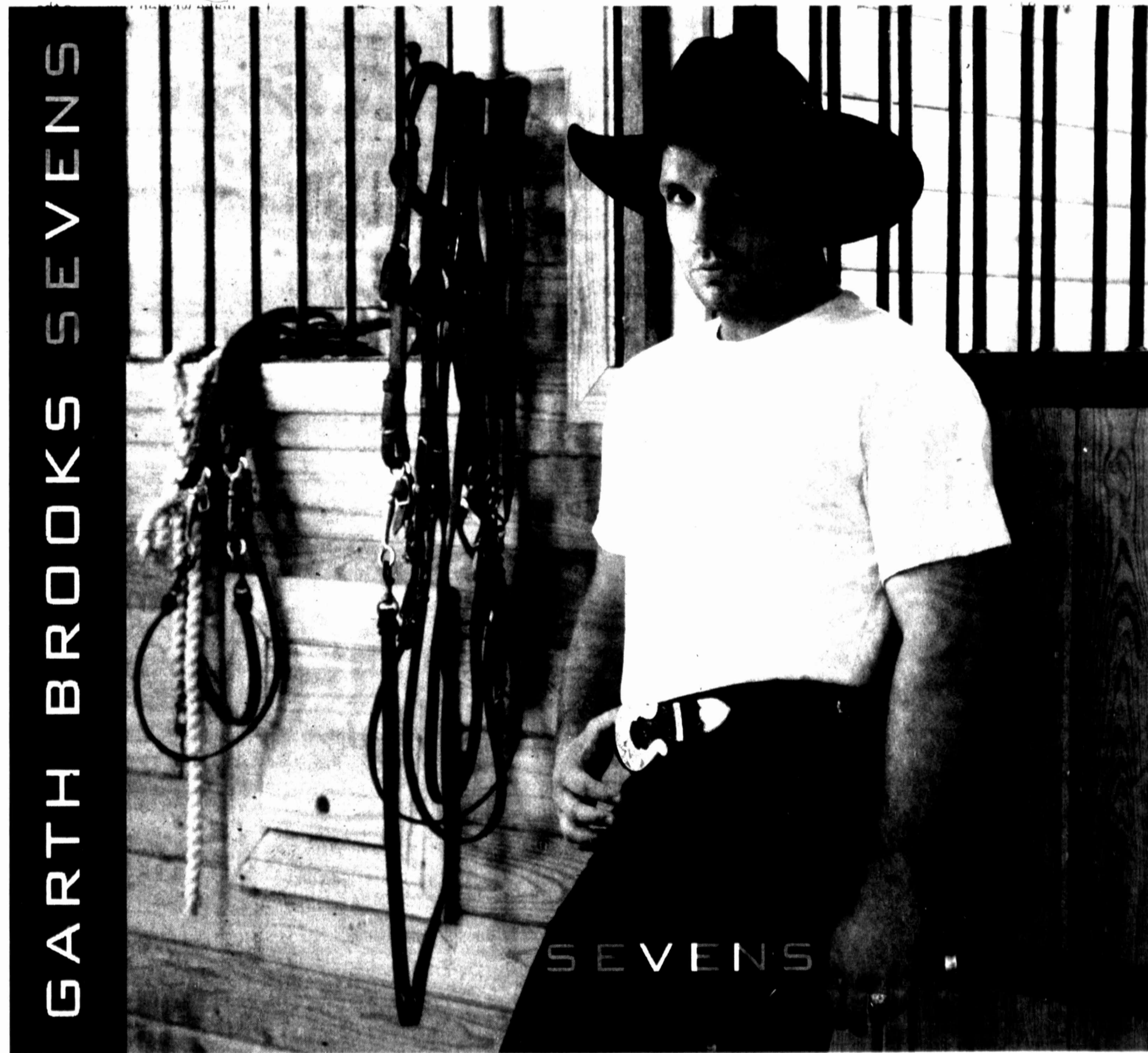
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Dallas embroiled in flap over presidential race initiative

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In bypassing Dallas for a presidential town meeting on race — reportedly because some White House officials thought the city's racial problems were "too big of a mess" — the Clinton administration missed a prime opportunity to advance the debate, some Texans said Friday.

A Dallas lawyer working on President Clinton's race relations initiative said White House officials rejected his bid to hold a town hall meeting in Dallas, settling instead on Akron, Ohio, which was the setting for Clinton's visit two weeks ago.

Attorney Michael Sorrell told a Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday that his push for Dallas' selection was quickly overruled by White House officials.

"That conversation lasted 15 seconds.

Do you know why it only lasted 15 seconds? The problem was, and this is what they said ... 'Dallas is too big of a mess for us to do anything with,'" Sorrell told the group.

"The reason that they didn't select it ... was they didn't see any leadership in the city actively and aggressively trying to do something about it."

After his talk, Sorrell declined to say who was present at the White House meeting he described. He did say that they were mostly "lower level" people, and that Clinton was not present.

Later, he said he believed his luncheon comments were made off the record. Before beginning his speech, Sorrell was introduced to a Morning News reporter.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv said Friday that Dallas never was under serious consideration because administration officials had decided months ago to hold the first presiden-

tial town hall meeting on race in the Midwest.

"Akron is a city that decided they had problems and decided to work very hard to address them. That is why they were chosen," Toiv said. "No city outside the Midwest was under serious consideration."

But some Dallas civic leaders questioned the selection of Akron, which is about three-quarters white. Blacks, Latinos and Asians comprise a majority of the Dallas population, they noted.

"This is a diverse city," Guillermo Galindo, the incoming chairman of Dallas' Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said Friday. "I think this city would have been ideal for the president to come down and talk. You go to a city where you have some problems."

Race has loomed large over the city's school district in recent years, with blacks and Hispanics often divided in separate camps, most recently during

disputes over corruption allegations at the top tier of the Dallas Independent School District.

"Overall, Dallas is a very diverse, progressive community," said Eric Foster, an aide to Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, a Democratic congresswoman from Dallas and leader in the black community. "It has been getting a bad rap, of course, with the recent school board issues."

The White House was quick to act to minimize any fallout from Sorrell's comments.

Foster said Johnson aides were contacted by race initiative officials and assured that any comments about a lack of leadership didn't refer to Ms. Johnson.

Mayor Ron Kirk offered no comment Friday on the flap — the second involving the city and the race initiative.

Last week, the administration came under fire after the local organizer of a

Dallas roundtable on race, moderated by Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, limited participation to blacks.

The meeting was closed to the public. The organizer, Dallas Municipal Court Judge Voncell Hill, said the arrangements were meant to allow a "frank, open and honest discussion."

As for future race initiative meetings, Dallas may remain in the running.

"It's certainly not out of the question," Toiv said.

The presidential initiative, launched during the summer, got off to a rocky start.

Critics have accused the administration of not opening the debate to a divergent array of views, while sidestepping controversial topics such as a proposed apology for slavery or California's ban on affirmative action. The White House has moved recently to bring conservatives into the debate.

Gas company accused of making false claims to hike stock values

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROWNWOOD — When a local gas company released numerous news statements this summer announcing oil finds and successful expansion, its stock skyrocketed from 50 cents a share to \$5.

Now, Trinity Gas Corp. faces a complaint from the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, alleging the statements were falsified.

U.S. District Judge Terry Means of Fort Worth has granted an SEC request for a temporary restraining order and frozen all of Trinity's assets and those of President Sid Sers.

A suit against Trinity also names the Sers family and two companies owned by Sers, Trinity Gas Colombia and the Nakatosh Hotel Inc.

In its complaint, the SEC alleges that Sers and Trinity Gas "have engaged and are presently engaged in defrauding public investors and removing the proceeds from the United States to Cali, Colombia."

A hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 6 to extending the court order through the end of the litigation and the possible

appointment of a federal manager, the Brownwood Bulletin reported in its Friday editions.

"We believe the information was inaccurate and misleading," said Harold Degenhardt, SEC district administrator in Fort Worth. "The public needs more accurate information about company wells being successful."

"We counted, from January to Nov. 6, at least 10 press releases that contained materially false and misleading information about company wells being successful," he said.

One of the disputed Trinity statements was a July announcement that its first well had been drilled and successfully established in the Cali Basin of the Valle del Cauca, an agricultural region located in southwestern Colombia.

After news of the SEC investigation became public, the price of Trinity stock dropped back down to 25 cents per share.

Trinity officials say the SEC is wrong in its accusations of company mismanagement of information.

"The only side of the story the SEC knows was given by disgruntled former employees, and

a former auditor who have taken it upon themselves to impede the progress of Trinity Gas Corporation," Sers said. "I am appalled that the SEC would go to such extremes after hearing only one side of the story, which is an example of 'guilty until proven innocent.'"

Attorney William Ruth and former auditor William Tapp gave the testimony that led to the suit, Sers said.

Ruth was fired in October; Tapp and his Dallas auditing firm quit in June after Sers failed to produce legitimate paperwork about the success of the company, Degenhardt said.

Sers said Ruth and a former vice president were running the company while he was in Colombia, overseeing work on a well. He says they "exaggerated claims to investors."

But Ruth said Sers is the one who made the mistakes

"Until the auditors began to ask for documents, I had no reason to doubt Sid (Sers)," Ruth said. "But he said the well was a huge discovery and never provided the data auditors requested."

The SEC reports 250 stockholders in 13 states.

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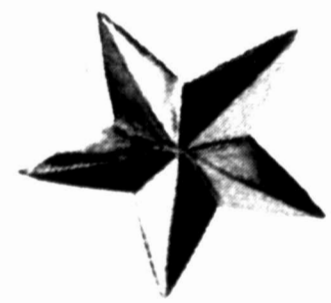
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Probe seeking reasons arrests weren't made after denied appeals

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Computer records seemingly changed to allow convicted criminals to remain free even after their appeals ran out are the subject of a Dallas County criminal investigation.

Some arrest warrants apparently were not issued when defendants' appeals were denied, officials of the Dallas County district attorney's and sheriff's offices told The Dallas Morning News.

That omission, coupled with an erroneous computer entry, left the false impression in court records that a convict already was in the penitentiary, investigators said.

A case uncovered by The News and another called to its attention by an undercover informant may represent a larger problem, officials said.

Those officials are assembling computer records to see whether a pattern exists.

"We're trying to determine how many of these cases may exist," said Norman Kinne, Dallas County's top assistant district attorney. "If it was other than human error, if it was the result of an intentional act, it certainly may be criminal."

"We have people out on the street who have been convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary. They belong in the penitentiary," he said.

The News compared computerized records of more than 1.2 million Dallas County criminal cases with a separate database made up of appeal bonds held by 387 defendants.

Because certain parts of criminal records, including arrest warrants, are not available to the public, the study could not determine systematically how many defendants who lost their appeals were not incarcerated.

Kinne said investigators with much greater access to computer records will scan the files electronically to find cases where an appeal was denied but no arrest warrant

was issued and the defendant remained free.

He said that once the cases are isolated, investigators will look for common threads: clerks, lawyers, court staff, bondsmen and judges. Also, investigators will take steps to arrest anybody who should have been sent to the penitentiary.

If omissions were intentional, possible charges could include tampering with a government record, and the focus will include whether any money changed hands, Kinne said. State law makes bribery of court personnel a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

One example of the problem surfaced during a random examination of court files in which The News' computer analysis found appeal bond holders who were arrested on new offenses while free.

For nearly 15 years, all of his adult life, 31-year-old Don Mitchell Bell used a string of legal devices to avoid serious prison time. Dallas County court files show a pattern of arrests, guilty pleas with promises of good behavior, then more arrests on an assortment of charges: marijuana possession, car burglary and repeated domestic violence, including violations of protective orders.

In 1995, Bell's probation was revoked in a 1989 drug case and he was ordered to serve his original 10-year prison term. Even though he had pleaded guilty in the original case, Bell appealed the revocation of his probation, arguing that his lawyer had been ineffective.

Bell, who described himself as self-employed, was allowed to post a \$20,000 appeal bond and remain free. Last May, he was charged with two new incidents of domestic violence.

Bell could not be reached for comment, but the lawyer who filed the writ for him in November said he assumed at the time that his client was headed for prison soon.

Union Pacific set to resume regular routes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Six weeks after halting service to free the gridlock on its rail system, Union Pacific Railroad will resume carrying containers and truck trailers between Chicago and Texas on Monday.

Three trains carrying standardized containers and trailers will resume service Monday between Chicago and Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday edition.

Nationwide service should resume normal speeds by early January, he said. Most customers have chosen the costlier method of trucking cargo between the affected areas.

Since Union Pacific offers the most direct service between Texas and Chicago, it should regain most of the business it lost after its Nov. 1 move, said Paul Broussard, owner of Paul Broussard & Associates, a Houston-based transportation and logistics service company.

But the U.P. will have to extend itself to woo back the business of some customers forced to find other ways of shipping.

"U.P. may find that it will be hard to gain a lot of the ground that they lost," said Rebecca Moya, sales manager for DanTransport Corp., a freight

forwarding company in Houston. "They're going to have to fight to get some of their business back."

And the railroad may not be past its problem yet. Broussard said he has not seen much congestion relief in Houston because of the service suspension.

"I hardly think they accomplished an awful lot with that," Broussard said. "It was probably more damaging from a public relations perspective than anything else."

Bromley said by freeing up the trains on this route, it allowed other trains carrying chemicals and plastics to move more quickly along the same corridor.

Bromley said congestion in Houston and between Houston and New Orleans continues. Broussard said he has seen no improvements in the Houston area, although traffic has not worsened.

It also announced it has finished computer changes needed to handle traffic on the Chicago and Texas corridors, fully implementing last year's Union Pacific and Southern Pacific merger.

Computer changes for the railroad's Western operations are scheduled for March 1, finalizing the merger integration.

The Omaha, Neb.-based railroad, a unit of Dallas-based Union Pacific Corp., is the nation's largest rail carrier.

Report indicates lottery sales down nearly 10 percent

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas lottery ticket sales during the first quarter of this budget year were down nearly 10 percent as compared with a year ago, according to a forthcoming report.

The report, to be presented to lottery commissioners next week, says sales dropped \$89.6 million during the three-month period from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

The drop means an \$11 million decrease in state revenue and puts the lottery on pace to fall up to \$1.7 billion below projected sales for the current two-year state budget.

The lottery was expected to generate sales of \$8.3 billion and revenues of \$3 billion to Texas for the 1998-99 budget cycle.

The report shows sales for the first 13 weeks of the 1998 fiscal year were \$833.3 million, down from \$923.2 million for the same period a year ago.

Proceeds to the state during the period were \$272 million, down from \$283 million last year.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he sees no crisis on the horizon.

"It would appear that the state's economy is moving forward at a rate that will make up for any shortfall in the lottery," he said.

Linda Cloud, the lottery's act-

ing executive director, said last week's sales of \$74 million — which coincided with a new ad campaign — offers some encouragement.

December, usually a big month for ticket sales, will offer a meaningful yardstick on

which direction sales are headed, Cloud said.

"We don't expect instant-game sales to get back as high as they were for a little while yet," she said. "Players have to get over this stage fright that every game out there is a low-payout

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Lawmakers this year lowered the lottery's overall prizes from about 57 cents per \$1 to about 53 cents. That means some instant ticket games will carry slightly lower prizes. No game will pay less than 50 cents per \$1.

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Medical savings accounts receiving mixed reviews

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Doug Hicks is a self-employed pool cleaner on Florida's Gulf Coast, and when his wife left her real estate job to strike out on her own too, the couple decided not to replace her family health insurance.

Instead, they're trying a medical savings account.

"I don't know if it's a great idea for everybody," said Hicks, 41, but "for people like us it makes perfect sense. We don't live paycheck to paycheck ... and also we're healthy."

About a year after Congress made medical savings accounts, known as MSAs, available on an experimental basis to the self-employed and small businesses — and a year before a separate test of them will be opened to senior citizens on Medicare — people who have tried the accounts report mixed results.

At the end of June, 22,051 Americans had opened MSA's, according to the Internal Revenue Service's latest count. About 17 percent, or 3,670 of them, previously had been uninsured.

For Hicks and his wife, who have two small children but rarely spend more than a \$1,000 a year on health care, putting money aside in an MSA seemed more reasonable than spending \$500 a month to join a health plan. The savings are tax free if reserved to pay medical bills, and no insurance company restricts their choice of care or doctors.

To protect themselves from catastrophe, the family keeps a \$150-a-month insurance policy that would kick in if they ever top \$4,500 in annual medical expenses.

"I was looking at \$500 a month down the drain and this way it's \$350 that I can put into the MSA and it's mine to keep," said Hicks.

Bernadette Olson, on the other hand, doesn't expect to have anything left in her MSA this year. She's just wondering how she'll pay the bills.

Shortly after Olson's employer, Heartland

Technologies Inc. of Noblesville, Ind., decided to contribute to worker MSAs instead of providing a health plan, her husband needed surgery.

Heartland will put \$1,000 in Olson's MSA this year and help pay the premium for catastrophic insurance that started paying bills after she and her husband racked up \$1,500 in medical bills. But the insurance company has rejected some claims, and the Olsons may lose more than the \$500 they've already paid to meet their high deductible.

"Am I 100 percent happy with it? No," said Olson, who, as vice president of Heartland, helped make the agricultural research company's decision to try MSAs because other health benefits were becoming too expensive.

Conservative lawmakers who defend MSAs say they provide alternatives for people who are ill-served by other health plans, while encouraging responsible spending.

Eric Berger, a House Republican aide who helped design the MSA test, said its value lies in showing whether people, given incentives to spend their own money wisely, can solve the country's health care problems better than managed care companies and government.

Critics contend MSAs are too risky, and doubt that the maximum 525,000 people allowed under the experiment will even try them before it ends in 2000.

"I think MSAs are good for people who are healthy and know they'll never get sick," said Gail Shearer of Consumers Union. "I don't think that's a very big population."

In a public health care system like Medicare, MSAs can upset a delicate balance in which everyone shares the risk for some who will become ill, Shearer said. Starting in 1999, up to 390,000 retirees will be able to choose a lump government payment into an MSA instead of traditional Medicare coverage.

Similarly, Ada County, Idaho, this year offered its 1,000 government employees the choice of a \$1,100 MSA deposit and catastrophic insurance instead of comprehensive health coverage.

State Department to review procedures

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The State Department concedes its made mistakes during the 1993 background check of major Democratic fund-raiser Larry Lawrence, the late ambassador who lied about serving in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

As a result of the Lawrence case, the State Department will review procedures for security checks of senior appointees.

Spokesman James Foley said Friday that a weeklong review concluded that Lawrence was a full-time student at Wilbur Wright Junior College in Chicago from September 1944 to June 1945 and was not a

Merchant Marine volunteer, as he had previously claimed.

Other officials rejected speculation that Lawrence received preferential treatment during his background check as a result of his role as one of the largest donors to the Democratic Party.

In reviewing Lawrence's record in 1993 for a security clearance, department diplomatic security personnel did not pick up the discrepancy between his claimed wartime service and a college transcript noting he was a student in Chicago at the time.

Lawrence was given a security clearance to become ambassador to Switzerland and served there until his death in 1996. Based on Lawrence's claim that

he was wounded in action near the end of World War II, he was deemed eligible for a waiver and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

After Republican investigators touched off a political furor by uncovering Lawrence's false claims last week, his widow asked that his remains be reburied in San Diego.

Once the GOP allegations were made public, President Clinton asked the State Department to review Lawrence's clearance process.

Officials who briefed reporters Friday on the outcome of the investigation said there were no military records to substantiate Lawrence's contention that he served in the Merchant Marine.

White House claiming new agreement is good for U.S., world finance systems

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A global agreement to knock down barriers to U.S. and foreign financial firms operating around the world couldn't have come at a better time for the Clinton administration, after two serious trade setbacks. And analysts said it should also help at least modestly to calm a badly rattled global financial system.

American consumers will see little change from the landmark deal — a decade in the making — because the U.S. market is already open to foreign competition. But the agreement, reached Saturday morning in Geneva among negotiators representing 102 countries, should prove a boon to American banks, securities firms and insurance companies in their struggle to crack open overseas markets.

President Clinton called the pact an important confidence booster that shows "countries have chosen to move forward rather than backwards in the face of Asia's financial troubles."

The victory also came at a time when the administration was badly in need of a trade success story. Last month, Clinton was forced to withdraw his request to Congress for authority to negotiate new free trade agreements. And last week, the World Trade Organization ruled against Eastman Kodak in a fight over market access in Japan.

Sensitive to these developments at a time when America's trade deficit is soaring, the administration stressed Saturday that the WTO negotiating process had worked extremely well in these negotiations to break down barriers that American companies have been complaining about for years.

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky called the new deal "dramatically improved" over a 1995 package which the United States had refused to sign because only 45 countries had come forward with market-opening offers.

Barshefsky said 102 countries put offers on the table in the

just-completed discussions and 71 of those were significant improvements over the status quo.

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European Union flinging open doors to its former enemies

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LUXEMBOURG — The European Union flung open its doors Saturday to former enemies in Eastern Europe but steadfastly blocked the entry of its longtime NATO ally, Turkey.

Calling it "a moment of historic significance," the 15 EU leaders ended a two-day summit with invitations to Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Cyprus to begin membership negotiations and offered a slower track to Romania, Latvia,

Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia.

EU leaders also declared their single currency firmly on track after they narrowly avoided a split over how to coordinate economic policies when they switch to euro-money a year from now.

The potentially damaging currency dispute pitted the 11 nations expected to adopt the euro against the four likely to keep their national currencies.

Under the agreement, the EU currency insiders can go ahead with plans for a special euro council to dovetail economic policies, but wider economic

issues can be debated by all 15 members.

All 11 would-be EU members will participate in a March 30 kickoff meeting in London. Then, the first six will start detailed membership talks while the EU will open "preparatory talks" with the rest to address some of the economic and political problems holding them back.

Turkey, on the other hand, was turned away.

Unable to overcome serious human rights problems, solve its territorial dispute with Greece or come to grips

with myriad economic difficulties, Ankara was not even deemed ready for a spot on the second team.

"Everyone recognizes Turkey is a significant power, that it's a great people," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair. "The criteria that we apply to Turkey are the same criteria we apply to all the countries. Europe is willing and wants to work with Turkey for the future."

To mollify the Turks, EU leaders invited them to a "European Conference," essentially annual summits involving EU members and the 11

declared candidates. The gesture failed to excite Ankara and its acceptance of the deal was in doubt.

The other nations, however, were delighted.

"I'm sure there will be many technical problems," said Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek. "But I think Slovenia has clearly overcome some of the problems. I think the major problems have been overcome."

Czech President Vaclav Havel called the integration of his country into the EU "a priority that has no meaningful alternative."

Albright meets Mandela's expected successor

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRETORIA, South Africa — The man expected to replace Nelson Mandela as leader of the ruling African National Congress party this week, Thabo Mbeki, assured Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Saturday that the change won't affect the close U.S.-South Africa relationship.

President Mandela suggested his role has already started to diminish.

ANC elections during a five-day meeting starting Tuesday are expected to clear the way for Deputy President Mbeki to succeed him in the 1999 elections.

"I'll soon be saying to him (Mbeki), 'My President,'"

Mbeki said people in South Africa and America shouldn't expect changes under his leadership because he represents the same political party.

"The change of persons, I don't think, really has a material difference in terms of where the country's going and how people respond to the government," Mbeki said during a joint news conference with Albright.

Albright accorded Mandela great respect, saying, "I stand in the presence of one of the giants of our century and it is a great honor."

"You are very kind to an old man," answered Mandela, 79, who was a political prisoner for 27 years before rising to lead the nation after the first all-race elections in 1994, ending discriminatory white-led rule.

The shifting power was clear as Albright met briefly with Mandela after holding a separate one-hour meeting with Mbeki at his residence.

Albright cited South Africa as an example of the relationship she wants the United States to have with nations across the continent.

The theme of Albright's week-long tour of sub-Saharan Africa has been developing "new partnerships" with leaders who have fresh ideas that embrace

democratic reforms instead of the repression of the past.

"Nowhere is that truer than in our relationship with South Africa," Albright said.

"We couldn't find problems," Albright said of her meeting with Mbeki, who agreed.

Despite the air of good feelings, the United States was displeased with Mandela's two recent visits to Libya to see leader Moammar Gadhafi. Libya supported the ANC against the apartheid government, and Mandela has invited Gadhafi to Pretoria.

The United States government regularly complains about South African military arms sales to Libya and Syria, both countries on the U.S. list of terrorist-supporting states.

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Cowboys in unfamiliar role: almost nothing to play for in Cincinnati

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Troy Aikman hasn't felt this way since he was a rookie. With two games left in the season, the Dallas Cowboys (6-8) have virtually nothing at stake. Talk of the postseason has all but vanished; playing for pride is in.

It's quite a comedown for a team that's been to the playoffs every year since 1991 and won three Super Bowls. "It's the first time that I've gone through it since my rookie year in 1989," Aikman said. "It's a different circumstance, no question about it. I think this is maybe one of the most difficult things to do, when you get towards the end of the season and for the most part your playoff hopes are gone."

They're not entirely gone, but close enough. In order for the Cowboys to get a wild-card berth, they have to beat the Cincinnati Bengals (5-9) on Sunday and the New York Giants a week later.

In addition, Washington, Detroit and Carolina have to lose their last two games, Philadelphia has to lose to Atlanta, and Atlanta has to lose to Arizona.

In effect, they have about as much chance of making the playoffs as Cincinnati, which has no chance at all.

"We're preparing for a team in the same situation — they're not playing for anything, except they're playing at home for their fans," coach Barry Switzer said. "They've been in this situation for a long time and they're probably better prepared to play in it than we are, psychologically."

He's right about that. Since 1991, the Bengals have become experts at playing their best when it no longer matters.

In the past seven years, the Bengals have gone 9-47 in the first half of the season and 26-28 over the final eight games. For the second consecutive year, they're finishing with an impressive rush.

Last year, they went 7-2 after Bruce Coslet replaced Dave Shula as head coach. This year, they started 1-7 and came together when the playoffs were out of the picture and Boomer Esiason replaced Jeff Blake as the starting

quarterback. Cincinnati has scored 114 points in the last three games, one of the best spurts in franchise history. The Bengals are coming off a 41-14 victory over the Tennessee Oilers that represented their biggest margin of victory in nearly seven years.

It was impressive by every measure. Corey Dillon set a rookie record by rushing for 246 yards and the Bengals piled up 515 total yards with Esiason running the show.

"You have what might be the best functioning offense in football for the last four or five weeks," Esiason said. "The Bengals have been re-energized by Esiason's return and are looking forward to the Cowboys' visit."

"They're still Dallas," offensive tack-

le Willie Anderson said. "Everybody grew up wanting to play for Dallas or against Dallas. My family wants to see me play, but they also want to see Troy, Emmitt, Deion and the guys."

The fans are caught up as well. The game sold out on Aug. 21; the only other sellout this season was for a game against Pittsburgh.

Some fans were looking forward to seeing Deion Sanders return to the stadium where he played baseball last summer for the Reds. But there will be no Deion on Sunday — at least, not in uniform.

His teammates aren't doing much better. Aikman was temporarily knocked out of a 23-13 loss to Carolina on Monday night, but plans to play on Sunday.

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Stanton's best 'D' demolishes Italy

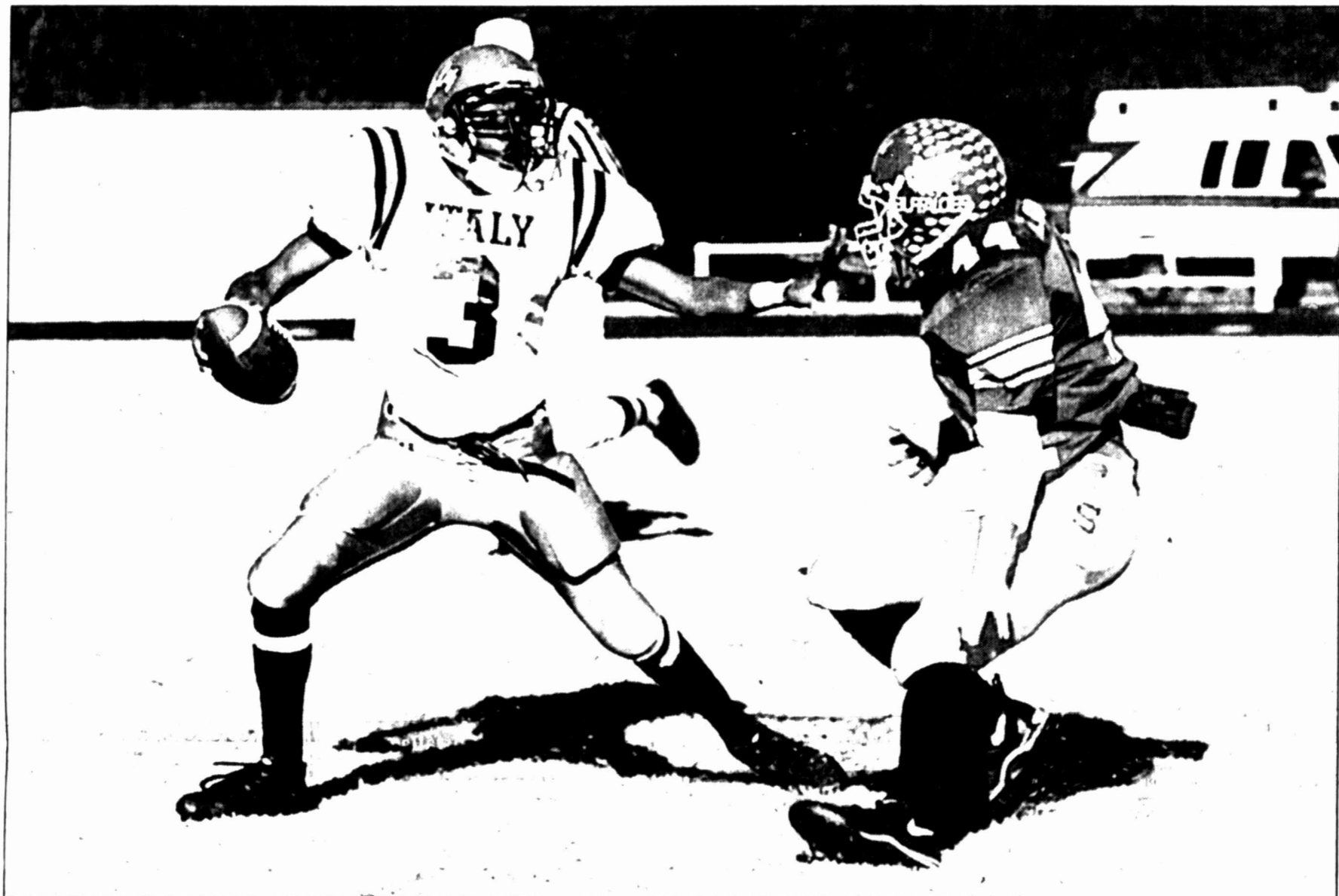
Buffaloes face Rogers for 2A title

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

BROWNWOOD — Offense got the Stanton Buffaloes to the playoffs. Defense got them to the state championship game.

Stanton's defenders, overlooked most of this season by the Buffaloes' high-powered offense, came to the forefront when it was most needed, and shut down the Italy Gladiators en route to a 35-7 victory in a Class 2A state semifinal game at Gordon Wood Stadium Saturday afternoon.

The victory puts Stanton (15-0) into the 2A state championship game against Rogers, which bumped off Alto in the other semifinal game Friday night. The title contest is tentatively scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday at Pennington Field in Bedford.



Italy quarterback Jontae Anderson (3) tries to avoid Stanton linebacker Jody Louder (44) during the second quarter of Saturday's Class 2A semifinal. Louder sacked Anderson for a 1-yard loss on the play, forcing a Gladiator punt. The Buffs took a 35-7 win, advancing to a state championship showdown with Rogers' Eagles.

"We're just so happy that we're going to the state championship game," lineman Josh Carson said. "Now, all we have to do is win it. I'm happy now, but I know I'll be just a little bit more happy if we win."

The game was supposed to be a showdown between two firecracker offenses, but instead of exploding, Italy's option offense imploded in the face of Stanton's onslaught.

The Gladiators (14-1) entered the game averaging more than 400 yards a game, but were held to only 248 yards by Stanton's defense. Italy also shot itself in the foot by committing five turnovers.

"I think this was our best defensive game of the year, by far," Stanton coach Mark Cotton said. "We thought we'd have some problems with their offense ... but we just decided to put trust in our kids, and they picked up (Italy's tendencies) like they'd been doing it all their lives."

Both defenses dominated the first half, but Stanton — holding a 7-0 lead at intermission — began putting the game away in the second half.

The Buffs extended their lead to 14-0 midway through the third quarter. The touchdown came in wild fashion — after fullback Jody Louder broke through a stacked defensive line and rumbled 51 yards downfield, he fumbled the ball into the end zone, but Tyrone Davis came out of nowhere to preserve the touchdown.

"I saw the ball on the ground, and knew we had to have it," was Davis' simple explanation of the score.

The Gladiators showed they weren't dead yet on the ensuing drive, marching 70 yards in five plays to close within 14-7, but that proved to be Italy's last hurrah of the day.

Davis gave the Buffs another six points and a 21-7 lead when he caught a 53-yard scoring toss from quarterback Kyle Herm, setting the stage for the turning point of the contest.

On the ensuing drive, the Gladiators marched 62 yards to Stanton's 4 before the Buffs' defense stiffened. Then, on fourth-and-goal, Louder stepped in front of a DeJuan Davis pass to give Stanton the ball at its own 1.

Herm then dug his team out of a hole and into firm control of the game when he cut back up the middle on a keeper, and James Jenkins' block gave him clear sailing en route to a 90-yard gain down to Italy's 7.

Two plays later, Jenkins plowed over from 5 yards out for a 28-7 lead and an iron grip on the game.

"We knew if we let them

score, they'd be right back in the game," defensive lineman Chad Smith said. "And when Jody intercepted the ball, I knew we had to get it out of our end fast. Kyle did a great job (on the run)."

"It was just a veer," Herm said of his back-breaking run. "I jumped over one guy and just started running. I definitely didn't think it would go 90 yards. That broke their back — they thought they had us pinned down. That took the air out of their balloon."

Considering that both teams entered the game averaging more than 30 points per contest, the first half was, surprisingly, a defensive struggle. Neither team managed more than 100 yards in offense in the first half, with Stanton holding a slim 97-70 edge in yardage at intermission.

The Gladiators marched deep into Stanton territory twice in the first half, but both drives stalled inside the Buffs' 20-yard-line.

Stanton fared little better, mounting only one sustained drive in the first quarter. That drive ended in disaster when tight end Chad Smith was

stripped of the ball, and Italy's DeJuan Davis recovered the ball and returned it to the Gladiator's 37.

Italy held a two-minute edge in possession in the first two quarters, but turnovers thwarted the Gladiators' offense, as they lost three fumbles during that time.

The second fumble led to the lone score of the first half. Stanton's Josh Carson pounced on a miscue by Edwin Wallace at the Italy 41 and, four plays later, Herm scrambled 27 yards for the touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

Italy's first-half frustrations were symbolized by the final play before intermission when the center snap sailed high over quarterback Jontae Anderson's head, and the ensuing scramble ended with the Gladiators losing 30 yards back to their own 8.

Despite having the advantage at the half, the Buffs admitted feeling a degree of frustration at not taking better advantage of Italy's mistakes.

"We were a little bit frustrated, but we knew we couldn't get out of our game," Smith said. "We knew we just had to

stay patient and play our game."

One more game like this, and the Buffaloes will become the first 11-man team in this area to claim a state title.

"We knew we had to be able to win state at the first of the season," Herm said. "We just had to go out and do it. This is a great feeling ... I just can't explain it."

Stanton	Team stats	Italy
14	First downs	15
252	rushing yds.	140
128	passing yds.	108
7/8/0	Comp/Att/Int	8/15/2
3-40	punts-avg	2/36
3-1	turn-lost	7-3
6-50	pen-yds	6-60

Stanton	0	7	14	14	35
Italy	0	0	7	0	7

Scoring plays
 Second quarter
 S - Kyle Herm 27 run (Joey Noyola kick), 3:43
 Third quarter
 S - Tyrone Davis recovered fumble in end zone (Noyola kick), 5:21
 I - DeJuan Davis 1 run (Justin Duke kick), 5:21
 S - Herm 53 pass to Davis (Noyola kick), 3:34
 Fourth quarter
 S - James Jenkins 5 run (Noyola kick), 7:49
 S - Herm 20 pass to Jacob Saldivar (Noyola kick), 3:03.

Brown announces Longhorn coaching staff full of experience

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown has taken the same approach to hiring his assistants as the school did in hiring him.

Find experience. Brown has hired seven assistant coaches, six of whom are former offensive and defensive coordinators and have experience recruiting in Texas.

"When you bring in a coordinator, he's an experienced decision maker. He can think," Brown said.

"This is a pressure job, and guys get a lot of questions. These guys understand when there is this much impor-

tance at an institution on their football program that they better be able to handle some hard questions and hard decisions."

Brown introduced new offensive coordinator Greg Davis, 46, who held the same position with him at North Carolina and is a former quarterbacks coach at Texas A&M, and defensive coordinator Carl Reese, 54, who coached one of the best defenses in the country this season at Louisiana State.

Brown also announced the hiring of — Tight ends coach Tim Brewster, 37, who held the same position at North Carolina under Brown. — Wide receivers coach Darryl Drake, 41, who spent the past year as

offensive coordinator at Baylor.

— Defensive ends coach Hardee McCrary, 45, the defensive coordinator at Rice this season.

— Offensive line coach Tim Nunez, 50, the offensive coordinator at Marshall this season.

— Defensive backs coach Everett Withers, 34, the defensive coordinator at Louisville the past three seasons.

Brown has yet to fill the positions of running backs coach and defensive line coach and said he is in no rush to make those decisions.

He said all seven coaches would hit the road recruiting over the next week.

Brown praised Davis for his ability

to oversee a pro-style offense that players can grasp quickly.

"For quarterbacks here who are worried about how difficult it will be to pick up the new system, it's an easy system but an effective system," Brown said.

Davis said, "We want to be a pro-style attack that can go out and rush for 300 yards if we need that to win or pass for 300 yards if we need that."

"We will be a predominantly two-back team that will feature four receivers on third down."

Brown praised Reese for turning LSU's defense into one of the stingiest in the nation.

The Tigers allowed only 16.2 points a

game this season, putting their defense first in the SEC and 11th in the nation in scoring defense. LSU also ranked second in the league in pass efficiency defense.

"Carl can handle pressure," Brown said. "LSU has beaten Florida two of the past three years and that's an impressive achievement when you consider stopping Florida's offense."

Reese said he will build a defense focused on speed.

"I'll take speed over size any day because speed kills," Reese said. "You look around at the good teams like Nebraska and Florida State and you see linebackers who are 6-foot and 200 pounds and can really hit you."

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RESULTS-Head Hunters Beauty Salon over The Ghost Team 8-0, Kelly's Cafe over Fifth Wheels 6-2, Po's Yellow Rose over Big Spring State Park 6-2, Hester's Mechanical over Federal Oil 6-2; hi sc ind game men Sam Lewis 189; hi sc ind game women Betty Petty 233; hi sc ind series men Sam Lewis 542; hi sc ind series women Velma Campbell 505; hi sc ind game men Ace Carter 217; hi sc ind game women Betty Petty 233; hi sc ind series men Sam Lewis 617; hi sc ind series women Velma Campbell 601; hi sc ind game Head Hunters Beauty Salon 631; hi sc ind game Big Spring State Park 803; hi sc team series Head Hunters Beauty Salon 1942; hi sc ind game Yellow Rose 2335.
---STANBORG-Head Hunters Beauty Salon 83-45, Po's Yellow Rose 78-50, Hester's Mechanical 76-52, Kelly's Cafe 72-56, Federal Oil 68-60, Big Spring State Park 66-62, Fifth Wheels 61-67.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
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WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
RESULTS-Rainbow Home Improvement over Karat Patch 6-2, BOB over Magic Painting 6-2, Lee's Rental II over Allan's Furniture 6-2, Hughes Optical over K-9 8-0; hi sc ind game Jerald Burgess 6-0, Jackie Lecroy 5-94, John Oliva 5-85; hi sc ind game Steve Hediges 2-37, Mike Spivey 2-34, Jackie Lecroy 2-23; hi sc team game Lee's Rental 2661, Allan's Furniture 2611, Lee's Rental 2603; hi sc team game Allan's Furniture 964, BSI 933, Rainbow Home Improvement 866; hi sc ind game Nolan Beal 656, Scott Patterson 648, John Oliva 645; hi sc ind game Mike Spivey 2-47, Steve Hediges 2-45, Ron Burton 2-44; hi sc team series BOB 30-42, Magic Painting 30-17, Lee's Rental 29-27; hi sc team game Magic Painting 1073, Allan's Furniture 1066, BOB 1060.
STANDINGS-Allan's Furniture 70-42, BOB 66-46, Rainbow Home Improvement 64-48, Lee's Rental 58-54, K-9 52-60, Magic Painting 50-62, Karat Patch 48-64, Hughes Optical 40-72.

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RESULTS-R.A. Rafter over Chicks 8-0, VFW over Mason's Lawn & Garden 6-2, Petty Farms over Guys Restaurant 8-0, Health Food Store over Kuykendall 6-2, Federal Oil over A&B Farms 6-0; hi sc ind series Ariene McMurry 661, Jerry Burchell 646; hi sc ind game Jerry Burchell 258, Dena Zant 238; hi sc team series Bow-A-Rama 24-24, BSI 24-04, hi sc team series Bow-A-Rama 20-19, VFW 19-24; hi sc

COWBOYS

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souf of the team, had no explanation.
"This whole season has been a shock, a big surprise," he said. "This is a new experience for me to be in this position. At times we just looked like we didn't know what we were doing. At times we just played like garbage. We had too many mistakes and not enough big plays. I just can't figure it out, particularly after the way we came out after the Pittsburgh game. We never got it back the rest of the season."
Other than the Pittsburgh win, the only other bigtime highlight for Dallas was Aikman taking the team 97 yards late in the fourth quarter against Washington to tie the game, then winning it with a field goal.
The team could never get into a rhythm. Fullback Daryl Johnston suffered a neck

injury. Offensive tackle Mark Tuinei missed most of the season with a leg injury. Guard Nate Newton was always hurt, showing wear for his 12 NFL seasons.
Running back Emmitt Smith was banged up from Day 1. Cornerback Deion Sanders broke a rib. Tight end Eric Bjornson fractured an ankle. Safety Darren Woodson played with a bum shoulder most of the season.
Aikman had head, thumb, and back problems.
Dallas couldn't overcome the injuries. Older players like Smith, Newton and Tuinei were starting to break down like old race cars run too often at high speed.
Still, these were only excuses. Other teams won with injuries. The Cowboys couldn't overcome any adversity.
"It's humiliating to know that you should win and can't get it done," said defensive tackle

Tony Casillas. "If I had the answers to what was wrong with this team I'd have more money than Bill Gates."
Leon Lett missed 13 games because of an NFL-mandated drug suspension made the Cowboys easy targets for teams with solid running games. Dallas had eight games where a runner gained more than 100 yards against it.
Humiliation after humiliation was heaped upon the Cowboys. They lost in Arizona and the fans tore the goalposts down.

Pick It Line results announced

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182-98 record. His final percentage was .650.
The final week proved difficult for the entire panel, as Steve Reagan's 10-10 led the rest of the pack, while Managing Editor John Walker was 9-11. Jonathan Garrett and Carlton Johnson both closed with 8-12 marks.
Garrett finished the season in second place with an overall mark of 191-89 for a .682 percentage, while Walker and Reagan tied for third with 189-91, batting .675 for the year.
Johnson finished fifth on the panel with a 184-96 record and .657 percentage.

Despite a 12-8 record in the following week, Williams finished with an overall record of 204-76 and .728 percentage. Sports editor John Moseley had the best record during the final week, picking 13 of the 20 games correctly, but finished the season in last place with a

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports
Dykes to be football banquet speaker
Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes will be the featured speaker for the Big Spring Steers Football Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.
Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$9 per person and can be obtained by calling Quarterback Club president Randy Gee at 267-7424 or 263-1889.
Since seating for the banquet will be limited, tickets should be purchased as early as possible.
Registration under way for youth league
The deadline for registration for a youth basketball league being formed by the Big Spring YMCA is Dec. 6.
No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning.
For more information, call 267-8234.
TP&WD officials offer recommendations
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season continues through Jan. 4, 1998.
The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks. Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300

acres south of I-20.
For more information, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.
Local chapter needs softball umpires
The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.
For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.
BSHS Baseball Booster meeting set
The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school library.
All parents of baseball players and local baseball fans are encouraged to attend.
USA Volleyball clinics scheduled
USA Volleyball, the West Texas Girl Scout Council and Nike will bring the Nike Volleyvan to Big Spring High School's Steer Gym on Jan. 17.
Officials noted that the clinic for parents and coaches begin new programs or improve existing ones at all levels.
A clinic for boys and girls will be conducted to stress the importance of enjoying the game, as well as receiving basic skills work.
For more information or to register, contact BSHS head volleyball coach Traci Pierce by calling 264-3641.

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Giants lay claim to NFC East title with 30-10 win over Redskins

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Great defenses made the New York Giants Super Bowl champions under Bill Parcells. Jim Fassel didn't change the fa in resurrecting the team and leading it Saturday to its first NFC East title since 1990. On an afternoon the Gatorade bath and the cries of "Dee-fense" returned to the Giants Stadium, Jason Sehorn scored on a 35-yard interception return and the defense forced six

turnovers. The Giants' 30-10 victory over the Washington Redskins returned them to the playoffs for the first time in four years. The performance highlighted a season that saw Fassel, a noted quarterback guru, lead a team that finished last under Dan Reeves in 1996 to an improbable title that began with losses of three of the first four games. The victory guaranteed the Giants (9-5-1) a home game in the first round of the playoffs in two weeks. It also put Washington (7-7-1) in a situation

where it must beat Philadelphia at home next week and then get help to make the playoffs. Charles Way, bypassed in the Pro Bowl selections last week, scored on a 15-yard run, Danny Kanell threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Chris Calloway and Brad Daluiso kicked three field goals for the Giants, who got only one sustained drive from their offense. The Redskins virtually handed the Giants the game, and there was little former Giants quarterback Jeff

Hostetler could do to turn things around. A fumble by halfback Stephen Davis and a mishandled snap by punter Matt Turk helped the Giants take a 17-0 first-quarter lead. **Steelers 24, Patriots 21** For the second straight week, Pittsburgh's multi-talented Kordell Stewart rallied the Steelers from a 14-point deficit, a wild trip to a 24-21 overtime win Saturday that kept the New England Patriots from clinching

a playoff berth. It ended with Norm Johnson's 31-yard field goal on the only possession of overtime. And it was made possible by Kevin Henry's interception that led to Stewart's 1-yard touchdown pass to Mark Bruener with 38 seconds left in the fourth quarter and his two-point conversion completion to Yancey Thigpen. Stewart led Pittsburgh from a 14-point deficit a week earlier to a 35-24 win over Denver that clinched a playoff berth.

Coyotes romp to six-man crown

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABILENE — Colt McCook threw for three touchdowns and Fernando Baeza ran for three more, leading Borden County to its first six-man title with a 48-16 victory Saturday over Panther Creek. Borden County (15-0) was stopped on its first series, then scored on its next four drives for a 26-0 lead with 8:39 left in the third quarter. A 5-yard touchdown run by Baeza, and McCook touchdown passes of 68 yards to Oscar Baeza and 38 yards to Ed Rodriguez gave Borden County a 20-0 lead at halftime. McCook opened the second-half with a 12-yard touchdown toss to Clint Scott. Panther Creek (13-2) got on the board with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Brent Dawson to Stephen Loyd, but Rodriguez answered by returning the ensuing kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown. Dawson later threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Luis Delgadillo and Baeza added touchdown runs of 1 and 41 yards. Baeza ran 16 times for 129 yards. McCook was 8-of-14 passing for 217 yards. Dawson completed 18-of-24 passes, including 11 in a row, for 190 yards. Delgadillo ran 28 times for 181 yards.

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Borden Co.	Team stats	Panther Crk.
14	First downs	14
222	rushing yds.	182
190	passing yds.	217
8-14-1	Comp/Att/Int	18-25-0
1-21-0	punts avg	1-36.0
3-2	fum-lost	1-0
7-58	pen-yds	6-49
Borden County	0 20 12 16 - 48	
Panther Creek	0 0 8 8 - 16	

Scoring plays
BC - Fernando Baeza 5 run (Oscar Baeza kick)
BC - Oscar Baeza 68 pass from Colt McCook (kick failed)
BC - Ed Rodriguez 38 pass from McCook (kick failed)
BC - Clint Scott 12 pass from McCook (kick failed)
PC - Stephen Loyd 7 pass from Brent Dawson (Loyd kick)
BC - Rodriguez 70 kickoff return (kick failed)
PC - Luis Delgadillo 5 pass from Dawson (Loyd kick)
BC - Fernando Baeza 1 run (McCook kick)
BC - Fernando Baeza 41 run (Nick Flanagan kick)

Katy 24, Longview 3
Finally, the Katy Tigers walked off the field as state champions. Matt Gore passed for one touchdown and ran for another in a 24-3 upset victory over the

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

CLASS 5A Division I Final	CLASS 3A Semifinals
Katy 24, Longview 3	Commerce 33, Aledo 14
Division II Semifinals	Sealy 24, La Grange 14
Flower Mound Marcus 31, Tyler John Tyler 7	Final
Alief Hastings (13-1) vs. New Braunfels (13-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome	Commerce (15-0) vs. Sealy (15-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Astrodome
Final	***
Flower Mound Marcus (13-2) vs. Alief Hastings (13-1) or New Braunfels (13-1), TBA.	CLASS 2A Semifinals
***	Stanton 35, Italy 7
CLASS 4A Division I Final	Rogers 42, Alto 33
Texas City 37, Corsicana 34	Final
Division II Semifinals	Stanton (15-0) vs. Rogers (14-1), TBA
Denison 42, Mount Pleasant 0	***
La Marque 13, Corpus Christi Calallen 3	CLASS 1A Finals
Final	Wheeler (11-3) vs. Granger (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Denison (15-0) vs. La Marque (12-3), TBA	***
	SIX-MAN Finals
	Borden County 48, Panther Creek 16

previously unbeaten Longview Lobos for the Class 5A Division I state championship in the Astrodome Saturday. "I don't think they (Longview) had seen a team offensively that was North-South like we are," Katy coach Mike Johnston said. "We don't run around people very well. But we are kind of used to running over them." The Tigers last won a state title in 1959 when they captured the Class A crown. More recently, they'd been in the playoffs six straight years before this season without capturing a title. Until Saturday. The Tigers (14-1) jumped on the Lobos (14-1) in the closing minutes of the first half after a scoreless first quarter. Gore scored on a 1-yard keeper with 2:43 to go and then he hit Mason White with a 37-yard touchdown pass with five seconds left in the half for a 14-3 lead.

Katy's defense was as much responsible for the victory as its offense. It was the first game this season Longview was held without a touchdown. "I felt we had an advantage against Longview because their whole thing was speed and we're not fools," Katy line-backer Rusty Bucy said. "We know we can't outrun anybody but the thing we do is come right at you. We pound you and we pound you, and we felt they wouldn't be used to playing a game like that." It marked the first time in the playoffs that the Lobos had trailed at halftime, although they rallied from halftime deficits three times in the regular season. Longview's comeback magic didn't work this time. The Lobos' only scoring came on a

27-yard field goal by Erin Roerecke with 9:26 to go in the second quarter. The Tigers kept up the pressure in the second half. Ryan Nugent kicked a 34-yard field goal with 4:38 to go in the third quarter and Bronston Carroll ran nine yards with 3:41 to play to seal the victory. The Lobos didn't get a first down in the second half until 10:30 remained in the game. They finished with only 39 yards rushing. "We felt good going in at the half," Longview coach Robert Bero said. "We knew if we could maintain ball control we'd be in the game. But Katy is one of the best teams we've seen this year. They played an outstanding football game."

When the Lobos made a desperate attempt to get on the scoreboard in the closing minutes, quarterback Jay Hurst was sacked three times for 33 yards in losses, including on the final play of the game. Carroll led all rushers in the game with 109 yards on 24 carries. Fred Talley led Longview with 89 yards on 13 carries. Longview entered the game as a strong favorite with an impressive string of 14 straight victories. But they couldn't finish it off with the Tigers, who reached the finals in 1994 but lost to Plano, 28-7. Longview beat six playoff teams in the regular season and advanced through a rugged playoff schedule. The Lobos came into the title game having played 11 road games, including all of their playoff games. "Our guys showed a lot of character," Bero said. "It's kind of hard to swallow right now but they'll bounce back." The Lobos haven't won a state title since 1937.

Texas City 37, Corsicana 34

Adrien Daniels handed the Class 4A Division I state championship to the Texas City Stingerees Saturday — twice. Daniels scored on runs of 19 and 34 yards and had a 76-yard touchdown kickoff return that gave Texas City a 30-13 lead with 11:21 to play. But Corsicana scored three touchdowns to take the lead, and Texas City needed Daniels' 3-yard run with 1:48 remaining to give the Stingerees a 37-34 victory for their first state championship. "I don't know what I was thinking in the fourth quarter, other than 'let's get this over and get out of here,'" Texas City coach Rusty Dowling said. "They (Corsicana) have tremendous players and we knew when we got ahead that it wasn't over. They can come back. They've done it so many times."

It came down to a battle between Daniels, who had 409 all-purpose yards, and Corsicana quarterback Shade Boulware, who threw three fourth-quarter touchdown passes and handed off to Lee Bell for a 16-yard touchdown run with 3:19 to play that gave Corsicana its first lead of the game, 34-30. But Daniels had something left. He took a pass from back-up quarterback Adrian Acosta 38 yards to the Tiger 25-yard line and then had consecutive runs of 19 and three yards for the go-ahead touchdown. "We did all we could do to stop him (Daniels)," Corsicana coach Tom Wilson said.

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, December 14, 1997

Welcome home:

Today's tour showcases the unique, personal

Some local residents will roll out the red carpet for visitors this afternoon, opening their homes to ticketholders for the Big Spring Symphony Guild Tour of Homes.

The four homes include those of John and Cindy Yater, 503 Scott; Leslie and Kay Zant, 800 Caprock; John and Denise Ross, 2901 Robb; and C.L. and Thelma Carlile, 608 W. 15th. Tour hours are 1-5 p.m.

The homes showcase a variety of styles and special furnishings — many focusing on collections, family treasures and personal touches.

John Yater, who owns Royal Draperies, made the window coverings for his home. He used the unusual "lambrequin" in the kitchen and family room, a padded, fabric-covered board that outlines the window in a decorative shape with a variety of fabrics.

His wife, Cindy, has on display her Waterford bells of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and the couple also collects Sarna bells for Christmas, a new one each year.

Denise and John Ross, music directors for First United Methodist Church and also local teachers, built their home themselves, through the family-owned Ross Construction.

It features 20-foot tall ceilings in the living room with a balcony overlooking the grand piano — evidence of the family's love and talent for music.

Their holiday decorating includes Denise's expansive collection of the Dickens Christmas village. She has kept a "village" theme throughout the home.

The Zant home has the unique feature of the homeowner's own artistic talent. Kay, an artist with her own downtown studio, Brushworks, has painted a large mural and other works that are displayed in her home.

The house is also unusual in its C-shape, with an entry that faces a fountain room. The design was created by the Zants.

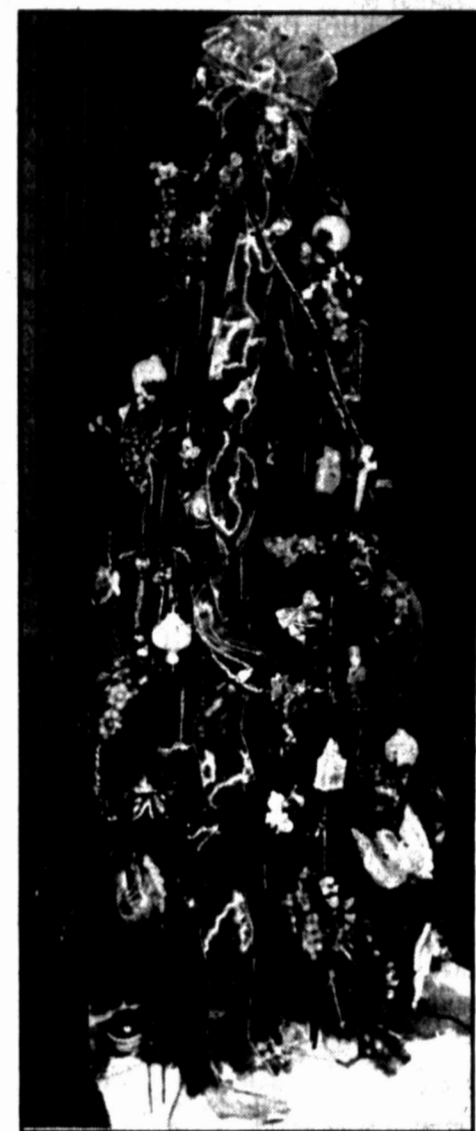
The Carlile home, rebuilt completely after a 1996 fire, features bright colors, modern additions, and prominently displayed are many of the couple's personal items that were saved from the blaze.

Tickets for the tour are available at any of the homes today after the tour begins at 1 p.m. A map is on the back of each ticket.

Proceeds from today's tour will benefit the Big Spring Symphony Guild, which helps finance the symphony's activities, including educational projects for children in our community.



Above, John Yater shows his wife's collection of Waterford crystal bells for the Twelve Days of Christmas. So far, they have only been able to collect 11. At right, a Christmas tree at the Yater home is decorated with unique and antique items.



In the photo above: Thelma Carlile, center, gets some assistance from Faye's Flowers as she works with Debra Lusk, right, and Lupe Pattin to set up a colorful Christmas tree. Preparation for the Tour of Homes takes many hours. At right, John and Denise Ross's home boasts a spacious living area with 20-foot ceilings, displaying a grand piano. Far right, the Ross home displays her collection of the Dickens Christmas village, mainly on these shelves, but also continued throughout the house.

Photos by Jonathan Garrett
Stories by Debbie L. Jensen



Chance to rebuild is new beginning

Thelma Carlile was playing the piano in her home on Feb. 29, 1996, when she suddenly heard a "popping" sound.

She went to investigate, and saw billowing smoke. She ran to the phone — it was dead. Carlile went next door, called 9-1-1 and watched her house, her possessions, her memories, go up in smoke.

She and her husband made the decision not to abandon the home they had loved. For the next six months, they would rebuild the home — making many changes and creating their ideal living space.

Today from 1-5 p.m., the Carlile home, at 608 W. 15th, will be on display as part of the Big Spring Symphony Guild Tour of Homes. For the \$10 ticket price, curious local residents can see four Big Spring homes, decorated for the holidays.

Two are new construction — the Ross home at 2901 Robb and the Zant home at 800 Caprock. The fourth Tour of Homes house is the Yater home at 503 Scott.

All are unique, all will be beautifully decorated — but only the Carlile home has a dramatic "back from the ashes" story. And Thelma Carlile is pleased to share the positive results of a difficult time in her life.

"When it came to rebuilding it," Carlile said, "we knew we could do whatever we wanted."

Mostly decorated in beige before, the home is now filled with color — especially bright blues and yellows.

"I never knew how much I would like using all the color," she said. "But I have so enjoyed it."

The house is filled with memories, too — some of which barely survived the fire. A picture of a place the couple visited in Germany, for example, turned completely black from smoke.

"They had it restored, and it hangs in the living area showing no obvious signs of the damage."

Carlile, an accomplished cook and cookbook author, also displays her collection of china, and an unusual antique — the first pan she used to make cornbread.

Her husband's high school woodworking project, a cedar chest, has found a home in a guest bedroom, along with an aerial photograph of the farm where his wife was raised.

Other personal touches include an artist's rendering of a downtown street in a small Michigan town where Carlile once lived, which hangs in her bright and whimsical "project room" — a new addition.

Carlile said it was not until last Christmas when she finally began to recover from the fire. Now, she said, they have managed to rebuild and restore more than just a place to live.

"Our whole house is memories," she said.

Garden City Head Start benefits from community support

Recently I spent a day at Head Start in Garden City. In a bright, cheerful room that bustled with activity, some children were designing turkeys; some were playing dress-up in the home living center; others maneuvered toy trucks over wooden blocks; and one was working at the computer.

All these activities were calmly directed by Deb Pelzel, head teacher, and Tina Flores, co-teacher. In addition, Garden City senior Casey Hoch, a student in the high school's Child Development class, worked with the group doing the artistic turkeys.

While all this was going on, I visited with Delia Pierson, who is responsible for Family and Health Services. At a desk stacked high with forms to be completed, she took a few minutes to explain that Head Start really involves the entire family.

Pierson does a parent work-

shop once a month and also gives parent training once a month. She deals with such matters as nutrition, child abuse, and parenting skills. All staff members make home visits.

Pointing to an overflowing file cabinet, she said that every child must have a physical and dental screening each year, along with appropriate follow-up treatment.

Then we went to lunch. Walking down the halls of the beautiful elementary school, I felt nostalgic for the time I taught 6th grade in Nebraska.

After lunch, it was time for the children to brush their teeth. Flores put separate dabs of toothpaste on a plastic plate for each child to scoop up with his brush. Head Start regulations forbid dispensing toothpaste directly on a child's toothbrush.

Then came nap time. In a fun-filled ritual, each child was

covered with a blanket on his individual cot. The room was darkened, and a tape of semi-classical music played.

Most of the young-

sters seemed more than ready for a nap. Pelzel explained that the day for the Garden City Head Start is a long one, beginning at 8:20

a.m. when the school buses arrive and lasting until 3:40 p.m. Some of the children come from as far away as 35 miles, so it means a long bus ride for them.

Obviously enthusiastic about her work with the youngsters, Pelzel commented, "You just



Jean Warren
Herald
Columnist



Head teacher Deb Pelzel works with Head Start students.

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'Every child gets a great deal of attention from teachers and community volunteers.'
Deb Pelzel,
head teacher

the program. Head Start legislation mandates that each federal dollar must be matched 20 percent by community contributions. In Garden City, classroom facilities, transportation, and meal service are provided by the local school district.

The local program is one of nine Head Start centers sponsored by West Texas Opportunities. Program director Margie Anderson says, "The contributions of the Garden City community and the local ISD, in combination with the Head Start program, have created a caring supportive environ-

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Fast-paced mystery would be great escape

"Legal Tender." Lisa Scottoline. Harper Paperbacks, New York, New York, September, 1997. 434 pages. \$6.99.

As half-owner in a law firm, Benedetta "Bennie" Rosato specializes in the prosecution of law enforcement officials accused of misconduct and excessive force. So it is no surprise that — when Bennie's partner, Mark Biscardi, is found murdered — she is accused of taking his life and is given the hard treatment by those investigating the case.

It doesn't help Bennie's case that everyone in the firm overheard her screaming at Mark the night before he was killed. Bennie had inadvertently found out that Mark had decided to set up his own law firm. He had gone behind Bennie's back in setting up new offices, canceling the lease of the building

in which he and Bennie worked, and renting new space for her. Bennie was astounded Mark had moved so fast. What really hurt was that he was taking half the staff from their present firm with him to his new one. Bennie felt betrayed by the lawyers that worked with her, and was absolutely furious with Mark. But she didn't kill him.

Bennie soon realizes that as he works to find the murderer, her actions become more suspect in the eyes of the law, and

moves are made to put her under arrest. To avoid being detained, Bennie attires herself in some bizarre outfits and travels under assumed identities. About the time she feels she is making headway in discovering truths about the night of the crime, Bennie stumbles on one of her clients who has been murdered. It doesn't take long before the police assume Bennie has committed another crime. This only sends her to find more outlandish ways to avoid being caught.

Lisa Scottoline, a lawyer in her own right, has written a fast-paced story. The humor with which she clothes Bennie gives delight to the reader. The frequent amusing situations give some release to the building suspense, yet the author immediately turns the situation around to one in which the reader will identify with being

an innocent in a predicament, being declared guilty without a way to explain.

"Legal Tender" will appeal to mystery fans, but should also interest readers who just need a few hours' escape. The tightly knit plot repeatedly builds suspense, keeping the reader focused on the various outcomes. Bennie's character is developed as she tackles those who thwart her attempts at solving the murder and in the various ways she uses to avoid being caught by the police. There is a clever poignancy to Bennie's brashness as she searches for honesty in those who claim to be her friends.

Scottoline has another book soon to be published. Read "Legal Tender" and you'll be sure to be looking for the next one.

RATING: (****) four out of four=Not to be missed!



Pat Williams
Paperback Book Reviewer

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Elsa" 8-month-old female Husky mix, good personality, bright blue eyes.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Snyder" Young adult male Doberman; likes to run, romp and play.

"Beauty" Sharpei mix, two years old, spayed female.

"Rockette" Collie/Australian

Shepard mix, four years old, female. Long white coat with black and brown spots.

"Casper" Three year old male Pit mix, dark brindle; gets along well with other dogs.

"Loretta" Australian Shepard mix, 3-years-old, spayed female. She would make a good watch dog.

"Hannah" Female Terrier mix, wire-haired white with black spots. Three year old spayed female.

"Lucy" 1-year-old red Heeler female, loves people, red white with docked tail.

"Holly" Two year old Retriever, female, spayed, loves to play, will retrieve anything.

"Jackie Russell" Short legged, very lovable, walks on a leash, would make a good family dog.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35.

This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots.

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CARING WITH CANS

Shown are Anderson Kindergarten Center teacher Isabel Villareal, left, with Salvation Army Major Roy Tolcher, and students Jessica Smithwick, Anthony Perez, Crystal Shults, Daniel New and Aaron Tatad. The students collected canned food for the Salvation Army's program to benefit needy families, and created a village of cans.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

STORK CLUB

Leah Shereen Dumas, girl, Nov. 28, 1997, 3:12 p.m., six pounds 13 1/2 ounces; parents are Laura and James Dumas, Midland.

Grandparents are Pat and Patsy Grigg, Big Spring, Bobbye and Fred Dumas, Midland, and Ron and Annalee Allen, Austin.

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Hannah Alexis Trevino, girl, 3:30 a.m., seven pounds and 20 inches long; parents are Arturo and Michele Trevino.

Grandparents are Steve and Glenda Smith and Olga and the late Evaristo Trevino, all of Big Spring.

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Rebecca Nicole Tindol, girl, Nov. 29, 1997, 9:42 p.m., six pounds four ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Charles and Jane Tindol, Abilene.

Grandparents are Dr. John and June Estes, Abilene, and Grady and Sue Tindol, Coahoma.

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Ellis Elizabeth Brown, girl, Oct. 8, 1997, eight pounds, and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Laurie and Patrick Brown, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Grandparents are Joe and Cheryl Budd, Big Spring, Mary Ellis Brown, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Larry and Karen Brown, San Antonio.

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Kaleb Aaron Ward, Oct. 29, 1997, 1:49 p.m., 10 pounds 13 ounces and 23 1/4 inches long; parents are Delmas and Susan Ward.

Grandparents are David and Edna Rawls, Big Spring, Freddie and Sue Ward, Safford, Ariz., and Charlene Joyner, W. Monroe, La.



Garden City Head Start co-teacher Tina Flores leads children in a singing game.

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ment that gives young children a successful entry into formal schooling."

Since its beginning in 1965, Head Start has served over 17 million children and their families. The program enjoys the support of both Republicans and Democrats.

After a day with Head Start in Garden City, I can understand why.

GETTING ENGAGED



Julie Sue Ayer and Joey Don Bacon, both of Arlington Baptist College, will exchange wedding vows on June 27, 1998, at Liberty Baptist Church in Wichita Falls with Rev. Jerry Reed officiating and assisted by Rev. Gary Bacon, Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Lancaster, and Rev. Charles Osborne.

She is the daughter of Steve and Ladonna Ayer, Wichita Falls, and the late Pamela Huff Ayer.

He is the son of Gary and Monica Bacon, missionaries to Mexico.

Recipe Corner

This monthly feature runs the second Wednesday of each month in the life! section. Submit recipes to Recipe Corner, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or drop them by the Herald office, or fax to 264-7205. Include your name and phone number.

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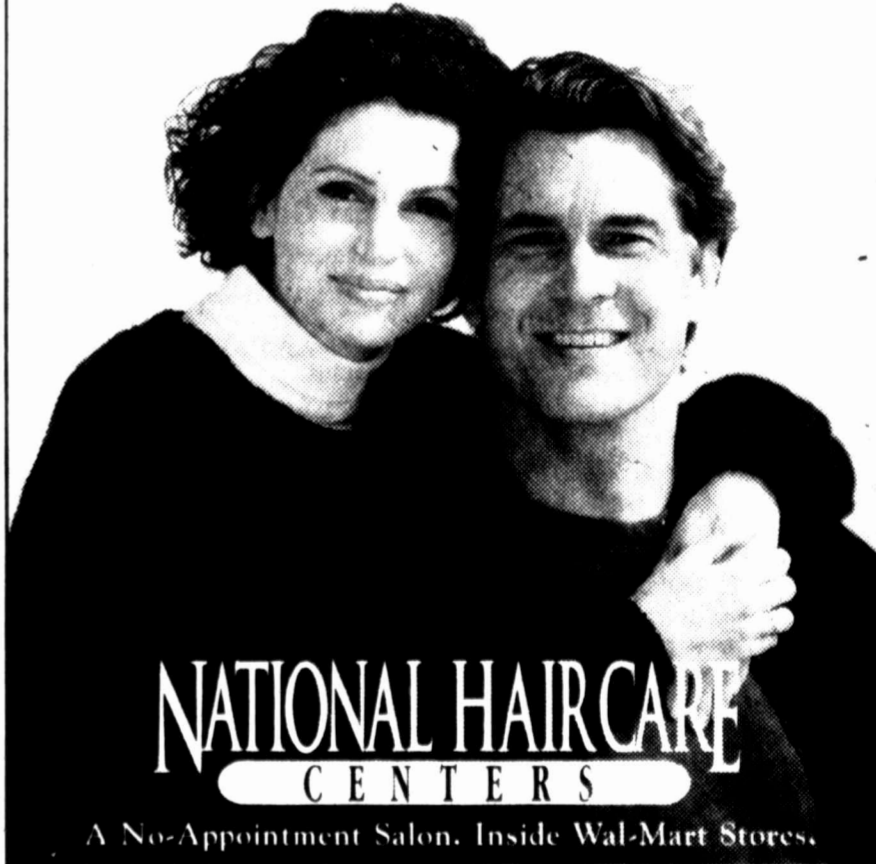
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By JACKIE Milwaukee

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Steak, rice, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, brownies.

TUESDAY-Beef stew, tossed salad, cauliflower/peas, cornbread, milk, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, milk/rolls, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Chicken, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, Waldorf salad, milk/rolls, cake.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, hot rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili & beans, salad, cornbread, sopapillas w/butter, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Fish w/tartar sauce, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Lunchables, fruit, ice cream, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti, green beans, coleslaw, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tamales w/chili, pinto beans, spanish rice, corn, apple, milk.

THURSDAY-Turkey & dressing, English peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad,

french fries, pork & beans, Christmas cup, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Fried chicken, gravy, (Corn dogs) macaroni, & cheese, green beans, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY-Taco beef pie (burritos), pinto beans, milk, ice cream cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza salad, fruit, milk. Teachers only call on Wed. Salad or baked potato.

FRIDAY-STUDENT HOLIDAY.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fruit cup, cookie, fruit drink, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, fruit cobbler, hot roll, fruit drink, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef taco or corn dog, western beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza or chicken & dumplings, green beans, carrot/celebrity, peaches, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

FRIDAY-Choice of sandwiches, potato chips, pickle spears, apple, cookie, fruit drink, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Taco salad, beans, salad, cherry tart, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn dogs/chips, pinto beans, salad, brownies, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburgers, french fries, salad/pickles/onions, banana pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Turkey/dressing, gravy/cranberry sauce, sweet

potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, fruit salad, milk.

FRIDAY-Sandwich, chips, salad, pork & beans, ice cream, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, rice, green peas, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, corn, salad, chocolate pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pies, cheese, pinto beans, salad, lettuce, tomato, peanut butter bars, corn chips, milk.

THURSDAY-Pigs-in-blankets, macaroni & cheese, blackeye peas, fruit cocktail cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Sandwiches, tuna, peanut butter, pimento cheese, baked beans, chips, oranges, apples, milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Salisbury steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, english peas, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Meat loaf, catsup, scalloped potatoes, black eyed peas, jello, batter bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey & dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, pumpkin pie, sliced bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, french fries, apple, milk.

FRIDAY-STUDENT HOLIDAY

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Stew, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.

TUESDAY-Hot dog, potato salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef and bean chalupe, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Pot pie, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili-mac, green beans, fruit, hot roll, milk.

Use discretion in dress for office holiday party

If all else fails, show up in work clothes

By GEORGIA SAUER
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In some ways, an office party is tricky to dress for, but in other ways it's the simplest: Don't be obviously sexy.

No cleavage, no Band-Aid skirts, no Spandex, or other fabrics of that ilk, and nothing transparent.

Another reason why it can be simple is there's really no need to buy a complete new outfit. You can wear the black pantsuit you wear to work at least once a week, the one with the pleated trousers and double-breasted jacket. But instead of wearing it with a turtleneck and boots and briefcase-sized handbag, wear a gold camisole and stiletto sandals and a little beaded bag. You'll still be covered up, but festive in a minimalist way.

Even Ralph Lauren, whose customers certainly can afford the most elaborate party wear, showed gray flannel pinstripe pantsuits with crisp white blouses for day, and little white beaded halter tops by night. Perfect.

Another way to be festive in a refined way is simply to wear red. A red V-neck tunic sweater (cashmere would be nice) or red satin blouse worn with black silk or velvet wide-legged

pants can take you to any office party across town. Again, splurge on the shoes: maybe satin mules with a big floppy bow and open toe, or something along that line.

If you want to buy something special to wear to an office party, think in terms of something you can party in all year, not just at Christmastime. Please, no plaid, full skirts. They went out in the '50s, unless you're a dowager from Saratoga Springs. And no velvet leggings, which were never in, unless you're a teen-ager.

Best would be a tuxedo suit for women. They were introduced eons ago by Yves Saint Laurent and have been copied by every designer and low-end manufacturer since. Worn with black satin high heels and black velvet turtleneck, you won't be mistaken for a man, believe me.

Or buy a long, black velvet dress — simple, with long sleeves, T-shirt neck. Wrap the neck with a matching black velvet scarf, or put on your prettiest silver choker and you're set.

Or make a late entrance, breathlessly, in your work clothes because you had to work late.

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WHO'S WHO

Gayle Abbott, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Raymond Moore of Big Spring, has completed a Master of Arts Degree in Applied Research Psychology at the University of the Permian Basin.



Abbott previously obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of the South West, and is a graduate of Forsan High School.

The Admissions and Records Office at Texas State Technical College Sweetwater just released the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 1997 Quarter. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll. The following student was named to the honor roll: Richard Torina, computer/network electronics technology, of Big Spring.

Sara Thixton-Meador, secretary, FCI Big Spring, was promoted to UNICOR Materials Handler Supervisor, FCI Big Spring, and Karen Williams, senior officer, was promoted to Recreation Specialist (Trainee), FCI Big Spring.

Louisiana Tech has announced the names of students on its fall quarter President's and Dean's honor lists.

Students who are on the President's Honor List earned at least a 3.8 academic grade point average on a minimum of nine semester hours pursued, with no grade lower than a B.

Area honor students include: Adam Clifford Markwell, Big Spring.

Seniors embrace computer technology

By JACKIE LOOHAUIS

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Call the scenario "On Golden Web."

The little retirement cottage in the woods has the rocking chair on the front porch. Grandma's oatmeal cookies baking in the oven. And a Pentium II PC with multiple on-line services set up in the den.

The real-life scenarios may not be exactly this, but it's not far off.

Because contrary to all stereotypes about aging and aversions to "newfangled contraptions," older Americans are running to — not from — computers and the Internet.

According to a Baruch College-Harris Poll this year, 19 percent of those now surfing the Web are age 50 and over (of an estimated 9 percent of Americans who are on line). Another survey, conducted by Excite and Third Age Media this September, indicates that 83 percent of on-line seniors log in daily, a number just below the 85 percent rate of the 24-49 age group, the most active group.

Columnist Jon Katz wrote for HotWired Digital: "Invisible to the mainstream media and often written off by the rest of society, the elderly are pouring on-line to create one of the most powerful groups yet seen in this ostensibly youth-oriented medium."

And Wired News on line recently wrote: "We may need to rethink our ideas about aging and technology."

Rethink, indeed, when you meet folks such as George Jacobi of Milwaukee. A retired engineer in his mid-70s, he uses the Web to "gather information on physical health, finances and the corporate side." He has dozens of bookmarks for sites ranging from "The Home Page for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services" to "The Dilbert Zone."

When told he had a major illness, he copied "two inches worth of medical information

Websites geared to older surfers

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Web sites of interest to seniors:
SeniorNet: www.seniornet.com
The Third Age: www.thirdage.com
The Resource Directory for Older People: www.aoa.dhhs.gov/aoa/resource.html
Social Security Administration: www.ssa.gov
American Association of Retired Persons: www.aarp.org
SeniorLaw: www.seniorlaw.com
Seniors-Site: seniors-site.com/home/sitemap.html

that I got off the Internet with which to confront my doctor. The Internet was a major help in deciding what treatment to use."

Rethink, again, when you visit the Washington Park Senior Center in Milwaukee. It has teamed with the Milwaukee Area Technical College and Omnifit (the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee computer outreach program) to provide computer learning and access to seniors.

"The demand for classes and terminals is so great that 'people are mad at me because the classes get filled fast,'" said center director Linda Cieslik.

"We could fill up this center from top to bottom with computers that would be used, but then what would we do with the Tai-chi class?"

MATC and the center recently confirmed plans to offer classes specifically about the Internet and to add about 15 terminals with on-line access.

Jacobi and the senior center represent some key issues driving the trend: an interest in topics such as personal finance and health — information that's readily available on the Web — and free time.

One of the big computer lures

for seniors is e-mail, which offers the opportunity to keep in touch with far-flung friends and family electronically.

Once on line for that, many seniors smoothly slide into surfing.

"Seniors have so many interests and their curiosity is limitless," said Richard Averbeck, associate dean of business at MATC.

Some areas of senior Web interest leap out.

"Genealogy is a big thing for older people more than others," said Neil Trilling of Omnifit.

The Third Age Media/Excite poll found the other hot Web topics for older adults included news, government and politics, investing, travel, spirituality and religion, health and culture.

Although older adults have a wide variety of lifestyles (including many who are still working), many retired citizens have the time to learn computer ways and they know about the Internet.

"They see the Internet advertised on television," said Cieslik. "They know what it can do."

For many, the Internet and computers are a way to expand their lives.

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UPR's problems may create higher costs later

DALLAS (AP) — Union Pacific Railroad's track tie ups also could spill over into problems for roads and highways, as deliveries of concrete, aggregate and asphalt continue to be delayed.

The Lone Star State, and possibly the Southwest, has been hardest hit, officials say. Because of the problems, cement has been on allocation in most parts of Texas for the past six months, according to a report to the Texas Railroad Commission.

Union Pacific confirms that the railroad is behind in its hauling for the concrete industry.

"It's safe to say we're behind in delivering all commodities and that is true in the rock business," said UP spokesman John Bromley.

All of the delays and disruptions are translating into lost dollars for suppliers of road

materials. Dollars that could come from the taxpayers' pocketbook if the problem aren't solved.

"Should construction costs rise 5 percent because of higher material costs, Texas' taxpayers will have to spend an additional \$150 million to realize the same level of road improvement," said University of North Texas economist Bernard Weinstein, who follows Union Pacific for the Texas Railroad Commission.

"If they can't clean up this mess in the next couple of months they're going to see some real impact."

The Federal Highway Administration said that they do not yet have the data from the states to say if cost increases will occur nationally.

The Texas Department of Transportation said current bids haven't changed much.

Insiders say that concrete

deliveries are based on fixed contracts, and down the road newly negotiated contracts will reflect higher prices.

Clifford Hahne, president of Pioneer Concrete of Texas, said the increases will definitely be part of his company's delivery contract negotiations.

"The losses continue to grow. We will be passing that through to the consumer as soon as we feel we can," Hahne said.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander said, "The cement and concrete industry was hit particularly hard, and right in the middle of a building boom. Hard working Texas taxpayers will have to foot the bill for the higher costs of highway construction caused by UP's failure to provide quality service to the Texas cement and concrete industry."

The cement and contract

manufacturers have been hit twice as they are reliant on rail transportation both to bring in raw materials and deliver the product.

Aggregate must be hauled from quarries to cement kilns, fueled by coal and coke, which also have seen delivery delays.

North Texas Cement of Midlothian is incurring lost profits and higher fuel costs of \$113,000 a month because of slow coal and coke deliveries.

Cemex USA, the second largest cement company in Texas, has seen a 52 percent reduction in outbound trains since July. The company reports its sales have been reduced by a third to a half at rail supplied terminals, resulting in losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars a month. Cemex also reported the loss of a contract to supply limestone to a Texas highway project because of an inability to main-

tain delivery schedules.

The Texas DOT said a couple of projects were delayed in East Texas because of UP problems, but they are now back on track.

Pioneer Concrete says it has had to rely on trucks for product delivery and estimates that lost sales and higher shipping costs have cost the company \$2.7 million since June 1.

Plus, Hahne said Dallas-based Pioneer has been getting only 6 percent of its orders by rail from quarries in Houston.

"We're low man on the totem pole," said Hahne. "We continue to suffer and we see no improvement in the Houston area."

The disruptions in rail delivery have resulted in massive backups along Union Pacific's 36,000-mile system and the problems touch a myriad of industries with all of them clamoring for help.

The government has stepped in to try and help clean up the mess by opening up Union Pacific's tracks to competitors. That Surface Transportation Board order has been extended through March 15.

Union Pacific's history spans 135 years, since it was formed during the Civil War. Here are facts about the railroad, according to Union Pacific Corp.:

1862 — President Abraham Lincoln signs Pacific Railroad Act, setting aside land from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean for a transcontinental railroad. Union Pacific is formed.

1982 — Union Pacific completes its merger with Missouri Pacific.

1996 — Union Pacific wins approval for a \$5.4 billion merger with Southern Pacific, becoming the nation's largest railroad with 36,000 miles of track.

Insurers, advocates fighting lawmakers

AUSTIN (AP) — Already battling before a state judge, insurance companies and consumer advocates on Monday took to state lawmakers their fight over the public release of industry information.

Auto insurance companies have urged the state to prevent the public disclosure of documents that would show exactly where companies are selling policies and where they aren't.

Consumer advocates say the information, along with data about policy prices, would prove insurance companies are avoiding sales in lower-income and minority-dominated areas, an illegal practice called redlining.

Insurers argue that releasing the information would expose their trade secrets to competitors.

The Senate Interim Committee on Economic Development on Monday listened to representatives from both sides to determine if new laws are needed in the area of public disclosure and insurance.

The Department of Insurance earlier this year planned to release the marketing data, but several insurance companies sued and won a temporary

block against the release. A trial on the matter is scheduled next year.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said there doesn't appear to be a need for new laws. But he said if the court system doesn't allow the information to be released, he'll consider some legislation to force it.

Ellis said he doesn't see how releasing information about where a company is selling and not selling will hurt any company.

"I think the argument that it is a trade secret is a weak argument," he said.

State Farm attorney Bob Watkins said if there is a redlining problem, the public release of such information won't help. He said smaller companies would likely follow the lead of larger insurers that don't offer insurance in some parts of the state. "That would hurt availability," he said.

Watkins and other insurance representatives added that the Insurance Department has the information and the ability to stop any illegal practices.

Consumer advocate Rob Schneider, of Consumers Union, said it is not enough to allow the department the information.

CHRISTMAS TRADITION



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Big Spring resident Anne Roberson lifts son Devin high enough to make a donation to the Salvation Army as bellringer Elvis Johnson looks on. The Salvation Army's bellringers are an annual tradition at the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Cold means nutrient requirements different

Now is the time of the year a lot of people ask questions about supplementation of native pasture to all species of animals including beef cattle, sheep, goats and horses.

All species of livestock have different nutrient requirements although there are some general requirements of all species.

During this time of year, quality forage is low, therefore a specific need emerges to supplement some elements to supply basic needs of an animal. Three of the most basic needs are a protein source and a mineral source. Requirement needs vary not only to the quality of forage but also to the condition of the animal. An animal that is in gestation or has nursing young requires more nutrients of varying kinds.

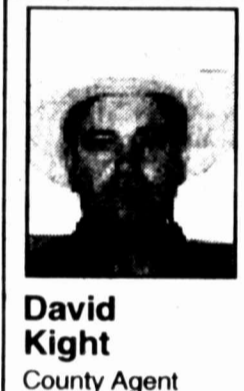
There are several kinds of protein sources for ruminant

animals. There are protein blocks, protein tubes, molasses licks and range cubes as well as whole cottonseed, all of which are an excellent protein source. Some of these are fed on a "free choice" basis and some are fed on an "as needed" basis. Your local feed dealer will be a good source for more information regarding the quality of the feed.

Minerals and vitamins are easily supplied in block form or as a loose mixture. Animals will consume more minerals when it is provided to them in the loose mixture. Again, mineral requirements are greater for an animal in gestation or one that is nursing it's young.

Only ruminant animals can utilize native grass pasture and other low quality forage. Simple stomach animals such as pigs and to a certain degree horses, nutritional needs are different than those of ruminant animals. During extreme cold, all livestock should be supplemented with a carbohydrate source such as hay to assist in keeping them warm.

For more information on this subject please contact your local county extension service or give us a call at 264-2236.



David Knight
County Agent

IT'S ON THE FLOOR



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors group welcomed yet another new business to Big Spring during a recent ribbon cutting ceremony. West Texas Discount Flooring employee Joyce Davis (left center) and owners Clint and Melanie Sheets are pictured cutting the ribbon at Wednesday's ceremony. West Texas Discount Flooring is at 1714 S. Gregg St.

Estate awarded almost \$55 million in negligence case

HENDERSON (AP) — A negligence judgment against the nation's largest nursing home operator still totals almost \$55 million after a Northeast Texas judge reduced a jury's award in the death of an elderly woman being cared for in one facility.

State District Judge Clay Gossett on Monday lowered the \$83 million award to \$54.633 million for the estate of Ruth Waites, a former resident of Borger Health Care Center, because of laws limiting such civil court judgments in Texas.

Jurors had ruled on Nov. 19 that Beverly Enterprises Inc. and Beverly Enterprises-Texas Inc. were responsible for negligence, gross negligence and fraud, awarding \$13 million in actual damages and \$70 million in punitive damages.

But the judge multiplied the actual damages by four in determining a \$52 million cap on the punitive damages, then

reduced the actual damages to \$1,316,500 per defendant to obtain the final award, said Dick Gullede of lead plaintiff's attorney David T. Marks' Houston firm.

Lawyers for the woman's relatives had claimed negligence by the nursing home in Hutchinson County, operated by Beverly Enterprises, and sought to recover the cost of medical expenses plus damages for physical and emotional pain.

Officials of Fort Smith, Ark.-based Beverly Enterprises and the Texas company did not return telephone calls Tuesday from The Associated Press. But a spokesman said last week that an appeal of the verdict was planned.

Ms. Waites was a resident of the nursing home for more than a year before her death in October 1994.

According to lawsuit docu-

ments, Ms. Waites was transferred to a Borger hospital from the nursing home. At the hospital, she was diagnosed with severe dehydration and massive pressure sores due to neglect.

"The public has a clear expectation that loved ones will receive diligent care that is administered by concerned health care providers," said Emma Holder, administrator for Ms. Waites' estate. "This judgment clearly sends a message that the public will no longer tolerate abuse of the elderly."

Ms. Holder, also a director of the Washington-based National Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, said the victim's family offered to donate much of the final award to fight neglect and abuse in nursing homes.

Beverly Enterprises of Arkansas operates more than 570 nursing care facilities.

AG assistant grilled concerning PUC and deregulation issue

AUSTIN (AP) — The House State Affairs committee doled out harsh questions Thursday to a special assistant to Texas Attorney General Dan Morales for not consulting the Public Utility Commission before entering a fight about telephone deregulation.

Rep. Steven Wolens, chairman of the committee, described the legal brief on behalf of SBC Communications as a "valentine."

"Before you leave here, I

want you to get (PUC Chairman) Pat Wood's phone number," Wolens, D-Dallas, told Jay Aguilar, special assistant to the attorney general who wrote the brief.

Aguilar wrote a brief supporting SBC Communications' assertion that the federal Communications Act of 1996 is unconstitutional because it discriminates against SBC and other regional Bell operating companies. The lawsuit, filed in Wichita Falls, marks the

first time the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been challenged in court on constitutional grounds.

Aguilar said the attorney general receives many requests for briefs and judges them on legal merit.

"We were simply trying to further the efforts of the state," Aguilar said.

Asked why he did not consult with the PUC, Aguilar said he did not feel the need. "There

was nothing in there that would be offensive," he said.

PUC Chairman Pat Wood had said in private he disagreed with the SBC, but had stayed out of the fray until he learned about the attorney general's actions. The PUC has since filed a friend-of-the-court brief challenging SBC.

The PUC and consumer advocates argue that Southwestern Bell is so powerful that it should not be allowed into the

long-distance market until real local competition exists.

But SBC says that consumers would see a lower prices and improved services if AT&T, MCI and other long-distance companies had to compete with Southwestern Bell.

The House committee heard testimony from the major telephone companies about the progress of telecommunication deregulation.

MCI, AT&T, Southwestern Bell and GTE disagreed about

whether current subsidies are keeping basic residential service artificially low or whether rates could be dropped even further. Local telephone companies charge higher rates on some services so they can keep residential rates lower.

"If the public expects competition to lower the rate of their basic phone service it is not going to happen," said Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston.

"That service is already as low as it's going to go."

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Gray, Connie, 538 Westover No. 161, Big Spring
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property: lot 2, blk. 1, Canyon View Addition
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property: all of lot 10, blk. 8, Edwards Heights Addition
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grantee: Jennifer Dell Stephens
property: a 4.19 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 20, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
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grantor: The Chase Manhattan Bank
grantee: HUD
property: lots 5 and 6, blk. 19, an amended plat of Edwards Heights Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1997
grantor: Chase Mortgage Service, Inc.
grantee: HUD
property: all of lot 1, blk. 8, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 1)
filed: Dec. 3, 1997
grantor: Nancy J. Marshall
grantee: Jimmy Johnson
property: lots 10-12, blk. 5, Boydstun Addition
filed: Dec. 3, 1997
grantor: Eloise Davis, a/k/a Eloise R. Davis
grantee: Joan Daniels
property: a tract of land in the southwest 1/4 of section 5, blk. 30, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
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property: The east 75' of lots 1 and 2, blk. 19, Original Town of Big Spring
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grantee: Associates Financial Services, Co., Inc.
property: all of lots 9 and 10, blk. 14, Washington Place Addition
filed: Dec. 4, 1997
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grantee: Aline M. Howard
property: lot 2, blk. 4, Thorpe Addition
filed: Dec. 4, 1997
grantor: Wendell Stasey, Maribeth Stasey Scott, Patricia Aylor, Pat Stasey, John Paul Stasey and Kenneth Randall Stasey, a/k/a Kenneth Ranell Stasey
grantee: Elbert M. Long
property: the west 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of section no. 5, blk. 32, T-1-N, and the northeast 1/4 of section 13, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 4, 1997
grantor: Richard and Wendi Jenkins
grantee: Danny Harland Homes, Inc.
property: all of lot 9, blk. 18, College Park Estates
filed: Dec. 5, 1997
grantor: Commercial Federal Mortgage Corp.
grantee: HUD
property: lot 5, blk. 1, Capehart Addition
filed: Dec. 5, 1997
grantor: Buerk Williams
grantee: Jane M. Williams
property: lot 4, blk. 9, Highland South Addition No. 6
filed: Dec. 5, 1997
grantor: Helen Bizzel South trustee, f/k/a Helen Bizzel Trustee
grantee: Helen Bizzel South
property: the east 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 22, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
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grantor: Alan and Mitzi Knight
grantee: Frank R. and China E. Long
property: lot 10, blk. 61, Original Town Addition
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Grantee: Hugh S. and Norma J. Clark

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grantee: Augustin Fierro, Jr.
property: The east 1/2 of lots 1 and 2, blk. 34, College Heights Addition
filed: Dec. 1, 1997
grantor: Mary Ellen Allen
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: lot 8, blk. 18, Monticello Addition
filed: Dec. 1, 1997
grantor: Teresa G. Green f/k/a Teresa G. Myers and Steve Green
grantee: Paul M. Tunstall, Jr.
property: lot 18, blk. 7, Addition #3 to Highland South Addition #4
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grantee: G. Ben and Kay Bancroft
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grantee: Kou Kowg Hsu
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filed: Dec. 3, 1997
grantor: Elbert M. Long
grantee: Frank Long
property: the west 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
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Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Sammy Ferrell vs. Mark Slusher and National Car Rental System
Seizure of certain contraband material vs. Annette Coker

Many women reach high level, but few reach the top

By MARY DEIBEL
Scripps Howard News Service

American women lead the world in breaking into management ranks, making up 46 percent of the U.S. managerial workforce compared to a worldwide average of 20 percent women managers, according to a new survey.

But the survey also found American women, like their sisters elsewhere, still face a "glass ceiling" that keeps them from rising to the executive suite and directors' boards, which remain a male bastion: Globally, men hold at least 97 percent of the top posts, with Japan being an exception. There, women hold 13 percent of directorships in companies of all sizes, compared to 9 percent in 1970.

largely responsible for women rising from only 16 percent of U.S. managers in 1970 to 46 percent today. Canada ranks second with 42 percent of all management posts held by women.

Women's inability to break into top-paying corporate jobs worldwide was reflected in pay averages: The ILO report found women fare best in the United Kingdom, where women professionals earn 83 percent of what their male counterparts are paid and where women managers earn 71 percent of male managers' weekly salaries.

Women managers in the United States make 68 cents for every dollar in salary made by their male counterparts.

The report noted that women often are more qualified than

their male counterparts and must work harder and perform better to obtain advancement: A Chilean study found women there needed an additional four years of education to achieve pay parity with men.

As a result, the report noted that frustrated women managers in the United States and elsewhere increasingly are going into business for themselves: A third of small-to-mid-size U.S. companies are now run by women, and more than half the "micro-enterprises" in emerging nations are female-owned.

Recommendations range from passage and enforcement of anti-discrimination laws to affirmative action plans.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Health care providers care for Texans

Texans can find help for almost every ailment among the thousands of licensed health care providers in the state, most of whom have years of training in their field before beginning their practice.

Doctors/specialists	Education*	Number licensed in field
Medical doctors	8 years	29,360
Pharmacists	6 years	19,078
Dentists	6 years	10,882
Counselors	6-7 years	8,956
Speech pathologists	6-7 years	5,841
Chiropractors	5 years	3,286
Psychologists	8 years	3,156
Optometrists	8 years	2,930
Doctors of osteopathy	8 years	1,711
Audiologists	6-7 years	784
Podiatrists	8 years	606
Acupuncturists	5 years	300
Therapists and technicians		
Radiologic technologists	1-2 years	15,254
Physical therapists	4 years	7,701
Occupational therapists	4 years	4,158
Physician assistants	6-7 years	1,463
Nurses and aides		
Nurse's aides	75 hours	197,966
Registered nurses	2 years	58,950
Vocational nurses	1 year	74,263
Nurse practitioners	6-7 years	2,659
Nurse anesthetists	6-7 years	2,055
Clinical nurse specialists	6-7 years	1,844
Nurse midwives	6-7 years	288

* Education requirements may vary depending on level of certification, and do not include continuing education requirements.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas boards and examiners of each licensing agency, including: Vocational Nurse, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Chiropractic, Nurse, Dental, Medical, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Long Term Care, Professional Counselors, Occupational Therapy, Nurse Practitioners, Podiatrist and Psychologist, and the Texas Department of Health.

Coupons a valuable tool for many businesses, new clients

By NANCY MICHAELS
Scripps Howard News Service

When Liane Lemons quit her job as an IRS auditor six years ago to go into business for herself, she started looking for ways to build her client base.

She tried a number of strategies to attract people to her Boise, Idaho, tax preparation firm, but the one she credits with bringing her the most business was the coupon she offered at tax time.

"It's a gold mine. I built my whole practice on those

coupons," she says.

Every year since then, she's offered customers \$10 off a tax return, sending out 20,000 to 40,000 coupons in Val-Pak mailings at tax time. She figures it was the coupons that attracted most of the 125 new clients she worked with this year.

Coupons are a time-tested way to entice customers to your business. Everybody loves a bargain and the promise of saving money can be just the incentive people need to try your service or product.

But too much of a good thing may hurt your business, particularly if you provide a service.

If you offer coupons year-round, you may find yourself spending so much time on discounted jobs that you're losing your full-paying customers. Roll out your money-saving offers to coincide with the slow times of your business cycle.

Another good use for coupons is to introduce prospective customers and clients to a new product or service.

You can present your coupons on a variety of mediums, from the backs of grocery store cash register receipts to Internet sites, where customers type in their zip code to find the discounts in their region, then print out money saving offers.

When hunting for advertising vehicles to place your coupons, look for ones with few, or better yet, no competing businesses. Your coupon will have a better chance of being clipped — and redeemed — if you're the only game in town. Also, check with complementary businesses about a mutually beneficial arrangement where by you place your coupon with them and they provide you with their own coupons to give to your customers.

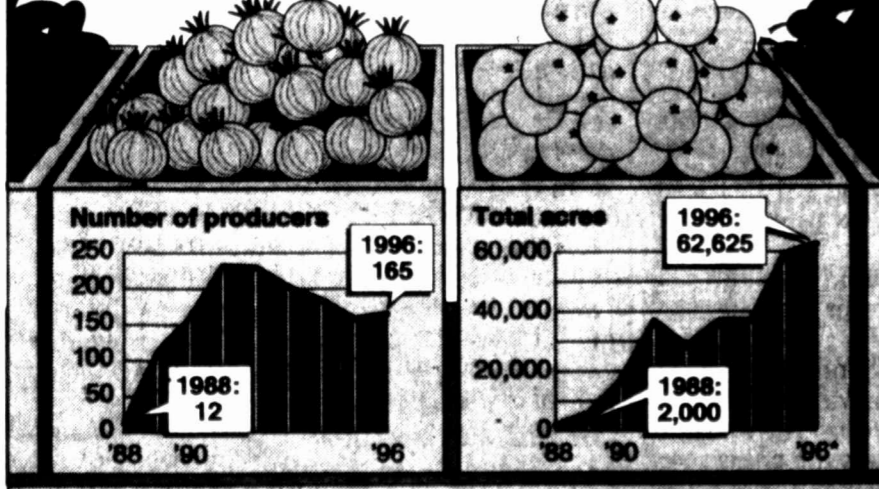
With computer publishing and marketing software programs, designing and printing coupons is simple and relatively low-cost.

Always include a dollar figure on your coupon rather than a percentage discount. "\$5 off a manicure," will grab people more quickly than "20 percent off a manicure." If you can offer something at no cost, do it.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Organic crops grow to meet demand

Consumers' demand for organic produce since 1988 has led to a swift increase in the number of growers and total acres certified as organic. Crops include grains, beans, fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, and sprouts.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Department of Agriculture.

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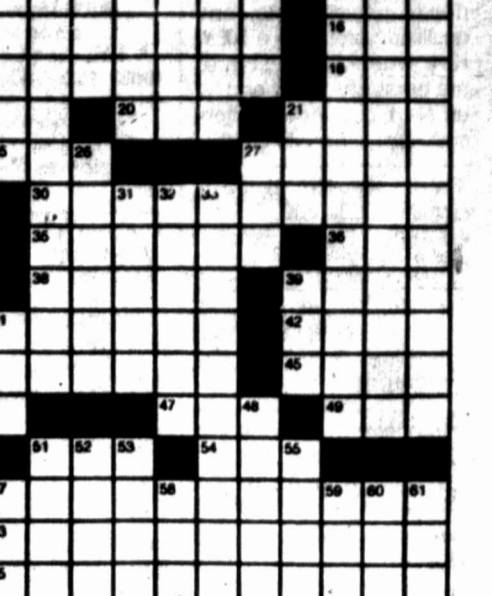
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1 Deep blue color
12 Capacity of a hard drive
15 Common reel medium
16 12/24 or 12/31
17 Pertaining to similarity
18 100 yrs.
19 As written
20 RR stop
21 Short leant
22 Short leant
25 For example
27 Mountain division
28 Bad to the bone
30 Absorted distances
34 "Man"
35 Stanton film
36 Sportscaster
37 Sandwich cookie
38 Picture in one's mind
39 MacLaine movie, "La Douce"
40 Javelin's path
41 Bow and Barton
42 Fed. agents
43 Strengthens
44 Dispatched
46 Machine-shop machine
47 Blf of butter
49 Drunk-tank letters
50 Spumante
51 "L-a" lead-in
54 Gun-owners lobby
56 Hwy. sign
57 Native American ceremonies
62 Northern European lang.
63 Experts
64 McMahon and McBain
65 Booker T & the MG's hit of 1962



By Tom Pruss Chicago, IL
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Friday's Puzzle solved.

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4 Knocks lightly
5 Guest list
6 Commercial
7 Grp. of doctors
8 Goes bad
9 Laverne's L: abbr.
10 St. Petersburg's div.
11 Compass pt.
12 Double-checked
13 Outer clothing
14 Valets
21 Possessed
22 John Ritter film of 1980
23 Like a ruined turkey
24 Tool in a plumber's bag
26 of the guard
27 Hosp. personnel
29 Old card game
31 Not in the dark
32 Look at
33 Composer
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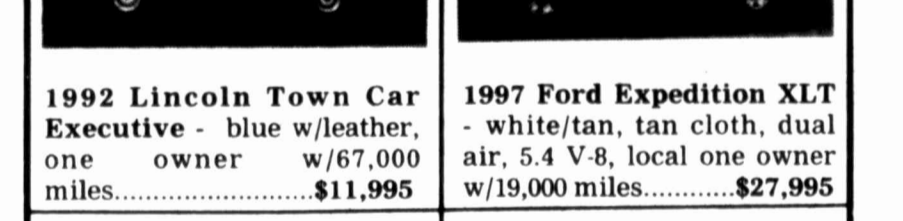
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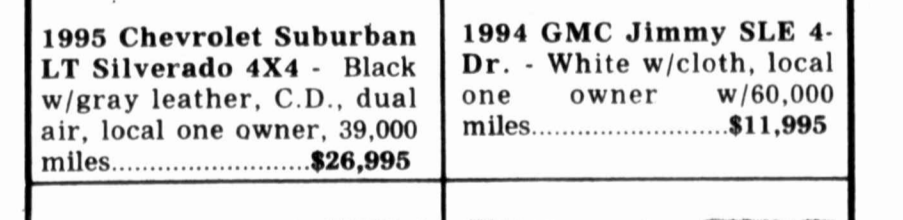
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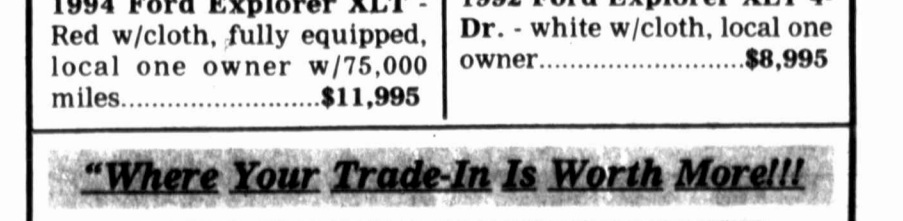
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 14:

Be clear about what you want, though it might be tough to receive a direct response. You are challenged by those who don't necessarily communicate as well as you. You're all ears to others, even though they might not hear you. One-to-one relating offers many rewards, whether single or attached. You find that you can clear up many misunderstandings. Build partnerships and stronger financial foundations. You are likely to make a major investment involving property; it could also add to the quality of your life. CANCER dampens your enthusiasm. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Confusion marks plans, and your attitude reflects it. Pull back, and focus on the things you do have control over. You might opt to finish writing holiday cards, decorate the house or bake cookies. Whatever is going on will pass. Let others run around and be crazed! Tonight: Be happy at home.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Fiscal confusion prompts a change in plans. Adjust them, and be sure of what you expect. Do not settle; do what you want. Communications open up another way, a different approach. Visit with friends, and share Christmas cheer. Tonight: Head out and about.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are out of kilter, yet smiling. Don't make a strong stand, just realize where your energies are off. A smart move would be to complete your shopping, so that you can get into the cheer of the holiday season. A special gift does not have to be costly. Tonight: Indulge.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Relax this morning; the afternoon gets demanding. You'll want to get out and visit. Confusion lurks behind the scenes; don't let that stop you. Be positive, put your best foot forward and enjoy the moment. Someone cares. Tonight: Your smile goes a long way.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use the early hours to make key calls. You will need your space later. Change plans if you must, take a break and get extra rest. You have been busy, socializing. Be unusually careful with money; you could make a mistake that hurts you. Tonight: Smile away.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are out of kilter. Be careful now; you might be overwhelmed by demands from a parent or higher-up. Emphasize friendship, socialize more and enjoy life to its fullest.

Understand that you are pushing the limit. Take a nap if you can. Tonight: Find the best parties.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a drive, and make calls in the morning. Later, it is as if you are on call. You are so busy fulfilling other people's demands that you are overwhelmed. Say no, if you want. Put shopping high on your list. You are happiest when out and about. Tonight: Cruise around.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be careful with others in your life. Your diplomatic ability comes into play. Don't push too hard; be sure of yourself, and express your feelings. Your ability to detach, intellectualize and see the big picture helps you get centered. Tonight: Play holiday music!***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Let another blow his fuse; you can't stop him, anyway. One-to-one relating is far more rewarding and worthwhile than being with crowds, at parties or with friends. You build stronger foundations and a deeper sense of caring. Tonight: Stoke the fires.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You wake up ready to handle certain key matters. The afternoon presents wonderful opportunities for socializing, receiving presents and having a glass of eggnog. You have a good time wherever you are; enjoy the holiday get-togethers. Tonight: Play the night away.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) That naughty glint in your eye announces mischief, to others' delight. But you could wear yourself out quickly. Get into a project this afternoon that you have been putting off. Slow down, and take a nap later. You have been packing a lot into every hour. Tonight: Relax.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Handle a domestic matter before it gets out of control. You are pressured to help out when you want to play. What can you do? After all, it is the weekend, and you seem in the mood to indulge and appreciate loved ones. Tonight: Let romance back into your life!***

BORN TODAY Actress Patty Duke (1946), news producer Don Hewitt (1922), tennis player Stan Smith (1946)

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Single father strives to avoid conduct unbecoming a dad

DEAR ABBY: I am a single father with primary custody of my 11-year-old daughter, "Nadine." She and I are very close. She lives with her mother on weekends. However, since her mother works out of state, on some weekends she doesn't make it home to be with Nadine. Abby, I have a rule that my daughter cannot have her girlfriends spend the night at our home. I think I'm afraid of being accused of misconduct with her friends. I would never behave inappropriately, but today, men must be careful that there is no possibility of suspicion. I would not feel comfortable with Nadine spending the night at the home of a friend who lived alone with her father, and I think most parents probably would feel the same way.

Am I cheating my daughter by not allowing her friends to sleep over? Am I wrong to protect myself from the possibility of accusations? Or am I being paranoid? - 'OVERLY CAUTIOUS' OR 'RIGHT ON'? TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR RIGHT ON: In light of the social climate today, your caution probably is wise. However, explain to Nadine why you have the rule. She is old enough to understand. Your daughter need not miss out on the girlhood ritual of sleep-overs - she could have her friends spend the night when she is with her mother. Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) ©1997 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



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