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- Canned food drives at all Howard County schools through Dec. 11.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive. 30.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas. Also, a food drive is under way.

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Holiday Greetings banners go up downtown

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The courthouse square received some window dressing Wednesday, when 10 banners promoting *Holiday Greetings* were placed on the downtown lamp poles.

"We thought these would be a little bit of an accent, and that they are tasteful and conservative," said Mel Prather, vice president for tourism with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau of the chamber purchased the banners. Prather said this project started when the CVB began sprucing up the downtown area.

"When we did new light poles and sidewalks and grates, we looked at doing banners. We can take the tax on lodging and use it to make Big Spring more attractive as a tourist stop," Prather said.

The new banners are green with red lettering, and feature a unique design that includes the light pole as part of the overall effect.

The banners are halved, and attached to the light pole on each side. Prather said 10 sets were purchased for the holiday season display.

Following the season, these banners will be stored and new banners that honor the American flag will be displayed, he said.

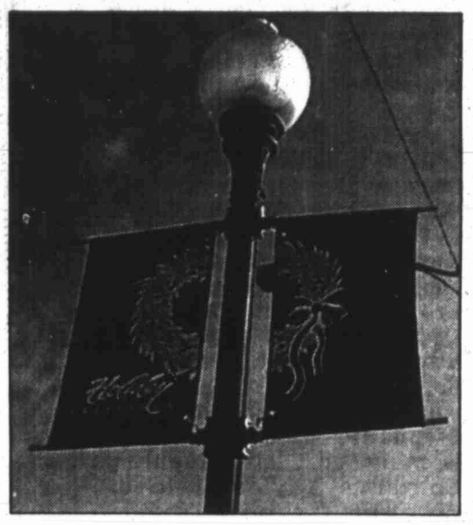
"We looked at buying larger ones, but the wind here takes its toll on the banner and the poles, and we wanted them high enough that kids couldn't tear them down," Prather said.

The next project the CVB plans are banners to promote the Sesquicentennial of the discovery of the big spring by Capt. Randolph Marcy in 1849.

Prather said the banners will be special ordered to display around the square next year. And this project will include community involvement, he said.

"We're going to have a contest for kids

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Big Spring captures the wind

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Windpower Project, home of the largest wind turbines in America and a joint venture of York Research Corp. and TU Electric, was dedicated Wednesday when four of the Vestas V-47 wind turbines were activated.



WOOD

Pat Wood, III, chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, threw the switch to activate the project at 12:14 p.m.



NYE

It was clearly obvious to the estimated 350 persons attending the ceremony why the location on the Morgan and Click ranches was ideal for the project as the wind whipped the giant blue-and-white stripped tent erected for the ceremony.



ELEFANTE

"Now I know why we're doing this here," acknowledged York vice president Vito Elefante as he talked about the wind.

Later, Erle Nye, chairman and chief executive of TU Electric, echoed Elefante's comments.

"I remember hearing Bob Dylan sing about this very same thing a long time ago," said Erle Nye, . "He said the answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind."

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Old times met new times at the dedication of the windpower project on Wednesday. Cowboys John Damron, Larry Stockton and Tom "Kid" Koger sit astride their horses at the base of one of the wind turbines.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Site project manager Jim Ricketts inspects one of the turbine blades at the wind power project on Moss Lake Road. The blades measure 110 feet tall and can generate energy with as little a an 11 mile per hour wind.

Local cowboy poet gives down to earth view of dedication

HERALD Staff Report

Local cowboy poet Tom Koger brought howls of laughter from those attending the dedication of the Big Spring Windpower Project Wednesday when he recited "Ode to Dedication," a poem he had written for the event.

Koger's poem observed that because of the technology of the project, instead of breaking ground, the ceremony would really be "breaking wind."

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Zero tolerance

Temporary restraining order allows Coahoma student back in class after firearm incident

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A Coahoma High School student's family on Wednesday won a temporary restraining order allowing her back in school after a suspension for bringing a firearm on campus.

Mandy Hanslik, the daughter of Iva Jo and Sid Hanslik, was sent to the alternative education program for 20 days after the Nov. 19 incident, according to family members. After seeing "drug dogs" patrolling the school parking lot, the 16-year-old junior reported to officials that there was a gun in her mother's car, which she had driven to school that day.

Her mother kept the gun for protection when traveling, according to the family's attorney.

The Federal Gun-Free Zone Act spells out a rule commonly called the "zero tolerance policy," which says anyone bringing a firearm on school property will be expelled for a year. A superintendent can reduce the sentence to suspension to an alternative education program (AEP), which Coahoma Superintendent Michael Hartman did in this case.

The family's attorney, who presented their case to U.S. District Judge Robert Moore Wednesday, said Hanslik's punishment was still too harsh.

"They gave her 20 days, and said that was their minimum," said Midland attorney Max Wright. "We respectfully disagree with their decision."

Wright addressed school board trustees Monday evening, but they backed school administrators, refusing to reverse the decision. Coahoma High School Principal Keith Price said he and Hartman were simply following the law.

"We have no discretion in that," he said. Hartman said the sentence was fair and he thought it would be upheld in court. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 8.

Hanslik had been attending classes in Stanton at the AEP, but was expected to return to regular classes today, Hartman said.

Wright said much of the problem is with the "zero tolerance" policies, which don't allow for

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Lighting ceremony to honor former civic leader, benefactor

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

At 6 p.m. Friday, the lights will come on.

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights will kick off Friday at the historic spring, with a ceremony beginning at 5:45 p.m. The event will culminate with the lighting of more than 175,000 lights.

"We're going to get all the sculptures and everything in today," said Chairperson Pat Simmons. "We're really looking forward to this. I think it will be wonderful."

The lighting ceremony will honor Dorothy Garrett, civic leader and community benefactor, who died Aug. 6.

"Dorothy was certainly Big Spring's very own angel, and we will have a 10-foot-tall angel just left of the spring, along with two smaller angels, as a tribute and honor to this very special lady," Simmons said.

Despite a setback over the weekend, when vandals destroyed some of the lights, organizers said everything will be ready for the ceremony.

"In the end, this could actually work to our advantage," said Simmons. "A lot of people are very upset and angry about what happened, and I think there are a lot more eyes looking out for trouble than there were before. I hope something good can come of this, and I

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Final touches under way for *Herald* Community Christmas Parade

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

With the 12th annual Big Spring *Herald* Community Christmas Parade just two days away, final touches are being made to parade entries in hopes of winning one of the category awards.

An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 persons, along with more than 100 vehicles, will make up the 75-unit parade, which will begin at 5 p.m. at the corner of the FM 700 north frontage road and Gregg Street.

The parade, which stretched 22 blocks long a year ago, will move north on Gregg to Sixth Street, where it will turn right to Main Street and then north to Second Street, where it will disband.

The 20-member Vietnam Memorial Committee (VMC) will serve as Grand Marshalls of the parade, with 16 members of the committee scheduled to ride the Grand Marshall's entry.

"I can't tell you how thrilled we are to have the honor of leading the parade this year," VMC secretary Robyn Drinkard said.

Herald publisher Chuck Williams said the selection of the committee was a natural.

"Each year we seek to recognize someone, or in this year's case, an organization, which has worked to make a positive impact on our community.

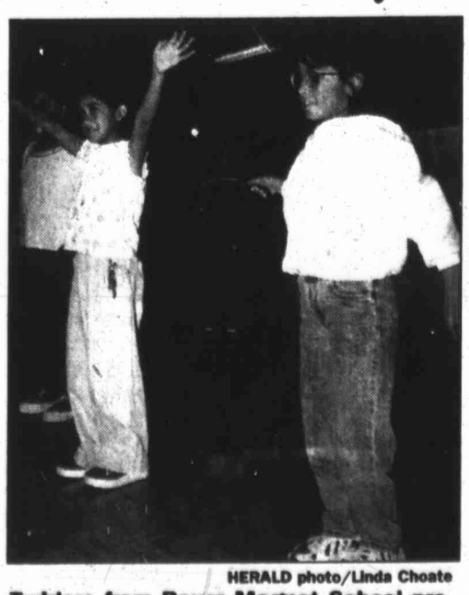
"There can be no doubt as to the many positives the members of the committee have done for this community ... they first served their country in its defense and now they are working to recognize those who served as well as to develop what we already know to be a major tourist attraction.

"It's an honor for the *Herald* and members of the *Herald* family that the committee accepted our invitation," he added.

Competition in each of the four divisions — lighted, commercial/manufacturing, church/school and civic — promises to be spirited.

All four division winners from 1997 will be back to defend their championships in this year's parade, which carries the theme, "Home for the Holidays."

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Twirlers from Bauer Magnet School prepare for their turn at the Big Spring *Herald* Christmas parade Saturday. Pictured are Rosa Alcantar, foreground, Maria Carrillo, center, and Adriana Enriquez .

Memorial committee largest group to serve as grand marshalls

HERALD Staff Report

The Vietnam Memorial Committee will be the biggest — number-wise — grand marshall for any Big Spring Christmas Parade when the 20-member group heads the 75-unit parade up Gregg Street toward the Howard County Courthouse on Saturday.

The committee was formed nearly a decade ago. Its purpose was to develop a memorial to the men and women who served in Vietnam.

The main portion of the memorial, with its granite obelisk, was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1991. Six years later, on Memorial Day, 1997, the committee dedicated the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter and just 12 months later dedicated the

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OBITUARIES

Jon-Thomas Dodd

Service for Jon-Thomas Dodd, 23, Lake Brownwood, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Hogan officiating. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday in the Knoxville Cemetery in Kimble County.

Mr. Dodd died Tuesday, Dec. 1, in an automobile accident in Stephenville.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1974, in Big Spring. He was a Christian and worked as a roofer. He graduated from Brownwood High School. Mr. Dodd married Stephanie Stevens on Sept. 4, 1998, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Survivors include: his wife, Stephanie Dodd of Lake Brownwood; a daughter, Cheyanne Taylor Dodd of Brownwood; two step-daughters, Ashley Nichole Gibson and Cheyanne Delany Gibson, both of Big Spring; his mother, Susie Dodd of Midland; a sister, Suni-Brook Elizabeth Dodd of Midland; and his grandmother, Mary Dodd of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home, Early.

Sherman Lee Tingle

Service for Sherman Lee Tingle, 86, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Plains. Burial will follow in the Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Tingle died Tuesday, Dec. 1, at his home.

He was born on June 28, 1912. He married Bertha Mae Edwards on April 21, 1936, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death in 1987. Mr. Tingle was a charter member of the Plains Lions Club and Plains Volunteer Fire Department and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Plains and the Gideons. Mr. Tingle was a businessman for 50 years and owned a parts store for more than 40.

Survivors include: two sons, Burton Lee Tingle of Tyler, and Rev. Eddie Tingle of Miles; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home, Plains.

Fredricka Katherine Johnson Grimes

Funeral service for Fredricka Katherine Lindenborn Johnson Grimes will be conducted by Rev. James Ligget at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998, prior to her interment at Trinity Memorial Park on 5 Dec., 1998. Mrs. Grimes, "Ted" as she was known by her family, died on Dec. 2, in Hot Springs Village, Ark., where she lived with her husband, George Grimes, a retired former plant manager of the Cosden Refinery in Big spring. The widow of Mr. John T. Johnson, Sr., a former and retired Safety Engineer at Cosden, she was the mother of two children whom she reared in Big Spring and who survive her. They are Mr. John T. "Brick" Johnson, Jr. of Jefferson City, Mo., and Mrs. Virginia L. Stewart of Winchester, Va. Also surviving her are children Richard S. Grimes of Hot Springs Village, Ark., C.R. Grimes of Longview, and Helen Gilmore of Big Spring. She has a total of 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fredricka Grimes was was born on April 21, 1905, in southwestern Texas at the Cometa Ranch which was part of both Dimmit and Zavala Counties. One of nine children of Charles Thomas Lindenborn and Danie Lee Bell Lindenborn, she was the descendent of true Texas pioneers whose ancestry includes Edward Burleson, Levi English and Sam Bell and traced her English and German ancestry to veterans of both the American Revolution and the Civil War. Siblings predeceasing her were William Phillip Lindenborn, Charles McCarthy Lindenborn, Martha Alice Aldridge, Woodlief Lindenborn, Danie Lee Grebe, Thomas Martin Lindenborn and Ivy Louis Lindenborn. He sister Mary Elizabeth Tipton currently resides in California.

Mrs. Grimes was active in both civic and religious activities in Big Spring.

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

Paid obituary

Winfred C. Taylor

Winfred C. Taylor, 81, Ackerly, died on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at his residence. Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home with Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ackerly, and grandson, Derrick Looney, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on May 10, 1917, in Leander, and married Ruth Graham on Feb. 28, 1938, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on April 19, 1995.

He farmed in the Ackerly community from 1937 until he retired in 1992.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Winnie and Eric Looney of Stanton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and D'Aun Taylor of Post, and Lonnie and Pat Taylor of Lenorah; one brother, Chester Taylor of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Bessie Lee Woodard of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Robert L. Taylor on Jan. 13, 1997.

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

Paid obituary

Kenny Loy Court

Service for Kenny Loy Court, 51, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at his residence.

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Winfred C. Taylor, 81, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Fredricka Katherine Lindenborn Johnson Grimes of Little Rock, Arkansas, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Kenny Loy Court, 51, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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- Sacred Heart Catholic Church collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand made gift to the church, 508 N. Aylesford.
- First Baptist Church is collecting new toys and clothing for 78 children in Big Spring who have a parent in prison. Bring your donation to the church on FM 700.
- Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that represent 26 Howard County children who are currently clients of the Children's Protective Services. Visit the bank to adopt one fo these children.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting donated cans of food to be distributed to the area needy through various social service agencies at the holidays. Bring two or more cans to any local movie theater and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize from a local merchant.

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BANNERS

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to create their own design for this banner, and then the CVB will select the most appropriate one," Prather said.

The contest may be open to all students within Howard County, and the designs are up to the artist's discretion, he said.

"It's whatever they can create and their idea," Prather said.

Prather said the city of Big Spring is considering ordering the Christmas banners for the light poles around city hall.

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consideration of each case individually.

"Our federal and state constitutions guarantee us individual consideration when charged with an offense," Wright said. "That is inconsistent with ... the zero tolerance policies. There's no consideration of the individual circumstances, of the individual's history."

Wright said Hanslik is a good student who had no discipline problems before the incident. Price and Hartman said that fact was taken into account when her punishment was reduced from mandatory expulsion to 20 days in AEP.

Wright said Hanslik did not commit a "knowing" violation of the law, so mandatory punishments did not apply in her case.

"She hadn't seen the gun for more than three years," he said, adding that Hanslik was not sure there was a gun. "It wasn't her car."

Hanslik told school officials there was a gun in her car, Wright said, but "it is in dispute whether she had actual knowledge of the gun." No school officials saw the gun, he said.

Wright said Hanslik only remembered about the gun when she saw the drug dogs patrolling the parking lot. The school has contracted with a company to perform random checks using dogs trained to search for drugs, guns and alcohol. Although the company does use dogs trained to find weapons, the dogs used that day were only searching for drugs, officials said.

Students were warned about the planned use of the dogs at the beginning of the year. At the time, Price said he told them of a situation at another school that was a parallel to Hanslik's case.

"I told them, 'You are responsible for what is in that car when you bring it on campus,'" he said.

Hartman said zero tolerance policies are necessary in today's climate. He quoted recent statistics showing there have been 105 school shootings in the last three years.

"It's not necessarily that this student would do anything like that," he said. "But someone else could get the gun out of her car."

"It's going to catch some students that don't deserve punishment necessarily," Price said. "But (zero tolerance) is a tool by which schools can be protected. "While (Hanslik) may have received punishment in this case, in another case, her life may have been protected by it."

LIGHTING

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think it has."

The vandalism forced a change to the way some of the lights will be hung.

"There just wasn't enough time to repair and replace the archways in time for the opening," said Simmons. "We have taken them down and wrapped the lights along the rails of the bridges instead.

For visitors to the spring, there will be more than 20 different sculptures and silhouettes along the trail, which begins at the vacant lot west of the Dora Roberts Civic Center.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

COMMITTEE

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F4E-II "Phantom" jet.

This fall, the committee was able to secure and position an M60-A tank at the memorial, although the dedication for that piece of armament has yet to be held.

As the committee nears the realization of its initial dream, all that is left to be accomplished is the securing and placement of three artillery pieces and the construction of an all-faiths chapel on the grounds.

Committee members serving as grand marshalls for the 12th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade include:

Charlie Lewis, Robyn Drinkard, Pat Carnahan, Robb McKenzie and Don Boling;

Also, Phil Corbin, Col. Jerry Grimes, Jerry Groves, Roger Holmes and Col. Jim Little;

Also, Danny Kennedy, Col. Vaughn Martin, Gary Osburn, Vicki Osburn and Errol Porter;

Also, Jack Tibbets, Dalton Walton, Swain Williams, Gene Wilson and Leo Welch.

All but McKenzie, Corbin, Martin and Walton will ride the grand marshall's entry in the parade.

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Last year, Norwest Bank won the lighted category; Al's and Son Bar-B-Q won the commercial division; Church of the Harvest took the church/school category and Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501 repeated in the civic category.

"We're excited that all four defending champions will be back," Williams said, pointing out that Boy Scout Troop 25 will be going for its third straight championship.

The parade is just part of the community's Christmas season kickoff, which gets under way Friday night with the turning on of the lights in the Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights and continues Saturday and Sunday night with the 20th annual presentation of First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree.

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The complete version of "Ode of Dedication" by Koger:

"There are big shots here from all around
To tell us we're breaking ground.
There are pretty girls from the local saloon
Showing enough flesh to make an old man swoon.
The food is all spread, a pleasure to see;
The chow hounds are drooling, and that includes me.
The Cowboys and Jody are here to sing
And give us a taste of real Western Swing.
It's an honor to be here with Governor George W.
Give 'em hell, Friend, 'cause out here we love ya.
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WIND POWER

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"A recent poll showed 96 percent of TU Electric customers support the investment in renewable energy, and four out of five of them are willing to pay $1 more each month to continue developing projects such as this windpower project."

Elefante said the interest in windpower won't end with the Big Spring site.

"We are very excited about this project," said Elefante. "We are currently working on several other windpower projects very similar to this one here in the U.S., as well as Europe. We expect to begin another in about 30 to 60 days.

"We have had excellent cooperation from TU Electric, who will actually be providing the power from these turbines to the customers, as well as the city of Big Spring. We're very excited about this project, and today's event."

Wood said that growing up in Port Arthur and being exposed to the Texas oil industry allows him to appreciate the implications of renewable power for consumers, as well as the environment.

"I grew up in a town that also had an illustrious past with the oil and gas industry," said Wood, a native of Port Arthur. "I believe it is very fitting that we should end the century with industries not only looking below ground for energy sources, but also above ground. How authentically Texan can that possibly be.

"The Public Utility Commission has regulated utilities for many years now, and we have come to learn that the best place for us is the sidelines. The best source of regulation comes from the consumers and employees of the companies that keep our lights on.

"People like clean power. Even those of us who have grown up in the oil and gas industry understand that there is room on the plate for renewable energy."

According to Wood, renewable energy products are the perfect way to usher in a new era for Texas energy producers, as well as the consumers.

"Energy is what Texas has always been about, whether it be oil and gas, or some other form of power," said Wood. "I can't think of a better way to kick off the new millennium than a project that helps us produce renewable energy."

Big Spring mayor Tim Blackshear was present for the dedication, citing the city's longstanding relationship with TU Electric as being symbolic of the relationship the city wishes to build with York Research.

"We have had a very successful partnership with TU Electric for many years," said Blackshear. "We look forward to having that same type of relationship with York Energy."

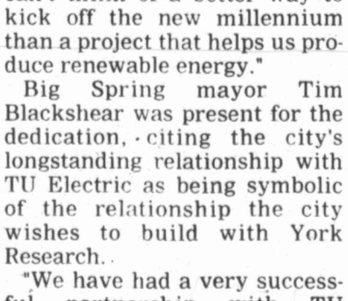
"There could be no more of a fitting place for such a project," said Robert Paladino, executive vice president of York Research. "My wife had tried to explain about the wind and bad hair days in West Texas, but today I think I got a much better understanding of what she was talking about.

"The world as we know it has changed drastically. There is an increasing demand for clean, reliable energy. TU customers spoke out loud and clear, and we heard them."

Officials from both TU Electric and York Research pulled the lever that began the operation of one of the 46 turbines, kicking off the site's operation.

"We expect to be able to walk away from the site around the first of April," said York project manager Glen Thompson. "That's the finish date we originally planned on, and we are holding fast to it."

(John H. Walker contributed to this report.)

Happy 16th Birthday

Skyler Ashley
Scarlet Ashley
Love Mom, Dad and C.J.

Vandalism hits Kids Zone again

HERALD Staff Report

In addition to the recent vandalism at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, vandals have again struck Kids Zone.

"I was out there this week with one of my grandchildren and noticed a number of things," said a local resident, who asked not to be identified.

"There was offensive graffiti spray-painted on the Steer on one of the towers, part of the pirate has been broken away and a number of the boards around the playground has been broken," he said.

He also said a number of the xylophone-type chimes by the train locomotive had been broken or removed.

"Those were attached to large bolts, so whoever did that had to expend some energy," he said.

The grandparent also said the new restrooms built this summer at the playground were so dirty that the smell was overpowering.

"We wound up leaving the park when my grandchild wanted to go to the bathroom, because the smell was so bad, you couldn't get near it without gagging."

Aggravated sexual assault report under investigation

The Big Spring Police Department received a report of an aggravated sexual assault Wednesday.

According to reports, the assault occurred on the west side of Big Spring in the early morning hours of Nov. 21, 1998.

Police are considering a suspect, and no arrests have been made at this time. This assault is not connected to a sexual assault reported Nov. 26, according to Corp. Lupe Liedecke.

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Endeavour launch scrapped today after master alarm goes off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An alarm went off inside space shuttle Endeavour's cockpit minutes before today's planned liftoff, forcing NASA to delay its first space station construction flight.

By the time launch controllers figured out what was wrong and concluded they could launch safely, they had run out of time and Endeavour was grounded for another day. They missed the cutoff by only one to two seconds.

Launch director Ralph Roe, while disappointed, was convinced his team did the right thing. He said they will try again Friday.

"We want to err on the conservative side," Roe said. "We don't want to launch with something we don't understand."

The master alarm — a pair of rectangular red lights — began flashing and beeping about 4 minutes before the scheduled pre-dawn launch. Unsure of what caused it, shuttle managers counted down to the 31-second mark while discussing the problem.

Endeavour's pilots reported that the alarm sounded right around the time the shuttle hydraulic power units were turned on. But launch controllers quickly determined that one of the three units had experienced a momentary dip in pressure, and so they counted down 12 more seconds before having to give up for the day.

"Please cut off," a launch controller urged his colleagues.

The six astronauts crawled out of the shuttle an hour later. Two threw up their hands.

"We'll try again another time," said commander Robert Cabana. He held up his left thumb and index finger a half inch apart. "We were that close."

The one-day delay cost NASA about $600,000, mostly in fuel and overtime pay. "It's an expensive turnaround, but that's part of the price we pay to be conservative and make sure that we don't have unsafe situations," said Donald McMonagle, a shuttle manager.

McMonagle said engineers would meet throughout the day to make sure they understood the fleeting drop in hydraulic pressure that set off the alarm.

NASA has only five minutes or less each day the launch Endeavour in order to meet up with the first space station part launched two weeks ago by the Russians.

Aboard Endeavour is the second station component, an American-made connecting passageway named Unity. Once in orbit, the astronauts will use the shuttle robot arm to capture the Russian piece and attach it to Unity. Then, two astronauts will perform three spacewalks to hook up all the electrical connections and cables between the two cylinders.

Until the alarm flashed, it looked as though weather would be the culprit.

Rain and accompanying clouds moved in from the Atlantic 12 hours before liftoff. But the rain drifted away with minutes to spare and the clouds were judged by NASA to be scattered and thin enough for launch.

For Friday, forecasters put the odds of good weather for the 4:35 a.m. launch at 70 percent.

Jury clears former ag secretary in corruption case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Each day at his federal corruption trial, former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy opened a Bible he kept shielded from jurors and turned to a favorite verse.

"Whom shall I fear?" asks the 27th Psalm.

Upon his acquittal Wednesday on 30 corruption-related charges brought by Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz, Espy defiantly declared his answer. "Certainly, not Donald Smaltz," he said on the federal courthouse steps.

Espy was forced to resign in 1994 after being accused of accepting illegal gifts on the job and trying to cover it up. He maintained his innocence throughout, arguing he was the target of an overzealous prosecutor. Smaltz spent four years and $17 million on his investigation.

"I stood before the jury several months ago and said that I was not guilty," Espy said. "I don't believe I've lost my good name because I never believed that I was guilty of anything."

Interviewed on NBC's "Today," Espy said: "I've admitted some lapses in judgment. I've admitted some appearance problems.

"There are a number of things if I could do it all over again that I would not do."

Another major regret: As a House member, he had voted to reauthorize the law creating the independent counsel. "I wish I could take it back," Espy said of that vote.

After fighting federal corruption charges for four years and facing the possibility of at least three years in prison, Espy declared himself a "much stronger person," physically and mentally. Although he now practices law in Mississippi, he was uncertain about his future plans.

He recalled for reporters during a news conference a conversation he had with President Clinton in the Oval Office just before he left his post.

"He made a promise to me," Espy said. "I will not reveal what he said — that was man to man, person to person — and I'm hopeful that he will keep that promise."

In a statement, Clinton said he was pleased with the verdict and praised Espy for serving the country with distinction.

"After what have been challenging times for Mr. Espy, both personally and professionally, I am heartened that he has, as he said, emerged from this ordeal stronger," Clinton said. "I hope that as he moves forward he will continue his notable record of service to the country."

Espy had faced 30 counts stemming from about $34,000 worth of gifts and entertainment he received from companies such as chicken giant Tyson Foods Inc.

U.S., Canadian negotiators work on steps to ease ag trade tensions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even before they announce a deal, U.S. and Canadian negotiators are being criticized for steps they are discussing to ease tensions over agricultural trade.

American farmers, who are planning a series of protests along the border on Sunday, are demanding that Canada agree to limit how much grain and livestock it ships to U.S. markets.

An agreement that could be announced as early as Friday will stop well short of that, according to farm groups and congressional aides who have been briefed on the proposals in recent days.

"Farmers know the central problem here is the increased volume of unfairly traded grain and livestock coming into the U.S. from Canada, cutting their price. The developing agreement fails completely to address that issue," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said Wednesday.

Under the settlement being discussed, Canada would provide regular forecasts of how much grain it expects to sell in the United States and allow U.S. grain to be shipped on Canadian railroads. The deal also would include an effort to standardize regulations of farm chemicals.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Teachers' health-care system in danger

AUSTIN (AP) — A part of the Teachers Retirement System that pays health-care costs for more than 100,000 retired Texas school employees is on the brink of bankruptcy, according to a report due out today.

The report, by a special joint committee in the Texas House, says the TRS-Care program will require a major bailout to remain afloat, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Insolvency will hit in September 2000 if nothing is done.

"The state could pay the initial deficit of $64-plus million, but this would only be a temporary solution," the report says. "Due to the increasing number of retirees, the system is projected to need more than $2 billion to be solvent by fiscal year 2008."

TRS-Care was created by lawmakers in 1985 to plug a major gap in health-care coverage for retired public school employees, most of whom are not covered by Medicare.

Of Texas' 1,043 school districts, only about 20 contribute to Social Security for employees. Without the contributions, retirees are not eligible for Medicare coverage.

The funding crisis may require drastic action.

"For the retired teachers out there, we have no choice. We have to address it," said House Public Education Chairman Paul Sadler, who co-chaired the special panel.

Woman jailed for heaven license plates

ATHENS (AP) — An East Texas woman has spent nearly a week behind bars after being stopped for having Kingdom of Heaven license plates on her car.

Elaine Gray Dempsey of Trinidad, a member of the Embassy of Heaven Church based in Oregon, also had no Texas driver's license, police said.

Her driver's license, car registration and certificate of title also were issued by the church, the Athens Daily Review reports in a copyright story.

Sgt. Martha Decker of the Tool Police Department stopped Ms. Dempsey Friday night after noticing her car had no license plate light.

"When we stopped, then I could read the license plate," Ms. Decker said. "It said 'Kingdom of Heaven' where the state would be." Ms. Decker said Ms. Dempsey, 24, refused to give her date of birth.

She was arraigned Saturday on charges of tampering with a government record and displaying a fictitious vehicle registration. Bond was set at $3,000. Her family could bail out Ms. Dempsey for $300, but have refused to do so.

Education booklet ain't written so good

HOUSTON (AP) — City officials had to throw out 2,000 full-color booklets about the mayor's youth programs because they were full of misspelled words and grammatical errors.

"I was horrified," Councilman Orlando Sanchez told the Houston Chronicle. "It touts education, but the number of fragmentary sentences and misspellings were astounding."

The newspaper reported that the 14-page booklet was written by Mayor Lee Brown's $67,000-a-year director for youth services, May Walker. The mayor's office said the in-house printing costs totaled $5,165.

Copies of the booklet were distributed to city offices, and an electronic version was posted on the city's Internet site, but they were hastily recalled by the mayor's staff once errors were noticed.

The cover contained a punctuation error in the mayor's title and misspelled the word "millennium."

Inside, nearly every page contained at least one error, including misspelled versions of "library," "teaches" and "national," and fragmentary and incomprehensible sentences appeared throughout the brochure, the newspaper said.

"It's going to cost us some more money to reprint these because they are all going into the garbage can," Sanchez said.

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Our Views

Excitement builds as start time nears for Christmas parade

Well, it has been almost a year since the last time we gathered for the *Herald's* annual community Christmas Parade.

In fact, ready or not, Saturday's the day. There are groups all over Howard County putting finishing touches on their parade entry ... trying to determine just what needs to be done to catch the eye of the judges so that a coveted first place plaque might be won.

This will be the 12th time the *Herald* has held the parade and, as we've said before, it is both a labor of love as well as our Christmas gift to the community.

The members of the *Herald* family look forward to the parade just as much as anyone. That same twinkle shows up in the eyes of our children and grandchildren just like they all share that same, wonderful child's laugh.

It promises to be another parade full of fun, music and creativity as upwards of 2,000 persons and more than 100 vehicles — and of course, Santa Claus himself — will participate in what will probably be a 20-block long parade.

There are bands from Big Spring and Forsan high schools, as well as from Runnels Junior High and Goliad Middle School ... all four category champions are back to defend their titles of a year ago and one, Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501, will be going after their third straight championship in the civic division.

And who is that these entrants are getting ready for? Well, last year it was an enthusiastic crowd estimated at 15,000 persons along Gregg, Sixth and Main streets. Don't expect this year's crowd to be any smaller and any less enthusiastic.

Just like you, we enjoy the parade — although we probably look at it from a different perspective at times — and we hope you enjoy our Christmas gift to you this Saturday.

P.S. — Be sure to get a viewing spot early!

Other Views

In an era of declining faith in politics, and in the conduct of a matter so grave as impeaching the president, the public has a right to demand clarity in the impeachment process.

Unfortunately, the actions of the House Judiciary Committee have been anything but clear lately, and by their muddled actions, committee Chairman Henry Hyde and his colleagues may be undermining their case against the president. ...

It is doubtful that impeachment hearings are the best place to conduct that probe.

In deciding to expand the inquiry, the committee has contradicted its stated intention to wrap up the impeachment process quickly. ... Hyde should do what he said he intends to do: Call witnesses to present evidence of wrongdoing by Clinton, then let the panel vote, and soon, on articles of impeachment stemming from the Starr report.

North County Times, Escondido, Calif.

Armed forces can do a better job of attracting and keeping personnel.

In the early 1970s, much hoopla was made about the all-volunteer Army. With the draft eliminated in 1973, the Pentagon shifted into high gear to get word out about the benefits ... of military service.

Potential recruits were inundated with messages to fly off into the wild blue yonder to be all they can be as the few and the proud seekers of not a job but an adventure. ...

Pentagon officials cite a shortage of about 35,000 personnel among the services' 1.4 million volunteers. One reason, according to analysts, is that fewer teenagers see the military as an attractive option. ...

In short, the military has a wonderful product to sell. The Pentagon should get on with the business of doing that. ... But Congress should provide the military with funds sufficient to ensure that the best and brightest are paid ... sufficiently to keep military service an attractive career.

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Tobacco settlement is a start, not an end

By HENRY TATUM
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DALLAS — Billions and billions of dollars. State budgets flush with money to address their financial woes. Legislators jockeying to make certain the windfall goes for their pet projects.

State officials have been so busy celebrating their good fortune that they may have briefly forgotten what the $206 billion tobacco settlement is all about. But the music stopped this week. And a sobering reminder came hurtling back to the front pages of newspapers in Texas and other states.

The settlement signed by 46 states last month isn't about balancing budgets. It isn't even about recovering all the money the states have invested in medical facilities to handle millions of people with smoking-related health problems.

The real reason for taking on the tobacco industry is to try to give the next generation a fighting chance against some of the most effective and insidious marketing in advertising history.

Underage smoking is why this tobacco war is being fought. And the news from the front is as bad as any general could get.

About half of the high school seniors in this state say they use tobacco, according to a survey released Monday by the Texas Department of Health. Nearly 75 percent said they had tried smoking cigarettes by the time they had reached high school.

And in the most disappointing segment of the report, one in four elementary school students admitted to using tobacco. Those are the kids who should be worried about getting cavities from chewing too much bubble gum — not mouth cancer from dipping snuff.

The reaction from doctors following the study's release ranged from disappointment to dismay. Their logical minds questioned why teenagers smoked, fully knowing that the risk of cancer or heart disease goes up dramatically when individuals begin using tobacco at an early age.

But seeking logical answers guarantees that the questions never will be resolved. There is no real purpose in asking why a teenager takes this risk when ad campaigns have told him that smoking makes him appear older and rebellious.

I recall a TV interview some years back with a teenage girl who was talking about her decision to smoke. "If I get sick, I will just quit," she blithely told the TV reporter.

Now, there is a good way to stop cancer in its tracks.

The simple fact is that the tobacco industry always will be looking for new markets. When I was a youngster, the industry's goal was to convince adult men that smoking was more masculine. The Marlboro man arrived about that time.

Later, women were the target. "You've come a long way, Baby" signaled the right of women to flaunt their independence by lighting up.

Tobacco companies then decided the African-American population was a market that hadn't been fully tapped. Remember County Commissioner John Wiley Price's well-publicized effort to paint over tobacco billboards in black communities around Dallas?

Joe Camel served as a cartoon pied piper for a youthful generation that hadn't gotten on the tobacco bandwagon.

And now, with so many restaurants and businesses limiting smoking, the industry is pushing the message that using tobacco is a sign of rebellion against authority.

Check out the ads that have appeared regularly in "Rolling Stone" and other youth-oriented magazines. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. produces a line of Camel cigarettes under the name "Kamel," with a definite anti-establishment theme.

This all translates into a much greater challenge for states that forged the $206 billion settlement with tobacco companies. They can't call the agreement a victory until it has an impact on the next generation of smokers.

The settlement includes many points directed at curbing underage smoking. There will be no more distribution of apparel and merchandise with brand-name logos. No cartoon characters will be allowed in tobacco ads. Payments to include tobacco in TV shows and movies will be prohibited. The tobacco industry will spend $250 million over the next decade on studies aimed at reducing teen smoking.

But so much more can be done. Greater federal Food and Drug Administration involvement, a ban on cigarette vending machines in public places and larger fines if teen smoking isn't reduced would be good starting points.

States should take the sobering reminder from the Texas Department of Health as a sad reminder that there is much work to be done.

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The census struggle: How do you count Americans?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In the census struggle, skirmishing over the 2000 count began before the one in 1990 was validated. And while the Supreme Court will have the next word, the Republican Congress may have the last.

The issue is statistical sampling that would be used to calculate up to 10 percent of the population, never used before but advocated by the Clinton administration as a way to make this census more accurate than the last. The stakes are political power and money, a combination that guaranteed a confrontation.

There will be another vote on census appropriations in the spring, so the Republicans get two shots at blocking administration plans to use sampling — akin to a gigantic poll — to account for Americans who otherwise would be missed by the census-takers.

Republicans' first chance: the legal and constitutional challenge to sampling argued before the Supreme Court on Monday, with the administration seeking clearance for use of the system, and the Republican House saying it should be barred. Two federal courts have ruled against sampling; the administration wants those decisions reversed.

Then, it goes back to Congress, where GOP leaders on the issue have said a court decision to permit sampling wouldn't mean it is going to happen, let alone end debate over the census method favored by the administration. Republican opponents still have the leverage of another vote on this year's census financing, which runs out on June 15, 1999.

That was the last in a series of compromise settlements between Congress and the White House, deals that have postponed a firm, final decision for or against the use of sampling, which the administration advocates to avoid the undercounting that marred the last census.

It took six years to settle all the court challenges against the 1990 census. The undercount led President Bush and the then-Democratic Congress to have the National Academy of Sciences commission studies of the census process and recommend steps to improve the system for 2000.

Those studies led to the proposals to add statistical sampling to the head count conducted by mail and door to door. By then, President Clinton was in office. And the lines were drawn on sampling, the administration for, Republicans generally against.

When the Supreme Court upheld the 1990 census results in 1996, it ruled that the numbers did not have to be adjusted on the basis of sampling, even though an estimated 4 million Americans had been missed. That estimate was based on sampling, which the Census Bureau uses during the decade between each census, which the Constitution requires to determine the apportionment of House seats.

The interim numbers are not binding, although they figure in decisions made by governments, businesses and politicians. The once-a-decade census is. House seats are shifted among the states based on their shares of the population. The census is the basis for congressional redistricting within states, and for legislative districts and other voting units.

The undercount was most pronounced in inner city neighborhoods, among minorities and among the rural poor. They are the people least likely to answer mailed census questionnaires — about two-thirds of Americans reply — or to be reached by census-takers when they follow up.

And when they vote, they tend to vote Democratic. With sampling to put them in without directly counting them, House districts could be redrawn to Democratic advantage, beginning with the 2002 elections.

Republicans insist they don't want anybody left uncounted, but that they have to be counted one at a time because the Constitution and an ambiguous 1976 law require it. The government has been trying to do so — and missing some of the population — since 1790. Thomas Jefferson oversaw the first census and acknowledged it was flawed.

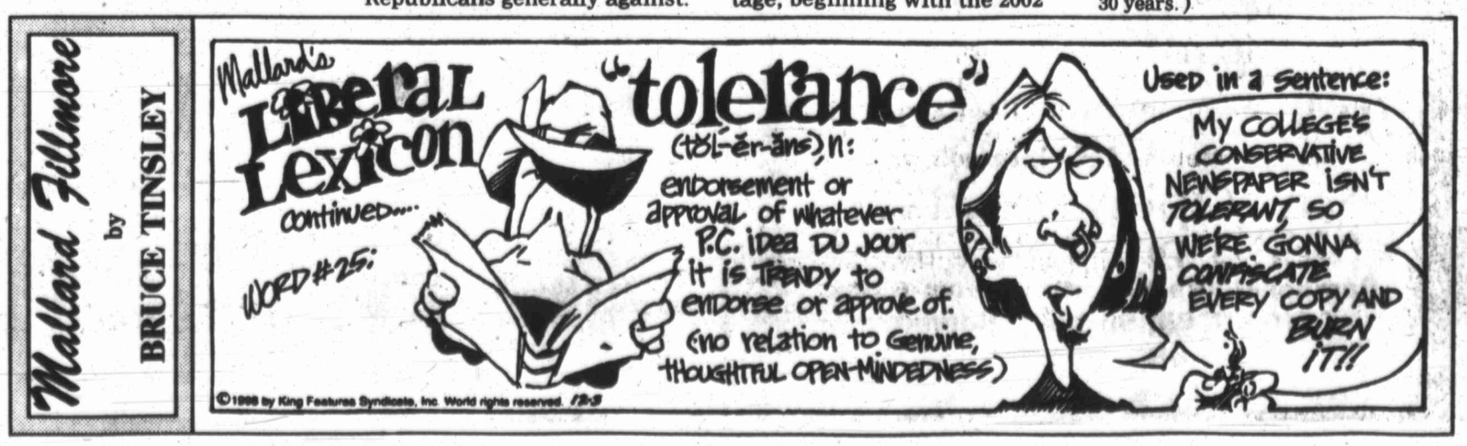
According to the Census Bureau, the 2000 count will cost $4 billion with sampling and will err by a margin of only .5 percent, compared with the $4.8 billion and 1.9 percent undercount estimated without it.

But Republicans contend that sampling would risk more inaccuracy, not less, and that it could invite political rigging.

The census also determines the distribution of about $182 billion a year in federal aid; cities and states that argued they had been undercounted and so denied their rightful shares tried to get a sampling-based adjustment of the 1990 numbers, but the Supreme Court let them stand.

This time, the court was asked to rule on sampling in advance.

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Daughter's attitude toward men is shaped by her father



DR. JAMES DOBSON

QUESTION: Is there a way I as a father can influence my daughter's attitude toward boys? If she chooses to marry, she will need to understand men and know how to relate to them. Is that something I should be thinking about?

DR. DOBSON: You bet it is. Long before a girl finds her first real boyfriend or falls in love, her attitude toward men has been shaped quietly by her father. Why? Because the father-daughter relationship sets the stage for all future romantic involvements.

If a young woman's father rejects her, she'll spend her life trying to find a man who can meet the needs he never fulfilled in her heart. If he's warm and nurturing, she'll look for a lover to equal him. If he thinks she's beautiful and feminine, she'll be inclined to see herself that way. But if he rejects her as unattractive and uninteresting, she's likely to carry self-image problems into her adult years.

It's also true that a woman's relationship with her husband is significantly influenced by the way she perceived her father's authority. If he was overbearing or capricious during her earlier years, she may precipitate power struggles with her husband throughout married life. But if Dad blended love and discipline in a way that conveyed strength, she may be more comfortable with a give-and-take marriage characterized by mutual respect.

So much of what goes into marriage starts with the bride's father. That's why it behooves those of us with daughters to give our best effort to raising them properly. You are right to be thinking about that vital relationship.

QUESTION: I am a grandmother who is blessed to have 14 grandchildren. I often take care of them and love just having them over. However, I would like to do more for them than just baby-sit. What can I do to really make an impact on their lives?

DR. DOBSON: Grandparents have been given powerful influence on their grandchildren if they will take the time to invest in their lives. There is so much to be accomplished while they are young. Another of the great contributions you can make is to preserve the heritage of your family by describing its history to children and acquainting them with their ancestors.

The lyrics of an African folk song say that when an old person dies, it's as if a library has burned down. It is true. There's a richness of history in your memory of earlier days that

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Goliad Junior Classics
Starting off year with a tea hosted by the BSWC

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Goliad's Junior Classics kicked off their year of activities Tuesday with a tea hosted by the Big Spring Woman's Club.

The club, which will participate in community service activities and charitable work, includes teacher volunteer sponsors. Sixth grade girls were invited to join the Jr. Classics, and 43 of them chose to add the extracurricular activity to their schedules.

"Hopefully this teaches them manners, social skills and appreciation of community," said Principal Brenda Gainey. "We got a great response for the club."

Big Spring Woman's Club will serve as a model for the Junior Classics, which will host its own teas in the future. They also plan to pursue regular community service projects, similar to those the Woman's Club undertakes.

"We've already worked with the club on a coat drive," said teacher sponsor Linda Alexander. "We hope they will become accustomed to doing things of service to their community."

At their first meeting, members of the Woman's Club spoke to the girls about their club. At Tuesday's tea, the Junior Classics — wearing matching navy blue shirts emblazoned with their logo — posed for their first group picture to go in the school annual.

The Classics' next project will be adopting "angels" from the Salvation Army's Angel Trees. Teacher sponsors will be taking the girls shopping to buy Christmas gifts for the "angels," who are needy children of the community.

At Goliad, boys have a similar club, the Cavaliers. Next year, when Goliad becomes an elementary school with first through sixth grades, Gainey said both groups will continue to meet.

"This is student involvement," she said, "in a very positive way."

Teacher sponsors for the Goliad Junior Classics are: Gail Berringer, Paula Brookmole, Lorna May, Vickie Denton, Janie Conley, Sara Warren, Robin Ritchey, Patsy Sanchez, Linda Alexander, Audrey Ware and Sue Knecht.

Girls who are members of the group are: Kendal Adams, Krista Atwood, Brennan Bailey, Angel Bledsoe, Julie Ann Cadenhead, Debra Calobreves, Victoria Crowder, Nicole Flores, Kassey Forman, Shana Fortenberry, Paige Gainey, Alexandra Gariepy, Anita Gonzalez, Ashley Ann Gonzalez, Heather Granados, Eba Graves, Nicole Kennedy, Melody Ayn McDaniel, Maleah McGee, Ashley Martinez, Jenna Mathis, Carissa Mattson, Arielle Moughon, Carla Payne, Elizabeth Petersen, Felicia Rios, Tasha Rios, Elida Rodriguez, Sarah Salazar, Stefanie Scott, Kate Smiley, Crystal Sturm, Nicole Tone, Sohnna Tubbs, Cycelye Tirett, Heather Vanderslice, Lindsay Wagner, Kelli Warrington, Alex Watkins, Kyndra Watson, Jennifer Wells, Melissa White, Leighanna Wingo.



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Alex Gariepy, from left, Kate Smiley and Kelli Warrington enjoy refreshments at the tea hosted by Big Spring Woman's Club Tuesday for the Goliad Junior Classics.

Widow saves veteran's ashes for burial at new Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

DALLAS(AP)— Herbert Coburn died four years ago. He'll be buried next September.

His wife, Julia Ledbetter Coburn, said she is saving his ashes until she can give him the burial he deserves, when the new Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery opens.

Before Mr. Coburn's death, whenever the Coburns drove by the proposed Mountain Creek Lake cemetery site, he would say, "I hope we make it."

"We didn't," Mrs. Coburn said, "but now we will. We'll be together. ... To me that cemetery is eternal. Other cemeteries get dug up and bulldozed. One was just made into a dump, but national cemeteries are forever."

Herbert Coburn's ashes are in a safe-deposit box. His gravestone lies ready in her living room, still in the box in which it was delivered.

"When the cemetery opens, he will be one of the first to be buried," the 76-year-old widow said.

Coburn, who served as an Army technical sergeant in Okinawa after World War II, is probably not the only deceased veteran on the waiting list.

"I suspect that there are numerous cases in Dallas where deceased are being held until the cemetery opens," said Cloyde Pinson, chairman of the Texas National Cemetery Foundation.

In the 11 years Pinson has worked toward bringing a national cemetery to North Texas, the retired Air Force captain has heard numerous questions about the possibility of burying bodies, saving ashes or moving bodies already buried in other places.

"One woman called about her husband who was very ill. I asked if death was imminent. She said yes, and she wanted to know if she could keep him in storage, or cremate him," Pinson said.

The woman could also bury her husband's body and have it moved once the cemetery opens in September, Pinson said. Any veteran with an honorable discharge is eligible for free burial in a national cemetery. So are spouses and dependent children.

In cases of re-interment, relatives are required to pay fees for moving the body, but once it reaches the national cemetery, costs are picked up by the government, Pinson said.

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery director Jim Adamson, a few months before the cemetery opens, plans to start a list of people hoping to move friends' or relatives' bodies.

The cemetery — built on 638 acres on Mountain Creek Lake's eastern shore just north of West Kiest Boulevard and adjacent to Spur 408 — will include burial sites, a columbarium for ashes and an area where ashes can be buried.

Patriotism was important in the Coburn marriage from the very beginning. They met in 1944 at a USO function in Fort Worth. Seven months later, they were married. The next year, he shipped out.

Mrs. Coburn has all the letters they exchanged during her husband's military service. Among them is a postcard sent before he embarked for Japan. He was allowed to write only one sentence, she said. It reads, "Dearest, I love you. Herb."

Mrs. Coburn, who hopes someday to publish their wartime letters in a book, also has letters exchanged between her husband and his parents, as well as correspondence with his friends.

She always flies one American flag in front of her Oak Cliff home, and sometimes she flies two. An iron eagle decorates the wall above the fireplace in her den. She and her husband, a mechanical engineer and renowned inventor at Texas Instruments, once lectured to area schoolchildren about the history of the flag.

Mrs. Coburn plans to have her husband's ashes placed in a casket that will be buried after a formal service. Poppies will be placed atop the casket, a symbol of remembrance for World War I, she said. Herbert Coburn's uncle was a Medal of Honor winner credited with ordering the first American shot fired during World War I, Mrs. Coburn said.

When she dies, Mrs. Coburn will be buried alongside her husband, who died after cancer surgery, she said.

"As they took him away for surgery, I said, 'I'll see you later.' He said, 'I hope so.'

"Now," she said, smiling, "we're going to be together again at the national cemetery."

Toymakers asked to stop using certain chemicals on toys

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government safety regulators asked toymakers on Wednesday to stop using a cancer-causing chemical in baby rattlers and teething toys. But they said there is no need to ban all toys made with the substance.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said studies show that the amount of the chemical — diisononyl phthalate — ingested by small children "does not even come close to a harmful level."

The commission said that about 90 percent of all manufacturers using the chemical as a softener have said they will remove it from rattles and teethers by early next year.

"As a precaution, parents of young children who mouth these products for long periods of time may wish to dispose of them," the commission said.

"Few children, if any, are at risk," Ronald Medford, the commission's assistant executive director for hazard identification and reduction, told The Washington Post, which first disclosed the situ-

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

MILLINOCKET, Maine (AP) — The first hiker to walk the Appalachian Trail end-to-end has done it again, 50 years later and a month shy of his 80th birthday. And Earl Shaffer is "mighty glad" to be done with the 2,150-mile trek.

He was miserable shivering in his sleeping bag after getting soaked by cold rain. He scrambled over rocky terrain day in, day out. He was inspired to write poetry on Mount Katahdin. And after 5 1/2 months, he emerged from the woods to complete the feat Wednesday evening.

Shaffer, equipped with an old rucksack, a tattered pith helmet and worn boots, seemed none the worse for wear for a man who just finished hiking through 14 states. He didn't hesitate when asked if he would try it again: "Ab-so-lutely not!"

"I'm mighty, mighty, mighty glad it's over," Shaffer said. "If I had to go another week I would fall on my face."

Shaffer eschewed today's high-tech fabrics and featherweight packs, favoring trousers and a flannel shirt. He toted an Army-issue backpack like the one he used in 1948.

He carried no tent or cook stove. He slept in shelters or on the open ground, covering himself with a tarp to keep rain off his sleeping bag. He kept his load light because a brother, John Shaffer of York, Pa., dropped off supplies along the route.

What kind of food fuels such a feat? Shaffer survived on a diet including peanut butter, Fig Newtons, bagels and an occasional hard-boiled egg.

He never took a full day's break during the entire 173-day trip.

Finishing the trip was quite an achievement, and would be for a man half Shaffer's age. The Appalachian Trail Conference estimates only about 20 percent of the 1,500 people a year who attempt to hike the trail in its entirety succeed.

"It's a remarkable story any way you look at it," said Brian King, conference spokesman in Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

Shaffer says his most memorable moment was seeing a bald eagle sweep by and screech as he stood atop a mountain in North Carolina.

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Using the newspaper story, find the 10 vocabulary words and circle them in the article. Use the context of the story to help you figure out the meaning of each vocabulary word. Then write the number of each word next to its correct meaning. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

1)trek 2)tarp 3)shivering 4)toted 5)terrain 6)eschewed 7)attempt 8)tattered 9)hesitate 10)sweep

_____ a. carried; lugged
_____ b. piece of waterproof material
_____ c. pass swiftly
_____ d. make an effort; try
_____ e. slow journey
_____ f. shaking with cold; trembling
_____ g. ground
_____ h. stayed away from; avoided
_____ i. torn
_____ j. pause or hold back

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FOLLOW THE TRAIL:

The Appalachian Trail passes

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SLICE of life!

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Judy Plumlee
Position/school name: Second grade teacher at Marcy Elementary
Years teaching or in education field: 28.
Why I became a teacher/educator: I enjoy working with children, and I wanted a profession where I would be home when my own children were home.
Special hobbies, interests: golf, yard work, my children.
Family information: husband, one daughter, three sons, one granddaughter and two dogs.
Most gratifying experience with young people: the look on a child's face when they have success.

If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: for discipline and respect to be taught in the home. Teachers have to use prime teaching time for discipline.

Educator of the week is a random drawing from questionnaires received by the Herald. For more information, call the life! desk at 263-7331, ext. 236.



THE LAST WORD

Amateurs hope. Professionals work.
Garson Kanin

Work is the inevitable condition of human life, the true source of human welfare.
Leo Tolstoy

While I am busy with little things, I am not required to do greater things.
St. Francis de Sales

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uncertainties, we are — as a precaution — asking the toy industry to take certain steps to reformulate their products intended to go into children's mouths."

The safety commission said high doses of phthalates have been linked in laboratory studies to cancer in mice and rats. They also are a suspected source of liver and kidney damage in laboratory animals. But the commission said that scientists do not agree "about whether the cancer risk translates to humans."

The commission said that most pacifiers and nipples do not contain the chemical but that parents should immediately discard the Clear and Soft lines made by Gerber Products Co. It said no other Gerber products, including other types of pacifiers and nipples, are involved because they do not contain the chemical.

Some major retailers, including Kmart and Toys R Us, have already begun pulling plastic teething toys made with pthalate from their shelves.

"We've just been looking at the research and reading up on it," Kmart spokeswoman Michele Jasukaitis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We are going forward in the interest of our customer safety."

Jasukaitis said Kmart would continue to monitor other products containing pthalate, including those that might not be explicitly for teething but could end up in the mouths of young children anyway.

Toys R Us, the world's largest retailer of children's products, promised last month to have the teething toys off its shelf by Nov.18.

The commission said Sears, Roebuck and Co., Wal-Mart Stores and Target Stores also have announced plans to remove phthalate teethers and rattlers from their shelves.

Several toy manufacturers, including Mattel Inc., Walt Disney Co. and Little Tikes Co., have said they plan to phase out use of the additive.

Environmental groups had asked the commission to ban the chemical ingredient and issue an advisory to parents on its dangers.

At least seven European governments have banned the use of phthalates in certain toys that commonly are put in children's mouths.

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will be lost if it isn't passed on to the next generation.

To preserve this heritage, you should tell them true stories of days gone by. Share about your faith, about your early family experiences, about the obstacles you overcame or the failures you suffered. Those recollections bring a family together and give it a sense of identity.

Besides my grandmother, there was another wonderful lady in our family, my great-grandmother (Nanny), who helped raise me from babyhood. She was already old when I was born and lived to be nearly 100 years of age. I loved for her to tell me tales about her early life on the frontier. A favorite story involved mountain lions that would prowl around her log cabin at night and attack the livestock. She could hear them growling and moving past her window as she lay in bed. Nanny's father would try to shoot the cats or chase them away before they killed a pig or a goat. I sat fascinated as this sweet lady described a world that had long vanished by the time I came on the scene. Her accounts of plains life helped open me to a love of history, a subject that fascinates me to this day.

The stories of your past, of your childhood, of your courtship with their grandfather, etc., can be treasures to your grandchildren. Unless you share those experiences with them, that part of their history will be gone forever. Take the time to make "yesterday" come alive for the kids in your family, and by all means, pass your faith along to the next generation.

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.

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names of those states by using the resources at your local library. You can search the Internet for information, too. Which three East Coast states are not part of the trail? Have you ever gone hiking?

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Answer Key: a)4 b)2 c)10 d)7 e)1 f)3 g)5 h)6 i)8 j)9

Spielberg, Hanks to produce miniseries for HBO

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh from their partnership on "Saving Private Ryan," Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks will co-produce a 13-hour HBO miniseries based on a U.S. Army unit in World War II, the network said Tuesday.

"Band of Brothers" will begin production next year. No air date has been set for the miniseries.

The project is based on the nonfiction book by Stephen Ambrose, about an Army rifle company that parachuted into France on D-Day. The miniseries may also include material from Ambrose's book, "Citizen Soldiers," which follows soldiers through the end of the war.

Hanks produced the miniseries, "From the Earth to the Moon," for HBO this spring. Hanks' interest in the miniseries about America's space program was an outgrowth of his role in the movie, "Apollo 13."

Spielberg produced and Hanks starred this summer in the movie, "Saving Private Ryan," about an effort to rescue a soldier in Europe during World War II.

Take time out for yourself READ!

ODDS-N-ENDS

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — This kidnapping victim didn't stop smiling during his ordeal. And his hair retained its perfect upswirl.

After being taken from his pedestal in front of a Big Boy restaurant here over the weekend, a 500-pound, hamburger-toting Big Boy statue was found Tuesday about 10 miles away, at a house in Temperance, Mich.

The statue with red-and-white checkered pants and matching suspenders was returned to the restaurant.

"I guess he's going to be all right," said Leyton Hill, a restaurant manager. "He just looks like he went out for a ride."

Big Boy statues, which have guarded their namesake restaurants since the 1930s, are frequently targeted by vandals and pranksters.

Three years ago, a group of college students kidnapped a Big Boy from the same Toledo restaurant. After dismembering it, the group left his body parts around the city with notes saying "Big Boy is Dead."

That Big Boy was beyond repair by the time his parts were collected. The pieces, however, were offered as donations to other damaged Big Boys.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — To a purist like Frank Olivieri, there's only one way to make a Philly cheesesteak. It takes Kraft Cheese Whiz sauce.

The purists had to look the other way Tuesday at the third annual Gourmet Cheesesteak Competition, where there was nary a can of Cheese Whiz in sight. Instead, gourmets used pepper-crusted goat cheese and chili peppers imported from Thailand to concoct their cheesesteaks.

Mike Stern rolled steak, cheese, hummus, cucumber, tomato, red onion and pickled turnips in a handmade flat bread. His creation looked more like a sushi roll than Philly's favorite sandwich.

"And you know what?" Stern said. "It's healthy!"

Stern was one of 15 chefs at the event, which raised $2,100 for Philabundance, a charity that collects surplus food from restaurants and supermarkets and distributes it to the poor.

Salvatore DiPalma brought home first prize with a creation he invented the night before the competition that included flat bread, filet mignon, peppers and ginger.

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ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) — The people who threw cigarette butts at animals at the Alexandria Zoo have ruined things for all smokers.

Now, no one can smoke at the zoo anymore.

The City Council in Alexandria, 100 miles northwest of Baton Rouge, voted unanimously Tuesday night to ban smoking at the zoo. The ordinance was written in response to complaints about smokers who had no qualms about tossing butts into animal cages.

"You've got kids out there, and we've spent millions of dollars out there," Council President Charles F. Smith said. "I mean, they can smoke somewhere else."

The penalty for smoking at the zoo will be a $50 fine.

Ms. Magazine sells to co-founder Gloria Steinem, as well as others

NEW YORK (AP) — Ms. magazine's new owners, who include co-founder Gloria Steinem, hope to resume publication of the feminist publication next spring with a more spirited approach aimed at appealing to younger women.

MacDonald Communications Corp., which owned Ms. for about 2› years, agreed Monday to sell the bimonthly magazine to Liberty Media for Women, which is backed by more than a dozen women investors.

"We will be reaching out to younger women, and we hope to be funnier, livelier, surprising. We want to make it very clear that Ms., like feminism, is something that is moving into the future," Marcia Ann Gillespie, the editor in chief of Ms. since 1993 and part of the new ownership group, said Tuesday.

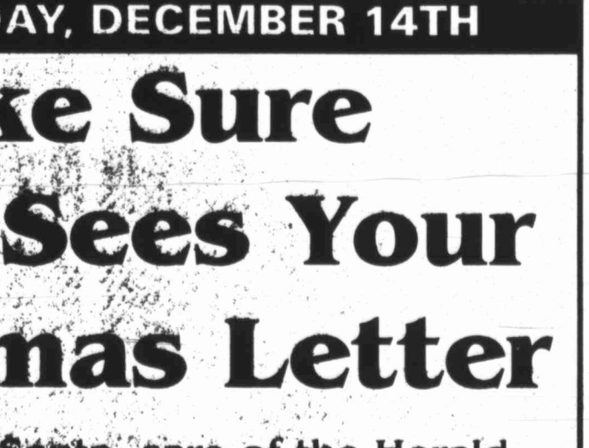
MacDonald suspended publication after the September-October issue. Ms. Gillespie said the new owners hope to resume with an April-May issue in 1999.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed, but The Wall Street Journal said Tuesday it was roughly $3 million to $4 million.

Ms. Gillespie told the Journal the new magazine would be "a lot raunchier" but said in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press that she used that phrase to suggest it would be "livelier, earthier" but not cruder than it had been.

Ms. Steinem was a founding editor of the magazine in 1972. She said the magazine was never consistently profitable, however, because it was unable to attract enough advertising. It was sold to an Australian media firm in 1987 and later was acquired by Lang Communications, which also owned Working Woman and Working Mother magazines.

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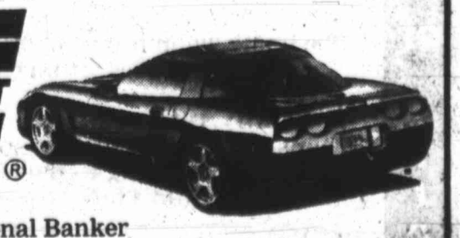
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3RD GRADE-Ericka Medina, Rolando Rodriquez, Rachel Romine, Kandace Schuelke, Tyler Springer, Justin Tubb.
4TH GRADE-Sandi Cox, Kelsi Howard, Emily Krug, Justin Pribyla, Kiersten Russell, Jonathan Tunnell.
5TH GRADE-Heather Hale.
6TH GRADE-Cole Mitchell, Lynsey Pinkerton, Brianna Pribyla, Kelsey Tubb.
ALL A'S & B'S
2ND GRADE-Guillermo Medina, Taylor Pechacek.
3RD GRADE-Haley Farrington, Kenzie Madison, Santos Montoya, Luciano Najera, Peter Neufeld, Samantha Rodriquez, Danielle Sanchez.
4TH GRADE- Amanda Cooper, Clay Mitchell, Britney Rivas, Stefani Robles, Tyler Swinson.
5TH GRADE-Alisha Almand, David Friesen, Patricia Howard, Maribel Lopez, Leland Pechacek, Banny Wiebe.

GRADY SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ALL A'S
7TH GRADE-Lauren Hanks, Brent Madison, Jason Pribyla.
8TH GRADE-Dalsy DeLucas, Margeretha Friesen, Jamie Madison, Eric Tunnell.
9TH GRADE-Audra Cooper, Whitney Hanks, Blythe Long, Samantha Yates.
10TH GRADE-Brandi Hale, Krystyn Hambleton, Haley Madison, Scott Swift, Joshua Tunnell.
11TH GRADE-Bailie Greenhaw, Jedadiah Hinojosa, Caroline Madison, Meagan Mims, Jose Ramirez, Sheree Rivas.
12 GRADE-Gregory Gibson, Jim Bob Haggerton, Marissa Hewitty, Julio Montoya, Christy Rivas, Rebecca Robles, Anthony Swift, Cody Wells, Shanna Wells, Sherra Wells, Katie Jo Yates.
ALL A'S & B'S
7TH GRADE-Claudia Moreno, Jessica Spradling, Anna Wiebe.
8TH GRADE- J.T. Springer, III
9TH GRADE- Lacey Cox, Bryan Creech
10TH GRADE-Clint Schuelke, Hali Tubb, Andrea Welsh.
11TH GRADE-Casey Ramirez
12TH GRADE-Edl DeLucas, P.J. Pruitt.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
ALL A'S
1ST GRADE- Ashleigh Brackeen, David Frey, Jacob Hunnicutt, Adam Kountz, Andrew Lewis, Miranda Sanders, Marcus Stallings, Caityln Weber.
2ND GRADE- Hanna Baskin, Alex Emerson, Tolan Feagins, Baylea Fox, Tori Gauer, Cameron Gillstrom, Spenser Hayworth, Channing Morgan, Evan Nabors, Elizabeth Wheeler.
3RD GRADE-Abbey Keeton, Meredith Morgan.
4TH GRADE-Haley Adams, Austin Cox, Kellen Gillstrom, John Kountz.
ALL A'S AND B'S
1ST GRADE- Jeniene Berry, Mike Enriquez, Marc Enriquez, Gerald Lee Harris, Erica Hartley, Anthony Barrera, Skyler Moore, Brianna Ramirez, Braden Witt.
2ND GRADE- Ryan Fish, Tim Graham, Mage Hamilton, Caroline Morgan, Valinda Saldivar.
3RD GRADE- Holly Bancroft, Emily Hanes, Kathryn Krager.
4TH GRADE- Casey Moore.

KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY
ALL A'S
3RD GRADE- Allison Banks, Renita Cotton, James Mattson, Phillip Tackett.
4TH GRADE- Deanna Carlisle, Chris Freeman, Christina Helsley, Alyssa Mattson, Brinnan Pierce, Reinhilde Robinson, Meagan Smith, Jacob White.
5TH GRADE-James Dunn, Mitchell Lowery, Kelci McAdams, Amber Nichols, Jacob Nichols, Kayla Odle, Kyle Piercefield, Kacy Smith.
ALL A'S AND B'S
3RD GRADE-Zack Dawson, Lance Gross, Austin Hufford, Leah Hughes, Kady Knox, Taylor McKee, Kyle McDaniel-Brigance, Randye Phillippe, Emily Slape, Crystal Ward, Colten Watson.
4TH GRADE- Richard Anderson, Angela Banks, Caleb Choate, Lita Green, Tiffany Hodges, Megan McCormick, Dustin Paul, Brenna Phernetton, Jesaiah Tasior, James Tipton, Lance Tissue, Mary Waguespack, Donald Wittenburg, Heather York.
5TH GRADE- Maegan Fox, Amy Grant, Brian Hale, Cory Hammock, Jared Hudgins, David Hughes, Hayley Keeton, Dara Kremsky, Amanda Lucas, Rachel Tasior, Dustin Thomas, Whitney Weir, Sarah Wilkinson.

SANDS HIGH SCHOOL
ALL A'S
9TH GRADE- J.D. Grigg
10TH GRADE- Shelli Blagrave, Jessica Ybarra
11TH GRADE- Stuart Beall, Jerry Covarrubias, Clay Hart, Brandi Taylor, Cal Zant
12TH GRADE-Lance Bodine, Phil Castro, Jimmi Danekl, Oscar Espino, Anna Hall, Jessica Peacock.
ALL A'S & B'S
9TH GRADE- Stacey Bodine, Jacob Campbell, Lee Casas, Aubrey Foster , Gilberto Ibarra, April Kennemer, Chance Nichols, Steven Nichols.
10TH GRADE- Paola De Leon, Rosa Gutierrez, Danielle Hill, Junior Martinez, Seth Smithson.
11TH GRADE- Joel Cluck, Coby Floyd, Brianne Fryar, Cassie Gover, Kami Hambrick, Hale Looney, Trisha Nichols, Audrey Ramirez, Amanda Richter, Traci Stovall, Laci Webb.
12TH GRADE- Starr Hopper, Johanna Martinez.

SANDS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
ALL A'S
6TH GRADE- Marcelo Barraza, Marlena Gomez, Tisha Lucio
7TH GRADE- Frank Enns
8TH GRADE-Kornelius Enns, Hollie Gibbs, Tinsey Grigg, Amanda Watkins.
ALL A'S & B'S
6TH GRADE- Ashley Allen, Kandis Carson, Nedy Flores, Valarie Gonzalez, Abby Hagin, Shaunessy Hagins, Johan Loewen, Ryan Mathis, Corey Ramey, Travis Roberts
7TH GRADE- Steven Barraza, Krista Blagrave, Jose Briseno, Ben Campbell, Graciela Diaz, Jessica Flores, Audra Kennemer, Neta Loewen, Stephanie Lucio, Ana Plata, T'auna Reed, Roseanna Sanchez, Kevin Wiley, Brandon Woods.
8TH GRADE-Victor Diaz, Anna Ferh, Sally Flores, Tutie Martinez, Deisi Porras, Stephanie Reddin, Sheridan Silipo.

SANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
ALL A'S
1ST GRADE- Jesse Daniel, Kelsie Dutton, Kallina Fletcher, Abril Garcia, Alyssa Gutierrez, Noemi Martinez, Johnny Rogers, Tyler Ware, Karlye Weaver, Kim Wigington.
2ND GRADE- William Carson , Morgan Fisher, Kayla Franco, Logan Gaskins, Miranda Gutierrez, Richard Lucio, Tamara Nichols, Mason Parker.
3RD GRADE- Lydia Teichroeb
4TH GRADE- Keifer Dutton, Erik Gutierrez, Garrett Nichols.
5TH GRADE-Peter Enns, Helen Loewen, Cevan Simithson
ALL A'S & B'S
1ST GRADE- Isabella Cuellar, Braeson Ramey, Ashli Stockton.
2ND GRADE-Garrett Barnett, Brittni Blagrave, Christina Chavera, Ethan Zant.
3RD GRADE- Eloy Garcia, Kayla Gomez, Chelsie Grantham, Ricky Gutierrez, Junior Lucio, Ronnie Peacock, Mary Rogers, Melony Ruiz, Crystal Ybarra.
4TH GRADE- Guy Dean Barnett, Carol Martinez, Zane Owensby, Samantha Peacock, Xavier Reyes, Mathew Ybarra.
5TH GRADE- Belen Aguilar, Matthew Benavidez, Dan Campbell, Jacob Fehr, Dee Fryar, Sonia Gonzales, A.J. Gutierrez, Brenda Martinez, Karen Picon, Trent Rogers, Santos Ybarra.

BAUER MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ALL A'S
3RD GRADE-Tori Bohanon, Michael Booth, Lauern Bryant, Maria Carrasco, Crystal Carrisalez, Jacob Cerda, Garrett Colwell, Brett Doe, Nadia Garcia, Macee Gonzales, Jonathan Granados, Jeremy Landin, Bilal Muzaffar, Chelsy Nanny, Gabby Perez, Ashleigh Ramirez, Meagan Sparks, Geoffrey Treece, Allison Ward, Hali West.
4TH GRADE- Chelsea Anderson, Denielle Burns, Maria Carrillo, Jessica Chancy, Gio Cuaresma, Bernadette Flores, Abraham Franco, Bryan Juan, Mallory Kennedy, Porscha Knowlton, Sharaya Owens, Taylor Parks, Alyssa Rains, Roshan Shroff, Christina Soto, Briana Valles.
5TH GRADE- Elizabeth Bobo, Leanna Brumley, Robert Finn, Shyam Mehta, Rebecca Murphree, Matthew Posey, Rosa Rodriguez, Allan Sheedy.
ALL A'S & B'S
3RD GRADE- Johnathon, Bustamante, John Campos, Michael Chandler, Agui Cuaresma, Justin Franco, Alyssa Garcia, Kristie Garcia, Desirrae Garza, Daniel Hilario, Mark Iturralde, Dustin Lister, Chance Newton, Brandon Ontiveros, Logan Pierce, Kevin Porras, Connie Riddle, Raymon Rodriguez, Matt Rodriquez, Justin Salazar, Amber Torres, Cecily Valencia, Leslie Zuniga.
4TH GRADE- Rosa Alcantar, Chris Arista, Paden Black, Stefanie Carrasco, Maria De Los Santos, Ricky Dominguez, Jessica Dunaven, Kendra Dutchover, Crystal Gallegos, Joe Herrera, Cecili Islas, Troy James, Jacob Martinez, Andriana Mendoza, Jovanna Ornelas, Bridgette Rieriguez, Brittany Rodriguez, Virginia Rodriguez, Maria Yanez.
5TH GRADE- Kelsy Battle, Yvonne Brito, Crystal Carrisalez, Charles Downing, Kristen Dutchover, John Franco, Matt Hilario, Shay Long, Anastasia Martinez, Justin McCullough, Megan Miller, Stephanie Mims, Abel Morelion, Jessica New, Joshua Paredez, Kimberly Paredez, A.J. Riddle, Trey Soto, Austin Tarleton, Grayson Wegner, Logan Wright, Brittany Yanez, Joshua Yanez.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ALL A'S
1ST GRADE-Courtney Boyd, Monica Cervantes, Chase Deanda, Lindsey Deel, Mercedes Fierro, Katie Gross, Stacie Hilario, Megan Karwedsky, Landon Rowden, Alyssa Ruiz, Shannon Sullivan, Justin Villareal.
2ND GRADE-Adriana Cruz, Heather Gentry, Carlita Green, Brandon Kinard, Ryan Klaasen, Shelbi Stewart, William Weise.
3RD GRADE-Thomas Canales, Ariel Fuentes, Vaughn Medina, Jennifer Peterson, Amber Simer, Stephanie Sullivan, Jason Walker, Colton Watson.
4TH GRADE-Eric Berry, William Berry, Nicholas Deanda, Krystal Dehoyos, Steven Evans, Manuel Gonzales, Brandon Hildebrand, Geoffrey Hughey, Wendy Mayfield, Keri Nettles, Rhonda Rivas, Blake Roach, Monica Rocha, Brittany Simer, Kevin Thomas.
5TH GRADE-Joshua Childers, Adam Diaz, Joel Flores, Ashley Gentry, Alexander Urias, Chrissie Walters, Justin Weatherby.
ALL A'S & B'S
1ST GRADE- Zechariah Akin, Lindsey Barraza, Allison Carrillo, Vanessa Covarrubias, Ryan Deel, Monique Diaz, Chaneel Dykes, Tahlea Green, Christopher Hale, Sonya Herrera, Rosendo Jimenez, Joseph Martinez, Desaray Muniz, Marissa Nieto, Oliva Rodriquez, Veronica Ruiz, Jacobie Shellman, Ashleigh Smith, Cory Wilkins, Kayla Williams.
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4TH GRADE-Sergio Alvarez, Brandon Barraza, Timothy Barrienntes, Matthew Callison, Peter Candelario, Trevor Davila, Curtis Gaston, Blade Gill, Stephanie Gonzales, Dustin Graves, Nabor Hernandez, Stephanie Lopez, Phillip Martinez, Cheryl Massey/Freeman, Erik Munoz, Shawn Overton, Tawny Perry, Lawanda Price, Brooke Rios, Toni Rodriquez, Megan Salazar, Shayna Sherman, Amber Sides, Ryan Szuchy, Apolonia Valencia.
5TH GRADE-Richard Acuff, Beverly Bennett, Moses Canales, Jesse Collins, Stacey Covington, Ashley Deanda, Paul Diaz, Mellissa Franco, David Gonzales, Chance Hanson, Keyoka Hawkins, Eric Herrera, Misti Mathis, Keith Myrick, Vanessa Ornelas, Danelle Overton, Nikki Smith, Randy Solis, Whitney Walker.

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ALL A'S
1ST GRADE-Alexandria Aguirre, Luciano, Beltran, Ruben Castillo, Kristina Chang, Brittany Escanuela, Marcos Garcia, Juan Garza, Selena Gonzales, Brittany Helms, Mario Hernandez, Angelo Lozano, Dominique Martinez, Lindsey Maxwell, Benjamin Merworth, Sammy Moore, Damian Perez, Bryan Raney, Severa Rocha, Justice Sarmiento, Steffie Senter, Mariah Sparkman, Juan Zavala.
2ND GRADE-Rachelle Barber, Pedro Covarrubias, Nathan Doporto, Chelse Franco, Brittney Hendricks, Sisto Herrera, Fabian Hilario, Laurel Kerr, Kristin King, Thad Loftis, Amanda Lopez, Jesse Loya, Jose Luna, Bianca Martinez, Victoria Mendez, Malory Molina, Holly Platte, Celilia Quiroz, Victoria Rangel, James Rose, Kori Yanez.
3RD GRADE- Alejandra Garcia, Traci Rodriguez, Jacqueline Yanez.
4TH GRADE- Justin Aguilar, Veronica Andrade, Cody Butler, Kassidy Garza, Michael Green, Wendy Jones, Sandy Martinez, Brittany Molina, Lorissa Rodriguez.
5TH GRADE-Ashley Barnett, Alejandro Castillo, Jennifer Garcia, Lucia Yanez.
ALL A'S & B'S
1ST GRADE-Billy Austin, Iralia Castillo, Angelea Cortez, Kaleb Cox, Barbara Cruz, Bernadette Cruz, Matthew Delagarza, Alexandria Escanuela, Magali Flores, Thomas Hallford, Corbin Harrison, Bernadette Hernandez, Edgar Luna, Christopher Myrick, Miguel Rangel, Yuly Rodriguez, Amanda Roten, Zacharey Salgado, John Silen, Paige Smith.
2ND GRADE-Joshua Andrade, Ashley Castillo, Natalia Cuellar, Kristina Decastillo, Joshua Leib, Fabian Leos, Mandy Martinez, Marisa Rodriguez, Christopher Valle, Jeanette Viera, Andrea Watson, Deshay Watson.
3RD GRADE- Moises Acevedo, Priscilla Avalos, Stephanie Chavera, Eugene Franco, James Hendricks, Simon Hilario, Alexander Larson, Beaux Parrish, Paula Pattin, Joshua Perez, Daniel Permenter, Rebecca Rawls, Tiffany Rodriquez, Timothy Rose, Esther Tobar, Zakkery Turner, Whitney Wilkins, Natasha Yanez.
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ALL 'S
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12TH GRADE-Lynsey Bunn, Kenna Cathey, Daniel Clark, Brandon Hancock, Mysti Mansfield, Josh Marlar, Jessica Ramirez, Jodi Rodgers, Cassie Tindol, Misti Turner.
ALL A'S & B'S
9TH GRADE- Adam Aguirre, Crystal Atkinson, Courtney Brockman, Rachelle Burton, Jamie Carey, Jamie Corse, Tara Dickenson, K'Ja Fowler, Brandon Haile, Aimee Ham, Anthony Herrera, Cody Hogan, Danielle Horvatich, Blake Jones, Kristy Kinard, Jacquelyn Molina, Lauren Nichols, Heather Rich, Kynzi Roberts, Monty Rowden, Paul Ruiz, Karen Sterling, Erin Stovall, Adam Villa, Chase Ward, Tonya Willard, Ashley Woolverton.
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2ND GRADE-Daniel Budke, Stassney Davis, Roy Garcia, Marisa Mendoza, Jason Pitts, Ashley Rangel, Karla Sorola, Zachary Stephens, Matt Stokes, Matthew Tijerina, Kessandra Urbian, Mykel Wagner, Jimmy Watson, Joshua Wilson.

3RD GRADE- Samantha Boehringer, Micheal Cuviello, Brittney Huckabee, Daniel Munoz, Carolyn Sellers, Domonique Torres, Jonathan Wilson, Desiree Yanez.

4TH GRADE-Michael Castro, Kevin Crowder, Courtney Hickman, April Jaramillo Jason Garcia, Melissa Garcia, Amanda Garcia, Angelica Levario, Joey Mata, Jesus Najera, Domingo Rodriguez, Amber Sleight.

5TH GRADE-Joe Aguilar, Jim Blacketer, Samantha Dawson, Laura Fitzgibbons, Brittany Hartman, Chalesa Johnson, Oscar Natividad, Gabriel Ortiz, Amber Tafoya, Seve Watson Maleah Wendland.

ALL A'S & B'S
1ST GRADE-Andrew Aguilar, Holston Banks, Robert Burrows, Katie Crockett, Paul Dutchover, Crystal Flores, Tasia Forman, Allison Fritzler, Gilbert Garcia, Nathan Garrard, Jon Harris, Nathan Jumper, Ray Kuykendall, Jeremy Langford, Yvette Martinez, Lindy Mercer, Charlea Michaels, Bobby Nunez, Kavre Oliver, Xavian Parnell, Tevian Parnell, Tami Rainwater, Frankie Reyes Jessica Rodriquez, Crystal Shults, Ashley Thomas, Natasha Vanderbilt, Katelyn Villanueva, Stormmie Ward, Tommy White, Rauli Wise, Lydia Yanez, Matt Ybarra.

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ALL A'S
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Pair of fossils found in Mongolia may be first marsupials

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have uncovered a pair of fossils in Mongolia that show some of the earliest characteristics of marsupials, mammals that develop their young in a pouch.

The specimens of Deltatheridium, an opossum-like animal, are 80 million years old, which would mean they lived among the dinosaurs.

The discovery more closely defines the time period when marsupials emerged, said Guillermo Rougier, a paleontologist at the University of Louisville and the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Rougier was among three researchers who found the specimens at Ukhaa Tolgod in the deserts of Mongolia. Their research was to be published today in the journal Nature.

Marsupials represent one of three branches of mammals. The two other branches are monotremes, such as the egg-laying duckbilled platypus, and placentals such as humans that develop their young inside the body.

Besides opossums, modern marsupials include kangaroos and wallabies. Most live in South America and Australia, but the Mongolian fossils suggest they originated in Asia.

Deltatheridium had large molars and sharp canine teeth, and probably hunted lizards and smaller mammals.

Researchers said the Deltatheridium specimens share many traits with modern marsupials, such as a bony feature in the back of the jaw where chewing muscles attached.

Theory of Earth's tilt may explain temperatures

The Associated Press

The Earth might have tilted toward the sun 600 million years ago far more than it does today, making the polar regions warm and the tropics cold, according to research published today in the journal Nature.

Scientists say this could explain evidence that there once were glaciers in what are now the tropics.

This theory of planetary tilt has been around for a while, but researchers at Pennsylvania State University have come up with an explanation of how the Earth could have moved from an angle as great as 55 degrees to its current position, a more modest 23.5 degrees.

The buildup and melting of glaciers during this period might have created enough force to cause the planet to straighten up on its axis, researchers said.

"Like when you repeatedly push on a swing at the same point in the swing cycle," said co-author James Kasting. "If you give it a little push at the right time the swing goes higher and higher."

The seasons as we know them occur because of the tilt of the Earth as it travels around the sun. When the North Pole is tilted on its axis toward the sun, summer occurs in the Northern Hemisphere and winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

If the Earth's axis had been tilted more in the past, day and night over much more of the globe would have been like the days and nights now experienced only in Alaska and other polar regions — extremely long days during the summer and extremely long nights during winter.

In addition, the poles would have received most of the sun's warmth, and the equator would not have been the warmest place on Earth, as it is now. That would have kept the poles ice-free and allowed glaciers to form around the equator.

Still, even the paper's authors concede their work is clouded by uncertainties. Kasting, who wrote the paper with Darren Williams and Lawrence Frakes, said: "I'm sort of sitting on the fence as to which mechanism is right."

Harvard researcher Paul Hoffman, who recently reported on evidence indicating glaciers killed off almost all life during the same time period, said Kasting's explanation is possible, but he supports the so-called snowball Earth scenario to explain the existence of glaciers in the tropics.

Under the snowball scenario, glaciers crept toward the equator from the poles, and eventually melted.

Richard Peltier, a professor of physics at the University of Toronto who studies changes in the motion of the Earth, said the mechanism proposed by the Penn State researchers was not explained in enough detail.

But he said he's "not so skeptical to say it's totally unreasonable. It's an interesting idea that needs to be more fully explored."

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IN BRIEF

Lady Mavericks split games at Sweetwater

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks basketball teams split a pair of games with Sweetwater's young Lady Mustangs on Monday, taking an easy 30-9 win in the "A" game, while dropping a 38-20 decision in the "B" contest.

In the "A" game, Goliad held Sweetwater scoreless in the first half in taking the lopsided win.

Kim Green paced the "A" team with 10 points, while Lindsay Phillips added eight and Erica Stewart had six. Green also led the team in rebounds, pulling down seven boards.

In the "B" team's loss, Lindsay Wilks' six points was the best Goliad could muster, while Brittany Raney had four points. Raney and Jessica Ray paced the Lady Mavs in rebounding with five caroms each.

BSHS football banquet scheduled for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club's 1998 Football Banquet has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Jerry Larned from the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame will be guest speaker for the event.

Tickets for the banquet, priced at $10 each, are available from members of the booster club.

Steer Baseball Boosters schedule first meeting

The 1999 Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Complex.

Anyone interested in supporting Big Spring High School baseball teams is encouraged to attend.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, and San Angelo.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

TONIGHT

JUCO BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
- Hardin-Simmons University JV at Howard College Lady Hawks.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Coahoma Invitational
4:30 p.m.
- Grape Creek vs. Ira (boys)
- Stanton vs. Borden Co. (girls)

6 p.m.
- Grape Creek vs. Coahoma (girls)
- Snyder JV vs. Coahoma (boys)

PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY:
7:30 p.m. — Stanton (12-1) vs. Spearman (13-0), Lowrey Field, Lubbock.

7:30 p.m. — Borden County (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (8-3), at Kermit.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — SMU at Texas Tech, FXS, Ch. 29.

FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — St. Louis Rams at Philadelphia Eagles, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FIGURE SKATING
7 p.m. — Improv-Ice, USA, Ch. 38.

Coyote coach confident facing another run-oriented foe

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

You'll have to forgive Bobby Avery for sounding just a little confident going into Friday's 7:30 p.m. state six-man football semifinal playoff game with Balmorhea's Bears in Kermit.

After all, the defending state champion Coyotes head into Friday's showdown fresh off a 52-6 dismantling of Groom's Tigers — a team that hoped the secret to dethroning Borden County would be running right at the supposedly undersized Coyote defense.

And when one considers the Bears' offensive theme this season has centered around a power running game, it's not hard for one to understand Avery's confidence.

"I figure we're going to see pretty much the same thing Groom tried to throw at us last week," Avery explained, noting that most coaches aren't going to throw out what has proven successful for them at this late stage of the season.

"They're big and physical and have six running backs they like to rotate in and out of the game ... keeping fresh legs on the field," Avery said. "The dive-pitch series off the T-formation is their bread and butter.

"That's not going to change very much," he added. "They're not going to make a bunch of changes, I don't think. They're going to do the same thing we're planning on doing ... go with what's gotten us to this point. It's kind of an 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' situation."

All that said, the Coyotes figure any team that plans to trying to run straight at them is playing into their hands.

Only one team has had any success with that formula — the seventh week of the season when Sands' Mustangs took a 35-34 come-from-behind upset of the Coyotes en route to taking the District 6 championship.

"We weren't very healthy that night," Avery said in recalling the Mustangs' upset win.

The most telling injury that night kept senior all-state linebacker Fernando Baeza on the sidelines most of the game, forcing the Coyotes to put cornerback Kevin Pinkerton in the middle and move a reserve into the secondary.

"It wasn't so much that Kevin didn't play well in the middle, but it made us a little weak when they (Sands) pitched the ball," Avery said, adding conditions have changed in the past seven weeks.

"We're more grown up now," he explained. "We started the season saying we didn't have as much depth as we'd had last year, but that's changed. Our depth has gotten better and our starters have gotten better at playing their positions.

"That's supposedly what you do when you're trying to repeat," Avery added. "You get better every week at what you do ... your younger kids get the experience they didn't have at the start of the season and the kids who've returned just keep improving."

A win this week would put the Coyotes back in the six-man championship game.

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Spearman tough test for Buffs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

This is the week West Texans had looked forward to the expected rematch between Seagraves' Eagles and Stanton's Buffaloes.

Somebody forgot to tell Spearman's Lynx that a Seagraves-Stanton rematch was supposed to be in store, however, and they spoiled the best-laid plans of the region's so-called experts by taking a 28-21, triple-overtime win over the Eagles in last week's regional finals.

As a result, Stanton's defending state champion Buffs will be facing the Lynx in Friday's 7:30 p.m. Class 2A, Division II state quarterfinal at Lubbock's Lowery Field.

That means the 12-1 Buffs won't have an opportunity to avenge their only loss in the past 29 games, but Stanton head coach Mark Cotton says it doesn't mean this week's quarterfinal playoff will be made any easier for his team.

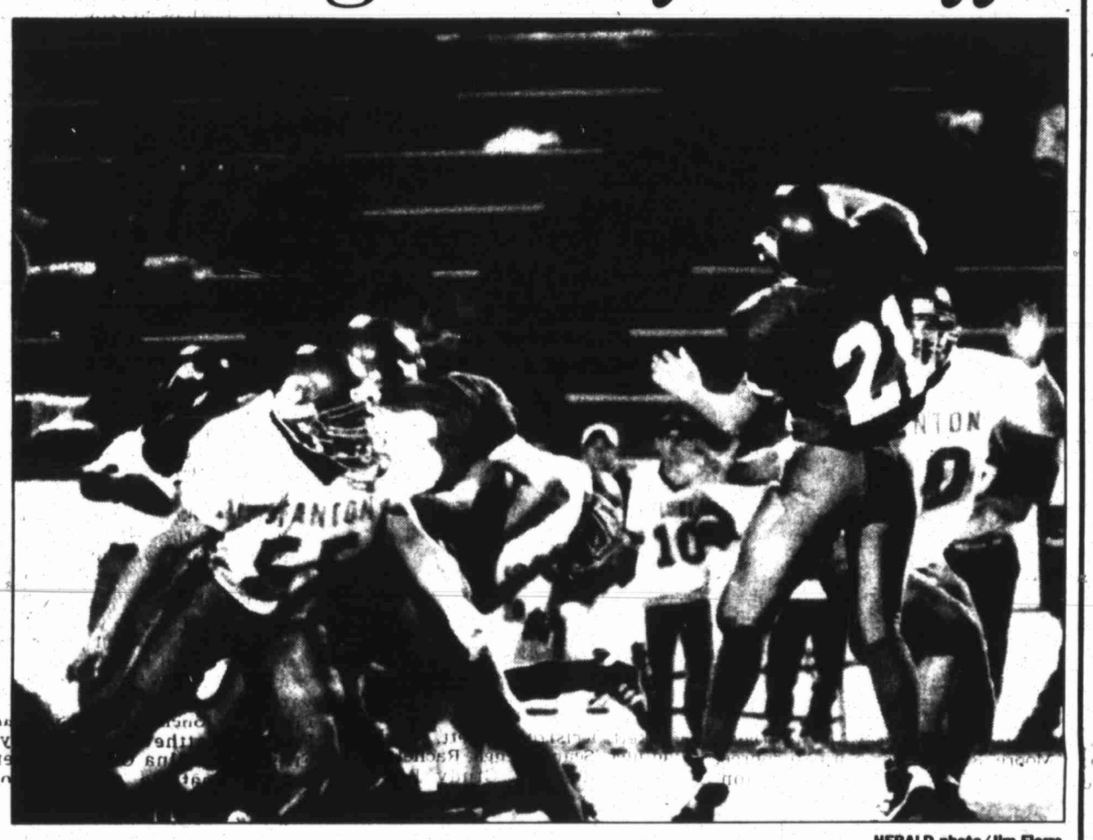
"Spearman has as good a football team as I've seen in two years," Cotton said in matter-of-fact tone when asked about the Buffs' upcoming opponent. "They're very impressive."

In fact, Cotton says the 13-0 Lynx are very similar to Seagraves offensively, bringing the kind of talent to Friday's showdown that make them a real threat to the Buffs' dream of a repeat state title.

"To be honest, they're a little too much like Seagraves for my taste," Cotton admitted Wednesday afternoon. "They use lots of misdirection offensively and have good speed, quickness and size."

It is that combination of quickness and size that concerns Cotton the most, since that has been they formula for the Buffs' success for the past few seasons.

"I think their quickness is just as good as ours," Cotton added. "They may not have as much overall speed, but I don't think that's going to be much of a factor. Quickness is more important in football than pure speed."



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Stanton defensive ends Edward Segura (55) and Chad Smith (90) force Albany quarterback Tony Wheeler (21) into releasing the ball early on a passing play during last week's 35-7 regional finals victory. The Buffs face unbeaten Spearman in a Class 2A, Division quarterfinal game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Defensively, Cotton expects the Lynx to continue using the scheme that's allowed them to fashion their 13-0 mark — crowding the line of scrimmage to shut down running lanes, virtually daring opponents to throw the football.

With senior Kyle Herm, the Class 2A career record holder for touchdown passes, it would seem that Cotton and his staff would be licking their chops.

Instead, Cotton said he's spent much of the week tasking his offensive line following the Buffs 35-7 win over Albany's Lions.

"We had a good game defensively last week, but we didn't play that well offensively," Cotton explained. "We scored too quickly and kind of sat back on our heels. We've had some pretty good talks with our offensive line, so I haven't been real popular around here this week."

Although Cotton noted his offensive linemen didn't play poorly in the win over Albany, he stressed the belief they've played much better in other games.

"We're going to need them to be at their best going against these people (Lynx)," he explained. "They're probably going to throw eight people up on the line of scrimmage and try and force us to throw the ball.

"Nobody's had much success passing against them, because they haven't been able to block them long enough to get a pass off," Cotton continued. "We just have to be sure we can block for our passing game."

With the two teams as evenly matched, Cotton says he believes the key to success Friday will be which team commits the fewest turnovers and special teams play.

"Those are the two factors that are going to play the biggest role," he noted. "I'll guarantee you ... anytime you have two evenly matched teams like this, turnovers and special teams play are going to be the key. The team that plays best in every facet of the game is going to go on. Hopefully, that's be us."

Tourney time!

Howard, Coahoma teams hosting action

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It's tournament time.

While the schoolboy football playoffs wind down into their final weeks, most schools in Crossroads Country have their minds on basketball.

Neither Stanton, nor Borden County have opened boys' basketball play due to their extended run in the Class 2A and six-man football playoffs, but the rest of the area's basketball programs are in full swing — each of them playing in tournament action beginning today.

Mixing in the Econo Lodge Classic and Western Junior College Athletic Conference Shootout, both slated this weekend at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and this will be a weekend full of hoops activity.

Local tournament action began at 1:30 today when Seminole's junior varsity boys' team opened play in the Coahoma Invitational Tournament facing Monahans' Loboes. That game was followed by 3 p.m. games pitting Abilene Wylie's Bulldogs against Midland Greenwood's Rangers and Brownfield's Lady Cubs against Ira's Lady Bulldogs.

The tournament's 4:30 p.m. games see Grape Creek's eagles taking on Ira's Bulldogs and Stanton's Lady Buffs facing Borden County's Lady Coyotes.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Bulldogs will round out the tournament's opening schedule tonight, with the girls facing Grape Creek at 6 and the boys' taking on Snyder's junior varsity at 7:30 p.m.

The tournament continues Friday at noon with Crosbyton's Chiefs taking on the Wylie-Greenwood winner, while Big Spring's Lady Steers face Greenwood's Lady Rangers, followed through a full slate of games every 11/2 hours through 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's championship games are set for 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary School gymnasium.

Big Spring's Steers, as well as both the girls' and boys' varsity teams from Sands, Grady, Garden City and Forsan are taking part in other tournaments.

The Steers opened play in the Frenship Invitational this morning, while Sands Mustangs and Lady Mustangs were playing in the Shallowater Invitational.

Grady's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats are playing in the New Home/Wilson tournament

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Heisman contenders vote picking Williams as favorite

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Who will win the Heisman Trophy?

Just ask three of the Heisman's final four, who say it's no contest: Ricky Williams in a runaway.

"As many times as he carries the ball, he's just as strong in the fourth quarter as he is in the first quarter," Kentucky's Tim Couch said. "He's an amazing player. I'd give him my vote."

So would Kansas State's Michael Bishop and UCLA's Cade McNown, who along with Williams and Couch were invited Wednesday to New York for the Heisman presentation on Dec. 12.

Williams had a tough time making a choice, but that may have been because he was the final player to answer the question posed during a conference call.

"I don't think I could pick one person," Williams, Division I-A's career rushing record holder with 6,279 yards, said. "We played against Kansas State and UCLA and they both tore our defense apart.

"Cade would check at the line, drop back and the next thing you knew the crowd was going wild and they had touchdown. Against Michael, he'd go back on a third-and-15 and throw a bomb or scramble. It was kind of frustrating to sit there and watch. Tim, he just put up great numbers."

Williams, who ran for 2,124 yards this season, topped Tony Dorsett's record of 6,082 career yards during last week's 26-24 win over Texas A&M. Needing 11 yards for the mark, he went 60 for a first-quarter touchdown, breaking a tackle at the line of scrimmage and carrying a player into the end zone.

"He did a great job, had great numbers and broke that record. You have to give him his respect," Bishop said. "If I had a vote, it would go to Ricky."

McNown, who has met Williams on several occasions, said the running back was the main reason the Longhorns went 8-3 in coach Mack Brown's first season.

"I think he's trying to put it on the rest of the team, but they asked him to carry the load and he responded," McNown said. "When teams focused on him, he managed to break off long runs. There are not too many guys who are more valuable to their team than Ricky. I'd put Ricky up there."

Aggies try to regain running attack for Big 12 title game

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — No. 10 Texas A&M is having a tough time doing what it usually does best-run the football.

The Aggies were held to a minus-7 rushing yards last week by the Texas Longhorns, ranked 57th nationally in total defense and 45th against the run.

Now, the Aggies' depleted running backs corps has to get ready for a monster challenge in Saturday's Big 12 championship game against No. 2 Kansas State (11-0, 8-0), whose defense ranks No. 2 nationally in total defense and No. 7 against the run.

The Aggies had their least productive day rushing against Texas since Kansas State held them to minus-35 yards rushing last season in the Wildcats' 35-17 victory.

The Aggies (10-2, 7-1 in Big 12) aren't getting caught up in statistical talk.

"Our defense was No. 2 (total defense) last week and look what they (Texas) did to us," running back Dante Hall said. "You can throw out all the stats and stuff. That's just paper. Unfortunately, we lost to Texas but we can still win the Big 12 championship and go to a big bowl game. That's the positive. We bounced back from Florida State."

The Aggies started losing runners last spring when starting fullback Marc Broyles suffered an eye injury. Broyles' replacement, Tiki Hardeman, was declared ineligible, and the next backup, Jason Bragg, suffered his third concussion of his career and has been sidelined with recurring headaches. Tailback Eric Bernard suffered a season ending knee injury five games into the season .

Hall, the Aggies' leading rusher last season, and his backup Sirr Parker, have been left with the tailback responsibilities. True freshman Ja'Mar Toombs, the second leading rusher, is the starting fullback and his backup is former walk-on Will Simpson.

The Aggies have tried to turn more to their passing game but that didn't work against the Longhorns either until the fourth quarter when the Aggies almost pulled out the game before losing 26-24.

"Kansas State's defense is designed to stop the run," Parker said. "We are known as a running team but we pride ourselves in being balanced. But if we can't run the ball we're going to have a hard time winning the game."

The Aggies rushing is down from last season's 205 yards per game to 156 yards.

Offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe is just as concerned about the Aggies passing attack.

"The big thing last week was we didn't take advantage of the opportunities we had throwing and catching," Kragthorpe said. "If a team decides to neutralize

SPORTS EXTRA

JUCO TOP 20

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 1:

	Record
1. Indian Hills, Iowa (10)	5-0
2. Kilgore, Texas (3)	10-0
3. Barton County, Kan. (2)	10-0
4. Utah Valley (1)	9-0
5. Tallahassee, Fla.	9-1
6. SW Missouri	8-0
7. Dixie, Utah	7-1
8. Carl Albert, Okla.	11-1
9. Weatherford, Texas	12-0
10. Pasco-Hernando, Fla.	8-0
11. Hutchinson, Kan.	9-1
12. Northland Pioneer, Ariz.	7-1
13. Spartanburg Methodist, S.C.	8-1
14. Vincennes, Ind.	7-1
15. John A. Logan, Ill.	5-1
16. Allegany, Md.	7-1
17. Southeastern, Iowa	8-0
18. Paris, Texas	9-1
19. Faulkner, Ala.	5-1
20. Chattanooga, Tenn.	7-0

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS

Duncanville (10-3) vs. Houston Jersey Village (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville

Aldine Eisenhower (10-3) vs. Converse Judson (13-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

DIVISION II
Region I

Midland Lee (12-1) vs. South Grand Prairie (9-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region II

Lufkin (10-3) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (8-5), 1:30 Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches

Region III

Katy (12-1) vs. Houston Clear Brook (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV

SA MacArthur (9-4) vs. SA Madison (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS

Plainview (11-2) vs. Grapevine (9-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock

Bay City (11-1) vs. Alice (11-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

DIVISION II
Region I

Stephenville (12-1) vs. WF Hirschi (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region II

Southlake Carroll (12-1) vs. Highland Park (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region III

La Marque (11-0) vs. Silsbee (9-4), 8 p.m. Friday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV

Smithson Valley (10-2) vs. New Braunfels Canyon (10-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS

Monahans (7-6) vs. Aledo (11-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford

Giddings (10-3) vs. Cuero (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alamodome, San Antonio

DIVISION II
Region I

Childress (11-2) vs. Crane (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Region II

Daingerfield (12-0) vs. Royse City (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium, Mesquite

Region III

Newton (11-1) vs. Manor (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville

Region IV

Sweeny (10-2) vs. Aransas Pass (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Mercer Stadium, Sugarland

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS

Canadian (12-1) vs. Omaha Paul Pewitt (10-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

Mart (13-0) vs. Brookshire-Royal (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Austin Westlake

DIVISION II
Region I

Spearman (13-0) vs. Stanton (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock

Region II

Celina (11-2) vs. Italy (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford

Region III

Elysian Fields (10-3) vs. Troup (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches

Region IV

Ganado (11-2) vs. Goldthwaite (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hays Consolidated Stadium, Buda

CLASS A
Region I

Wheeler (10-2) vs. O'Donnell (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Region II

Aspermont (13-0) vs. Menard (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bulldog Stadium, Abilene

Region III

Tenaha (13-0) vs. Detroit (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Atlanta

Region IV

Iola (12-0) vs. Bartlett (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wildcat Stadium, Temple

SIX-MAN
SEMIFINALS

Gail Borden County (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kermit

Trinidad (13-0) vs. Strawn (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Joshua

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	8	4	0	.667	231	168
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	315	199
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	268	242
New England	7	5	0	.583	262	236
Indianapolis	2	10	0	.167	208	336
Central						
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	311	247
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	224	218
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	260	237
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	205	247
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	197	321
West						
y-Denver	12	0	0	1.000	401	206
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	209	244
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	255	210
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	238	259
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	181	247

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	325	217
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	251	308
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	196	257
Washington	3	9	0	.250	240	337
Philadelphia	2	10	0	.167	108	277
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	394	220
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	314	240
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	244	263
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	223	250
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	197	275
West						
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	325	218
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	354	244
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	216	265
St. Louis	3	9	0	.250	207	285
Carolina	2	10	0	.167	236	322

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Thursday's Games
Detroit 19, Pittsburgh 16, OT
Minnesota 46, Dallas 36

Sunday's Games
Kansas City 34, Arizona 24
Atlanta 21, St. Louis 10
New York Jets 48, Carolina 21
Baltimore 38, Indianapolis 31
Jacksonville 34, Cincinnati 17
Tampa Bay 31, Chicago 17
Seattle 20, Tennessee 18
New England 25, Buffalo 21
Miami 30, New Orleans 10
Green Bay 24, Philadelphia 16
Washington 29, Oakland 19
Denver 31, San Diego 16

Monday's Game
San Francisco 31, New York Giants 7

Thursday, Dec. 3
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 12:01 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 12:01 p.m.
Detroit at Jacksonville, 12:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Atlanta, 12:01 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 12:01 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 12:01 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 12:01 p.m.
Seattle at New York Jets, 12:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 7:20 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with with OF Henry Rodriguez on a two-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired RHP Manuel Barrios from the Florida Marlins for OF Guillermo Garcia. Sold the contract of 1B-OF Roberto Petagine to the Yakult Swallows of the Japanese Central League.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with 3B Robin Ventura on a four-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed OF Kevin Sefcik to a two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Jack Bloomfield and John Green special assignment scouts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with C Carlos Hernandez on a three-year contract.

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Designated INF Domingo Cedeno for assignment. Agreed to terms with C Mike Hubbard on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed S Kim Herring on injured reserve. Signed WR Phil Savoy. Signed Mike Bowman to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed WR Marvin Harrison and G Tony Mandarich on injured reserve. Activated OL Jon Blackman from the practice squad. Claimed DE Mark Thomas off waivers from the Chicago Bears. Signed WR Kio Sanford to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released WR Henry Ellard. Signed CB Kato Serwanga.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Re-signed RB Justin Watson to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Placed DT Bryant Young on the injured reserve list. Signed DT David Richie from the practice squad. Signed CB Kelly Malveaux to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Announced a multiyear extension of the affiliation agreement with Cincinnati of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned D Jason Doig to Springfield of the AHL. Reassigned LW Louie DeBrusk to Springfield.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled G Zac Bierk from Cleveland of the IHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Sent LW Josh Holden to Syracuse of the AHL.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

MLS—Loaned Los Angles Galaxy MF Martin Machon to Santos Laguna of Mexico's first division.

D.C. UNITED—Named Thomas Rongen coach.

TENNIS
United States Tennis Association

USTA—Named Jack Fitzgibbons director of advertising and promotion.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA—Suspended basketball F Eugene Edgerson two games for elbowing Bigham Young's Bret Jepsen in the face during a game on Nov. 28.

CLEMSON—Named Tommy Bowden football coach.

IOWA—Named Kirk Ferentz football coach.

MISSISSIPPI—Named David Cutcliffe football coach.

NHL

Wednesday's Games
Buffalo 2, Florida 1
Carolina 4, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Toronto 3, Los Angeles 1
Edmonton 4, Phoenix 3
Colorado 4, Detroit 2
Dallas 3, San Jose 0

Today's Games
Los Angeles at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

WPHL

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Today's Games
Central Texas at Lake Charles
Amarillo at El Paso
Monroe at Tupelo
Shreveport at Arkansas
Odessa at Austin

Friday's Games
El Paso at Abilene
San Angelo at Odessa
Central Texas at Waco
Fort Worth at Corpus Christi
Alexandria at New Mexico
Monroe at Arkansas
Lake Charles at Austin

ABL

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Today's Game
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Nashville at Columbus, 6 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE SCORES

WOMEN'S GAMES
EAST
George Mason 77, Seton Hall 73
Massachusetts 64, Maine 56
Vermont 73, Siena 67
SOUTH
Charleston Southern 86, Benedict 49
Clemson 88, N. Carolina St. 67
Southern U. 75, Jacksonville St. 62
W. Kentucky 86, Tennessee Tech 56
MIDWEST
Indiana St. 56, Dayton 54
Ohio St. 75, Pittsburgh 40
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma St. 67, Vanderbilt 54
Texas 77, Arizona St. 75
Texas Tech 96, Texas-San Antonio 39

MEN'S GAMES
EAST
Fairleigh Dickinson 85, Dominican 64
George Washington 97, American U. 76
Georgetown 67, Morgan St. 49
Georgia 75, West Virginia 63
Lafayette 75, Swarthmore 56
Siena 96, Loyola, Md. 88
South Florida 67, Duquesne 57
St. John's 70, Hofstra 49
SOUTH
Appalachian St. 83, Spartanburg 53
Ark.-Little Rock 83, Fla. International 77
Cent. Florida 79, Winthrop 57
Centenary 69, SE Louisiana 62
Elon 70, VMI 69
Furman 88, Charleston Southern 85
James Madison 111, Liberty 77
Kent 53, N.C. Charlotte 50
Mississippi 95, NE Louisiana 62
Mississippi St. 73, Jacksonville St. 54
N.C.-Wilmington 59, Campbell 50
Radford 73, Marshall 65
S. Caroline St. 59, N. Carolina A&T 58
Tennessee 68, Memphis 67
The Citadel 62, William & Mary 59, OT
Wofford 72, Army 64
MIDWEST
Akron 72, E. Michigan 54
Creighton 73, Baylor 59
Duke 73, Michigan St. 67
Fairfield 86, Cent. Michigan 85
Illinois St. 86, Alcorn St. 73
Michigan 74, Bradley 44
N. Iowa 61, Iowa St. 57
Ohio U. 64, Bowling Green 57
Rhode Island 70, Utah 63
Valparaiso 104, Norfolk St. 69
Wisconsin 67, N. Illinois 52
Xavier 64, Miami, Ohio 56
SOUTHWEST
Lamar 114, Loyola, NO 59
Stephen F. Austin 78, Texas Coll. 62
Texas 87, Oral Roberts 77
FAR WEST
Cal St.-Fullerton 74, Loyola Marymt. 61
Colorado 78, Va. Commonwealth 76
New Mexico 97, Ark.-Pine Bluff 72
San Diego St. 103, So. Cal College 49
St. Mary's, Cal. 74, Montana 73
UCLA 109, Delaware St. 67
UNLV 84, Nevada 69
Washington St. 74, Portland St. 71

DIV. II PLAYOFFS

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Nov. 28
Slippery Rock 31, Shepherd 20
Carson-Newman 38, Fort Valley State 31, OT
Northwest Missouri State 42, Northern Colorado 17
Texas A&M-Kingsville 24, Central Oklahoma 21, OT

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Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Times TBA
Slippery Rock (12-1) at Carson-Newman (11-1)
Texas A&M-Kingsville (11-2) at Northwest Missouri State (13-0)

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Championship
At Florence, Ala.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Slippery Rock-Carson-Newman winner vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville-Northwest Missouri State winner, Noon

DIV. III PLAYOFFS

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 21
Mount Union, Ohio 21, Albion, Mich. 19
Wittenberg, Ohio 13, Millikin, Ill. 10
Lycoming, Pa. 49, Catholic, D.C. 14
Buffalo State, N.Y. 38, Springfield, Mass. 35
Rowan, N.J 26, College Of New Jersey 2
Trinity, Texas 30, Western Maryland 20
Wisconsin-E.C. 28, Central, Iowa 21
St. John's, Minn. 33, Pacific Lutheran, Wash. 20

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Quarterfinals
Saturday, Nov. 28
Mount Union 21, Wittenberg 19
Trinity 37, Lycoming 21
Rowan 19, Buffalo State 17
Wisconsin-E.C. 10, St. John's, 7

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Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Sites and times TBA
Mount Union (12-0) vs. Trinity (12-0)
Wisconsin-Eau Claire (10-2) vs. Rowan (11-2)

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Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
At Salem, Va.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Semifinal winners, time TBA

Dallas brings back Larry Brown to supplement injured secondary

IRVING (AP) — With their secondary ailing, the Dallas Cowboys have re-signed Larry Brown, their MVP in the Super Bowl three years ago.

Brown played his last game for the Cowboys in the Super Bowl, where he had two interceptions of Neil O'Donnell against Pittsburgh. He was signed Wednesday for $76,000 for the remainder of the regular season.

Brown, who became a millionaire playing for the Oakland Raiders after his five-year Dallas career, will get additional money if the Cowboys make the playoffs and they still need secondary help.

"Things didn't work out in Oakland like I thought they would," said Brown, who did not live up to his Super Bowl standard. "It wasn't a fit for them and for myself. It feels good to have a job. I'll be ready for any role the Cowboys want me to play."

Cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith will miss Sunday's game at New Orleans, so Brown should see much action right away.

"He's familiar with the system and we expect him to play Sunday," owner Jerry Jones said. "Larry should be able to contribute immediately."

Dallas players greeted Brown with much razzing before Wednesday's workout.

"They've been dogging me pretty good, giving me a hard time and cracking jokes," Brown said.

Brown had a $12.5 million, five-year deal with Oakland. He was kicked off the team midway of the 1997 season for what Oakland claimed was "conduct detrimental to the team."

"That was a joke," Brown said.

Safety Darren Woodson said it was good to have Brown back.

"He'll help the team, he knows the system," Woodson said.

Brown played five preseason games with the Minnesota Vikings before injuring an ankle and was put on the waiver wire. Nobody claimed him.

"It was a bad injury and it took me about seven weeks to get my strength back," said Brown, who played 74 games for the Cowboys from 1991 to 1995 and had 13 regular season interceptions. "I'm glad Dallas gave me a chance again."

Dallas needs whatever help it can get in the secondary. Quarterbacks have thrown for nine touchdowns and 984 yards in the past three games. The Cowboys' secondary ranks No. 23 in the NFL.

COYOTES

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And while confident, Avery isn't looking ahead a week.

"We know what we have to do and that's making sure we have our minds on the opponent we have to play Friday," Avery said. "A lot of people are running around talking about us playing Trinidad next week, but we can't start thinking like that. We've got to worry about Balmorhea.

"Besides," he added. "Trinidad is going to have its work cut out with Strawn this week. Sure, I think everyone expects that Trinidad will win it ... they're just so strong and fast ... but you can't take anything for granted.

"We've got to take care of business this week," Avery concluded. "Then, if we're still in it next week, we'll start thinking about whoever is left."

TOURNEYS

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and Garden City's Bearkats and Lady Kats have traveled to Highland for the tournament there. Forsan's Buffs and Queens are taking part in the Irion County Invitational.

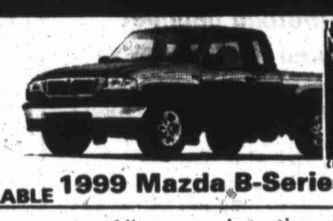
On the JUCO scene, Howard College's No. 3-ranked Lady Hawks will host the three-team Econo Lodge Classic beginning tonight at 7 when they take on Hardin-Simmons University's junior varsity. The close out the two-game affair hosting WJCAC rival Odessa College's Lady Wranglers at 6 p.m. Friday.

Howard's Hawks, the favorite in the WJCAC preseason coaches' poll, will host the WJCAC Men's Shootout on Friday and Saturday. The schedule for Friday has New Mexico Military Institute facing Odessa College at 2 p.m., followed by Midland College and South Plains College at 4 p.m. The Hawks will face Frank Phillips at 8 p.m.

Saturday's schedule has Odessa facing South Plains at 4 p.m., Frank Phillips taking on Midland at 6 p.m. and the Hawks playing NMMI in the nightcap at 8.

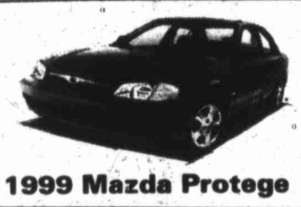
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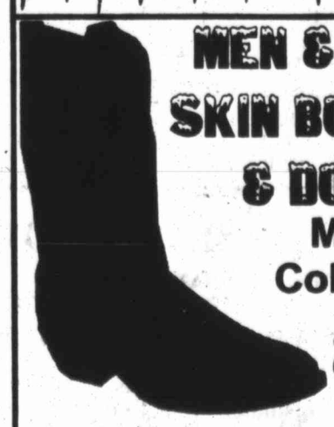
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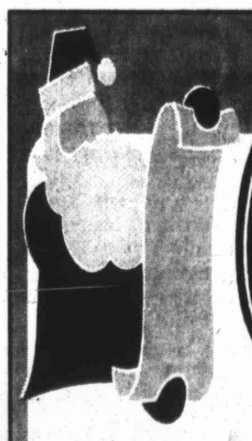


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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 2. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 65 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night under lights in 10 to 15 feet of water. Hybrid stripers are good on slabs and spoons fished in 35 to 40 feet of water. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 65 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 5.3 pounds are good on topwaters, white Terminator spinnerbaits and Carolina-rigged chartreuse/pepper ring flies. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass to 8.5 pounds are fair on live bait and yellow/white bucktail jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are fair on live perch.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on soft baits fished around the dam. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the dam in 15 feet of water. Hybrid stripers slow. Catfish are good on cut baits fished in the mouth of the river.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 66 degrees; 29' low; Black bass are slow on topwaters, red shad and green Texas-rigged worms and jigs fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the tree tops. White bass are good on slabs and jigs fished up the river. Striped bass to 38 pounds are good on live shad and white/chartreuse jigs fished up the river. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 40 to 80 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 40 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 57 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 4 pounds are good on Texas-rigged craw worms fished in heavy cover. Spotted and smallmouth bass are slow on Carolina-rigged french fries. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in Big Grape Creek. Channel and blue catfish are fair on prepared baits.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet of water. White bass are very good on minnows fished at the south end of the lake by the bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are fair on goldfish and large minnows fished by the dam in 25 to 30 feet of water.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear; 61 degrees; 9 feet low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on worms, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on jigs and slabs. Smallmouth bass to 4.2 pounds are fair on crankbaits and jigs fished in the rocky areas of the lake. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and cutbaits. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 67 degrees; 12' low; Very little activity on the lake due to windy and cold conditions.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 65 degrees; 16' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles in 12 feet of water. White bass are slow. Hybrid stripers are good on live perch and shad. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and chicken livers fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 58 degrees; 4low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-rigged purple worms fished in the mouths of the creeks in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in the creeks in 5 to 8 feet of water. White bass are good on small crankbaits. Hybrid stripers are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

KEMP: Water murky; 67 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, chartreuse crankbaits and black Texas-rigged worms fished in the shallows off the points. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on prepared baits fished off the rocky points in 5 to 7 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

NOCONA: Water stained; 62 degrees; 4' feet low; Black bass are good on topwaters, spinner and jerkbaits fished in 1 to 6 feet of water around the mouths of the creeks and coves. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on slabs and jigs fished in the main lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 66 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows fished in 2 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and chicken livers fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 62 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on spinner and crankbaits fished in the creeks in 3 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished at night in 20 to 25 feet of water. White bass to 2 pounds are very good on slabs fished in 25 to 45 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on prepared baits fished in 25 feet of water.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 62 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass are slow on crankbaits, worms and jigs fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are slow on live shad fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut and prepared baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Texas-rigged worms fished off the bank. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are very good on slabs, worms and minnows fished in 2 to 18 feet of water. Striped bass to 22 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 67 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and black/blue Rattle Power Jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

SWEETWATER: Water clear; 60 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged purple lizards and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish to are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Black bass are fair on topwaters fished early and late. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers fished off the bottom. Yellow catfish are fair to good on live goldfish and perch fished off the bottom. The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: This report will be temporarily suspended pending some change in the condition of the lake. Water level is down about 20 feet.

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A Bite Out of History

The Cookie Story



This holiday season, many families will be baking treats. We asked our chief chef, Rookie Cookie, for facts to make cookies interesting as well as tasty.

Today, cookies bought in the store are made by machines in very little time. But cooks have made them by hand for thousands of years. Maybe you'll be baking some soon!

1 In ancient times



The ancient Egyptians baked cookies in pottery baking dishes placed in hot ashes. They sweetened their cookies with honey.

The word "cookie" is probably from a Dutch word, "koekje," meaning small cake.

2 Crackers on board



When sailors and the early explorers went to sea, they shipped out with barrels of handy crackers on board. They were called sea or ship's biscuits. They were so hard they had to be soaked before eating.

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3 Tea and cookies

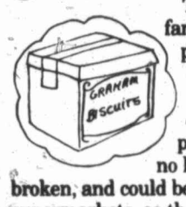


In the 1660s, drinking tea, coffee and chocolate became popular, and so did the cookies and crackers that were served with them.

4 The cookie barrel

By the 1870s, cookie-making machines were used. Cookies were packed in big barrels and sold in grocery stores. Customers ordered them by the pound and carried them home in brown paper bags.

5 The family package



The invention of family-size cookie packages changed the cookie and cracker business. Now they could be sold and protected. They would no longer be soggy and broken, and could be sold in supermarkets, as they are today.

The Girl Scout cookies



Today the Girl Scouts sell millions of their famous cookies every year. The money raised helps support about half of all of the Girl Scouting activities. This picture was taken in the 1950s.

In 1912, Daisy Low founded the American Girl Scouts. Five years later, a troop in Oklahoma baked the first "Girl Scout cookies." At first, the girls and their mothers would bake the cookies at home to sell in their neighborhood.

The Girl Scout cookie recipe

In 1922, the Girl Scouts printed this sugar cookie recipe for Girl Scouts to make and sell:

You'll need:

- 1 cup butter, or substitute
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

What to do:

Cream butter and sugar together. Add well-beaten eggs, then milk, flavoring, flour and baking powder. Roll thin and bake in quick oven. (A "quick" oven would be about 375 degrees for 10 minutes.) Sprinkle sugar on top. This amount makes six to seven dozen.

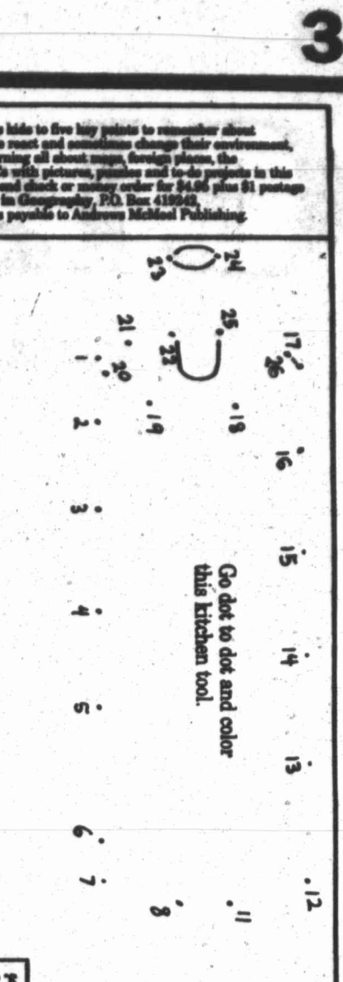
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Unscramble these cooking words:

1. ebka — _ _ _ _
2. nvoe — _ _ _ _
3. okco — _ _ _ _
4. irts — _ _ _ _
5. hodug — _ _ _ _ _



Go dot to dot and color this kitchen tool.



Answers: 1. bake, 2. oven, 3. cook, 4. stir, 5. dough.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Seven-Layer Bars

You'll need:

- ¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup coconut, shredded
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 (15-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

What to do:

1. Pour melted butter or margarine in a 13-by-9-inch baking pan.
2. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs evenly on top.
3. Sprinkle coconut, chocolate chips and butterscotch chips evenly on top.
4. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly on top.
5. Sprinkle pecans evenly on top.
6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 30 minutes. When cool, cut into bars. Makes about 24.

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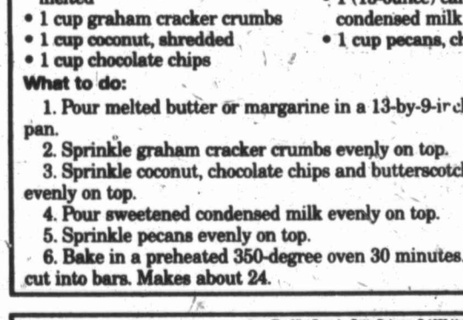
Words that remind us of cooking are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: BAKE, CHEF, TASTY, COOK, DISHES, OVEN, HEAT, FOOD, CUP, CASSEROLE, MIX, BOWL, RECIPE, BROIL, POT, PAN, STIR, MEASURE, STOVE.



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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Rookie Cookie are making Christmas cookies. See if you can find:



- toothbrush
- canoe
- letter A
- banana
- lips
- paintbrush
- ruler
- jackknife
- hot dog
- bread loaf
- bell
- word MINI
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You'll need:

- 2¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened*
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups (12 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Semisweet Chocolate Morsels
- 1 cup chopped nuts

What to do:

Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in large mixer bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition; gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

*** The original recipe called for 1 cup butter or shortening, but the Nestlé Test Kitchen recommends butter.**

Spice Cookies



You'll need:

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup powdered sugar

What to do:

1. Combine cake mix, whipped topping and egg in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Place by teaspoonfuls 1½ inches apart on a cookie sheet.
3. Sprinkle powdered sugar evenly on top.
4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 10 to 15 minutes. Makes about 3½ dozen.

Gingersnaps



You'll need:

- ¾ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup molasses
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- ½ teaspoon ginger

What to do:

1. Mix butter or margarine and sugar in a large bowl until smooth and creamy.
2. Add molasses and egg. Mix well.
3. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well.
4. Roll dough into small balls and place on a cookie sheet.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 7 to 8 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen.

Potato Chip Cookies



You'll need:

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup potato chips, crushed
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

What to do:

1. Combine butter or margarine, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix until smooth and creamy.
2. Add potato chips and flour. Mix well.
3. Form into small balls and place on an ungreased baking sheet.
4. Press flat with the bottom of a glass that has been dipped in sugar.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 16 to 18 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen.

Shortbread Cookies



You'll need:

- ¾ cup butter, softened
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

What to do:

1. Mix butter and sugar in a large bowl until smooth and creamy.
2. Add flour and mix well.
3. Place small balls of dough on a cookie sheet. Flatten with the bottom of a glass.
4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen.

Next week The Mini Page looks at reindeer.

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Very nice, recently remodeled 3 bdrm. brick. Large room, sep. dining, large utility room, fenced yard, carport, ref. air/ cent. heat - $525.00 references required. Call owner/agent 263-6892.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 4:

Your focus continues to be on others. Don't think that anyone has more than you; instead, enjoy what people offer you. Learn to relate more effectively. Release sternness over a child or romance. Let your creativity flow. In 1999, your life warms to a mellow happiness. Special opportunities are available through your ingenuity. If you are single, romance is undeniable. You actually could have two different, yet special, people in your life. If attached, you might opt for a second honeymoon or perhaps begin a coveted project together. CANCER helps you make money.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Clear your desk. You feel down and not ready to meet others. Recognize your need for some fun. Head home as early as you can to gear up for the weekend. Others appreciate your efforts. Family takes an even higher priority. Release pressure. Tonight: Avoid a fight.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Handle the budget with your customary care. Intuition is dulled yet still directs you the right way. Count on your financial sense. Touch base with friends, and make weekend plans. Others are happy to hear from you. Fatigue becomes an element later on. Tonight: Head out and about.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You are on a roll. Finish a key project. Your ability to complete your work makes you feel good. Balance your checkbook. Finances need to be in order now. A flirtation could go sour; it means more to someone else than to you. Tonight: Don your Santa suit.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You are uncomfortable with someone's demands. Right now, you scarcely have a choice. Lighten up, and do what you must. Humor plays into your day. Be careful not to overeat now. The holidays are just beginning! Tonight: Don't let a family member make the choice.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Ask for what you want. Others don't necessarily agree with you, and let you know. Understanding where others come from could be challenging but it's possible. Make time for a get-together with friends. Confirm plans before you're out the door. Tonight: Head home.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take responsibility. Organize a project, and delegate what you can. A partner doesn't give you the applause you want but supports you in his fashion. Balance your checkbook before going holiday shopping. A friend will do anything to coax you along. Tonight: A good time.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Reach out for someone, and make plans. You have a tendency to go overboard at times. Today is no exception. You try to please someone who is really quite contrary. Get to the bottom of a problem with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Home.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Discussions with a partner are important. You could be distracted at work until you have this talk. Be direct about what is irritating you. Consider a change in pace. You might be witHHolding some anger that needs to be vented. Take off ASAP from work. Tonight: Escape.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Make inroads where it counts. Someone really does listen, even a child. He might have a difficult time showing his love in a positive way. Loosen up, and don't worry as much. One-to-one relating is necessary. Plans might need to change. Tonight: Heat up the night.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Plunge into work, and forget what is ailing you. You'll feel a great sense of well-being. Take time to walk at lunch or perhaps race to the gym. Exercise invigorates you. Others seek you out, wanting to be with you. Popularity soars. Tonight: Kiss work and bosses goodbye.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You have a nearly impossible time focusing on anything but pleasure. You cannot contain your whimsical nature. A good time is had wherever you go, except maybe at work! Clear your desk, then clear out ASAP! Fun awaits, even at lunch! Tonight: Test your energy levels.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Deal with security and family, to get more out of life. Discussions could be hard with a roommate or someone who needs to be in control. Feelings might be overwhelming. Don't try to suppress them; it is important that someone knows. Tonight: Let the romantic in you out.***

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House is too small to hold both in-laws and criticism

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law, "Bert," and his wife of 10 years, "Mary," will be coming to town for a family reunion. My husband wants to invite them to stay with us. I'm reluctant to extend the invitation for a number of reasons. After the birth of our last child, we no longer have a spare room. The other reasons are emotional.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

When Bert and Mary moved across country nine years ago, they would return every year for a 10- to 14-day visit. They always stayed in our guest room. Their last visit was three years ago, while I was pregnant with our youngest.

Mary actually told me she thought I was too old to be having another child. During their visits, I had to endure much criticism of my child-rearing skills from Mary, who is childless. They'd invite their friends and family to our home for dinners and barbecues that my husband and I had to provide. When our baby arrived, there was no acknowledgment from them. My husband didn't even get a phone call from them acknowledging his 40th birthday. I send them cards for every holiday and flowers at Christmas. I also send them pictures of the kids, which they never mention when we call.

Bert is always mentioning all his stocks and bonds, so I know they can afford a motel room. However, my husband thinks the "right" thing to do would be to invite them to stay in our home. I would much prefer inviting them for dinners and spending some time with them, and avoiding the stress of their staying with us. What do you think, Abby? --FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I don't blame you for feeling frustrated. Mary appears to be one of those people who leave discord in their wake. However, since your husband would feel guilty if an invitation isn't extended to his father and Mary, invite them. In view of the fact that you no longer have a guest room to accommodate them, offer them a choice that includes reservations for them at a motel that's not too far away.

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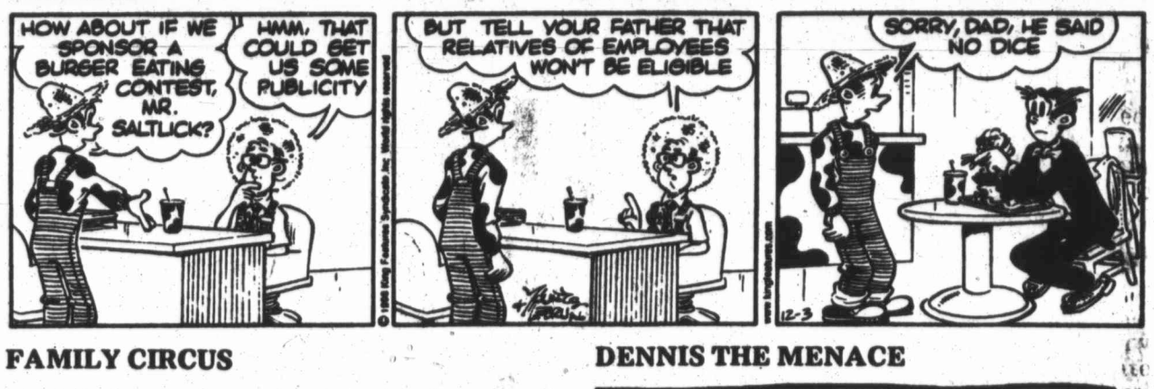
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11 :PM :30	Politically Inc. Hollywood	Cops (CC) Newsradio	Women of Country	AXN Life, Camera	Show (CC) Married... With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) (:32) Late	dome (:25) WCW	Al Ritmo de la Noche	Zorro (CC) Disney Album	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	Ladder (:35) Movie:	Red Shoe Red Shoe	Arliss (CC) Sex and-City	Jewish Voice Ask Joe Good	Biography "	Wild Discovery	Empty "	FOX Sports News	(CC) LPBT	(CC) "	Sparks (CC) 227 (CC)
12 :AM :30	(12:06) Ricki Lake	Judge-Brown Movie: Jungle	"	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	Roseanne Show	Night (CC) (:31) News	Thunder (CC) (:25) WCW	Gordo y Flaca El Blablazo	Charlie, The Lonesome	Prime Time Country (CC)	Sleeping Together	(12:15) Movie:	Mr. Show-Bob Movie: Strip	Faith Pleases God	Unexplained "	Into Unknown Strange-True	" Movie: The	Last Word Ultimate	Bowling: PWBA Tour	" Movie: Patton	Midnight Love "

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"Don't even THINK about callin' in all the king's horses and all the king's men for THIS one!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

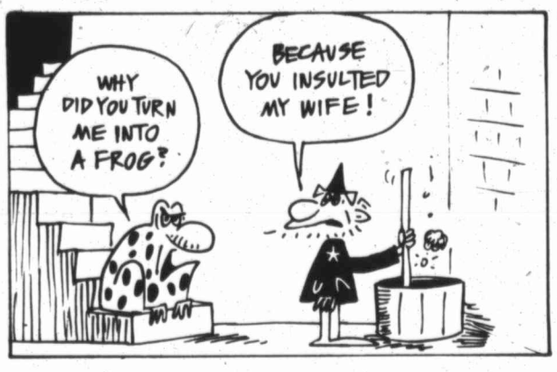


"CAN YA HURRY IT UP? IT'S JUST FIVE MINUTES TILL THE CARTOONS COME ON."

GEECH

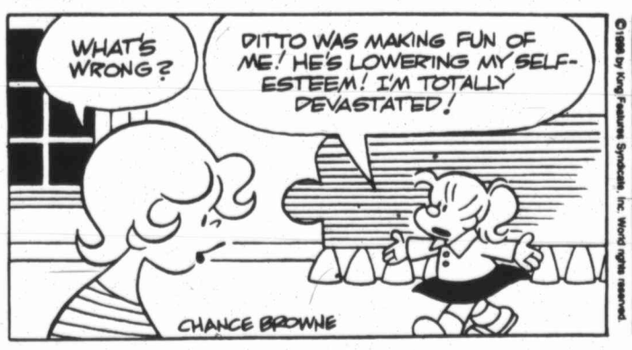


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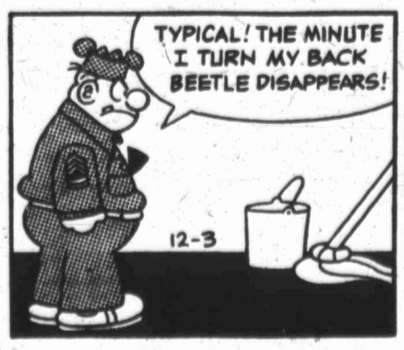


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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1998. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1948, the "Pumpkin Papers" came to light as the House Un-American Activities Committee announced that former Communist spy Whittaker Chambers had produced microfilm of secret documents hidden inside a pumpkin on his Maryland farm.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio, the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the United States, opened its doors.

In 1925, "Concerto in F," by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the administration building and staged a massive sit-in.

In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

In 1967, the Twentieth Century Limited, the famed luxury train, completed its final run from New York to Chicago.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1984, more than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

Ten years ago: In South Africa, 11 black funeral mourners were slain in Natal Province in an attack blamed on security forces. Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State University won the Heisman Trophy.

Five years ago: Britain's Princess Diana, saying she was fed up with media's intrusions, announced she would be limiting her public appearances.

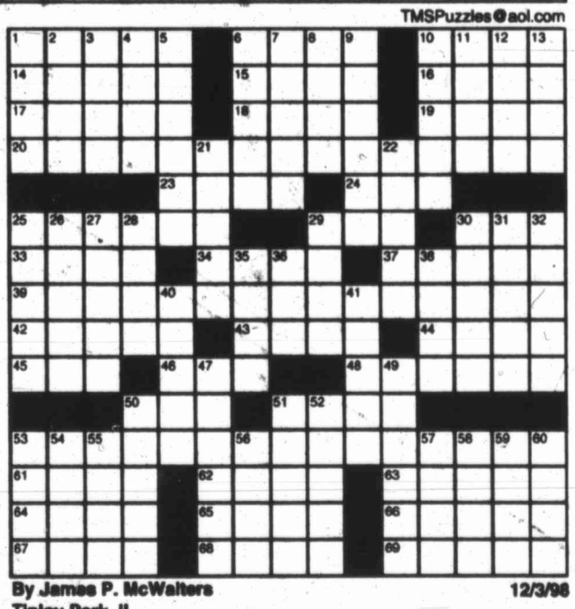
One year ago: President Clinton hosted his first town hall meeting on America's race relations in Akron, Ohio. South Korea struck a deal with the International Monetary Fund for a record $55 billion bailout of its foundering economy.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ferlin Husky is 73. Singer Andy Williams is 71. Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 68. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 67. Actress Mary Alice is 57. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 50. Actress Heather Menzies is 49. Actress Daryl Hannah is 38.

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ACROSS
1 Fragment
6 Boxing decisions, in brief
10 Whack
14 Doggie
15 Art school subj.
16 Central part of a church
17 San Antonio mission
18 Sheep shelter
19 Leave out
20 First line of a John Dryden quote
23 Part of MIT
24 Rapping Doctor
25 Rum drink
29 Greek letter
30 Spanish Mrs.
33 Otherwise
34 Chaplin's wife
37 "The Mystery of __ Drood"
39 Poem by John Dryden
42 Wrongful acts
43 List element
44 Take off
45 Sault __ Marie
46 Clan members
48 Fall bloomers
50 X on a sundial
51 Near or far follower
53 Last line of the Dryden quote
61 Press
62 Countertenor
63 Main artery
64 Deep, slimy soil
65 Per __ (for each day)
66 Kasha turnover
67 Vamoose!
68 Jug handles
69 Sits tight

DOWN
1 Straddle
2 Neighbor of N.Mex.
3 Horse shade
4 Pinnacle
5 Irrational fear
6 Diplomacies
7 "Dial M for Murder" dramatist Frederick
8 Solemn vow
9 Spirited horses
10 Sound asleep?
11 Himalayan monk
12 Tel __-Jaffa
13 Apportion (out)
21 Labor group
22 To the point
25 Ham and lamb
26 Assign
27 Val d'__, France
28 Written part
29 Cut corners
30 Marshy lowland
31 Stairway part
32 Chips in chips
35 Norse deity
36 Bottom-line figure
38 Quick and skillful
40 Interviewer
41 Seles shot
47 Enter by force
49 T-bone and sirloin
50 Fundamental principle
51 Class of compounds
52 Components of everything
53 Becomes faint
54 Clapton or Idle
55 Virginia rail
56 Director Kazan
57 Typeface
58 "O don fatale," e.g.
59 Teensy
60 Collegiate cheers

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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