

## City passes ordinance approving 4 percent electric rate cut

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

After a lengthy discussion with TU Electric representatives Mike Hammock and Jim Clements, the Big Spring City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday reducing rates for area customers.

The ordinance will effect a rate reduction equal to 4 percent of the base rate for residential customers in 1998 and 5.4 percent in 1999, a rate reduc-

tion equal to 2 percent of the base rate for general service secondary customers; and a rate reduction equal to 1 percent of the base rate charges for other customers.

City Manager Gary Fuqua says the ordinance is good because the 4 percent rate reduction is already in place. Should the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) not allow the rate reduction later on, the city would still have taken advantage of reduced rates.

For the two-year period of 1998-99, TU says the rate relief for customers is estimated to be \$263 million.

At a cost of \$1,150 a year, the city of Big Spring decided to follow other cities and join the Council of Cities (COC) a few years ago.

The COC takes an interest in things such as utility rates communities pay.

The COC also approved the ordinance approved by the council at Tuesday's meeting.

Aside from approving retail base rate reductions, the ordinance also rejects depreciation shifting and approves a most favored nation provision.

On Dec. 17, a Stipulation and Joint Application for approval and request for immediate interim rate reductions was filed with the PUC on behalf of TU, the General Counsel of the PUC and the office of the Public Utility Counsel.

The Steering Committee of the COC served by TU met recently

to discuss the rate reductions, according to Fuqua.

The tariffs presented by TU produce an approximate \$263 million in savings, but the COC believes the saving should be more in view of the fact that TU has annual revenue in excess of \$4.2 billion.

Fuqua said that PUC has produced an overearning analysis that indicates TU's rates in 1998 and 1999 should be reduced to show a much more substantial savings than the \$263 million.

At some point in the future, the rate reduction proposal will go before PUC, but COC members, by passing the ordinance, have also preserved options regarding larger rate reductions and other issues.

The COC Steering Committee believes the tariffs filed by TU are an appropriate measure of temporary rate relief that should be afforded while the PUC does a comprehensive evaluation of the reasonableness of TU's rates.

## Moore finances in shape, board says

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

The financial structure of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. is as sound as its ever been, according to Moore's board of directors.

Monday, treasurer Charles Beil informed the board that approximately 40 percent of nearly \$1 million is invested in CDs and the remainder is invested in Tex-Pool, the state's investment service for public funds.

New Executive Director Kent Sharp was also in attendance at his first meeting since being named to replace Danette Toone.

Board members' discussion of Moore's investments indicate that Moore would like to stair-step its investments in CDs, especially some of the funds invested in Tex-Pool.

"The remainder of the Tex Pool investments should be left in place for liquidity purposes," Moore vice president Eddie Cole said.

Moore president Joyce Crooker believes stair-stepping some of the investments is an opportunity for Moore to keep

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## Sibling duo big winners at livestock show

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Managing Editor

Leigh Ann Murphree of Big Spring FFA and Jacob Murphree of Coahoma FFA showed the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion goats as the Howard County Junior Livestock Show opened Wednesday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The sister and brother duo also claimed the senior and junior showmanship awards with their heavy weight goats. Leigh Ann's goat weighed 113 pounds, while Jacob's tipped the scales at 116 pounds.

In the medium heavy weight category, Weylin Wolf of the Coahoma FFA claimed first place.

Sara Murphree of Big Spring FFA placed second and Lorin Wolf of Coahoma FFA placed third.

In the medium weight competition, Lauren Ivey of the Coahoma FFA took top honors.

In second was Justin Cline of Howard County 4-H, while third place went to Blake Coates, also of Coahoma FFA.

The top three winners in the light weight division were all claimed by members of the Howard County 4-H as Kyland Wegner claimed first place and Tony Wyrick took second and third.

A total of 46 goats were entered in the competition.

The annual show continues today with the barrows being shown at 5 p.m.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Jordan Rainey grooms a barrow in preparation for today's show at the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show. The show continues through Saturday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

### RESULTS

#### Light Weight Goats:

1. Kyland Wegner, 2. Tony Wyrick, 3. Tony Wyrick, 4. Grayson Wegner, 5. Jud Oppegard, 6. Morgan Knight, 7. Justin Belcher, 8. Rebecca McEndree, 9. Chryl Coates, 10. Weylin Wolf, 11. Lorin Wolf, 12. Leanne Miller, 13. Whitney Oppegard, 14. Michael Morrison, 15. Allison Miller.

#### Medium Weight Goats:

1. Lauren Ivey, 2. Justin Cline, 3. Blake Coates, 4. Kandice Belcher, 5. Heather Harris, 6. Landon Wegner, 7. Meagan Kothmann, 8. Garrett Cline, 9. Somer Leubner, 10. Blake Coates, 11. Lynsey Bunn, 12. Blake Coates, 13. Cristy LaRue, 14. Landon Wegner, 15. Kevin Belcher.

#### Medium Heavy Weight Goats:

1. Weylin Wolf, 2. Sara Murphree, 3. Lorin Wolf, 4. Rebecca McEndree, 5. Lynsey Bunn, 6. Rebecca McEndree, 7. Meagan Kothmann, 8. Cheryl Coates, 9. Meagan Kothmann.

#### Heavy Weight Goats:

1. Leigh Ann Murphree, 2. Jacob Murphree, 3. Lauren Middleton, 4. Jaems Rawls, 5. Heather Harris, 6. Meagan Kothmann, 7. Blake Coates, 8. Heather Harris, 9. Heather Harris.

#### Grand Champion Goats:

Leigh Ann Murphree (BSFFA)

#### Reserve Grand Champion Goats:

Jacob Murphree (CFFA)

#### Senior Showmanship:

Weylin Wolf

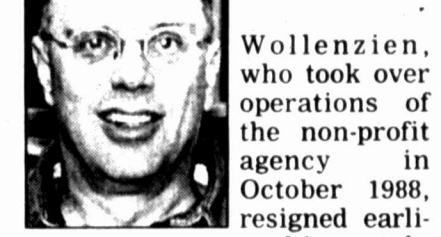
#### Junior Showmanship:

Kyland Wegner

## YMCA director resigns

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Gary Wollenzien, director of the Big Spring Family YMCA for nine years, will be leaving at the end of the month, officials said.



WOLLENZIEN

Wollenzien, who took over operations of the non-profit agency in October 1988, resigned earlier this month, YMCA board president Mike Thomas said.

Wollenzien gave the board a month's notice that he would be leaving.

"He's going to become director at one of the Odessa Y's," said Thomas, who has served on the board for two years.

Wollenzien could not be reached for comment this morning.

Thomas said the board was pleased with Wollenzien's leadership for the YMCA, and had given him a good evaluation at the end of the year.

"His strength is in dealing with people," Thomas said. "He is a real people person. He's going to be missed."

"He's a great boss," said Maggie Gonzales, an 18-year YMCA employee who will take over administrative duties during the board's search for a new director. Gonzales is currently office manager.

Senior program director Gretchen Kassner will take over Wollenzien's program duties.

The board plans to meet with an official of the national YMCA next week to begin their search, Thomas said.

"He's going to lay out for us how YMCA's do their search. Then we can get started," Thomas said.

While the search continues, Thomas said he expects no changes at the facility. "Hopefully everything will remain status quo," he said.

Gonzales agreed. "There won't be any changes," she said.

Thomas said Wollenzien told the board his new position was an opportunity for advancement.

"He said he loved Big Spring, loved the Y, and just had a better job opportunity," Thomas said. "I think ... he felt like this was a good time to take advantage of the opportunity."

to Moore officials.

"The track is definitely in need of maintenance," Bogard said. "The line is good if we can just get it updated. If the spur goes down, so will some of the businesses along it."

According to Bogard, the tracks that run through the airpark have not had a major overhaul in more than 20 years.

Approximately 25 percent or 1,500 of the rail ties along the spur are estimated to in need of repair and of those, approximately 700 of those are visible.

Having the spur in good condition is also an economic development concern because future prospects for Big Spring may need the service the spur offers.

The options originally considered when repairs were discussed earlier last summer included: 1) replacing the current 90 lb rail with a 120 lb rail at a cost of approximately

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## Rail spur repair work begins at city airpark

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

It was a topic of discussion for much of the second half of 1997, but repairs to the railroad spur at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark are finally under way.

The bid contract for spur repairs was awarded to Trac-Works Inc. of Amarillo late last year, which submitted a bid of \$110,792.40.

For its portion of the project, the city will spend approximately \$26,000, Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. will spend about \$54,000 and the Industrial Foundation will cover the remaining \$30,000, according to Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard.

The purpose for the repairs is work needs to be done to the 1.33 miles or 7,045 feet of track at the airpark.

Over time, some of the rail ties have gone bad causing spikes not to work," according



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Fidel Ruiz pries up a tie as Jorge Ruiz drives a railroad spike into it to connect the rail on Wednesday. Trac-Work Inc., out of Amarillo, expect to be finished with the work by mid-February.

### WEATHER

Tonight:



Fri:



Weekend:



Mon:



Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Friday, sunny. Highs 65-70. Friday night, fair. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 60s to lower 70s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s. Highs upper 50s to mid 60s.

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## Metcalf run fueled by memory of loss in 1996 election

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Losing by just 14 votes to Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore in the 1996 Republican primary runoff election was more than enough motivation for John Wayne Metcalf to take a second shot at the office.



METCALF

Metcalf and Kilgore will also face Ken Kayhall in the Republican primary on March 10.

"Coming close in 1996 was a factor in my deciding to run, but the greatest factor for me in running again is that I want to allow all of the voters in Precinct 2 to have a voice,"

Metcalf said.

Metcalf is a lifetime resident of Howard County and is raising his family in the same community he grew up in. He also serves as a member of the Coahoma school board.

"I'm going to run this race like I'm in last place," Metcalf said. "I want to have as much positive communication as possible between the commissioners' court, the public and the voters."

Metcalf says he separates the public from voters because voters are such a small group in

Howard County and don't always get out, which is something he would like to change.

Several issues concern Metcalf, including pay raises for commissioners.

"I'm totally against it," Metcalf said. "If there is to be a pay raise for commissioners, it should be put before the voters. You won't see me vote myself a pay raise."

"I intend to earn the money I draw by making wise decisions and creating a savings for the

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OBITUARIES

**Pearlie L. Sherman**

Pearlie L. Sherman, 82, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998, in a local hospital. Service will be 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth St. Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



SHERMAN

She was born on Nov. 13, 1915, in Taylor County, and married Joe J. Sherman on Nov. 23, 1935, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1990.

She came to Big Spring in 1950 from Seminole and was a homemaker.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Omer L. Sherman of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Patsy L. and Ed Wilkerson of Big Spring; one daughter-in-law, Helen Sherman of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Alma Sherman in 1953, one son, Joe Sherman, Jr., in 1992, and a grandson, Alex Dwayne Sherman.

The family suggests memorials to: American Lung Association of Texas, Central Region; P.O. Box 26566, Austin, Texas; 78755-0566.

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

*Paid obituary*

**Matthew Vaughn**

Funeral service for Matthew Vaughn, Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Peaster with Rev. John Anderson and Rev. Sam O'Toole officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens of the Valley, Weatherford.

Mr. Vaughn died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998, in Weatherford.

He was born in Mayville, N.D. on Nov. 22, 1974. He lived in several cities but spent his youth primarily in Big Spring. The family moved to Weatherford in 1989. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peaster.

Survivors include his wife, Misty Vaughn, Weatherford; his parents, George and Kathy Robertson, Aledo; father and stepmother, Curtis and Barbara Vaughn, Midland; one brother, Joshua Robertson, Aledo; one sister, Rebekah Robertson, Aledo; his grandparents, Rocky and Barbara Vieira, Don and Dwanna Robertson, R.L. and Irene Myrick, all of Big Spring; and Peggy and Charles Nell, Coahoma; and several aunts and uncles.

Arrangements under the direction of White's Funeral Homes, Weatherford.

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24th & Johnson 267-4248

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

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**Stabbing sends one to hospital Tuesday**

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

A teenager was arrested Tuesday night for stabbing his stepfather in a domestic disturbance, police officials said.

Steven Mattingly was reportedly stabbed on the left side of the ribcage area by his stepson, Bo Eldridge, 17, at their Highland address around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Eldridge was arrested by police officer Billy Sumpter and two assisting officers on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was arraigned Wednesday morning and released on a \$10,000 bond.

Mattingly was admitted to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for observation and released Wednesday, hospital officials said.

The incident is still under investigation.

"There were no real serious injuries," Sgt. Roger Sweet of the Big Spring Police Department said. "It's the kind of thing where the person will probably feel bad about it in the morning."

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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\$500,000; 2) replacing 700 ties and doing some ballast work at a cost of \$70,000; or 3) replace 1,500 ties at a cost of \$112,000, which is what the city asked Moore to consider.

According to Bogard, the actual work will consist of replacing 1,150 ties.

The airpark actually maintains the spur financially; fixes what breaks, but the spur needs to be repaired in order to remove the burden of the airpark having to spend an average of \$4,000 per repair on the spur, according to Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan.

Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch said the work seemed to be in order after a preconstruction meeting last week.

"All of the rail ties should be replaced by the end of January," Welch said.

Fifty percent of the cost of the work is expected at the end of the month as well, according to Welch, meaning Moore will pay \$27,000; the city will pay approximately \$15,000; and the Industrial Foundation will pay approximately \$15,000.

"All of the work should be completed by mid-February," Welch said.

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some of its money in local banks which will help the local economy.

"I don't see any reason for us to leave \$535,000 in Tex-Pool," Cole said.

At the request of board members, Beil will look into the investing Moore funds in local banks in \$100,000 increments and make a report to the board in February.

Moore is also being careful with its investments because it will need approximately \$200,000 for the Texas Veterans Home awarded to Big Spring last summer.

District 70 State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) was instrumental in working with Moore and other local entities in helping Big Spring land the home, according to board member Phil Carruthers.

Counts was in Big Spring Tuesday and said the request for proposal (RFP) is still out on the four homes, but should be in by Feb. 19.

Counts said the RFP is for construction as well as opera-

tion of the facilities because Austin does not have that type of expertise.

"Thirty days after the RFP is due, a decision should be made as far as the design," Counts said. "As far as which home will be built first, Big Spring has a leg up because construction costs are much lower than in the other three cities awarded veterans homes."

"By June, we should definitely know what's happening," he added.

The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) selected Big Spring, Bonham, Temple and Floresville as the four veterans home sites in mid August.

A veterans home in Big Spring would mean approximately 165 new jobs and an annual payroll of approximately \$3.5 million.

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**BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN**

**BRIEFS**

**BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** will meet today at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Board Room.

Items on the agenda are employment, waiver of school facility fee, approval of migrant coop with ESC 18, food service bids and superintendent's evaluation (executive session).

Superintendent Bill McQueary is slated to address attendance, cumulative voting for 1998, assistant 8th grade golf coach update, continuing education hours, and a building update.

**BIG SPRING NEWCOMER'S CLUB** will sponsor a couple's dinner Friday at 7 p.m. Call Mickie, 263-3274 for details.

The club, organized for new residents of Big Spring, also plans a Valentine's Day event with dinner and attendance of a production of "Guys and Dolls" in Midland. Call 268-9944 for information.

**THE LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING** Program will give free eyeglasses to all adults in need on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 1607 East Third.

We recommend examinations by your doctor for a prescription and serve all adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses.

For more information call Al Valdes, Lions Club President; Eyeglass Clinic Chairman, Tom Mills; or Secretary Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

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**Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.**

**Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.**

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# American team stays put as inspectors head out in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — While some weapons inspectors were out searching today for banned Iraqi weapons material, the American-led team that was blocked by Iraq twice this week stayed behind awaiting instructions from U.N. headquarters in New York.

Iraq has accused the leader of the second team, former U.S. Marine Scott Ritter, of espionage and says the makeup of his team is too heavily weighted with Americans and Britons.

It refused to give his team Iraqi escorts on Tuesday and Wednesday, effectively blocking its work.

"All the teams are out except Ritter's," said Nils Carlstrom, head of the U.N. inspection office in Baghdad.

"We are waiting (for) orders from New York."

Ritter heads a team that was trying to uncover Iraqi methods of concealing banned weapons and documents.

His no-notice inspections were said to have surprised Iraqi officials several times.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council adopted a statement Wednesday deploring the blocking of Ritter's team and "Iraq's subsequent failure to fulfill its obligations to provide the (inspectors) with full, unconditional and immediate access to all sites."

Iraqi officials who escort arms inspectors said Ritter had not informed them that he would be carrying out inspections today. Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister

Tariq Aziz said Wednesday that Iraq would not allow Ritter to resume inspections unless his team was reshaped to include more inspectors from other countries.

In an attempt to end the standoff and blunt Iraqi criticisms, chief inspector Richard Butler hired three Chinese weapons experts on Wednesday.

China appealed to Iraq today to cooperate with weapons inspections, but Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang also said in Beijing that "legitimate concerns of Iraq as a sovereign state should be respected."

China, a permanent member of the Security Council, has kept a low profile in previous confrontations between Iraq, a

diplomatic ally, and the United Nations over sanctions the U.N. imposed for Baghdad's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Persian Gulf War.

Iraqi newspapers lashed out at Ritter today, with the official al-Qadissiya newspaper said the inspector was "the intelligence man ready to implement American orders." Al-Thawra, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said Ritter was in Baghdad to "fabricate a new crisis."

Iraq has accused Ritter of trying to find evidence that Baghdad tested chemical and biological agents on prisoners.

U.N. reports have said that Iraq tested biological toxins on animals, including sheep, donkeys, monkeys and dogs.

Aziz dismissed reports that Iraq had tested chemical and biological agents on prisoners in the summer of 1995.

"Never. It is a sheer lie," he said.

Aziz only gave vague answers when asked if Iraq would throw out American inspectors like it did last year or carry out threats to fire on the U-2 spy planes that the United Nations uses.

U.N. inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction before the U.N. trade sanctions can be lifted.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, traveling in Asia this week, said President Clinton remains focused on diplomatic options to end the latest stand-

off. "Any consideration of questions surrounding use of force are premature and hypothetical at this point," Cohen said today in Singapore. Should Clinton choose to use force, Cohen said he was confident that gulf allies would "help the United States."

"We have not reached that point yet," he added.

In related events today: —The latest tension has taken a toll on the Iraqi currency, with the dinar dropping to 1,650 to the dollar from 1,550 prior to the impasse.

—Three Americans began what they said would be a three-day hunger strike outside arms monitors' Baghdad headquarters to protest the U.N. sanctions.

## Airlines, couriers flunk test in handling hazardous cargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite warnings about the threat of terrorist attacks, airlines and courier services aren't following required security procedures designed to detect dangerous cargo, a government report found.

Security is so lax that 10 suitcases loaded with 50 pounds each of pesticide slipped by airline personnel undetected in Miami three months ago and weren't discovered until one burst as it was being loaded onto a plane, the Federal Aviation Administration report said.

"The current level of compliance with approved security procedures was unacceptably low," the Department of Transportation's inspector general said after the FAA conducted its own inspection of airlines and courier services in New York and Miami in the aftermath of the incident.

In response to the findings, Bruce Butterworth, the FAA's director of civil aviation security operations, issued a strict warning to airlines and courier services that transport cargo or baggage on airlines for customers.

Butterworth also informed the airline industry in a November meeting that the FAA was considering new security procedures, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

"We ran a number of tests and were not fully satisfied with procedures being followed for accepting cargo," FAA spokesman Elliot Brenner said Wednesday. "Everyone involved has now been notified and is aware of the correct procedures."

Representatives of the airlines' trade group, the Air Transport Association, declined comment Wednesday.

But terrorism expert Brian Jenkins, a member of a presidential commission formed after the July 1996 crash of TWA Flight 800, said the findings highlighted the panel's concern about cargo shipments.

"It is a great source of concern when any of these procedures are not being followed," Jenkins said in an interview. "One is always going to find a violation here or there, but an indication that ignoring the rules is widespread practice is

shocking and deplorable."

The Justice Department is investigating the Miami incident involving American Airlines, according to FAA officials. American Airlines officials did not return a call Wednesday seeking comment.

Cargo shipments already have proven deadly. In May 1996, a ValuJet plane crashed in the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board. Investigators believe poorly packaged oxygen canisters ignited or fueled a fire that caused the crash. A year later, seven oxygen generators were shipped aboard a Continental Airlines flight in violation of rules imposed after the ValuJet crash. The canisters had not been listed as part of the shipment.

FAA rules that have been in effect for years require air cargo companies and courier services, which deliver packages to the commercial airlines for shipment, to certify that bags or packages don't contain any explosives or hazardous materials. Airlines also are required to demand to see the documentation before loading the cargo.

## Five admit to smuggling nurses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five health professionals who conspired to fraudulently bring hundreds of nurses into the United States to work for sub-par wages have pleaded guilty to federal charges.

The pleas, entered Wednesday in a Lubbock, Texas, courtroom, are the first payoffs from a long-running federal investigation into alien smuggling. Prosecutors said the multi-agency probe, known as "Operation Windmill," is continuing and future charges are possible.

"This is without a doubt one of the largest, if not the largest, visa fraud schemes ever seen in this country," said Lynn Ligon of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Authorities said a nursing home operator, Billy Denver Jewell of Lubbock, teamed with nursing recruiters in California, New Jersey and Texas to fraudulently bring in more than 500 nurses, most from the Philippines.

Jewell received \$1,000 or more for every nurse brought in with a legitimate work visa as a result of petitions filed by some of the 22 Jewell family-operated

nursing and extended care facilities in Texas and Oklahoma, said U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins.

The scheme brought Jewell more than \$545,000 in payments from the recruiters, who in turn levied fees of \$2,500 to \$7,000 per nurse. He and his associates filed more than 1,100 petitions for nonimmigrant work visas, resulting in the issuance of more than 500 fraudulent visas, prosecutors charged.

Because of nursing shortages in the 1980s, Congress in 1989 established a program allowing health care facilities to petition for foreign help. In exchange, the facilities had to vouch that they could not find qualified U.S. workers and that they would pay the foreigners prevailing wages.

The nurses who came in on Jewell's petitions were paid substandard wages and farmed out to health care facilities in 35 states. Where U.S. nurses were making \$11 to \$14 hourly, Coggins said, the foreign nurses were being paid as little as \$5.

The government estimates the foreigners deprived licensed U.S. nurses of more than \$13 million annually.

"It's unfortunate that the hospitals and the industry have looked to use foreign nurses and to pay them such low wages when in 1996 their profit was \$21 billion," said Cheryl Peterson of the American Nurses Association.

Operation Windmill began in 1995 when U.S. Embassy officials in the Philippines noticed an unusually high number of petitions filed by a person named "Jewell." That information was forwarded to the Labor Department and INS, where a task force was formed.

Jewell, 54, pleaded guilty to conspiring to launder money and wire fraud. He faces up to 15 years imprisonment and \$250,000 in fines. Three others — Holly Arthur Estrella, 46, of Los Angeles; Haesook C. Kim, 48, of Wayne, N.J.; and Sidney Hewitt, 45, of San Diego — pleaded guilty to visa fraud, facing up to 10 years imprisonment and \$250,000 fines.

Veronica Hewitt, 46, of San Diego pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting an unlawful entry, which carries up to six months imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

INS has not initiated deportation actions against the nurses.

## Ex mistress of Cisneros on trial today

LUBBOCK (AP) — The former mistress who became the bane of Henry Cisneros' political existence hasn't gone away.

It's been 11 years since Cisneros, then the San Antonio mayor, and fund-raiser Linda Jones began their adulterous affair. Since then, Cisneros has come and gone at the White House as President Clinton's first housing secretary.

Their paths have now led to federal court.

Her trial on charges of bank fraud, money laundering and lying during a special prosecutor's investigation of Cisneros was to begin today. Ms. Jones could be sentenced to about eight years in prison if convicted of all counts.

It is another embarrassing chapter in a story that never seems to end for the once rising politician.

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OUR VIEW

Settles reclamation worthy of support

The Settles Hotel, for so long nothing more than a monument to the decay of the downtown Big Spring area, may soon become something else — a symbol of hope.

As any resident knows, "hope" and "Settles Hotel" have been mutually exclusive terms for most of the past two decades. Absentee owners and an exodus of businesses from the downtown area conspired to rob the 70-year-old structure of its glamour and dignity.

Just a year ago, the situation seemed hopeless. And with its broken windows, gutted interior and cracked facing, the Settles building seemed destined to become a parking lot.

But the past few months have been kinder to the old girl, and she just may receive a permanent stay of execution.

A local group of concerned citizens, The Friends of the Settles, began a project less than a year ago to replace all the building's windows. They saw it as a necessary first step toward revitalizing the structure.

Public reaction to the plan was mixed at first, one group member recalls.

"It was a project where, when a lot of people heard about it, some of them said 'Good luck,' and meant it, and others said 'Good luck,' and snickered," he said. "But it was a project that (organizer) Tommy Churchwell was willing to go out and promote."

Churchwell, a local insurance agent, persuaded, argued with and otherwise cajoled reluctant citizens to lend money to the project. And now, less than a year after the first window was purchased, the Settles is almost completely glassed in.

Only 55 windows remain to be purchased for the project. At \$150 each, that means the Friends of the Settles is within \$10,000 of its goal. Considering where group members started, that in itself is a notable accomplishment.

But they don't intend to stop there. Once all the necessary windows are purchased, the group plans to meet with city officials and explore the next move. Among those options is an open house at the Settles, so the public can see first-hand the condition of the building and what needs to be done to renovate the structure.

Saving the Settles and converting it to a viable, useful structure is absolutely necessary if we are going to reclaim the downtown area from the wrecking ball. For too long, our community has watched that area decay almost the point of no return, and the Settles has been at the center of that figurative sinkhole.

To all those who have purchased windows for the Settles, we thank you. To those who haven't, yet feel they have a stake in Big Spring's future, we implore you to help.

For too long, the Settles has been a symbol of decay. It's time now to turn it into a symbol of rebirth.

OTHER VIEWS

If guests planning to attend the Whaley-Meadows nuptials want gift ideas, may we suggest a bodyguard for the bride and some counseling sessions for the groom. And if you're feeling particularly generous, toss in a few sessions on a psychiatrist's couch for the Cherokee County judge who is trying to force the marriage. In November, Carrell Meadows threatened to kill his girlfriend, Angela Whaley, and the couple's 2-year-old daughter. He was charged with battery, criminal trespass and making terroristic threats. But instead of dispatching Meadows to jail where he belongs, Judge Clyde Gober accepted his plea of guilty to a lesser charge of disorderly conduct... then made marriage a condition for Meadows' probation. Even if Whaley wants to wed her abusive boyfriend — and we can only hope for the child's sake that she thinks about that carefully — the judge has no role in that decision.

The Atlanta Constitution

Breaking out of poverty is often difficult. But the work especially challenges teenagers who have children.

Through complex circumstances, about 43 percent of teenage mothers become long-term welfare recipients. That's one reason Texas Gov. George W. Bush proposes the state invest money in group homes for teenage mothers. He believes such homes can equip teenage mothers with the skills and nurturing to escape poverty. Several states already help fund group homes, sometimes known as "second-chance homes." Massachusetts has put state money into 23 homes for teenage mothers. New Mexico, Michigan and Maryland also have financed group homes. Although not a cure-all, these homes create considerable advantages. Residents develop better parenting skills. Mothers pick up nutrition tips. Participants get trained for jobs and finish their educations. Children receive staff attention.

Gov. Bush is right to push this idea for Texas... Removing them from bad histories can help both the young mothers and the state. Instead of going on welfare, they can become self-sufficient.

Dallas Morning News

Modern-day sit-ins all about getting the green

The sit-in is making a comeback, perhaps because it's the 30th anniversary of 1968, the golden age of sit-ins.

However, the sit-ins are returning in a form the shaggy protesters of yesteryear wouldn't recognize and for causes they wouldn't understand. Also the sit-ins mercifully aren't returning here.

In France, where unemployment is a career option, armies of the jobless sat-in at Labor Ministry offices and chambers of commerce as a protest.

Rather than "Two, Four, Six, Eight, Organize and Smash the State," the French protesters'

slogan was rather more direct: "We want more money."

Had this been 1968, armies of American college students would have occupied deans' offices at campuses across the country as a gesture of working class — not that anybody was doing any actual work — solidarity with their French brethren.

A recent and widely publicized survey of college students asked them if two of the great problems of the age were not ignorance and apathy. The students answered that they didn't know and, what's more, didn't care.

The 1968 students loved college; they wouldn't leave. Many aging protesters, musing over their mutual funds, recall that the best five or six years of their lives were when they were sophomores.

The 1998 students told the pollsters that the only reason they went to college, which in an aside they said they found thoroughly boring, was to be

able to get a job. Alas, the courses the militant parents forced into the college curriculum — Gender Neutral Macramé, A Feminist Perspective — make their children unemployable. And bored.

A sit-in of sorts occurred in Japan, a protest that might have occurred here in the 1980s, if the yuppies had been into demonstrations, but never in 1968. The sit-in was like a lot of American practices the Japanese copy: They get it right in theory but somehow things go haywire in practice, like naming products "Hello Kitty" and "Sailor Moon."

A political activist took a Finance Ministry official hostage to protest deregulation of the Japanese financial services industry. It's as if the Yuppies, Black Panthers and Revolutionary Workers Party stormed the offices of the Securities and Exchange Commission to protest proposed changes in the tax treatment of undistributed assets

for the purposes of initial public offerings.

The ministry official's office happened to be in the Tokyo Stock Exchange, which brought to mind a demonstration by Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin. On the visitors' balcony of the New York Stock Exchange, they broke away from a tour group to tear up dollar bills and fling the pieces onto the floor of the exchange. Trading came to a halt over basically 10 or 12 singles.

Trading on the Tokyo exchange continued uninterrupted, and Japanese news accounts of the sit-in and hostage-taking, which came to a peaceful end, unfailingly noted that the Nikkei index closed up 91.5 points on the day.

It's true that you can't go back again, but then, why would you want to?

(Dale McFeatters is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service.)



Dale McFeatters  
"Just Desert"



Purists fight pragmatists in abortion 'litmus test'

By WALTER MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — In mid-term reprise of a party-wracking dispute, Republicans are going at it again on abortion. This time it is purists against political pragmatists, over a punitive proposal to deny party campaign funds to GOP candidates who aren't committed to banning some late-term abortions.

The arena is the Republican National Committee, where a resolution to punish party nominees who won't make the commitment against the so-called partial-birth abortions is due for debate on Friday, at least in committee, possibly by the full 165-member committee.

It probably will be rejected, the GOP chairman opposes it, despite his anti-abortion position. So do two leading House opponents of the abortion procedure at issue in the proposed ban, calling it a tactical error that would be counterproductive in their effort to get it banned by law.

Abortion has become a divisive fixture at Republican National Conventions, with a

debate every fourth year on a platform declaration that the party favors a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court decision that legalized the procedure 25 years ago. The plank stands.

Tim Lambert, a Republican national committee member from Lubbock, Texas, proposed the resolution to withhold campaign funds from candidates who aren't committed to the partial-birth abortion ban.

He's got backing on the Christian right. But party leaders are opposed, fearful of a no-win stance that could divide their support and perhaps widen the gender gap Democratic advantage of prior elections.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and an advocate of the vetoed legislation to ban partial-birth abortion said that denying GOP funds "to candidates who don't agree with us would be a serious tactical error, and very unhelpful to our cause."

The latest election evidence came in Tuesday's special balloting for a California House seat, but it can be argued either way. Republican state

Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro, who opposes abortion ran ahead of fellow Republican state Assemblyman Brooks Firestone, who supports abortion rights, but far behind Democrat Lois Capps, widow of the late Rep. Walter Capps, who also supports abortion rights. Bordonaro and Mrs. Capps will meet in a March 10 run-off.

The power of the issue, and of the outside advertising it draws, was a factor in New Jersey when Republican Gov. Christie Whitman barely won re-election last November.

The party help she got would have been denied by the disputed resolution. She had vetoed a partial-birth abortion plan because it did not provide an exception for cases involving the health of the mother, and was overridden by the GOP-controlled state legislature after her re-election.

A federal judge put the ban on hold pending a trial later this year.

President Clinton has twice vetoed partial-birth abortion bans, saying he wouldn't sign one without exceptions for the life or health of the mother.

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By DEBBIE L. J.  
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## March, program to honor King birthday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

The community is preparing to remember the life and legacy of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

A local community leader said people should use the holiday as a day of action, not rest.

King, whose call for non-violence and justice inspired countless Americans in the late 1950s and early '60s, would have been 69 years old today. Instead, he was assassinated while speaking to a group in 1968.

His birthday will be observed with a holiday Monday, when many local businesses, city and county offices will be closed. Local citizens will march Monday, beginning at 6 p.m. by gathering at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch parking lot.

The parking lot is adjacent to the section of 10th street that was named in King's honor in 1994. Marchers will process from there, singing spirituals



KING

Program planned at VA Big Spring VA Medical Center will observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a program Friday at 11 a.m. in Room 212.

Featured speaker will be the Rev. Ernest Wilson of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Also planned is music, with a spiritual to be sung by Patricia Thomas. A reception will follow.

and inspirational songs. Anyone is invited to join in, and all marchers are asked to bring flashlights.

Although Monday will be a holiday for many, Big Spring City Council member Stephanie Horton urged citizens not to "just take a day off."

National theme for the day is, "Remember. Celebrate. Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off."

"I hope people will use that day to reach out and touch a young person, through tutoring or helping at the schools,"



HORTON



Above, marchers honor the memory and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1996. A similar march is planned Monday beginning at 6 p.m. with a gathering in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch parking lot.

Horton said. "There is a lot we need to do in our community, and I hope people will use this day to do something that will benefit (King's) cause."

Instead of relaxing in front of the television Monday, residents may "go up to the school and see what's going on with our kids," Horton said. "We should all play a vital role in fulfilling the promise of Dr. King on his holiday."

King may be best known for his "I Have a Dream" speech of 1963. The following year, he received the Nobel Peace Prize. Then the Civil Rights Act of

1964 was signed into law — a major victory for the movement, and a legacy of King's work.

Horton said she does not worry that King's accomplishments will be forgotten, since many schools have integrated lessons about his life and work into their curriculum.

"Dr. King died for a cause," Horton said. "It was to bring people together, to break down barriers."

"Everybody can be great," she said, "because anybody can serve."

## Quantity or quality, time with kids matters

QUESTION: I have very little time to spend with my children

these days, but I make sure the hours we do get to spend together are meaningful. Do you agree that the quality of time you are with your kids is more important than the quantity?

DR. DOBSON: I'm afraid the logic of that concept is flawed to me. The question is, why do we have to choose between the virtues of quantity vs. quality? We won't accept that forced choice in any other area of our lives. So why is it relevant only to our children?

Let me illustrate my point. Let's suppose you've looked forward all day to eating at one of the finest restaurants in town. The waiter brings you a menu, and you order the most expensive steak in the house. But when the meal arrives,

you see a tiny piece of meat about 1 inch square in the center of the plate. When you complain about the size of the steak, the waiter says, "Sir, I recognize that the portion is small, but that's the finest corn-fed beef money can buy. You'll never find a better bite of meat than we've served you tonight. As to the portion, I hope you understand that it's not the quantity that matters; it's the quality that counts."

You would object, and for good reason. Why? Because both quality AND quantity are important in many areas of our lives, including how we relate to children. They need our time and the best we have to give them.

My concern is that the quantity vs. quality argument might be a poorly disguised rationalization for giving our children neither.

QUESTION: My marriage seems beyond repair to me. My husband is running around with other women and threatening to divorce me. Is there really any hope for us?

DR. DOBSON: It's difficult to say without knowing the



Dr. James Dobson  
Columnist

Please see DOBSON, page 6A.



Eric Skiles, music teacher at Sands schools, works with his kindergarten students during class Tuesday.

## WHO'S WHO

Cody J. Ward was recently named to the National Who's Who in American High Schools. Cody is a junior at Forsan High School. He is active in technology classes and has been president of the Forsan Chapter of the Technical Students of America for the past three years. In technical competition, he has won several first place awards and one "best of state" in state competition in Waco. He has been named Rotary Club "Student of the Month" twice in the past two years.

Cody is the son of Joe E. and Sandra Ward.

Stephen Bradley Williamson, Nacogdoches, was nominated to receive the American FFA Degree, the highest degree

awarded by the National FFA Organization.

This honor recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. Williamson was one of the 1,711 members receiving the degree at the 70th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 13-15.

Only one in 260 of the 449,814 FFA members have advanced through chapter and state FFA degrees to earn this national degree.

Williamson, the son of Howard and Judy and the grandson of the late J. Keith and Mariam B. Williamson of Westbrook, is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Joe Justice of San Antonio was among 154 students participating in commencement ceremonies in December at

Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Joe earned a Master of Arts in English and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. He is the son of Jim and Clara Justice of Coahoma.

Josh Love, a senior at Forsan High School, was recently named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1996-97."

Josh has been active in band and all phases of athletics during his high school years. As one of the 5 percent of high school students recognized by this award, he will be eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

John is the son of Jack and Donna Love of Big Spring.



LOVE

## Hungry children likely to misbehave

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When suburban Pittsburgh elementary teacher Phyllis Bagaley spots a sick or uncooperative pupil in the morning, she first asks if the child has had breakfast.

If the answer is no, "We give them something to eat and that does improve," said Ms. Bagaley, who teaches at Verona Elementary School.

A study conducted in the Pittsburgh area indicates Ms. Bagaley's instincts are on target.

Hungry, poor children are seven times more likely than their non-hungry peers to fight, be enrolled in special education or need counseling, the research suggests.

What's more, hunger may have as much impact on a poor child's behavior as other poverty-related burdens, such as single parenthood and family and neighborhood violence, according to the study published Tuesday in the journal

Pediatrics.

"If they were poor and hungry, they had a very significant, increased risk" of developing serious behavior problems — especially aggression and anxiety, said Dr. Ronald Kleinman, the Harvard Medical School researcher who led the study.

Kleinman, an associate professor of pediatrics, stressed that the researchers found a link but not necessarily a cause-and-effect relationship between hunger and troublesome behavior.

He said the findings suggest the importance of greater awareness on the part of health care providers and public health officials on the impact of hunger on poor children.

Researchers asked low-income parents several questions about their food availability and about their children's behavior.

Six behavior problems apparently were linked to hunger:

fighting, blaming others, having trouble with a teacher, not listening to rules, stealing and clinging to a parent.

Among hungry children, 21 percent were classified as "psychosocially dysfunctional" compared to 3 percent of non-hungry children.

In all, 328 parents and children participated.

Dr. Susan Baker, a professor of pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, said the number of people in Kleinman's study was "meager" when applying results to the entire country, but the link between hunger and behavioral problems in poor children "should be a worry to all of us."

Baker, chairwoman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on child nutrition, said hunger makes a child more likely to be irritable or distracted, which could lead to fighting or poor performance in school.

## CAREER CORNER

OCCUPATIONAL TITLE: Building inspector

DUTIES: Building inspectors examine private and public building projects, to make sure the building codes, ordinances, zoning laws and the blue prints are being followed correctly.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT: Almost half their time is spent in an office. While at the office they write reports, study construction plans and plan inspections. They work very close with the building contractors, engineers, etc.

HELPFUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES: Construction graphics, building trades, coop education and electrical trades.

SALARY: Starting salary in 1995 was \$25,892.

JOB PROSPECTS: Good to excellent.

—From Roger Goertz, Big Spring High School Technology Department.



Lloyd Morgan was one of several local children playing at Kids Zone in recent warm weather.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Wondering 'whodunit?'

The Heritage Museum's annual Mystery Night is planned Jan. 31. This "fun" fundraiser begins with a pre-game reception at 6:30 p.m. at the museum.

Hosts are needed for various murder mystery games to be played by teams of eight. Players wear costumes fitting the character they will play, and normally eat dessert or snacks while playing.

Games are set in various locations, with various themes, such as a wild western town and a Wall Street condo. Playing costs \$15 per person, but those willing to host a game at their home or another location can play free.

Call the museum at 267-8255 for more information.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Your essay might be a winner with Mensa contest

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF), the subsidiary of American Mensa, Ltd., announces that applications for the annual essay contest may be requested by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 1611; Big Spring.

All requests for applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31. All essays and completed applications must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 1998. Awards of \$100 to \$1000 are to be based on an essay of 550 words or less describing the applicant's academic or career goal. The applicant must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education for Fall 1998.

## THE LAST WORD

Each of us wages a private battle each day between the grand fantasies we have for ourselves and what actually happens.

Cathy Guisewite

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

Mark Twain

Never be afraid to sit a while and think.

Lorraine Hansberry

**DOBSON**

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details, but I can tell you this. I've seen dozens of families who were in your fix but are now happy and whole.

I taught a class for young married couples for a number of years, and right there under my nose, infidelity was a surprisingly common event. There was one period of time during which I dealt with 19 different couples where extramarital affairs had either occurred or were seriously threatening. These families are still known to me, and nine of them are apparently happily married today.

Though this percentage may seem low, remember that these were families on the verge of divorce, but they have now survived many years. Loving toughness played a definite role in working through their difficulties. So yes, hope springs eternal, as well it should.

Let me give you another word of encouragement. Nothing can seem so fixed but change so rapidly as human emotions. When it comes to romantic endeavors, feelings can turn upside down in a day or two. I've seen husbands or wives who expressed hatred for their spouses, saying, "I never want to see you again," only to fall weeping in the other person's arms some hours later.

I hope there are better days ahead for you and your husband. So hang tough. You may yet be able to preserve what is precious to you.

**QUESTION:** How do you feel about corporal punishment as a deterrent to school misbehavior? Do you believe in spanking our students?

**DR. DOBSON:** Corporal punishment is not effective at the junior and senior high school levels, and I do not recommend its application. It can be useful for elementary students, especially with amateur clowns (as opposed to hard-core troublemakers). For this reason, I am opposed to abolishing spanking in elementary schools because we have systematically eliminated the tools with which teachers have traditionally backed up their word. We're down now to a precious few. Let's not go any further in that direction.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

# Who are the most generous?

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By BETTY DEBNAM

## The Art of Dance

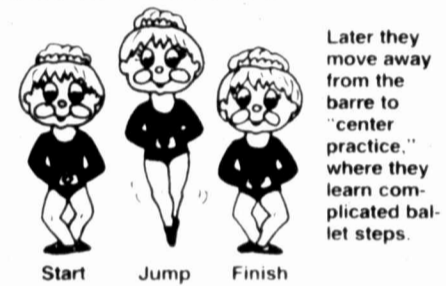
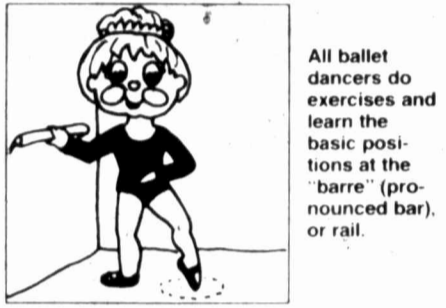
# The Ballet

A ballet is a story acted out through the art of dancing. There are no words. The French did much to develop the classical type of ballet we know today. Many of the ballet words we use are French.

Today, many kids are taking classical ballet. Some start at a very early age with pre-ballet lessons. They learn to move about and enjoy music and dance. When they are about 8 years old, many begin their ballet training.

Without years of training, they will not be able to do the difficult and unnatural steps that look so graceful and easy when done by a pro.

While more girls take ballet than boys, it is enjoyed by both. Older pro football players have even taken ballet to improve their moving skills!



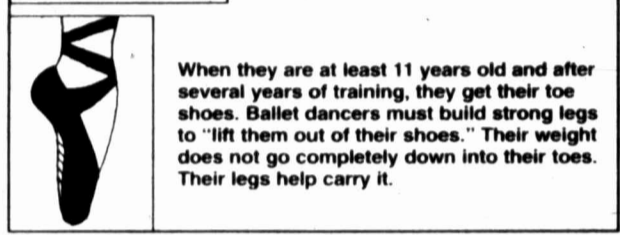
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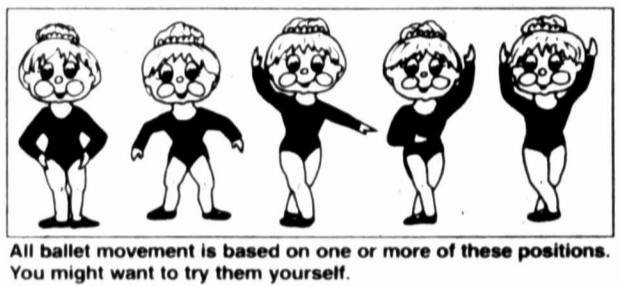
Ballet companies such as the Houston Ballet are groups made up of professional dancers. Ballet companies across the country often perform "The Nutcracker" at Christmastime. These dancers, like all ballet dancers, learned their parts by imitating other dancers.



Beginning dancers wear ballet slippers.



### The five positions in dance



**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mimi Jokes**

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BY SPARRROW CHUTE!

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Q: What is hard to beat?  
A: A drum with a hole in it!

Q: Why does a glow worm glow?  
A: He eats only light meals!  
(all jokes sent in by Angie Campbell)

**Meet Hanson**

Three brothers from Tulsa, Okla., make up one of the biggest musical groups around, Hanson.

The brothers are Zac, 11, drums; Isaac, 16, guitar; and Taylor, 14, keyboards and lead singer. They began singing together at home when they were young and taught themselves to play instruments. They began performing for audiences in 1992.

Their first album, "Middle of Nowhere," had the hit song "MMMBop."

The brothers, who have three younger siblings, like in-line skating. Instead of going to a regular school, they are taught by their mother at home. Their father is an accountant. The family has lived in Ecuador, Trinidad and Venezuela.

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**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**

## Nutcracker Sweets

You'll need:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup of margarine, melted
- 1 cup pecan halves

What to do:

1. Combine eggs and sugar in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Add flour and salt. Mix well.
3. Add vanilla and margarine. Mix well.
4. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet.
5. Place 1 pecan half in the center of each cookie.
6. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 10 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen.

# 'The Nutcracker' Story

"The Nutcracker" is a beautiful ballet that has become a Christmas tradition. It is a fairy tale set to music and dance. It was written more than 100 years ago.

**The main characters**

- Clara, a little girl
- Drosselmeyer, Clara's godfather
- The Nutcracker
- The Sugarplum Fairy

The story opens at a Christmas party at Clara's home. Gifts are exchanged. Clara's godfather, Drosselmeyer, arrives with magic tricks and toys.

Drosselmeyer gives Clara a nutcracker doll.

Clara's jealous brother, Fritz, breaks the doll.

Drosselmeyer fixes the toy and the party ends.

Clara goes to bed but cannot sleep. She creeps downstairs to see the nutcracker doll.

Suddenly mice, led by the Mouse King, scamper about. The toys come alive. An army of wooden soldiers, led by the Nutcracker, battle the mice.

Clara saves the Nutcracker by throwing her slipper at the Mouse King.

The Nutcracker wins the battle and turns into a handsome prince.

The Prince and Clara travel to the Kingdom of Sweets where they meet the Sugarplum Fairy.

As a reward for the bravery of the Prince and Clara, dancers put on a show in their honor. Each group dances to its own special music.

- Spanish
- Russian
- Arabian
- Chinese

Dancers (often called "little Gingers") come out from Madame Ginger's skirt and dance around her.

Dancers carrying flutes dance.

The Sugarplum Fairy and her partner do a dance together called a "pas de deux" (pah duh duh), or dance for two.

Clara wakes up from her dream with the nutcracker doll in her arms.

**BALLET** TRY 'N FIND

Words about ballet are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BALLET, DANCERS, STEPS, DANCE, POINT SHOES, REHEARSE, POSITIONS, PLIE, TUTU, ACT, BARRE, CHOREOGRAPHY, LEOTARD, TOES, WALTZ, SCENE, STAGE, STAR.

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**Mini Spy ...**

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- sword
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- ice cream cone
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## Headed to Super Bowl, Packers say now they're finally having fun

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — This season has been more trying than triumphant for the Green Bay Packers.

But they're finally having fun now that they've secured an encore trip to the Super Bowl, where they will face the Denver Broncos in San Diego on Jan. 25.

"The road to get here was more difficult," coach Mike Holmgren said. "When you're trying to repeat, you can't enjoy each victory the way you could before. Some of the joy is taken from you."

There is a collected confidence in the Packers' locker room these days — along with a putrefying odor.

"That was not me in the locker room

today with the stink bomb," quarterback Brett Favre declared Wednesday. "OK," he quickly confessed with a devilish laugh. "It was me."

"We're always doing practical jokes and having fun. That's what it's all about," Favre said. "No one likes a stiff. That's no fun for anyone."

Holmgren said he has just the prescription in case the Packers start to feel too good about themselves after their methodical dismantling of the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship.

"All I have to do is point to the Indianapolis game, put that film in for a little while," Holmgren said. "Look at this. You're world champs, look at this. How good do you feel about this?"

The Packers have won 12 of their last 13 games, but the loss to the Colts was a doozy, providing Holmgren with enough motivational material to last a lifetime.

The Packers surrendered nearly 500 yards in a startling 41-38 loss to the then-winless Colts on Nov. 16, a week before their much-anticipated showdown with the Dallas Cowboys at Lambeau Field.

Green Bay bounced back to dispatch Dallas the following week and has been on a roll since — surrendering an average of just 202 yards in the last seven games. Included were two games against Tampa Bay and trips to Minnesota and San Francisco, all play-off teams.

The Packers ran their home winning

streak to 27 games, their grass field winning streak to 19 and their road winning streak to four.

"This didn't come easy," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "Repeating is much tougher because so much is expected of you. You're the big cat. Everyone is gunning for you."

Maybe that's why the Packers are finally taking a deep breath and trying to enjoy the journey.

Favre talked about his new Nike commercial where he says he could be anything but an engineer.

Why not?

"Well, you got to be pretty darn bright to be an engineer, I think," Favre said. "I never got that far. I can remember taking calculus for two days and saying, 'No way.' I went to

Southern Miss and signed up for engineering. When I looked at the classes, I unsigned real quicky.

"It was like trigonometry and philanthropy or something. I have no idea, it wasn't for me."

Despite such distractions, the Packers this week are very businesslike, and for good reason — the team is putting in the bulk of its game plan this week and will add some wrinkles after flying to San Diego Sunday.

"The atmosphere down there is not tremendously conducive to focusing on certain things," Holmgren said. "So, we're going to get our work done here. We had good practices in New Orleans last year. We're going to have good practices in San Diego. But this is an important week."

## Stanton overcoming late start

### Gordon, Buffs now stressing 'little things'

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

STANTON — When discussing his Stanton Buffaloes, Doug Gordon doesn't sound like the coach of the state's No. 10-ranked Class 2A basketball team.

Of course, not many of the state's ranked teams have only had 2 1/2 weeks of work inside the gym and are still working on "the small things" Gordon says the Buffs are having to concentrate on these days.

In winning the state's Class 2A football championship, all but one of the players on the Buff basketball roster spent six weeks in pads when virtually everyone else was honing hoops skills.

Gordon, like most of his players, spent those six weeks focused on football as an assistant on Mark Cotton's coaching staff.

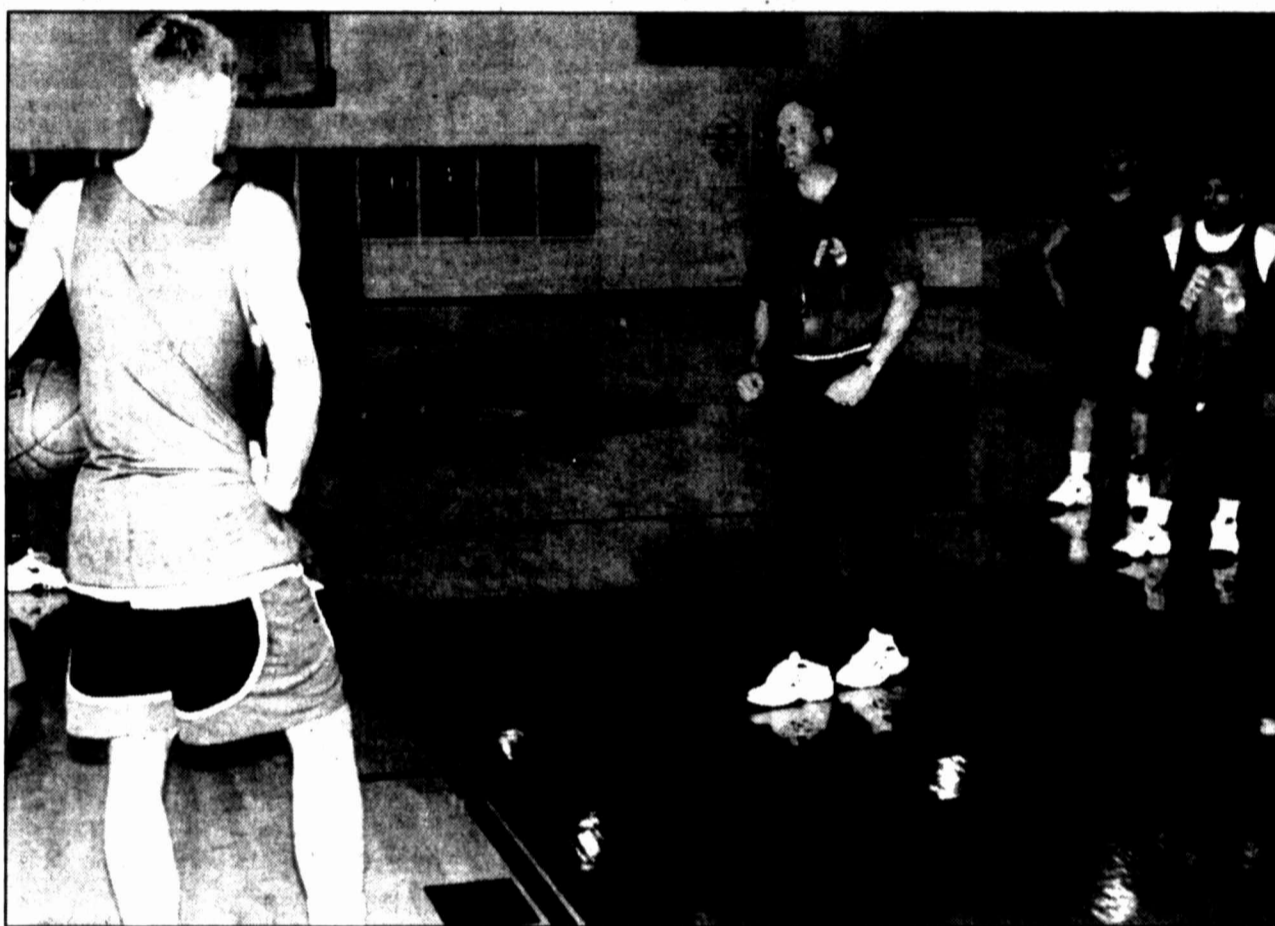
Not surprisingly, Gordon says the Buffs are just now beginning to show the promise Texas Association of Basketball Coaches pollsters see in making Stanton the state's No. 10 team.

"We're on the path ... getting there," Gordon said before putting the Buffs through workout paces Wednesday afternoon. "Today marks 2 1/2 weeks we've been on the court and we're beginning to get to the point where we can work on the little things that are going to make a difference."

"While everyone else has been fine-tuning things to start district play, we've been having to work on the big things — running our base offensive and defensive schemes," he added. "Now we're getting a chance to start concentrating on the finer aspects of the game. The problem is, we're two games into the district schedule."

The Buffs are, however, 2-0 in district play, including a Tuesday night win over Iraan's Braves — one of the two teams predicted to challenge Stanton in its bid to repeat as the District 6-2A champion.

"We're closer to where we want to be defensively than we



STANTON post Marcus Washington (left) and teammates Chad Smith and Nicky Sanchez (background) focus their attention on Buffs basketball coach Doug Gordon, as he discusses the importance of a drill designed to not only improve skills, but concentration, as well.

are offensively," Gordon added. "So, right now, our defense is carrying us."

Gordon does admit, though, that improving defensively was one of the primary goals he established for the Buffs following their loss to eventual state tournament qualifier Tahoka in bi-district play last season.

"Last year we were an average defensive team and had a great offense," Gordon said. "Now, we're trying to have a great defense. We showed that in football ... if you can shut down the other team, you're going to win."

"It's really just a matter of time ... whether or not we get in the playoffs and have enough time to reach our potential," Gordon continued. "We're really not ready to be starting a district schedule," he added, "but it's here."

The Buff are, indeed, loaded with talented players.

Not the least of them is 6-foot-8 senior post Marcus Washington who was perhaps the only person in Stanton really thinking basketball in November and December.

"It (Stanton's football playoff run) was really difficult for him," Gordon said of stellar pivotman. "Marcus was in the stands for every game ... supported them all the way. He'd tell me, 'Coach, they can't lose ... they just can't ... but I sure am ready to play basketball.'"

"That tells you he's not only a great player, but a really good person, too," Gordon added. "I think he's one of the best players in our region, along with Kyle (Herm) and Chad (Smith)."

Herm, who quarterbacked the Buffs to their football title, also quarterbacked the basketball team as point guard.

"I'm certainly biased, but I think Kyle's probably the best point guard in our region," Gordon said.

At 6-foot-3 and extremely strong, Smith, gives the Buffs more than one threat inside. And with excellent leapers 6-foot senior Tyron Davis and 6-foot-3 junior Justin Cobb crashing the boards, Stanton possesses excellent rebounding and inside scoring strength.

Davis, an all-state wide receiver in football who quali-

fied for the state track meet in the triple jump a year ago, is also a tremendously talented cager — leading the Buffs in field goal average and in steals.

One thing's certain, the Buffs have plenty of motivation to reach the playoffs, thanks in no small part to their heart-breaking loss to Tahoka in the first round last year.

"I still have nightmares of last year," Gordon admitted. "I think the kids do too."

Then ranked No. 5 in the state, the Buffs, trailing by one in the closing minutes, had an opportunity to take the lead when Davis hit a jumper and was apparently fouled.

Instead of having a chance for a 3-point play, officials whistled Davis for charging.

"It just killed us," Gordon said of the controversial play. "There's no question it should have been a blocking foul against the Tahoka kid. It put us in a position where we had to foul to get the ball back, they hit their free throws and it winds up a 7-point or 9-point game. That's a memory all of us want to erase this year."

## Facing WTC tonight, Corkery downplays Lady Hawks' ranking

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

When Howard College's Lady Hawks (17-0, 1-0) meet Western Texas College's Lady Westerners (5-12, 0-1) at 6 tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, it will be the first time since Nov. 22 that Matt Corkery's team has played before a home-town crowd.

It was on Nov. 22 that the Lady Hawks took a 98-95 overtime win from then-No. 4 Weatherford College. Since then, Howard has gone 6-0, including a 64-62 win over then-No. 3 Central Arizona on the road and a 91-37 drubbing of Odessa in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener on Monday.

Along the way, the Lady Hawks, who started the season ranked outside of the Top 20, have climbed to the No. 4 spot in the nation.

But Corkery works to downplay the national rankings, instead concentrating on the "one game at a time theory" espoused so successfully for so many years by one of his former mentors, Bob Schneider at West Texas A&M.

"I know it's a cliché, but we really do try to get them to look at them one game at a time," Corkery said after the Odessa game. "I try to get them to understand that once you get into conference, they (games) all count the same ... they're all worth a win or a loss."

Against Western Texas, Howard will be facing a team it beat 70-41 in the season opener — a team that always seem to play the Lady Hawks tough once conference play rolls around.

The Lady Westerners are paced in scoring by Christy Wells (5-foot, 9-inch freshman guard), who scored 28 in a 77-71 loss Monday to New Mexico Junior College. Wells came into the game averaging 11.7 points per game.

The Lady Westerners suffered a pair of personnel setbacks over the holidays when leading scorer Whitney Kimberly (12.1 ppg, 4.2 reb.) quit the team and top post player Erica Garbin was lost for the season because

## NJCAA TOP 25

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Jan. 12:

Rank	Team	Record
1	Trinity Valley, Texas	15-0
2	Connors State, Okla.	16-0
3	Central Florida	15-0
4	Howard, Texas	16-0
5	Central Arizona College	15-1
6	Walters State, Tenn.	14-0
7	Weatherford, Texas	12-2
8	Westark, Ark.	13-1
9	Gulf Coast, Fla.	13-2
10	Cowley County, Kan.	14-0
11	Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.	14-2
12	College of Southern Idaho	14-2
13	Louisburg, N.C.	13-2
14	Olney Central, Ill.	14-1
15	Vincennes, Ind.	15-0
16	Seminole State, Okla.	12-4
17	Sheridan, Wyo.	12-3
18	St. Catharine College, Ky.	11-0
19	Bellefonte Area, Pa.	11-1
20	Jones County, Miss.	12-1
21	Tyler, Texas	10-3
22	Blackhawk, Ill.	11-1
23	Eastern Oklahoma State	13-3
24	Salt Lake, Utah	11-4
25	Northeast Mississippi	9-2

of a knee injury.

Western averaged 63.8 points per game before losing Kimberly and shot 39.4 percent from the floor.

Howard is averaging 85 points and 40.1 rebounds per game and shooting just under 50 percent from the floor.

Shawnta Johnson's 17.0 points per game average is pacing the Lady Hawks, while freshman Karlita Washington is averaging 13.0 points. Latrica Spencer's 9.4 points is third, followed by Donelle Jones at 8.3, LaTasha Moore at 7.6 and Ricka McKee at 7.5 points. Jennifer Vinum is averaging 6.9 points per game, while Jeanine Horton is scoring 6.4 points.

Johnson also leads the team in rebounding at 5.7 per game, while Jones and Spencer are both averaging 5.6 rebounds per game.

**LADY HAWKS NOTES** ... Four Lady Hawks who have taken at least 100 field goal attempts are averaging better than 50 percent shooting.

Spencer (63-108) leads the way at 58.3 percent, followed by Johnson (110-201) at 54.7, Moore (59-108) at 54.6 and Jones (56-104) at 53.8 percent.

Howard's game Monday at Midland promises to be a high-scoring affair, as the Lady Chaps are averaging better than 82 points per game.

## Tar Heels, Guthridge finally lose

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina won't go unbeaten this season, and Bill Guthridge won't have a perfect career as a head coach.

Maryland took care of that Wednesday night with an 89-83 overtime victory over the top-ranked Tar Heels.

"This is the ACC. You're not going to go undefeated," said North Carolina's Antawn Jamison, who finished with 27 points, but had only one over the final 18 minutes. He missed four free throws in overtime.

The Terrapins did pay a lot of attention to rebounding, and they outrebounded the Tar Heels 39-32. They also became the first team this season to shoot over 50 percent (34-for-66) against North Carolina.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 2 Duke 88, Wake Forest 52; No. 3 Kansas 83, Texas A&M 65; No. 13 Iowa 61, Ohio State 46; George Washington 78, No. 18 Xavier 73 in overtime; No. 22 Arkansas 89, Florida 84; and Missouri 70, No. 25 Oklahoma State 64.

Rodney Elliott and Obinna Ekezie both scored 16 points for Maryland, which lost by 32 points at home to Duke 11 days earlier. Laron Profit, who scored six of his 19 points in overtime, made two foul shots for an 87-82 lead with 18 seconds left as the Terrapins beat No. 1 North Carolina in Cole

## NCAA ROUNDUP

Field House for the second time in three years. The Tar Heels' loss leaves No. 4 Utah (13-0) and No. 7 Stanford (14-0) as the only unbeaten Division I teams.

### Duke 88, Wake Forest 52

The Blue Devils had five players score in double figures as they handed Wake Forest its worst home loss in 31 years.

Chris Carrawell had 15 points to lead Duke to its sixth straight win with an impressive display of defense that boosted its average margin of victory in conference games to 28.

Tony Rutland had 15 points for the Demon Deacons, who lost for the sixth time in eight games and are off to their worst start in the ACC in six years.

### Kansas 83, Texas A&M 65

The Jayhawks used an 18-2 run late in the first half and early in the second to pull away to their fourth straight win and 12th in 13 games. Eric Chenoweth had 16 points and 20 rebounds for visiting Kansas, while Paul Pierce added 15.

Michael Schmidt had 16 points for the Aggies, who missed their last seven shots of the first half and their first eight of the second.

## Hawks return to unfamiliar confines of home court hosting NMMI tonight

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Tonight, the Howard College Hawks will play in unfamiliar surroundings — their home court. After 14 consecutive games on the road, the Hawks return to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the first time in two months tonight when they host New Mexico Military Institute in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference game beginning at 8 p.m.

Howard, which opened WJCAC play Monday with a 79-65 win over Odessa College, enters tonight's game with an 8-9 overall record. The Broncos, meanwhile, are 5-10 overall after dropping a 78-71 decision to New Mexico Junior College in its league opener.

A constant diet of restaurant food has not been good for Tommy Collins' Hawks. He said they are more than ready to play in front of the home folks.

"With a veteran team, road games help make you mentally strong," Collins said. "But with a bunch of younger guys, it can beat you down — and that's what has happened to us."

Despite the return home, however, Collins doesn't expect his young squad — only three

players are back from last year — to relax.

"I felt the young guys were really nervous the last game, and it certainly didn't help them," Collins said. "And I think they'll be even more nervous tonight ... I certainly don't think they'll be relaxed at all."

The Hawks showed resilience Monday against Odessa. Falling behind 19-2 early, Howard rallied to within two at halftime, then buried OC under a 24-13 blitz to open the second half.

Sophomore point guard Clifton Cook led the Hawks with 25 points, while fellow sophomore, forward Nathan Clover, added 14.

"I think that will give them confidence, knowing that they did start off badly, and they were on the road, and still won the game," Collins said. "After watching the game film, they realize there's really not much distance between playing badly and playing well ... They realize there's some problems, but they're far from being insolvable."

Coach Reggie Franklin's Broncos are expected to put pressure on Howard's perimeter players. Collins said NMMI's outside trio of guards Bernard Rock, Torrence Easley and Larry Davis give Franklin more of an outside scoring threat than he's had in recent years.

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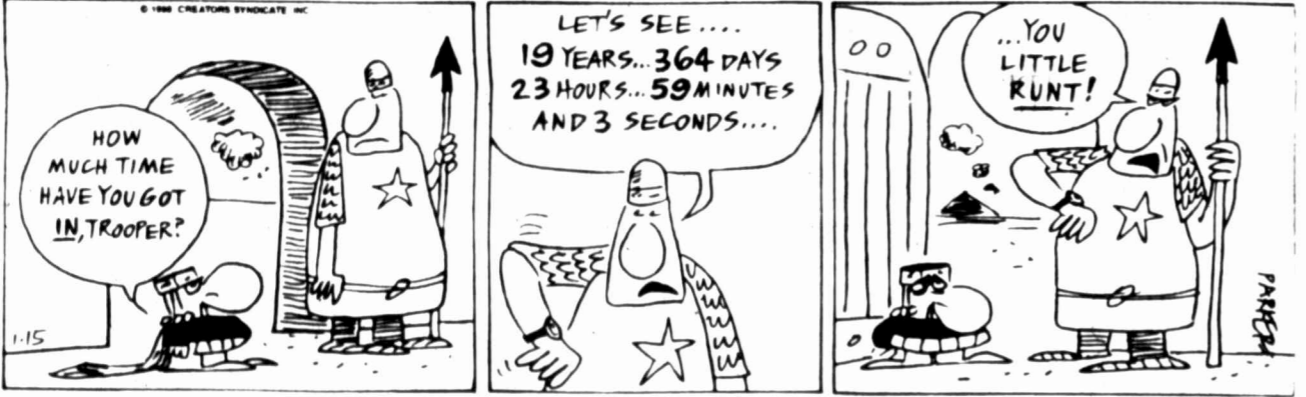
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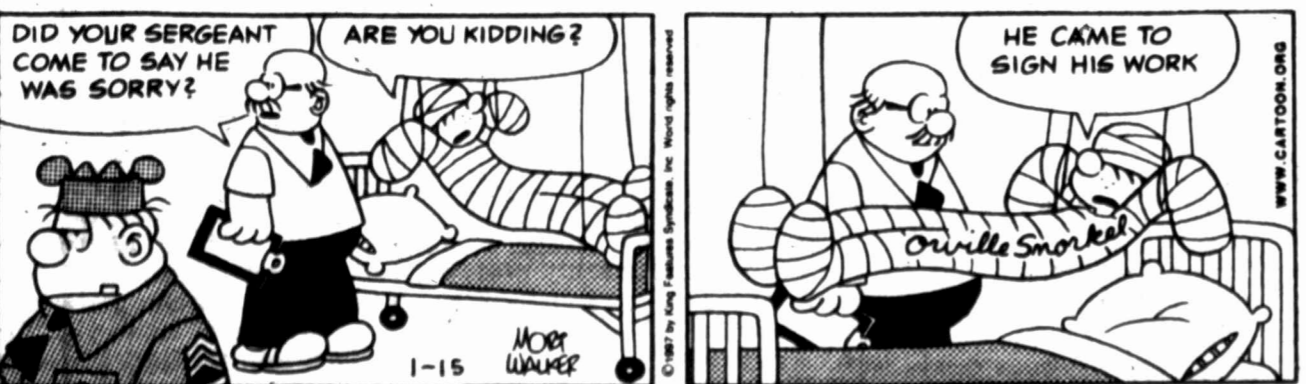
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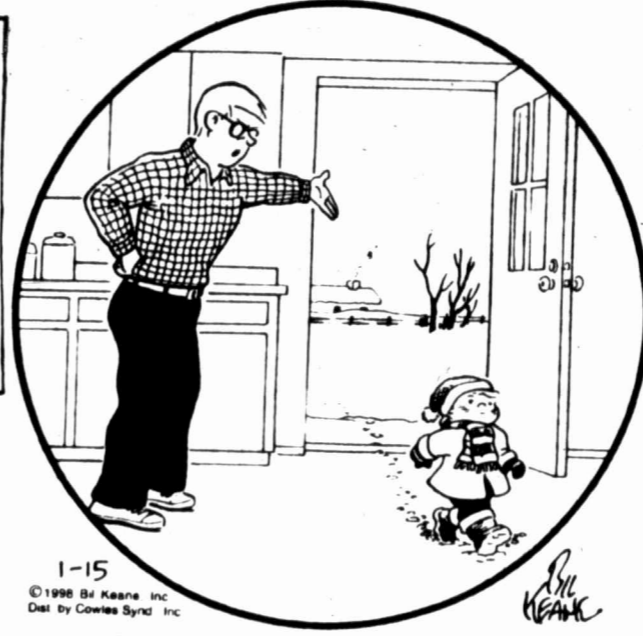


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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a 'Wednesdays' Puzzle solved' section with a grid of words.

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Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey. In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana. In 1870, the Democratic party was represented as a donkey in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly. In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland. In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense. In 1967, the first Super Bowl was played as the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League, 35-10. In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations. In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco. In 1978, Lisa Levy and Margaret Bowman, two students at Florida State University in Tallahassee, were murdered in their sorority house. Theodore Bundy was later convicted of the crime, and executed. In 1992, the Yugoslav federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia. Ten years ago: In Jerusalem, riot police charged into the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques after worshippers beat a policeman and stole his pistol during some of the worst clashes seen on the revered Temple Mount. Five years ago: In Paris, a historic disarmament ceremony ended with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons. Lyricist Sammy Cahn, who wrote the words to "Call me Irresponsible" and "High Hopes," died in Los Angeles at age 79. One year ago: A bitterly divided Israeli Cabinet agreed to withdraw troops from most of Hebron and rural West Bank areas, approving an accord wrapped up hours earlier by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The crews of the shuttle Atlantis and the Russian space station Mir had a raucously joyful meeting, hours after their spacecraft had docked. Today's Birthdays: Nuclear physicist Edward Teller is 90. Actor Lloyd Bridges is 85.



