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Trial in the Senate



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House prosecutors want to summon witnesses in trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — House prosecutors say they want to call witnesses at President Clinton's impeachment trial, which could begin Jan. 7 under a blueprint that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott proposed to Democrats.

The all-Republican prosecution team, holding its first strategy session Tuesday, did not decide who might be summoned to testify before the Senate, several of its members said. The House now must await a Senate timetable and a decision on whether witnesses will be permitted.

In interviews with The Associated Press, neither Lott nor Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle endorsed the plan of the 13-member prosecution team to call witnesses.

Lott said he believed a trial could be held without witnesses. "Are witnesses required? I don't think so," he told the wire service.

Senators from both parties have said they wanted to avoid a trial longer than several weeks, and it was unclear whether a decision to allow witnesses would make a quick trial impossible.

Lott has begun addressing a timetable, said a Senate Democratic leadership source, speaking on condition of anonymity. Lott told Daschle that the trial could get its ceremonial start on Jan. 7, with senators getting sworn in as jurors by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the source said. The trial could begin in earnest Jan. 11, under Lott's plan.

The source said Daschle, D-S.D., has not agreed to the dates and neither has the White House. But the proposal shows that the Senate is prepared to move fast to try Clinton on two articles of impeachment — accusing him of grand jury perjury and obstruction of justice in attempting to conceal an extramarital affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., a senior member of the team of so-called managers, said a consensus emerged on calling witnesses without any formal votes in Tuesday's closed-door session.

"There was no show of hands. But I am anticipating, based on everything we've discussed in there today, that there would be witnesses, we would present witnesses. I don't think there's any question about that," he told reporters.

Although no one was discussing names publicly, potential witnesses conceivably could include Ms. Lewinsky, presidential secretary Betty Currie and presidential friend Vernon Jordan.

Lott said he wants senators to vote on removing Clinton from office before seriously considering censure as an alternative. "I would prefer that there would be a vote on the articles of impeachment," he said.

Daschle said the question about witnesses hadn't been resolved. "It's fair to say that Senator Lott and I are both comfortable with proceeding without witnesses," he said.

Combined edition to be published

A combined Thursday-Friday edition of *The Hereford Brand* will be published Dec. 31. The newspaper business office will close at 5 p.m. Thursday; the newspaper office will be closed Friday in observance of the New Year's holiday. The Sunday edition of *The Brand* will be delivered as normal, and the newspaper office will reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 4.

The deadline for Sunday classified advertising is 3 p.m. Thursday; the Sunday display advertising deadline is noon Thursday.

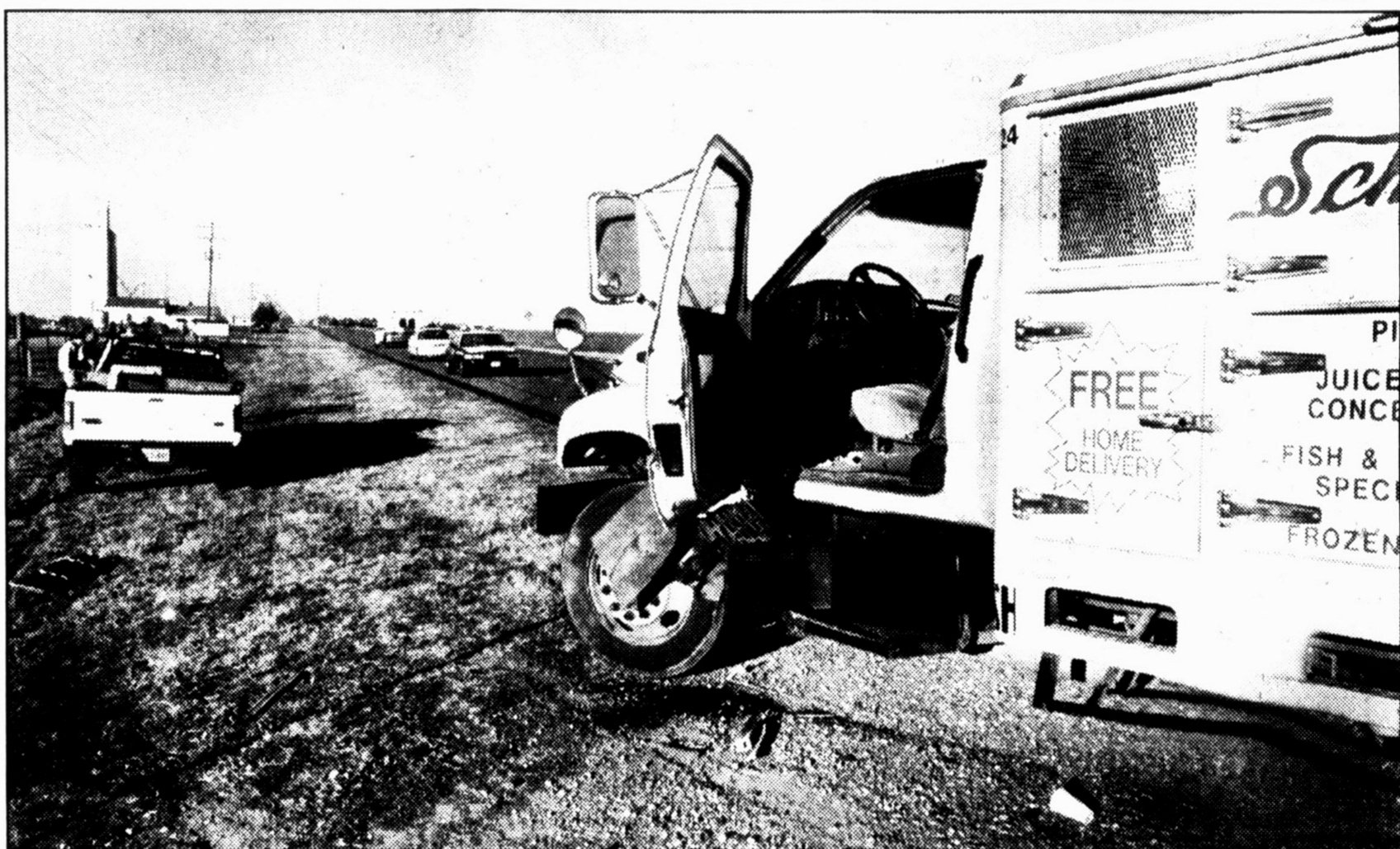
Government offices
All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed Friday for the holiday. The governmental offices will resume normal operations Jan. 3.

Mail delivery

There will be no residential or business mail delivery on Friday, although the U.S. Postal Service will handle special delivery mail. Mail delivery will resume Saturday.

Financial institutions
All financial institutions will be closed Friday for the New Year's Day holiday, but they will operate their normal hours on Thursday.

Schools
Students in the Hereford Independent School District have been on a holiday break since Dec. 18. Classes will resume Jan. 4.



Schwan's dive — A late afternoon collision Tuesday between a Schwan's delivery truck driven by John Glover of Canyon and a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Brien Sanders of New Braunfels temporarily slowed traffic on U.S. Highway 385 at Milo Center. According to Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, the accident occurred when Sanders attempted to pass the northbound delivery truck on the left, while the Schwan's truck was making a left turn off the highway. No injuries were recorded in the accident.

Leading economic indicators rise, exceeding expectations

NEW YORK (AP) — A key measure of future economic activity rose sharply in November as the stock market boomed, exceeding expectations and providing signs of optimism for the U.S. economy heading into 1999.

The Conference Board, a private research group, reported today its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.6 percent to 106.3, up from an adjusted level of 105.7 in October. Economists had projected a smaller gain.

With the economy's long expansion generally expected to slow next year, the leading index offered a burst of optimism for the new year. The index is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance.

"While increases of this size will probably not continue, it is unlikely that we will see any serious retrenchments in the next few months," said Michael Boldin, a Conference Board economist.

If the economy's expansion continues past next year, it would become the longest in U.S. history. The current period of growth began in March 1991.

Seven of the leading index's 10 components rose in November, led by an autumn rebound in stock prices after a summer market slump.

The most negative contribution was an increase in weekly unemployment claims.

The report came a day after the Conference Board re-

ported that consumer confidence was holding steady, reflecting growing caution in Americans' outlook. But the government reported sales of existing homes rose 2.7 percent in November.

The Conference Board's index of coincident indicators for November, which looks at the economy's current condition, increased 0.2 percent from October.

The lagging indicators index, which looks at the past, decreased 0.1 percent.

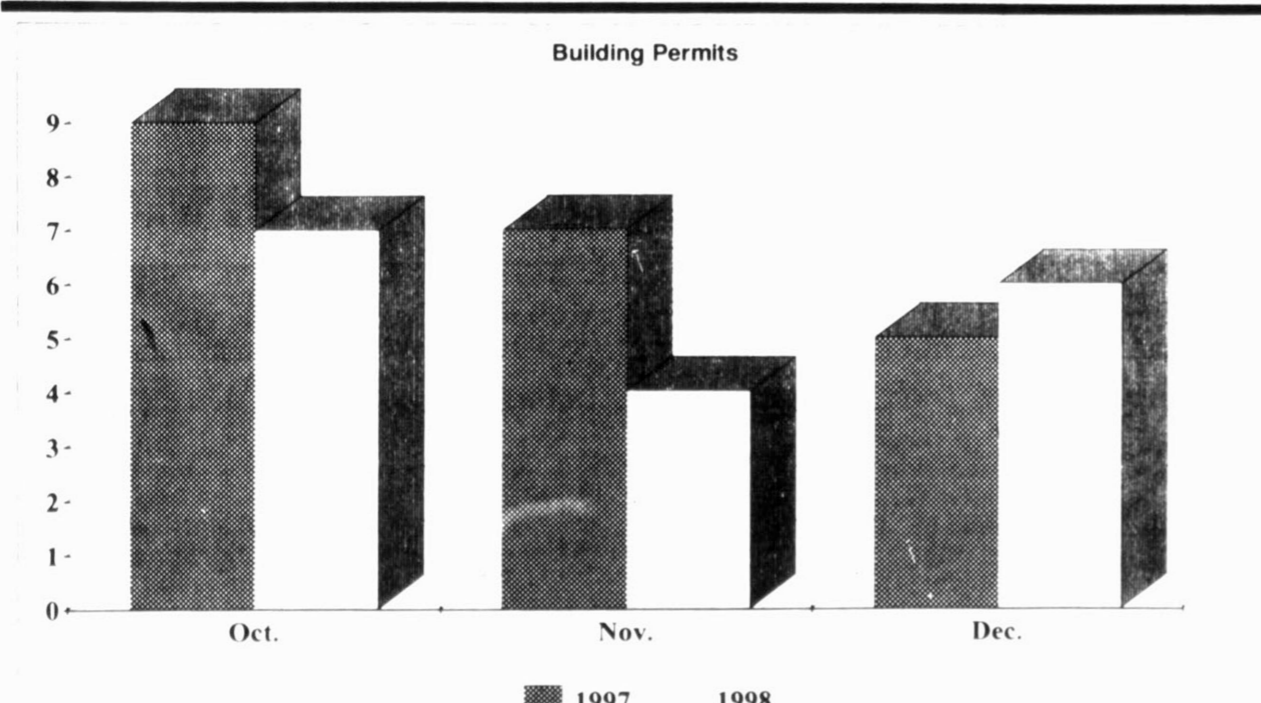


Chart shows building permits issued by city during last quarter of 1997 and 1998

Building shows gain over '97

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With just two days left in the year, Hereford is running ahead of 1997 in building. The city's Building & Zoning office has issued six permits with a value of \$41,268 in December, which is significantly lower than the five permits with a value of

\$1,644,625 issued by the office in 1997. However, 1998 has been a better year for construction than last year. At the end of 1997, the city had issued 124 permits with a value of \$4,283,668. However, with two days left in 1998, 120 permits with a value of \$6,032,433 have been issued.

U.S., Iraq exchange fire over 'no-fly' zone

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. fighter jets fired missiles and laser-guided bombs on a defense site in southern Iraq early today after it fired six to eight missiles at a British aircraft, government officials said.

The U.S. and British planes returned to their bases safely, Pentagon officials said.

At the White House, a senior administration official said that Iraq fired the surface-to-air missiles at the British aircraft. U.S. aircraft responded by firing several missiles and laser-guided munitions at the Iraqi air defense station.

President Clinton was to be briefed by his National Security Council advisers today before flying to a South Carolina resort to begin a holiday vacation.

"Our allied aircraft will continue to enforce the no-fly zones vigorously," said David Leavy, a White House spokesman. "As the president has

said, they are a key element of our containment policy."

Leavy said today's incident "underscores the continued threat that Saddam poses to the region. We will take the necessary precautions to carry out our mission and to protect our air crews."

A British bomber first reported the activity at about 9:30 a.m. local time (1:30 a.m. EST) near Talil, Iraq.

"They visually detected firing. They took evasive action to avoid the missiles," said Maj. Joe LaMarca, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, responsible for American forces in the Persian Gulf, at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. "I don't know for sure what they (the Iraqis) were firing at, but common sense would tell you that they were firing at the (British) aircraft."

Two U.S. F-16 bombers patrolling the area responded and fired two anti-radar missiles and a number of preci-

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sion-guided bombs onto the site at 10:15 a.m. (2:15 a.m. EST), a Pentagon spokesman said.

The aircraft safely departed the area about a half hour later. A spokesman for the British Defense Ministry said: "The firm response to the latest Iraqi provocation is ample evidence of our commitment to patrol the no-fly zone."

No activity was reported in the northern no-fly zone. Senior Airman Adam Stump, a spokesman for Operation Northern Watch said: "We've been carrying out flights as usual today. Everyone arrived safely."

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Local roundup

New Year's STEP

Starting Dec. 31, 1998, the Hereford Police Department will have extra officers patrolling the streets, issuing citations for safety belt and child safety restraint violations.

A citywide pre-survey, conducted in five different locations indicates compliance for drivers and front seat passengers is holding steady at 81 percent. The same survey shows 65 percent child safety compliance.

The New Year's Eve STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) will begin Dec. 31, 1998 and conclude Jan. 3, 1999.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 20s, north to northeast winds 5-10 mph.

Thursday, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 50s, south winds 10-20 mph.

Extended forecast

New Year's Day, mostly cloudy and turning cold late, lows in the mid-20s, highs in the lower 40s.

Saturday, cloudy and colder, lows 15 to 20, highs in the upper 20s.

Sunday, cloudy and cold, lows near 15, highs in the mid-20s.

Tuesday recap

High, 57; low, 26; no precipitation.

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New in brief

Mother of octuplets headed for home

HOUSTON (AP) — Most of Nkem Chukwu and Iyke Louis Udobi's neighbors didn't know the couple until the rest of the world heard about them.

There are no welcome-home celebrations planned and no signs to greet the mother of the Houston octuplets even though she's coming home after three months in the hospital.

"They keep to themselves," said Tim Fish, a high school student home for the holidays who lives next door to Ms. Chukwu and Louis.

Three doors down, Lovely Cyriac admitted she wasn't aware of the family until word broke that Ms. Chukwu gave birth to seven of the octuplets Dec. 20. The first was born 12 days earlier.

"We'll help if they need any help," said Ms. Cyriac, who added that it was "something exciting" for the neighborhood to have such instant celebrities on the block.

The seven surviving octuplets — the littlest, Odera, died Sunday — remained in critical but stable condition Tuesday night. Four were breathing on their own, while three needed help from ventilators. They're expected to remain hospitalized for at least three months.

Standardized carry-ons not needed

HOUSTON (AP) — New federal regulations for carry-on bags aren't needed, the chairman and chief executive of Continental Airlines wrote in a letter Tuesday to a luggage industry trade group.

Gordon Bethune said no changes are needed for safety reasons, and that competing airlines must provide more bin storage for travelers, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

The Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America this month petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration to issue rules to make carry-on bag policies standard for U.S. airlines.

The group said such a policy is needed to deal with "serious potential safety issues." It also said travelers would get consistency when flying and buying luggage.

Ousted Tiguas kept from reservation

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Vehicle checkpoints at entrances to the Tigua reservation will keep banned residents from their homes.

Tribal officials said banished residents will be turned away at the checkpoints, erected Monday as part of a routine holiday safety program.

"We cannot legally allow you to enter the reservation if you're banned, but this is not a method to enforce the banishment orders," tribal spokesman Marc Schwartz told The El Paso Times.

Some of the banished say they are afraid to leave their homes, for fear they cannot return.

"They're off the wall. They've lost it," resident Gracie Vela said. "The blockades are just the latest tactic of intimidating people. They're not letting people in and out; they're trying to force us out."

About 20 families were removed from tribal rolls last year because they fail to meet a federal requirement that tribe members be at least one-eighth Native American.

Elsewhere:

AIRPORT SECURITY: The Federal Aviation Administration has cited American Airlines and Delta Air Lines for security violations at their Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport terminals, and proposed fines totalling \$270,000. A spokesman for American said the airline denied the violations and will appeal, and a Continental spokeswoman said officials will review the FAA charges. ... **SHIP FIRE:** Firefighters continued dousing hot spots on the Cyprus-registered Violetta, which burned in the Gulf near Galveston for two days, killing two of 25 crewmen. Once the fire is out, the Coast Guard will assess damage and look for the cause of the fire.

Correction

In the Tuesday edition of the Hereford Brand Deaf Smith County Adult Supervision officer should have been identified as Kirk Spain. Also Bill Brown is an employee of 19th Hole. We regret this error.

Freeze causes economic citrus disaster

SANGER, Calif. (AP) — Nick Hill goes from tree to tree plucking oranges, slicing them with a knife and peeling them open.

"This one's toast, too," he said, tossing the fruit on the ground.

Hill's family has owned Greenleaf Farms for three generations, an operation covering 500 acres east of Fresno. Standing amid his trees this week, he said one 43-acre grove — holding thousands of oranges — was a complete loss.

The waiting and guessing game has only begun as grow-

ers try to decide how to salvage their winter harvests after last week's freeze. Should they cut their losses and squeeze their crops into juices?

The freeze is officially an economic disaster in California's Central Valley. Gov. Pete Wilson made the declaration Tuesday. Even with federal help, the \$1.5 billion citrus industry faces mass layoffs now that the entire lemon crop and most of the orange crop is believed to have been ruined.

The state is sticking with a preliminary loss estimate of \$591 million.

With California's reputation on the line for top-quality navel oranges, which typically are eaten rather than used for juice, industry gatekeepers agree with many growers, packers and trade representatives that it would be wisest to wait several weeks before oranges are picked to check for damage.

At a meeting in Visalia on Tuesday, orange growers complained that some fruit is being sold too soon. The oranges may look fine on the outside, but customers could be puckering up once they open them up.

Lane Anderson, a grower who also works for packer Pandolf & Sons, said some smaller operations are trying to recoup their losses by taking advantage of soaring fresh fruit prices.

"In my opinion, it's the greedy and the unscrupulous," he said. "I think if we put too much on the market before we know what's going on, then we're going to have consumers buying stuff that's less than ideal."

A shipping moratorium lasting three days from when oranges are picked is supposed to buy time for quality control. Most growers depend on

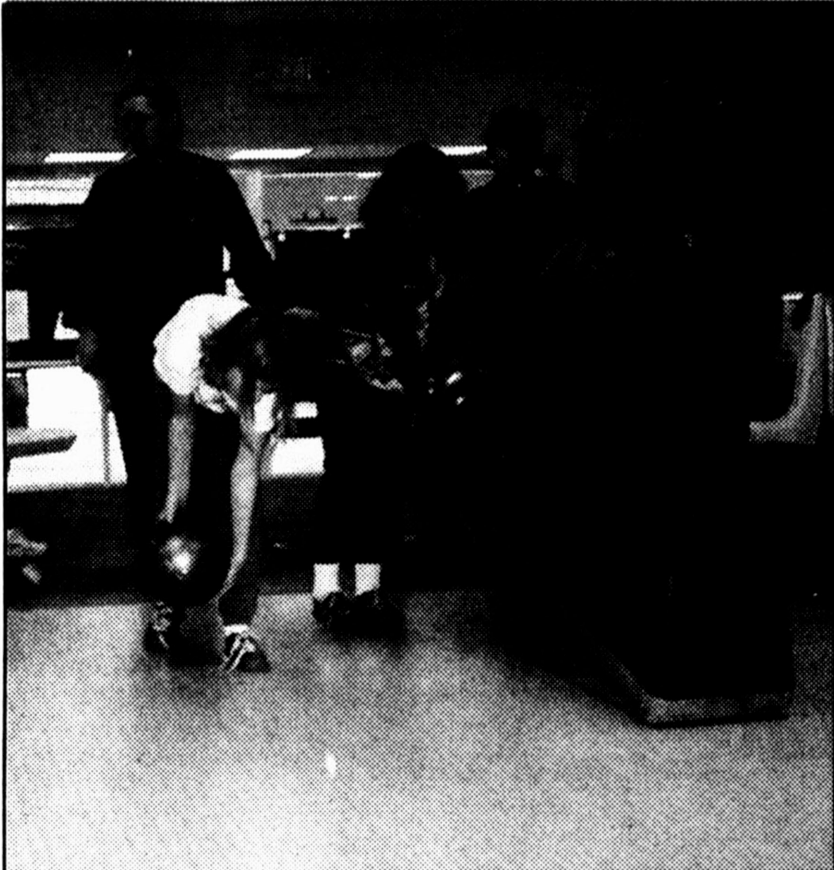
the honor system, knowing that inspections and the threat of fines won't stop everyone from shipping fruit that can taste like bitter cold medicine.

"Do you know what quinine is?" asked Lynn Thomas, deputy agricultural commissioner for Tulare County, where most of the state's navel oranges are grown and 75 percent of the crop was frozen — a \$293 million loss.

Turning navel oranges into juice is a last resort because that would mean much lower profits for California farmers. The state also doesn't have the juice processing ability of Florida — and juice companies aren't exactly jumping at the chance to buy suspect oranges.

"Unless it meets Tropicana's high standards, we're not going to buy it," said Mark Gutsche, the company's vice president for communications in Bradenton, Fla. "If they're squeezing oranges with a bad taste, we're not going to buy it."

In his field, Hill looked at his damaged oranges and said the frost had not damaged other groves quite as much. But, he said, "this particular field here, I'm holding out very little hope for."



Bowling fun — West Central students recently participated in the "Apples for Students" program and one class of winners were treated to a special bowling party on the last day of classes before Christmas break. The class submitted \$5710.85 worth of Homeland receipts, which will be redeemed for classroom materials. The students, Erika Culp, Clara Rodriguez, Tiffany Ogas and Ralene Ramos get help and bowling tips from Carlynn DeLozier and Betty Newberry.

Convicted killer, Routier, threatens court reporter

DALLAS (AP) — A Rowlett mother sentenced to death for killing her 5-year-old son has been accused of making threats about a court reporter.

According to Dallas television station WFAA, District Judge Robert Francis has received an anonymous letter from a Dallas County inmate that claimed she overheard convicted murder Darlie Routier making threats.

The misspelled letter read: "The court reporter's life is in jeopardy if you makes her varify the accuracy of the court records."

Routier was transferred from death row to the Dallas County jail for two months while Francis and an independent court reporter review the transcript from her capital murder trial. Routier's defense lawyer called for the review after finding several discrepancies in the record.

The review could lead to a new trial for Routier. But WFAA reported that if Routier did make any threats, she would lose her chance for another trial.

Dallas County officials are investigating the inmate's claims as well as trying to identify the inmate.

"I will testify to what I hear her say but I am afraid she will find out it was me and have me killed," the inmate wrote. "She has powerful people on the outside."

The inmate's letter also alleges that Routier told another prisoner that she is getting off free for murdering her two sons.

Routier, 28, was sentenced to death last year for the 1996 fatal stabbing of her 5-year-old son, Damon. Her 6-year-old son, Devon, was also killed in the attack.

A spokesman for Brian Pardo, the Waco business executive supporting Routier's appeal, said it's strange that the letter surfaced at a time when Routier's case is beginning to unravel.

A jail official told WFAA that Routier was also overheard discussing an escape attempt with a male inmate. Investigators are trying to determine if it was just a hoax.

Inexperienced whalers seek patience, wisdom

NEAH BAY, Wash. (AP) — The Makah Indian tribe has waited more than 70 years to return to the Pacific to hunt gray whales. For some, the last three months have been among the longest.

No one here has ever hunted the whale. There is much to learn, and time has taken away the teachers. One lesson is clear already: Some things cannot be rushed.

Dozens of reporters stampered here in late September, responding to a report that the tribe's first whale hunt in decades was under way. The hunts had stopped in the 1920s, when commercial whalers brought the world whale population to the brink of extinction.

But since Oct. 1, when the tribe was officially cleared to hunt, the Makah have yet to venture into the Pacific to search for a whale. Foul weather, inexperience, mechanical problems, disagreements over procedures — all manner of obstacles have conspired to keep harpoon away from target.

Most of the reporters are gone, along with protesters and their ships. The Makah, meanwhile, are still trying to recreate a store of lost knowledge.

Some Makah elders remember tasting whale meat as children. Some of the women were taught how to prepare the meat, how to render the oil. Some of the men know how to fashion whaling canoes from tall red cedar.

But so much time has passed, there is no one still alive who knows how to whale.

And hunting the whale — especially in small boats, especially in winter seas, especially gray whales — is dangerous.

But if any people have whaling in their genes, it is the Makah.

They are the ones who could "find the way to resurrect it," said Ed Claplanhoo, a member of the Makah Whaling Commission and former tribal chairman.

Whaling remains a vital part of tribal tradition. The story is still told of how the thunderbird brought the whale to the Makah one hungry year long ago. The image of the whale — in the Makah colors of black and red — decorate the school, local homes, costumes and baskets. Huge weathered whale skulls and bones adorn front yards in this community of 2,000 — 1,400 of them among the tribe's 2,300 enrolled members.

The pending hunt goes against tradition: a communal, tribal hunt, pooling the available knowledge.

"A commission hunt," some say without enthusiasm.

Traditionally, whaling families mounted their own hunts, with their own secret preparations and sacred songs. Some aspects of this pooling business have not gone well, but lessons are learned, ruffled feelings smoothed — the process continues.

At this point, there is a pool of 17 men to fill out the eight-man whaling crew. They've been chosen from the 23 families with a representative on the tribe's whaling commission.

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Obituaries

WESLEY MADISON HIGH, SR.

TEAGUE — Funeral services for Wesley Madison High, Sr., 68, formerly of Hereford, will be 1 p.m. Saturday in the Northside Church of Christ in Teague. A wake will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at Salem Baptist Church in Teague.

Mr. High was a retired construction worker; owner of Wesley High Construction Co., of Hereford.

Survivors include seven sons, Anthony Wayne High, John David High, both of Hereford, Charles High of Denton, Wesley High, Jr., of Odessa, Bryan High of Dallas, Centennial High and Chancellor High, both of Teague; seven daughters, Bobbie Cooper, Shirley Polk, Beverly High, Carolyn High, Sylvia High and Stacy High, all of Amarillo and Shawn High of Dallas; one brother, Clarence High of Hereford; 31 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one aunt.

JOE BAILEY TAYLOR, SR.

MCLEAN — Funeral services for Joe Bailey Taylor, Sr., 91, of McLean will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of McLean, with Rev. James Martindale officiating and Dr. Buell Wells assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Taylor died Tuesday in Shamrock. He was born Nov. 13, 1907, in Sweetwater. He had lived in McLean for 48 years. He was a rancher, a barber and a Deacon at the First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife Edna.

Survivors include three sons, Dan J. Taylor of McLean, Don B. Taylor and Joe B. Taylor, both of Hereford; two daughters, Lynn Ellen Taylor of Amarillo and Louvera Dilbeck of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 29, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— A car was shoe polished in the 800 block of South Schley.

— A car was burglarized in the 800 block of South McKinley.

— A gas theft was reported at 100 S. 25 Mile Avenue.

— A minor accident was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT — 4:00 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue 12 miles north on U.S. 385.

CRIME STOPPERS

Hereford police are investigating the vandalism of the Hereford High School which occurred during the Christmas weekend. Information leading to the arrest and indictment of the individuals responsible for breaking several school windows could be worth up to \$1,000.

Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers is also offering rewards for information regarding a number of burglaries which occurred between Oct. 23, 1998, and Nov. 20, 1998.

All callers remain anonymous and can earn rewards for information leading to the arrest of individuals responsible for crimes in the county. If you have information regarding these or other crimes please call 344-CLUE (2583).

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LIFESTYLES

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Twelve compete in District Food Show

Twelve Deaf Smith County 4-H members matched their nutrition knowledge and skills against those of other Panhandle youth at the District 14-H Food Show held recently at Valleyview Junior High School

near Amarillo. Each contestant prepared a recipe in one of four food categories - Main Dish, Fruits/Vegetables, Breads or Nutritious Snacks - and answered judges' questions about food

and nutrition. Senior level winners will advance to State Food Show in June.

Kylee Auckerman, 17, won first place in the Fruits/Vegetables category and will take her Potato Crust Veg-

etable Pizza to State contest. Jessica Wuerflein, 17, was named first alternate to State in Nutritious Snacks with her Peach Wholewheat Crepes in Almond Sauce.

Other senior 4-H'ers who competed were Jerad Johnson with Sizzlin' Beef Kabobs and Craig Campbell with Tex-Mex Tailgate Bread.

Deaf Smith County had three Intermediates, age 12-13, place in the top four: Lark Duncan with Hotch Potch-A Scottish Stew, Chelsea Blain with One Bowl Bread, and Justin Johnson with Sizzlers. Also competing as an intermediate was Dawn Auckerman with Tasty Veggie Squares.

Cited in the top four among juniors, age 9-11, were Chelsea Campbell with Sesame Chinese Noodle Salad, and Shayla Wilcox with Vegetable Pizza. Other participating juniors were Sydnee Mardell with Crock Pot Spaghetti and Meatballs, and Kinsey Reeve with Heavenly Health Muffins.

Jaime Steiert of Hereford, president of the District 4-H Council, served as emcee during the awards ceremony. Craig Campbell, Council reporter, introduced guests.

District participants qualified for the upcoming contest after competing at the County Food Show, held recently at Hereford Community Center. Other 4-H'ers who participated at the local level were Amy Adams, Hillary Edwards, Stephanie Shaw, Sunny Vanlandingham, Kristen O'Rear and Jason Seward, all juniors.

Kylee Auckerman served as Mistress of Ceremonies during the awards ceremony.

Also completing a foods and nutrition project were Jaclyn and Jonathan Paschal, Jennifer Brock, Kaeli Yocum, Madison Urbanczyk, Erika Culp, Elise Eckert, Justin Vanlandingham and Seth Hoelscher.



Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers in the senior and intermediate age groups who participated in the County Food Show and advanced to District were, front row from left, Chelsea Blain, Lark Duncan, Justin Johnson, Dawn Auckerman; back row from left, Kylee Auckerman, who won first at District in Fruits/Vegetables and will compete in State Contest, Craig Campbell, Jerad Johnson and Jessica Wuerflein, who was named first alternate to State in Nutritious Snacks. See related photo, Page A4.

At the Center

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixing, tostados, pineapple; or chicken almandine, Oriental rice, rancho fiesta vegetables.

FRIDAY-Baked ham with pineapple sauce, au gratin potatoes, black-eyed peas, sunshine salad, rolls, spice cake; or fried fish with lemon juice, D'zerta salad, vanilla wafers.

MONDAY-Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onions, celery and tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, coleslaw, cornbread, apricots; or chicken stew.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, frosted lime-walnut salad, rolls, Boston cream cake; or salmon

loaf with dill sauce, peaches, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, rosy applesauce, rolls, vanilla/butterscotch pudding; or smothered pork, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., FOT meeting 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m.,

Thrift Store volunteer meeting 9:30 a.m., Golden K Club noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics noon-4 p.m.

NOTE: There will be NO New Year's Eve dance and NO first Saturday dance.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Dec. 30:

Shantell B. Bass, infant girl Bass, Josefina Y. Garcia, Albina B. Martinez, Meghan Celeste Morrison, Melanie Morrison.

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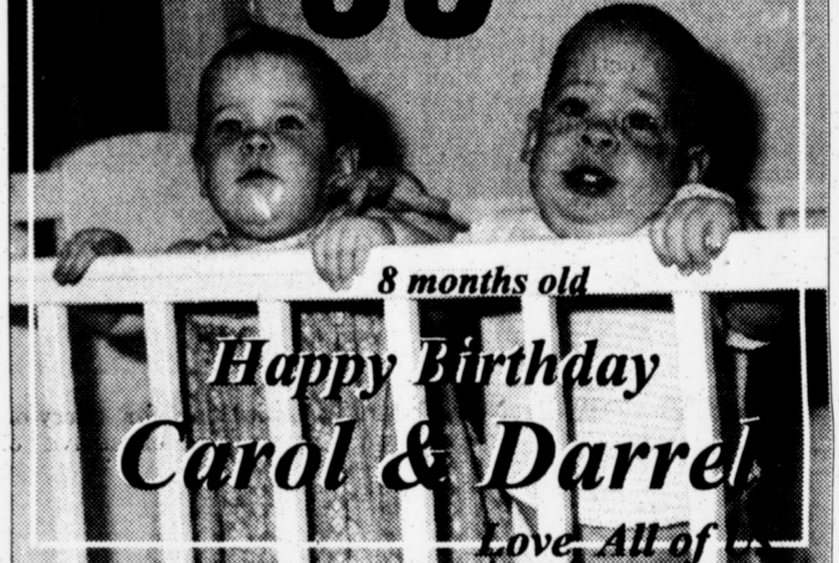
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Junior 4-H members who took part in the County Food Show were, front row from left, Kristen O'Rear; Chelsea Campbell, who advanced to District; Sunny Vanlandingham; Hillary Edwards, Amy Adams; back row from left, Jason Seward; Sydnee Mardell who advanced to District; Stephanie Shaw; Kinsey Reeve, who advanced to District; and Shayla Wilcox, who also advanced to District.

4-H'ers submit winning recipes

The following recipes were prepared by Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers who competed in the County Food Show and qualified for District competition.

The recipes featured in this issue were also winners in District.

Potato Crust Vegetable Pizza won first place in Fruits/Vegetables. Peach Wholewheat Crepes with Almond Sauce was selected as an Alternate in Nutritious Snacks.

Additional recipes from District qualifiers will be included in future editions of *The Brand*.

Potato Crust Vegetable Pizza

Kylee Auckerman
2 to 4 medium potatoes (differs according to dish size)

1 medium onion, grated
2 eggs, beaten

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium zucchini, thinly sliced

2 medium yellow summer squash, thinly sliced

1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced

2 cloves of garlic, minced

16 cherry tomatoes, quartered or sliced Roma tomatoes

2 tablespoons fresh or dry basil, snipped

1 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded

Finely shred potatoes and onion into a bowl. Combine potato mixture, eggs, flour and salt; mix well. Press into a well-greased, shallow casserole dish.

Bake in a 425 degree oven for 15 minutes. Brush with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil; bake for 10 minutes more. Place under the broiler; broil 4 to 5 inches from the heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden and crisp.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the zucchini, yellow squash, red onion and garlic. In a large skillet, heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil and cook the vegetable mixture, 2 cups at a time, until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring often. Spread with basil and mozzarella. Bake at 425 degrees for 5

to 7 minutes or until cheese is melted. If desired, garnish with basil sprigs. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Peach Wholewheat Crepes with Almond Sauce
Jessica Wuerflein

Crepes:
1 1/2 cups milk
2 tablespoons oil
3 eggs
1 1/4 cups wholewheat flour
Dash salt

In a blender combine all ingredients; blend until smooth. Heat oil in crepe pan. With the crepe pan lifted above the heating unit, pour in 2 tablespoons of batter. Tilt the pan until batter covers the bottom in a very thin layer. Cook until lightly browned; loosen the edges with a spatula, flip, and cook other side until golden brown. Remove with spatula; stack, placing a paper towel between each crepe. Cover to prevent drying out.

Filling:
3 or 4 large fresh peaches*
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons apple cider
1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

Peel and thinly slice peaches. In small bowl, combine peaches, sugar and cider. Spoon onto crepes. Fold over. Makes 6 servings.

*Can substitute frozen or canned fruit

Sauce:
1/2 cup sugar (brown or white)
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups light cream or evaporated skim milk
2 egg yolks, beaten
1 tablespoon butter or mar-

garine
1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Mix sugar, salt and cornstarch in saucepan. Gradually stir in cream. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Remove from heat, stir part of hot mixture into beaten egg yolks. Return egg mixture to saucepan. Simmer, stirring, for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in butter and almond extract. Serve warm or cool over peach crepes.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I have a 25-year-old daughter who is a loving and wonderful girl, but she has an addiction. No, it's not drugs. It's spending money.

When "Ally" turned 18, she received several applications for credit cards and was seduced into signing up. In a short time, her card was maxed out, so she got another one. And then another. The more credit she had, the more she charged. In three years, she was \$14,000 in debt, even though she was living at home and working full time.

During those three years, I spoke to Ally often about her spending habits, and she promised to do better. I figured she was entitled to a little help, so my husband and I co-signed a consolidation loan that would allow her to pay off the debt in five years.

Within a year, Ally was in trouble again. In addition to her balance on the consolidation loan and payments on her car, she had charged another \$9,000 on her credit cards. Her father came to the rescue by giving her a \$17,000 interest-free loan from his retirement money. Ally swore she would make regular payments to us. Well, we haven't seen a dime from her in eight months. On top of that, I discovered she has accumulated another \$5,000 in unpaid credit card debt since then.

Ally never asked us to help her out, but it's hard to see your child drowning and not toss her a life jacket. We don't want her to declare bankruptcy and wreck her credit forever, but we don't want to be enablers, either. I am depressed, worried and confused. I've tried lecturing, bought her books on managing money and made suggestions on budgeting her income, all to no avail. What can I do? — Need Help in Cape Cod, Mass.

Dear Cape Cod: You can stop being enablers by letting Ally take full responsibility for her own financial mess. Ally needs to cut up her credit cards NOW. If her mom and dad bail her out time after time, she will be in debt forever. She also needs a credit counselor who will help her work out a payment plan, get rid of this debt and learn how to budget her money sensibly. She should call the National Foundation for Consumer Credit and make an appointment to see a credit counselor. The toll-free number is 1-800-

388-2227 (www.nfcc.org).

Dear Ann Landers: My father-in-law recently retired. My wife and her sister planned a party in his honor. The guest list was limited, and no children were invited. One guest called to RSVP and left a message on our answering machine saying he AND his children would attend. Then, he called my mother-in-law and told her he "hoped there wouldn't be a problem if the children attended since they were so excited about coming." My mother-in-law didn't want to cause any hard feelings so she said the children were welcome.

Ann, these kids couldn't pick my father-in-law out of a lineup and have no reason to be at this party. My wife and sister-in-law are furious. They are paying for this party and cannot afford any more guests.

All their hard work has been ruined by a pushy and presumptuous guest.

Please tell your readers if they intend to bring extra people to a party, they should ASK the host if it's OK. If they want a party to include their own kids, they should plan their own party. — Angry in Lehigh Valley, Pa.

Dear Angry: It would have been perfectly OK to call the guest back and tell him, "We're so sorry, but we simply cannot have any children at the party." Then tell your mother-in-law she should strengthen her backbone and stop letting people put words in her mouth.

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Hull finally sliding into place with Dallas Stars

By Mike Heika
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — All it takes is one look at Brett Hull's legs to see he is a different player than he was earlier in the season.

Hull, who joined the team as a free agent in the summer, no longer appears to be trailing carefully behind the play or skating tenuously out of position. He no longer looks out of place as a right winger trying to play the left side.

Instead, he's skating confidently, like the player the Stars were hoping to obtain when they gave him a three-year deal worth \$17 million in July and outbid the rest of the NHL for his goal-scoring services.

"It just feels a lot better now," Hull said after scoring six goals and adding three assists in his past six games. "You're not fighting it. You've figured it out. Now you fit, instead of asking yourself: 'What am I doing?' It just makes a difference in everything."

Hull was speaking of the mental adjustment to the Stars' system of a hard forecheck, something that requires short shifts and a lot of skating from the forwards. It's a system that's somewhat new

to Hull, who spent the previous 10 years with the St. Louis Blues.

And even though he has been combined on the Stars' top scoring line with leading scorer Mike Modano and emerging offensive star Jere Lehtinen, Hull has had to adapt to a more defensive role. Stars coach Ken Hitchcock uses his top line to match up against the opposing team's top line, and that means Hull can't simply cherry pick and wait for the next scoring opportunity.

"It's been an adjustment for every other player who has come in here, for players like Joe (Nieuwendyk) and Pat (Verbeek). So it's obviously an adjustment for Brett,"

Modano said. "But he seems to be picking it up pretty well now."

Modano, Hull and Lehtinen have scored eight goals in the past two games and the three are the team's top goal scorers for the season, with Hull and Lehtinen having 12 apiece and Modano 11.

While that's impressive, the most interesting aspect of that line is the fact its production as a group has directly followed Hull's improvement as a player. Hull, 34, is fully recovered from a bruised kidney and groin strain that allowed him to play only two of 11 games during a stretch in late November and early December. He also is back to playing the more familiar right side after an early season experiment had him on the left side for 13 games.

"He's a complete player," Hitchcock said. "He's played hard and he's played well defensively."

And he also gives the Stars a constant offensive weapon, especially on the power play, where the Stars' 39 goals with the man advantage are eight better than the closest competitor, the New York Rangers.

Hull leads the Stars with six power-play goals.

"He has a great shot," Modano said. "People are always accusing our line of having 'passitis,' but is it any wonder? I mean, we all realize that the other guy has a great shot and we sometimes think they have a better chance to score."

While Hull is not the only reason the Stars will attempt to tie a franchise record tonight by going unbeaten in 12 consecutive games, he is one of the reasons.

"We're scoring goals right now, and that takes the pressure off," Hitchcock said. Hitchcock added that has been the plan with Hull all season, to promote strong overall play and not expect that Hull would score 40 or 50 goals.

"When you think you have to score goals, it's kind of like a golfer who feels he has to shoot a 72. Then, when you double bogey the first hole, how are you going to play the rest of the round?" Hitchcock said. "We've stayed away from that all year. We said we have to take care of the details and the rest will take care of itself."

Herd advances to Caprock semis

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Whitefaces are one win away from playing in their third tournament championship game this season.

Next for Hereford: vs. Abilene High 9 a.m. this morning

Hereford (13-3) advanced to the boys semifinals at the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament

with wins Tuesday over Stephenville and San Angelo Central.

Tuesday morning, Hereford got off to a fast start on the Yellow Jackets, taking an 18-8 lead into the second period. The Whitefaces continued to pull away and took a 64-40 win.

Stephenville failed to score more than 10 points in the first three quarters of the game.

"It was a tremendous defensive

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Eric McNutt of Hereford finds his way blocked by Canyon's Kyle Joy (13) during a recent nondistrict game in Canyon. The Whitefaces won twice Tuesday at the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament.

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IN A BATTLE



Tori Walker of Hereford (52) reaches for the ball along with Canyon's Megan Clift (23) and T'nae Thiel during a recent nondistrict game in Canyon. Walker scored 22 points in a pair of games Tuesday.

Brand File Photo

Lady Whitefaces split at tourney

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Hereford split a pair of games Tuesday, falling to Lubbock Coronado and defeating Lubbock High in the girls basketball at the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament.

The Lady Mustangs edged Hereford despite 22 points from junior Valerie Guzman. Guzman was perfect from the free throw line, hitting all 12 of

her attempts in the game.

The Lady Whitefaces held a 13-7 lead after the first quarter, but Coronado outscored Hereford 20-10 in the second quarter to take a 27-23 advantage at halftime.

The second half was close all the way. Coronado led 45-44 at the end of three. The Lady Whitefaces held a five-point lead with about six minutes to play in the game, but the Lady Mustangs

Next for the Lady Whitefaces: vs. Brownfield 10:30 a.m. this morning

rallied and held off Hereford.

"We gave up 20 points in that (second) quarter," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "They were

really getting up and down the floor. They're so deep — they were running players in and out."

Despite the Coronado depth, Hereford was able to stay within striking distance and did take a five-point lead in the final period before Coronado hit a pair of 3-point shots to retake the lead.

"We had our opportunities to win the game,"

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Rhetoric heats up in NBA lockout

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — While the commissioner worked from his home in Colorado and his deputy was off in Florida, NBA players and agents stewed on the telephone Tuesday as the lockout approached its half-year anniversary.

"If the league doesn't want to play, then we don't need to wait until Jan. 7. Just cancel the season," said Jerome Stanley, an agent who represents five players in the lower- and middle-income ranges. "But if they're not going to cancel the season, then crank it back up. We don't need any more gesturing or grandstanding, just do some tradeoffs and end the thing."

Stanley and two other agents held a conference call with reporters that was arranged by the union. Meanwhile, players participated on a different conference call with union leadership.

Commissioner David Stern, meantime, was still in Aspen, and deputy commissioner Russ Granik was in Florida with his family.

Neither is expected back in New York until the new year.

The league has scheduled a Board of Governors meeting for Jan. 7, and Stern and Granik have said they will recommend canceling the season if no agreement has been reached by that date.

The league says it has made its final offer, and no further talks are scheduled.

A hearing will be held Wednesday in Houston federal court on a lawsuit filed by players Nick Van Exel, Marcus Camby and Reggie Slater charging USA Basketball and the NBA with denying them clearance to play in Europe.

The NBA was added as a defendant Monday night.

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Stern

Other Ricky still seeking his own niche

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

SHREVEPORT, La. — The other Ricky Williams has twice outrun the Heisman Trophy winner of the same name.



INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Still, making a name for himself has been a tough task for Texas Tech sophomore Ricky Williams, despite 1,582 yards rushing, a school-record 13 touchdowns and the head-to-head success against his namesake. Williams was a third-team AP All-American and second-team All Big 12 Conference pick. On both lists, he is behind the Texas running back who won



Courtesy Photo/Texas Tech

Ricky Williams, Texas Tech's sophomore tailback still looks to make a name for himself despite rushing for 1,582 yards and 13 touchdowns during the 1998 season.

the Heisman and is the NCAA Division I-A career rushing leader.

Head-to-head, however, Texas Tech's Ricky Williams has the edge.

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Purdue upsets mild 'Cats, 37-34

By Kelly Shannon
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The Kansas State Wildcats never wanted to be in the Alamo Bowl — and it showed by the way they played most of the game.

Even their late rally couldn't overcome the unranked Purdue Boilermakers, who drove 80 yards for a touchdown in the final minute to shock No. 4 Kansas State 37-34 Tuesday night.

After losing a 14-point lead in the final quarter and letting

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the Wildcats jump ahead 34-30, Purdue used just 54 seconds for the game-winning drive, capped by Drew Brees' 19-yard pass to Isaac Jones with 30 seconds left.

It was a bitter ending for Kansas

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effort," Hereford coach Randy Dean said. "That was the real key to the game. I think what was most pleasing to us was that we never let them back into the game. We kept the defensive pressure on them throughout the game."

Slade Hodges led Hereford with 15 points. Cody Hodges added 11 and Eric McNutt nine for the Whitefaces.

In the second game Tuesday, Hereford pounded San Angelo Central in the second half, outscoring the Bobcats 40-24, to claim a 65-45 victory.

"We were real pleased with the two games we played today," Dean said. "It's a tough tournament, and to play two games in a short span of time is hard on the players. The guys handled it real well."

Cody Hodges led the White-

faces with 19 points against Central. Two other Hereford players reached double figures — Chayse Rives with 17 and Slade Hodges with 13.

Hereford and the Bobcats kept it close in the first half with the Whitefaces holding a 13-9 margin after first quarter and then 25-21 going in at halftime.

But the second half was another story. Hereford went on 9-0 run at the end of the third quarter to take a 41-32 advantage into the final quarter. The Whitefaces then outpointed Central 24-13 in the fourth quarter.

"We found a lot more energy in the second half," Dean said. "Our defensive pressure picked up and we came up with some steals."

Hereford was scheduled to face Abilene High at 9 a.m. this morning in the semifinals. The winner will play in the championship game at 9 p.m. tonight. The loser will play in the third-place game at 6 p.m.

Ricky

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This season, Texas Tech beat Texas 42-35 as its running back outrushed the Longhorns senior 148-141. The Red Raiders also won in 1997, their true freshman outgaining the eventual Doak Walker Award winner 131-80.

"That's the only thing I can do to get people's minds off me being the other Ricky Williams... being able to outrush him or beat them," Williams said.

"People blow it up a lot. I'm used to it. The positive side to it is I had a chance to make a name for myself, even though we've got the same name," he said.

The Longhorns' Ricky Williams plays his last game for No. 20 Texas in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day against No. 25 Mississippi State.

After the Independence Bowl on New Year's Eve against Mississippi (6-5), Williams still has two full seasons remaining at Texas Tech (7-4).

"He has a bright future. He has a lot of carries left here," said Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes.

"He is a blue-collar guy, a hard worker. We haven't projected him, haven't run him for office. What you see is what you get," he said. "There are no padded stats. He has been a steady force."

Williams is playing for a very balanced offense, 201.7 yards rushing and 202.7 yards passing per game. And he plays behind a starting offensive line that is the largest in the nation — at 323 pounds per man.

"That is a good sign of security. It makes me feel safe knowing that I have big linemen that are willing to work for me. That's the reason I gained over 1,500 yards

this year," Williams said.

Jonathan Gray, a 6-foot-5, 357-pound offensive tackle known as "The House," believes "our Ricky Williams is just as good as the Ricky Williams at Texas. I work side-to-side with him and see the adversity he goes through to be a better player."

The 5-foot-7, 182-pound runner is now about 20 pounds heavier than he was in high school in Duncanville. While he was listed as one of the top running backs in Texas, many college coaches were wary about his size.

Dykes, however, took Williams' high school coach, Bob Alpert, at his word and gave Williams a chance.

Now, after 22 straight starts, Williams has already rushed for 2,476 yards — well over halfway to Byron Hanspard's school record of 4,218 yards. As a freshman, he broke Hanspard's freshman record with 894 yards. — 1,742 shy of Byron Hanspard's school record.

For the record, Tech's Ricky Williams needs 3,803 yards to reach the NCAA career record held by UT's Ricky Williams. That would mean averaging 173 yards per game over his final two regular seasons.

"His record and stats talk for themselves. More than anything, the guy works harder than anyone else I've been around," said junior quarterback Rob Peters, who himself has played nine different positions at Tech.

"Last year he had a great year. This year, he only expanded on that. He is a great role model and great leader for this team because every day he gives his all."

Rhetoric

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Stanley and agents Keith Glass and Steve Kauffman said the lockout had been "scripted, orchestrated and pre-planned" by the owners.

They were especially critical of Stern's push to have the players vote on the owners' final offer, even though it has not been recommended by the union's negotiating committee.

"We have to get commissioner Stern to give an inch. He has to move," Kauffman said. "He can't just sit up there in his palace and continue with his arrogant condescending attitude."

In response, Stern said: "They can say anything they want about me, but they are not neutral parties."

The three agents said the union had made huge concessions by limiting high-end salaries, reducing annual raises, agreeing to a longer rookie salary scale and agreeing to reduce annual salary cap increases.

"No matter where the thing ends, the league is going to end up with a good, a very good, deal — almost a dream deal," Stanley said. "If you took the same deal and offered it to baseball and football owners, they'd hop all over it."

Kauffman said he was beginning to believe that the league doesn't want a season, and Glass called Stern's negotiating conduct "disgraceful."

Kauffman and Glass also said general managers have called them to complain about the owners' demand for an end to "sign-and-trade" transactions.

Hurricanes rout NC State, 46-23

Mild

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MIAMI (AP) — Look out, college football. The Miami Hurricanes are blowing through opponents again.

Edgerrin James and James Jackson each ran for two touchdowns as the 24th-ranked Hurricanes routed North Carolina State 46-23 Tuesday night in the Micron PC Bowl.

Scott Covington threw for 320 yards and two TDs, including an 80-yarder to Santana Moss, as Miami (9-3) rolled up 594 yards of offense to cap its comeback from three years of NCAA sanctions.

James, expected to declare early eligibility for the NFL draft, rushed for 156 yards on 20 carries, his seventh consecutive 100-yard outing. His two TDs gave him 19 for the season, 15 in that seven-game span.

Miami's defense also limited All-America wide receiver Torry Holt, who had eight 100-yard receiving games this year, to just 52 yards on seven catches.

N.C. State (7-5) did manage 498 yards of offense, including 201 yards passing by Jamie Barnette. But two potential scoring drives were thwarted deep in Miami territory, one on Danny Deskevich's first missed kick of the season and another on an interception of a pass that bounced off an official's head.

The Hurricanes came up with five interceptions, including two in a span of four plays.

Barnette ran one yard for a first-half TD and hit Chris Coleman with a 7-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter. Rahshon Spikes led the Wolfpack with 176 yards rushing, including a 30-yard TD. Coleman picked up some of the receiving slack with six catches for 98 yards.

The 69 points were a record for the 9-year-old bowl, previously played under the Blockbuster and Carquest monickers. Miami's 46 points tied a school bowl record.

The Hurricanes, who won four national titles between 1983 and 1991, were penalized more than 30 scholarships in 1995 for the misuse of Pell Grant funds in the early 1990s.

Things bottomed out last year when Miami went 5-6, its first losing season since 1979. The Hurricanes bounced back this year to finish second in the Big East and upset previously unbeaten UCLA 49-45 in the regular-season finale.

The Hurricanes picked up Tuesday night where they left off against UCLA, piling up 342 yards in grabbing a 27-10 halftime lead. N.C. State had 249 yards in the half.

State (11-2), which felt snubbed at not getting an invitation to a top-tier bowl after being knocked out of the national title picture with a 36-33 double-overtime loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship.

"I feel for every player in that (locker) room, every coach and every Kansas State fan that showed up here in San Antonio," said Wildcats coach Bill Snyder. "Tonight was the culmination of three weeks of disappointment."

In fact, the Wildcats seemed to play the first three quarters as if they resented even being in this game. Their 21 points in the fourth quarter was the only thing that kept them from being blown out.

"I was proud of our football team, that they were able to come back from the 14-point deficit to take the lead. We didn't give up," Snyder said.

Quarterback Michael Bishop lost a fumble and threw four interceptions, but also threw an Alamo Bowl-record 88-yard touchdown pass to Darnell McDonald with 6:23 remaining. With 1:24 left, Bishop tossed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Justin Swift as Kansas State went ahead 34-30, completing a comeback that brought 30,000 purple-clad fans to their feet.

The Wildcat offense didn't produce a touchdown until three minutes into the fourth quarter on David Allen's 3-yard run that

got Kansas State back into the game at 27-20.

"I may have pressed too hard to make things happen," said Bishop, the Heisman Trophy runner-up. "I'm not embarrassed at all. We got beat by a good team. We have no reason to hang our heads."

A 37-yard field goal by Purdue's Travis Dorsch put the Boilermakers ahead 30-20 with 6:44 left.

Kansas State answered on the next play with Bishop's pass to McDonald, who overcame pass interference to grab the ball and score untouched to move the Wildcats to within 30-27 with 6:23 to play.

Purdue dominated Kansas State in the first half like no team had this season. The Boilermakers made the most of Kansas State's two fumbles in the second quarter and led 17-7 at halftime.

Kansas State, failing to score in the first quarter for the first time this season, got on the board with 9:49 remaining in the second after a bad snap that eluded Purdue punter Andy Standifer gave Kansas State possession at the Boilermakers 1. K-State scored on a 1-yard pass from Bishop to McDonald.

Brees was 25-of-53 for 230 yards and three touchdowns with three interceptions, while Bishop was only 9-of-24 for 182 yards with three touchdowns and four interceptions, matching his interception total for the entire season.

Avs outslug Vancouver, 4-2

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Valeri Kamensky had a goal, ending a 15-game scoring drought, and added three assists as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-2 in a fight-filled game on Tuesday night.

Claude Lemieux, who also had an assist, scored the go-ahead goal to snap a 2-2 tie 6:59 into the third period as the Avalanche won for only the third time in their last nine games (3-5-1).

Lemieux, set up alone in front of the Vancouver net, got control

of a bouncing puck and snapped a shot just inside the right post, scoring 96 seconds after Canuck rookie Bill Muckalt's goal briefly tied the game.

The teams didn't take long to try to square some old feuds. Starting with Colorado's Scott Parker taking on Vancouver's Donald Brashear five seconds into the game, the first period featured 96 minutes in penalties, including game misconducts to Avalanche's Wade Belak and the Canucks' Chris McAllister.

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Harrison said. "We struggled at the free throw line, well, everybody but Valerije did."

Toni Eicke hit for 13 points for Hereford and Tori Walker added 10 for the Lady Whitefaces.

Hereford rebounded in the second game, though, defeating Lubbock High, 59-46.

Walker led the Lady Whitefaces with 12 points and Eicke added 11 for Hereford.

Hereford led 20-12 after the first quarter, but only scored eight and 14 points, respectively, in the second and third quarters. The Lady Whitefaces were able to lengthen their lead in the final quarter, outscoring Lubbock High 17-11.

"We jumped out on them quick," Harrison said. "Then we kind of struggled in the second and third quarters. I think our legs were getting to us... That could be part of it."

Hereford (11-8) was scheduled to face Brownfield at 10:30 a.m. this morning. The winner of the game will advance to the consolation championship game against an opponent to be determined at 5:30 p.m. The loser is out of the tournament.

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	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Mr Rogers	Puzzle Place	Charlie	Wimzies	Tots TV	Noddy	Cooking	
3	Bad Dog	Bobby	Mork	700 Club			Kangaroo	Station	Mr. Moose	Adv. Mumfie	Bobby
4	Today						Sunset Beach	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives	
5	Goof Troop	101Dalmats	Sing a Story	Pooh	Bear	Out of Bx	Madeline	Katie-Orbie	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear
6	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Little House	Little House	Griffith	Griffith	Matlock	Hunter			
7	Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View		Howie Mandel	News			
8	Tiny Toon	Animanicas	PinkyBrain	Histerial	Batman	Batman	Griffith	Matlock	News		
9	This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
10	Magic Bus	Ned's Newt	Garfield	Hercules	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Life in Word	Kenneth C.	Robinson	Angel	
11	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Bowl
12	Nagano	Picture	Movie: Hard Contract	James Coburn. ** 1/2 PG	Movie: The Proposition	Theresa Russell. **	Movie: Out-Wilderness				
13	Movie: Mouse Hunt	Nathan Lane. PG	(:45) Movie: The First Wives Club	Goldie Hawn. PG	Movie: The Manhattan Project	John Lithgow. PG-13	Movie: The Black Hole	Maximilian Schell. (:45) Movie: Zeus and Roxanne	Steve Guttenberg. PG	Movie: In & Out	Kevin Kline. ** 1/2 PG-13
14	(6:30) Movie: The Party	(:15) Movie: Lolita	(1962) James Mason, Shelley Winters. ***	Dallas	Alene's Creative Living	Waltons	(:15) Movie: Tom Thumb	(1958) ** 1/2			
15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Club Dance	Crook & Chase	Houseman!	Interior Motives	Home				
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Northern Exposure	Law & Order			
17	McMillan and Wife				Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:				
18	Designing	Designing	Attitudes	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
19	Sports	Sports	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Nolan Ryan Outdoors	Last Word		
20	(6:00) Movie: ** Legend	Movie: Smokey and the Bandit	(1977) ***	Movie: Smokey and the Bandit II	(1980) **	Movie: Smokey and the Bandit III	(1980) **	Movie:			
21	Rocko's Life	Rugrats	C. Brown	Blue's Clues	Little Bear	Mupp: it's	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Eureka
22	Videos	Videos	Foxworthy	Something	Single Guy	Boston	Wings	Wings	Videos	Videos	Movie:
23	(6:00) Despierta America.				Malte	Los Grandes de Siempre	en Domingo	Calle 6	1998		
24	Year by Year	Automobiles	Trains Unlimited	Great Ships	Automobiles	Trains					
25	Nature	Acorn	Pet Con.	Pet Line	Petsburgh	Amazing	AnimalDr	An. Court	Pet Con.	Pet Line	Petsburgh

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	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Body Elec.	Alexander	Art	Contest of Champions				Reading	Science Guy	Wishbone	Arthur
3	Movie: Race for Life	Charlie Brown	Candy	Eek!stravag.	Bad Dog	Walter M.	3 Friends	Pea-wee	Addams	Show-Funny	
4	Days-Lives	Another World	Donny & Marie	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
5	Amazing	101Dalmats	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	Off the Wall	Mad Libs	GrowPains	Brotherly
6	Hunter	Movie: Rescue From Gilligan's Island	(1978) ** 1/2	Mama	Mama	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
7	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Mupp: it's	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Eureka	
8	News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Coach	Coach	Webster	Charles	Saved-Bell	Blossom	Full House	Full House
9	Bold & B.	College Football Sun Bowl - Southern California vs. Texas Christian									
10	Angel	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Nanny	Grace Under	
11	College Football Liberty Bowl - Brigham Young vs. Tulane										
12	Movie: Out	(:15) Movie: The Right Connections	M.C. Hammer. PG	Nagano '98 Olympics: Bud Greenspan's Stories	Movie: 12 Angry Men	***					
13	Sugar Ray Robinson	Movie: Ski Patrol	Roger Rose. ** 1/2 PG	Movie: Born to Be Wild	Wil Horrell. PG	(:45) Movie: Mouse Hunt	Nathan Lane.				
14	Movie: Maestrala Part II	Movie: Edie & Pen	Stockard Channing	(:15) Movie: The Cemetery Club	Ellen Burstyn. PG-13	Movie: Mad City	(1997) **				
15	Movie: Tom	Movie: The World of Henry Orient	(1964) *** 1/2	Movie: Dr. Strangelove	(:45) Movie: Being There	(1979) *** 1/2					
16	Waltons	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase	Club Dance	Dukes of Hazzard	Dallas					
17	Home	Design	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	New House	Fix-It-Line			
18	Law & Order	McMillan and Wife	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Northern Exposure						
19	(12:00) Movie: No Greater Love	(1996)	Movie: Turn Back the Clock	(1989) Connie Sellecca. **	Movie: Twice Upon a Time	(1998) Molly Ringwald.					
20	Ultimate	High School Football Texas Class 5A Division II Championship - Katy vs. Midland Lee	Golf	Golf	Extremists	Ultimate					
21	(12:00) Movie: ** The Blues Brothers	(1980) John Belushi.	Movie: Assault on Devil's Island	(1997) Hulk Hogan. **	Movie: CHIPs '99	(1998) *					
22	Allegre	CharlieB	Tiny Toon	Garfield	Doug	Clarissa	Rocko's Life	Catdog	All That	Figure It Out	Alex Mack
23	(12:00) Movie: ** Problem Child	(1990)	Movie: Problem Child 2	(1991) John Ritter. **	USA High	USA High	Hercules-Jrns.				
24	(12:00) Calle Ocho	1998	Gordo	El Blablazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Bienvenidos	Noticiero			
25	Trains	Great Ships	Warbirds	Automobiles	Trains Unlimited	Great Ships					
26	Amazing	AnimalDr	An. Court	AnimalBite	Zoventure	Lassie	Skippy	Amazing	Amazing	Petsburgh	Petsburgh

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Live From Lincoln Center					Great Performances	Charlie Rose	NewsHour		
3	Show-Funny	Addams	Life, Camera	Life, Camera	World's Greatest Magic			700 Club	AXN		
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Veronicas	ER				
5	Zoogin'	New Year's Eve Party									
6	Roseanne	Roseanne	(:05) Movie: Dumb & Dumber	(1994) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. **	Movie: National Lampoon's Animal House	(1978)					
7	News	Fortune	Vengeance Unlimited	Movie: Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult	(1994) **	News	Seinfeld	Extra			
8	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Wayans	Wayans	Harvey	For-Love	News	MacGyver	Heat		
9	News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder	Diagnosis Murder	News	(:35) Late Show				
10	Mad	Simpsons	Wildest Police Videos	Fox Files	Simpsons	M'A'S'H	Billboard's Musical New Year's Eve				
11	College Football: Peach Bowl		College Football Independence Bowl - Mississippi vs. Texas Tech								
12	Movie: ** 12 Angry Men	Movie: Jerry Maguire	(1996) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. *** 1/2	Movie: Pick-A-Flick							
13	Movie: Inside the NFL		Movie: The First Wives Club	*** PG	Movie: You've Got						
14	(5:00) Movie: ** Mad City	Movie: Saturday Night Fever	John Travolta. *** R	Movie: Firestorm	Howie Long. * R	Emmanuelle	Emmanuelle				
15	(4:45) Movie: Being There	Movie: The Pink Panther	(1964) Peter Sellers. *** 1/2	Movie: The Pink Panther Strikes Again	(1976) ***	Movie:					
16	Waltons	Alabama: For the Record				News Year's Live With Bill Gaither					
17	UFOs: Down to Earth	Inside Area 51		UFOs Over Phoenix	Anatomy of an Alien	UFOs: Down to Earth	Bizarre				
18	Law & Order	Biography			Sherlock Holmes	Law & Order	Biography				
19	Movie: Saved by the Light	(1995) Eric Roberts. *** 1/2	Movie: Vanished	(1995) Lisa Rinna, George Hamilton.	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
20	Last Word	Sports	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins at Dallas Stars	Sports	Sports				
21	(5:00) Movie: ** CHIPs '99	Movie: Magnum Force	(1973) Clint Eastwood, Hal Holbrook. *** 1/2	Movie: The Mechanic	(1972) Charles Bronson. *** 1/2	Movie:					
22	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Kablam!	Hey Arnold!	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Charlie-Year	Strange
23	Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: My Husband's Secret Life	(1998) Anne Archer.	Movie: The Con	(1998) **					
24	Premios TV y Novelas 1998		Los Grandes de Acapulco '98		Feliz Ano Nuevo '99						
25	Air Force One: A History	Mystery-Stonehenge		Riddle of the Zodiac	Pyramids of Giza	Oracle at Delphi	Stonehenge				
26	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile				

FRIDAY JANUARY 1

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Mr Rogers	Puzzle Place	Charlie	Wimzies	Tots TV	Noddy	Baking	
3	Bad Dog	Bobby	Mork	700 Club					3 Friends	Sw. Valley	
4	Today				Oprah Winfrey	Tournament of Roses Parade	College Football				
5	Goof Troop	101Dalmats	Sing a Story	Pooh	Bear	Out of Bx	Madeline	Katie-Orbie	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear
6	Movie: Look-Talking	(7-55) Movie: What About Bob?	(1991) Bill Murray. ***	(:05) Movie: Overboard	(1987) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell. *** 1/2						
7	Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Tournament of Roses Parade	Football					
8	Tiny Toon	Animanicas	PinkyBrain	Histerial	Batman	Batman	Griffith	Griffith	Matlock	News	
9	This Morning				Coming Up Roses	Tournament of Roses Parade					
10	Magic Bus	Life-Louie	Garfield	Hercules	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	College Football Cotton Bowl - Mississippi State vs. Texas				
11	Sportscenter	Outback	Bowl Games				College Football Outback Bowl - Kentucky vs. Penn State				
12	Movie: All Dogs Go to Heaven 2	** G	Cabbage Patch Kids: Film	(:45) Movie: My Magic Dog	** 1/2	G	(:15) Movie: Not Without My Daughter				
13	Movie: Good Burger	Kal Mitchell. PG	(:45) Movie: Jingle All the Way	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Ji-Jigle	Movie: Contact	Jodie Foster. *** PG				
14	Movie: Buddy	Rene Russo. ** PG	Movie: The Bride	(1985) Sting, Jennifer Beals. PG-13	Movie: Picture Perfect	Jennifer Aniston.	Movie:				
15	Movie: The Loved One	(1965) Robert Morse. ***	(:15) Movie: Strait-Jacket	(1964) Joan Crawford. *** 1/2	Movie: What Ever Happened-Jane						
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile Hunter	Sharks				
18	Quincy	Cosby	Mysteries	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Northern Exposure	Law & Order				
19	Designing Women	Golden Girls	Oh Baby	Golden Girls	Oh Baby	Golden Girls	Oh Baby	Golden Girls	Oh Baby	Movie: People Like Us	(1990) ** 1/2
20	Sports	Sports	Sports	Big 12 Show	Clemente	Between the Madness	Ultimate				
21	Movie: Beastmaster III: Brasax	Movie: Forest Warrior	(1996) Chuck Norris. *	Movie: Rocky	(1976) Sylvester Stallone. ****						
22	Rocko's Life	Rugrats	CharlieB	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Blue's Clues	Eureka			
23	(6:00) Movie: ** Rattled	Movie: The Fury Within	(1998) Ally Sheedy.	Movie: The Hunted	(1998) Harry Hamlin.	Movie:					
24	(6:00) Despierta America.			Malte	Desfile de las Rosas						
25	Year by Year	Real West		Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels
26	Nature	Acorn	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court	An. Court

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12-30 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Capitol punishment Scandal few wanted, but which no one could avoid

In the course of the 98th year of the 20th century, Americans had themselves a scandal few wanted and no one could avoid.

By Mike Feinsilber

The Associated Press

He atoned on three continents and delivered a speech viewed as so inappropriate for the occasion that one biographer rushed into print a book subtitled "A Four-and-a-Half-Minute-Speech Reveals This President's Entire Life."

She couldn't keep a secret or a lawyer, and displayed terrible judgment in selecting a girlfriend with a tape recorder. She dared to daydream that he would one day leave his missus.

Together they made the word "cigar" a subject of smirks and discussion about what to tell the children.

He was Bill Clinton, the president. And she, of course, was the half-his-age, young-enough-to-be-his-daughter Monica Lewinsky, a White House intern whose lingerie became the subject of official business.

"In the course of flirting with him, she raised her jacket in the back and showed him the straps of her thigh underwear, which extended above her pants," said the "Referral to the United States House of Representatives pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, 595(c)," otherwise known as the Starr report.

The first kiss followed, reported its author, prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

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It was ubiquitous-gate. It cost the speaker of the House his job and the president his dignity. It provided his epitaph: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman — Miss Lewinsky."

It generated 50,000 pages of testimony to a grand jury and 445 pages of conclusions from independent counsel Starr, who found 11 reasons to impeach the president.

Ms. Lewinsky had kissed and told. In love, she could not keep a secret. Starr's lawyers counted up 12 listeners: six friends, a former boyfriend,

Year of the Intern



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two therapists, her mother, an aunt and the ever-attentive Linda Tripp.

Ms. Lewinsky told one of her friends that maybe when the president's White House days were over, she would become the second Mrs. Clinton. The girlfriend told Starr's grand jury. Starr told Congress. Congress told the world on the Internet.

As scandals go, this one went in weird directions. The first lady blamed it on a vast, right-wing conspiracy. Her husband invoked a Hebrew psalm to say he was sorry and summoned clergy to receive his regret. And Mrs. Tripp told the American people: "I'm you. I'm just like you. I'm an average American."

The Supreme Court made a supreme miscalculation. The court said, 9-0, that Paula Jones could go forward with her lawsuit because "if properly managed by the District Court, it appears to us highly unlikely to occupy any substantial amount of petitioner's time."

As it turned out, the case occupied a substantial amount of petitioner Clinton's time. The country's, too.

Twice the president swore to tell the truth, all of it, nothing but. In January, he swore to Mrs. Jones' lawyers that he had not engaged in sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky.

In August, questioned before the grand jury about Ms. Lewinsky's recollections to the contrary, he said it all depended on what one meant by "sex."

Whereupon he went to the

country in that 4 1/2-minute speech and said his behavior had been "not appropriate" but his testimony had been "legally accurate." He had "misled" people, he said. And spent the rest of his speech skewering not himself but Starr. Absolutely typical of Clinton, concluded biographer David Maraniss in his new book, "The Clinton Enigma."

The speech laid an egg — too short on contrition, said the consensus, and not just Republicans. The Republicans saw perjury, mendacity and impeachment.

And so Clinton, he of the narrow escapes, hit the atonement trail. He begged forgiveness at every turn. "It gets a little easier the more you do it," he said.

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And as Republicans in Congress whetted their impeachment axes, he atoned again, showing up in the Rose Garden to say, "I would give anything to go back and undo what I did."

To make the point, having tried just about everything else, he recited a verse from "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam":

*The Moving Finger writes, and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it.*

TV was showcasing real-life carnage. Viewers watched bombs pound downtown Baghdad right as it happened. "60 Minutes" aired a video provided by Dr. Jack Kevorkian that seemed to document a terminally ill patient's demise from drugs "Dr. Death" was administering.

Considering death on TV as old year dies

Bobby Simone died in November — heart trouble — and broke the heart of every "NYPD Blue" fan. "Seinfeld," after suffering a painful decline in funniness, offered itself last May.

Callista Flockhart looked like she was starving herself to death, even as the "Ally McBeal" star denied reports of anorexia. And ABC's "Good Morning America" seemed ever closer to flatlining, as the once-dominant wakeup program continued to be clobbered by NBC's "Today."

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Those are just a few memories of 1998 as TV pictured it: Hazardous to someone's health.

Even yours. That is, if you watched Jerry Springer, who enjoyed a virulently prosperous year. Or Howard Stern, who grossed out anyone tuning to his new TV edition.

Or Barbara Walters. With the success of her latest endeavor, ABC's weekday "The View," she solidified her reign as the queen of news-as-celebrity-worship. That's a toxin Walters helped create — which, in turn, created her.

Only Walters is celebrity enough to have landed Monica Lewinsky for her first TV interview. Walters is also celebrity enough to be interviewed about an interview that hasn't taken place (it is scheduled for early 1999). Disclosing for TV Guide readers a pre-

interview session with the former First Intern, Walters confides, "I told her, 'You are very alive.'"

Too true. It was Monica's very aliveness combined with President Clinton's very aliveness that gave life to the story that wouldn't die.

As if you needed reminding, 1998 began with un-earthed video of Lewinsky flirting with the president, and it ended with gavel-to-gavel coverage of Clinton's impeachment.

In between, according to the Center for Media and Public Affairs, the scandal accounted for 1,502 stories, consuming just under 43 hours of air time. And that reflects only the three networks' half-hour evening newscasts, up through Dec. 15.

The 43 hours doesn't measure newsmagazine stories or special coverage. Or the cable news channels: MSNBC in particular seemed hellbent on cramming at least 43 hours of Monica into every 42 hours it broadcast.

Not that you minded, if you were honest with yourself. You who could set aside your civic dismay and righteous indignation binged on the story's multiplying guilty pleasures. A story this good could make you go, "O.J. who?"

If only TV still knew how to attract viewers without a squalid assist from the White House.

The major broadcast networks are the only TV outlets that have ever been able to rally a mass audience for entertainment series. But the renewal rate for last season's crop was the lowest on record, and now in 1998-99, the networks' freshman class has failed once again to generate a breakout hit.

Cable alternatives continue to siphon off viewers. The 4-year-old "boutique network," the WB, skims the

Frazier Moore

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demographic cream: teens and young adults. The old-line, mainstream networks watch their audience's further erosion. Since the new season began, three of six networks lost or fired their programming chiefs. Their replacements came from cable and the WB.

"The New York Times' Frank Rich recently referred to the "accelerating collapse" of the broadcast networks, "until now the single most constant power in American cultural life since World War II."

As networks struggle to find new series with old-time mass appeal, what they end up broadcasting is their own indecision, fear, even lack of resolve. What you see then seems to shrink before your eyes, with no hope of recovery — at least, not in any form you now recognize.

According to December's Wired magazine, NBC "has conceded that television is not dying, but dead."

"Alone in the industry, NBC has staked its entire future on convergence — on the assumption that unlimited choices in entertainment, information and transactions, in video, audio and text, are moving inexorably onto a single home appliance...."

But that's next year, or the next, or the next, if ever. Right now, NBC has no "Seinfeld," nor does anybody else. Viewer, is that the death rattle you hear? Or just a New Year's noisemaker?

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Names in the news

Inauguration to be a family affair

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It will be a family reunion at Gov.-elect Jeb Bush's inauguration: Dad, mom and his older brother are scheduled to attend the ceremony next Tuesday.

Bush's transition team confirmed this week that former President George and former first lady Barbara Bush will watch their son's swearing in as Florida's governor on the steps of the Old Capitol.

Jeb Bush's older brother, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, also has confirmed he will attend the swearing in, spokesman Cory Tilley said Tuesday.

The Rev. Billy Graham is scheduled to give the invocation and benediction.

"You think about who you'd want to give your invocation, obviously you couldn't ask for anybody more prestigious," Tilley said. "Jeb has great respect for Rev. Graham and he couldn't be more pleased."

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Richard Branson
HONOLULU — The Coast Guard will pick up the \$130,000 check for rescuing three wealthy adventurers

from their high-tech balloon, despite an offer to pay from one of those dumped in the sea.

Richard Branson, the British chairman of the Virgin empire that includes Virgin Retail Group and Virgin Atlantic Airways, said he would open his wallet if asked.

"The Coast Guard looks upon these kinds of things as a public service," spokesman David Santos said Tuesday. "Our mission is to do search and rescue and it's a public service to people in distress in the waters. That's what we do."

Branson, American millionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand, chairman of the British firm Lindstrand Balloons Ltd., were rescued Friday after their balloon went down during an around-the-world attempt.

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Second City
CLEVELAND — Cleveland is about to become The Sec-

ond City's fourth city.

The Second City, a sketch comedy group known as a springboard for comedians including Joan Rivers, Chris Farley and John Belushi, plans to put a resident troupe in Cleveland next spring.

The Second City already has troupes in Chicago, Detroit and Toronto. It will play in Cleveland in a new, 350-seat theater downtown, said Andrew Alexander, The Second City owner.

Jesse Ventura
ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jesse Ventura, the muscled former movie actor turned governor-elect, wants to drag Hollywood here.

After a meeting with Minnesota Film Board officials, Ventura said Tuesday he would do whatever he could to lure the film industry to the state.

"We've had a history of being a great artistic community up here. ... that's something we should look to expand," Ventura said visiting with board executives Randy Adamsick and Craig Rice.

Ventura's film career included roles in "Predator," "The Running Man" and "Repossessed," but he said his career was hindered because he didn't want to move his family to California.

Football pays off for ABC

By Lynn Elber

AP Television Writer

ABC scored big with its "NFL Monday Night Football" game between Miami and Denver, which was the top-rated TV program last week.

In a holiday week stuffed with reruns, viewers favored sports and news magazines, according to figures released Tuesday by Nielsen Media Research.

The Miami Dolphins' 31-21 defeat of the Broncos and a pair of ABC sports shows nabbed three of the top 10 spots last week. The game received a 16.3 rating and 27 share.

On the news side, a new edition of CBS' "60 Minutes," which included a story on gospel singer Shirley Caesar, was the second most-watched show with a 14.4 rating and 26 share.

Prime-time ratings as compiled by Nielsen Media Research for Dec. 21-27. Top 20 listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season rankings in parentheses.

An "X" in parentheses denotes one-time-only presentations.

- (5) "NFL Monday Night Football: Denver at Miami," ABC, 16.3, 16.2 million homes.
- (8) "60 Minutes," CBS, 14.4, 14.3 million homes.
- (7) "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 11.4, 11.3 million homes.
- (16) "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC, 11.1, 11.0 million homes.
- (X) "Barbara Walters Presents," ABC, 10.1, 10.0 million homes.
- (18) "Dateline NBC-Monday," NBC 9.8, 9.7 million homes.
- (12) "Home Improvement," ABC, 9.7, 9.6 million homes.
- (33) "NFL Monday Blast," ABC, 9.7, 9.6 million homes.
- (10) "CBS Sunday Movie: Final Descent," CBS, 9.5, 9.4 million homes.
- (25) "Walker, Texas Ranger," CBS, 9.3, 9.2 million homes.

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1998: Year in review

There were other stories in U.S.

The Associated Press

There were other stories this year in America, you know. Think of Texas floods and Florida fires. Think of Wall Street's wild ride and John Glenn's even wilder one. Think of Viagra!

Think of anything but presidential sex, lies and videotape. This 1998 retrospective certainly won't dwell on that tawdry matter. We in the media know you're sick of it all, from the cigar to Starr, and have been for months.

So you said in survey after survey. So you declared on Election Day, according to the pundits. Yet few among us, writers and readers alike, could help but keep watching as the sorry details emerged, holding our hands over our eyes while peeking out between our fingers.

To some extent, that's how America dealt with all of 1998, a year in which we grew more adept at filtering reality to our liking. With high-tech help from V-chips, Internet cookies and 100 cable channels, it was easier than ever create our own private takes on the world.

Our president led the way, inventing a planet where telling the truth differed from being "legally accurate," but we're done with that subject — remember? — so let's move on to another example: the economy.

All year, Asia's slump threatened to drag the world into recession. Yet America diligently ignored the bad news abroad to forge an unlikely prosperity at home. Gas was cheap. Mortgage rates were low. Even the federal government made money, posting its first budget surplus in 29 years. The stock market, despite hair-raising fluctuations, seemed as Teflon-coated as Clinton's political career. (Oops, sorry. No more scandal references, and that's a promise.)

Since screening out the big, bad world seemed to work wonders on Wall Street, who could blame us for trying selective myopia elsewhere?

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U.S. warships pointed their cruise missiles at Iraq but backed off when Saddam promised to cooperate, with arms inspectors, not that anyone believed him. Trustbusting prosecutors stormed Bill Gates' software fortress, cheered on by Microsoft competitors with market-dominating dreams of their own. Dr. Jack Kevorkian continued his grim reaping and faced first-degree murder charges for what he called a mercy killing.

Republican leaders in Congress, expecting Democrats to be dragged down by you-know-who's problems with you-know-what, strolled confidently into the November election. They staggered away in shock, their majority thinned. Newt Gingrich quit his job as House speaker, even as former pro wrestler Jesse Ventura started a new career as Minnesota's governor.

While pundits puzzled over those turns, other news needed no expert analysis. As anyone could see, it was just plain bad.

The bizarre turned routine in a bloody string of school shootings in Jonesboro, Ark.; Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore. Hundreds of law officers combed the woods of North Carolina for bombing suspect Eric Rudolph, and another manhunt in Utah's canyonlands sought a pair of cop-killing survivalists. Both searches came up empty.

Hate wore many faces: A black man was dragged to death in Texas. A gay college student was beaten and left to die in Wyoming. An abortion doctor was shot to death through his kitchen window in New York.

The Red Cross, spent more in 1998 than in any previous year, tending to a nation that seemed to have enrolled in the Natural Disaster of the Month Club. While hurricanes and tropical storms were the most destructive, other weird weather took its toll. A tornado wiped Spencer, S.D., off the map. A half-million

chared acres in Florida and a deadly heat wave in Texas left Gulf Coasters praying for rain, which finally flooded in with a vengeance.

And Frank Sinatra died. With so much bad news, it was tempting to follow the lead of Hillary Clinton, who swore off reading newspapers.

Now, where were we? Oh yes, bad news. There was plenty of it, to be sure, but completely shutting out the world to avoid it also would have meant missing some of the good tidings of 1998:

Impotent men rejoiced as Viagra lifted their spirits. IRS officials promised to be nicer, not that anyone believed them. Keiko, the killer-whale star of "Free Willy," made his own real-life escape from an Oregon aquarium to a sea pen near Iceland. States won a \$206 billion settlement from tobacco companies for the cost of treating sick smokers.

A duel of sluggers returned the magic to baseball. Mark McGwire won the good-natured race with 70 home runs to Sammy Sosa's 66 for the season, and both basked in the glory of shattering the 61-homer record set 37 years ago by Roger Maris.

John Glenn took America on another nostalgic ride, blasting into orbit at age 77. By turning the space shuttle Discovery into an Elderhostel, Glenn helped make space exploration exciting once more.

He gave America a reason to look ahead brightly, past the worrisome Y2K hump, toward a millennium when nations may work in peace aboard a space station, an era when the world may finally have forgotten a certain White House intern (not that we're talking about her now, mind you).

"Zero-g and I feel fine," Glenn said, again, floating about with a grin as he demonstrated one of the most satisfying ways to look at 1998. Through his distant lens, the world still was a place of hope, a blue jewel in the cosmos waiting for us to throw away the filters and see its beauty, this time with our eyes wide open.

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Explorers' deeds set for NPR

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans will get a chance to learn about — and hear from — great explorers next year, thanks to some rummaging in a National Geographic Society storage room.

The Society and National Public Radio are combining to produce 40 programs on famous explorers which will be broadcast Mondays starting Jan. 4.

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final chapter of the last of the great geographical stories of the western hemisphere," says explorer Robert E. Peary. "Here is the cap and the climax, the finish, the closing of the book on 400 years of history."

Researchers at the Geographic Society combed through recordings collected over the years, from a wax cylinder carrying the voice of arctic explorer Peary to tapes of modern lectures.

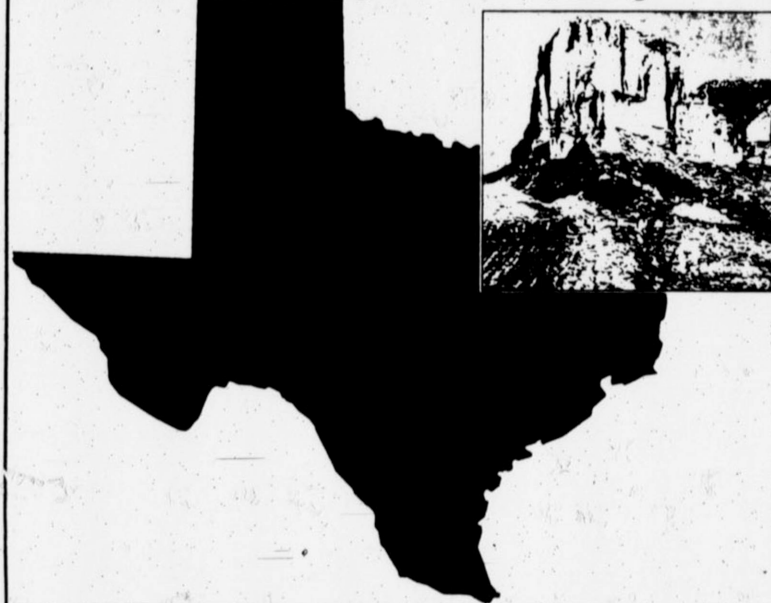
As a result, in many of the shows listeners will hear the voice of the actual explorer

profiled, sometimes recordings made at different points in their careers.

Bob Ballard describes finding the wreck of the Titanic; primate researcher Jane Goodall will be heard in a current lecture and a 1964 talk; astronaut John Glenn's voice is heard from 1962; the late gorilla expert Dian Fossey was recorded in 1973, and Hiram Bingham, discoverer of Machu Picchu, an ancient city in the Andes Mountains of Peru, is represented by a nephew.

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