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# Monday is the final day to file in March primaries

**By THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Monday is the last day for area political-hopefuls to file to run in the March primaries, which already promises to feature several contested races.

A five-candidate race is currently under way for county judge. Local accountant Mark Morgan will face off against incumbent candidate Ben Lockhart in the Republican primary. On the other side of the ticket, Democrats Woody Jumper, Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers and Mark Barr will vie for their party's nod for the November election.

In the race for County Commissioner Precinct 4 seat, incumbent Democratic candidate Gary Simer has yet to draw an opponent for the primary. At this time, Simer is set to challenge Republican Roy D. Beauchamp, who hasn't yet drawn a primary opponent either.

The race for County Commissioner Precinct 2 has drawn two candidates, incumbent Jerry Kilgore and challenger Kathy Lusk, both Republicans. The two will face off in the March primaries. As of yet, no Democrat has stepped forward to challenge the Republican Party in November.

Howard County Justice of the Peace (Precinct 1, Place 2) Kathryn Wiseman will have an opponent in the March primaries as local resident Laura Jeanne Wilson recently filed to run. Both are running on the Republican ticket. There is no Democratic challenger currently.

The race for the District 85 seat on the Texas House of Representatives has drawn two candidates so far, with Republican candidate Jim Landtroop of Plainview facing Crosby County Judge Joe Heflin,

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## *Who's filed?*

**District Judge**
R-Robert H. Moore III (i)
D-None

**District Clerk**
R-Colleen Barton (i)
D-None

**County Judge**
R- Ben Lockhart (i), Mark Morgan
D-Woody Jumper, Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers, Mark Barr

**County Clerk**
R-None
D-Donna Wright (i)

**County Treasurer**
R-Teresa Thomas (i)
D-None

**County Surveyor**
R-None
D-Michael McBrayer

**Commissioner Pct. 2**
R-Jerry Kilgore (i), Kathy Lusk
D-None

**Commissioner Pct. 4**
R-Roy D. Beauchamp
D-Gary Simer (i)

**Peace Justice, Pct. 1 Pl. 2**
R-Kathryn Wiseman (i), Laura Jeanne Wilson
D-None

**Peace Justice, Pct. 2**
R-Quail Dobbs (i)
D-None

**Texas House District 85**
R-Jim Landtroop, Plainview
D-Joe Heflin, Crosby

**U.S. House District 19**
R-Randy Neugebauer (i), Lubbock
D-Robert Ricketts, Lubbock

*R - Republican*
*D - Democrat*
*i - incumbent*

# Fires sweep across Texas

## *50 homes destroyed, one person dead*

**By SHEILA FLYNN**
Associated Press Writer

CROSS PLAINS (AP) — One person died and a least 50 homes and one church were destroyed by fast-moving grass fires that crews still monitored today for hot spots.

Kennedale Mayor Jim Norwood planned to survey the damage as officials hoped for more winter-like conditions following Tuesday's temperatures in the 80s and strong winds.

"The little cooler conditions will help, if the winds stay down," Norwood told KRLD Radio early today.

A church and at least 25 homes were destroyed and flames burned down power poles in Cross Plains, a town of about 1,000 residents 35 miles north of Brownwood and 44 miles southeast of Abilene.

"Houses are just burned down that nobody could ever get to," said rancher Dean Dillard, a former city councilman. "Instantly, there were 15 or 20 houses on fire at same time and no way to get around to all of them."

> ***"It looked like we had been bombed in a big war, the whole city was on fire everywhere."***
>
> —Dean Dillard, Cross Plains rancher

The blaze was one of the grass fires that burned across a drought-stricken, windy and unseasonably hot Texas on Tuesday, killing at least one person. Authorities believe they were mainly set by people ignoring fire bans and burning trash, shooting fireworks or tossing cigarettes on the crunchy, brown grass.

Texas Forest Service

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(Vernon Bryant/Dallas Morning News/KRT)

**Pilot Point firefighter Dustin Starks works on putting out a grass fire in Aubrey Tuesday.**

# Urban legend missives inundate computer inboxes

**By DAHLEEN GLANTON**
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — The urgent e-mails usually come with a warning: "Beware, this is a true story."

Then the story unfolds: A woman gets into her car in a parking lot, starts the engine and shifts into reverse. As she backs up, she notices a piece of paper, some sort of advertisement, stuck to the rear window and blocking her view. She shifts into park and gets out to remove the leaflet, leaving the engine running. As she walks to the rear of the car, carjackers appear. They jump into the car and speed away with her purse, keys and identification.

At the end of the message, Detective Bledsoe of the Florissant, Mo., sheriff's office and Lt. Tony Bartholome of the Missouri Highway Patrol confirm that the incident happened in St. Louis County and urge motorists to take precautions, particularly around the holidays. It also gives an address and a telephone number for more information. But as it turns out, it is entirely made up.

Urban legends — those weird stories that seem to take on lives of their own as they travel from person to person — have likely been around for centuries. But in the last decade, the Internet has added

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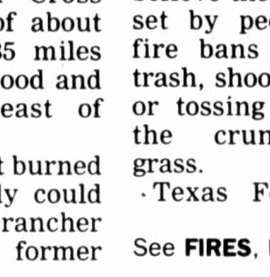


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**Deborah Williams reads through her spam-filled email at her home office in Atlanta, Ga. Williams, like many internet users, is inundated by unsolicited e-mails.**

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## Five urban legends proven to be falsehoods

Five of the most highly e-mailed urban legends. All have been proved false by Snopes.com.

CLAIM: Internet users can receive at least $10,000 for forwarding messages to test a Microsoft/AOL e-mail tracking system.

STATUS: This is a version of an Internet hoax that has been around since 1997. Periodically, the name of the companies or the amount of the reward changes.

CLAIM: A plea to help find 9-year-old Penny Brown who has been missing for two weeks.

STATUS: The e-mail, which includes a picture of a smiling little girl, has been circulated since 2001.

CLAIM: A woman was robbed at a Wal-Mart store in Garland, Texas, by a thief who injected her with an unknown substance that left her clinging to life.

STATUS: Police said no such attack occurred. According to news reports, the author of the e-mail said a friend told him the tale and he believed he was doing a good deed by spreading the story online.

CLAIM: A neighbor's German shepherd died after walking on a floor that had been cleaned with a Proctor & Gamble Swiffer WetJet mop.

STATUS: On the Swiffer WetJet Web site, the company explains that the mop contains no anti-freeze as reported in the e-mail and that the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, veterinarians and scientists confirm that it is safe for pets.

CLAIM: Photos showing what is said to be the interior of Tiger Woods' beachfront home.

STATUS: Tiger Woods does not own this property. The pictures are of a rental estate in Hawaii.

*Source: Snopes.com*

# Obituaries

## Dana Duncan



Dana Duncan, 47, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at his residence. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. A private service will be held at a later time.

He was born April 14, 1958, in Big Spring.

Dana served in the United States Air Force from 1976 to 1978. He moved back to Big Spring from Midland in 2005. He worked as a technician at TexaStone Company and loved his job as well as the association of the people there.

The true love of his life however, was his daughter Kaley. His passion was not to be just her father, but also her best friend.

He was a member of the Baptist church and served as a Mason.

Survivors include his daughter, Kaley Duncan of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Andy and Kathy Duncan of Hot Springs, Ark.; his mother and stepfather, Gloria and Bobby McDonald of Big Spring; and one stepbrother, Rob McDonald of Highland Village.

He was preceded in death by his father, Loyd Earl Duncan and his grandparents, Clifford (PeeWee) and Ellna Byrd.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Big Spring Living Tree Memorial at 310 Nolan, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

*Paid obituary*

## Bradley Hildebrand



Bradley Hildebrand, 46, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, in the Hospice House of Odessa. Memorial services are 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix officiating.

The family will receive friends today from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 22, 1959, in Big Spring and married Ruth Cochran Sept. 3, 1996, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and worked as a motor man in the oilfield most of his life. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Hildebrand of Big Spring; his mother, Lillian Hildebrand of Big Spring; three sons, Bradley Kyle Hildebrand Jr., Joshua James Hildebrand and Brandon Lee Hildebrand, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Heather Marie Hildebrand of Big Spring; three brothers, Tommy Hildebrand of Big Spring, David Hildebrand of Odessa and Tony Kennedy of Big Spring; two sisters, Anne Moody of Bryan and Madeline Began of Ohio; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joyce Hildebrand.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

## Richard Lipton

Richard Lipton, 76, of Midland died Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at the VA Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Richard Parnell



Richard Parnell, 35, of White Oak, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends following the service at 529 Scott.

He was born June 7, 1970, in Yucaipa, Calif., to Annetta Sue and Vernon Lee Parnell. He lived in Big Spring until 2004, then moved to White Oak. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in White Oak.

He is survived by his father, Vernon Lee Parnell of Big Spring; three sisters, Brenda Willadsen and her husband, Michael of Big Spring, Cindy Rawls and her husband, Randy of Branson, Mo., and Donna Penwright and her husband, Dennis of Longview; and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Annetta Sue Parnell, Aug. 11, 2005.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

## Anthony Hanson

Anthony Hanson, 57, passed away Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, 2005, at his home in Sparenberg. He is survived by his wife, Darla Jo Hanson and was the son of the late Lila Rose and Lee Hanson of Sparenberg.

A 1964 graduate of Flower Grove High School, he is survived by daughters Tonie Burkett of Lubbock and Brandi Hanson Parker of New Home and hunting buddy, son-in-law Brett Parker, as well as grandchildren Anthony Jay "A.J." Burkett, Brylee Jo Parker, Brooke Ashton Parker and Bryce Alan Parker.

Gentleman farmer, cattle rancher and all-around good ole boy, Anthony Hanson leaves many friends who remember him as a faithful friend and reliable confidant.

Endearing himself to all, he is remembered for his quick wit and love of a practical joke.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Lamesa Memorial Park.

A devoted father and doting grandfather, he taught his girls to be strong, independent women.

According to his nephew, Graig Madison, Anthony was his "best fishing buddy and everything else."

Visitation with the family is at Branon Funeral Home today from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Family and friends will gather at the Hanson home after the services to celebrate the life he lived.

Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

*Paid obituary*

## Neita Ruth Edge

Neita Ruth Edge, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial services and interment will be at a later date in Utah.

She was born May 29, 1919, in Pecos to Charles Murray Bell and Neita Beall Bell. She grew up in Pecos, but spent most of her life in Kerrville, moving to Big Spring 10 years ago.

She is survived by one daughter-in-law, Juanita Edge of Utah; and eight grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Charles Edge and one grandson, Charles Lee Edge.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

# Bulletin board

**If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com**

**TODAY**

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

**FRIDAY**

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**

• New Year's Eve

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**SUNDAY**

• New Year's Day

**MONDAY**

Subject to change for the holiday.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

# Weather

Tonight—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable wnds.

Thursday—Increasing clouds. Highs around 70. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows around 40. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

New years day—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-12-23-25-30.

Number matching five of five: 5.

Prize per winner: $5,925.

Winning tickets sold in: Mexia, Monahans, San Antonio, Texarkana and Victoria

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-1

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **IRMA CANO DAWSON,** 43, 2004 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MEHEATHER LANG,** 66, 1600 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of PI.

• **ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO,** no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **CORY BLAKE PAYNE,** 18, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of DWLI.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported on the 2000 block of Gregg.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the 1200 block of Johnson.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported on the 3900 block of Parkway.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 2600 block of Ann.

• **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 3400 block of Interstate 20 and the 1100 block of 12th.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of Third.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **LANCE ALAN LISTER,** 27, was transferred to county jail by BSPD after being arrested on charges of DWLI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON,** 20, began serving sentence for burglary of a habitation.

• **RUPERTO REFUJIO RAMOS JR.,** 34, began serving sentence for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

• **BENJAMIN LEE RODRIGUEZ,** 30, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

• **ROBBERY** was reported in the 5900 block of Walter Road.

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Brooks Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1300 block of Elm.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of North Gregg.

# Take note

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

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# Stanton woman killed in train-vehicle wreck

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — A train-vehicle accident here Christmas Eve left a Stanton woman dead.

Martha Elena Hernandez, 50, died from injuries sustained when her vehicle struck a train at the St. Boniface crossing early Dec. 24, Police Chief Michael Adams said.

Hernandez was northbound on St. Boniface when her 1997 Dodge pickup collided with a train at approximately 5:25 a.m., Chief Adams said.

Justice of the Peace Pam McAnally declared Hernandez dead at the scene.

"There was no indication that (Hernandez) was trying to beat the train to the intersection," Adams said. "It was just one of those things, especially considering the time of day, where she apparently just didn't see it."

The fatality was the first traffic death within the Stanton city limits in 2005, Adams noted.

## Two West Texas students accused in classmate's rape

MIDLAND (AP) — A high school football player and another teenager are accused of raping a 17-year-old girl, authorities said.

Trent Hines, a running back for Lee High School who previously committed to Texas A&M, and Paul Allen Peters face charges of sexual assault. Hines and Peters, both 17, were arrested last week and released after each posted a $25,000 bond.

Authorities say the teenage girl's parents reported their daughter had been assaulted at a Midland home on Dec. 15. The assault was alleged to have happened while the three Lee High School students were at Peters' home, said Hines' attorney, Brian Carney.

## Former top Enron accountant to plead guilty

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling will go to trial as a duo rather than a trio because their co-defendant, former chief accounting officer Richard Causey, has struck a plea bargain with federal prosecutors, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

Causey was expected to plead guilty Wednesday afternoon to one or more of the 34 criminal charges pending against him, this person told *The Associated Press* on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because of the private nature of the discussions.

Causey, 45, agreed to testify against his former bosses in exchange for a much lesser prison sentence than he would receive if convicted on all counts. The trial is scheduled to begin next month, but a delay may be requested to give defense attorneys more time to prepare for the government's newest witness.

Causey is charged with fraud, conspiracy, insider trading, lying to auditors and money laundering for allegedly knowing about or participating in a series of schemes to fool investors into believing Enron was financially healthy. The company imploded in late 2001 amid disclosures of complicated financing schemes that gave the appearance of success.

## Appeals court agrees to hear DeLay request, spokesman says

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's highest criminal court has agreed to hear Tom DeLay's latest request for a quick resolution to money laundering charges that forced him to give up his leadership post in the U.S. House, his spokesman said Tuesday.

The all-Republican Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that both sides have a week to submit arguments, DeLay spokesman Kevin Madden said in an e-mail. DeLay's attorneys asked the court either to dismiss money laundering charges or to order a lower court to try him immediately.

DeLay attorney Dick DeGuerin took the case to the criminal appeals court Friday, one day after the 3rd Court of Appeals denied his request that the case be sent back to the trial court or expedited through the appeals process.

DeGuerin and a spokesman for Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle did not return phone calls seeking comment Tuesday night.

DeLay, a Republican from Sugar Land, was forced to step aside as House majority leader after he was indicted on money laundering and conspiracy charges in September.

# FIRES

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spokeswoman Traci Weaver called the wildfires the state's worst since February 1996, when 141 structures and 16,000 acres were destroyed around Poolville, about 40 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Gov. Rick Perry deployed state firefighters, ordered use of Texas Army National Guard assets and requested assistance from the U.S. Forest Service. Firefighters from at least three other states were called in to help.

Perry issued a disaster declaration Tuesday after at least 73 fires were reported burning in the northern and central parts of the state.

One fire left an elderly woman dead, destroyed five homes and charred 5,000 acres Tuesday near Callisburg, a Cooke County community close to the Texas-Oklahoma border.

Firefighters weren't able to reach the woman, who had apparently fallen and broken her hip, Weaver said.

Children playing with fireworks days before the New Year apparently started fires Tuesday in Granbury and Kennedale, near Fort Worth.

"Normally it's not a big deal to play with fireworks in Texas in December, but it's so dry this year that it's extremely dangerous," Weaver said.

The Granbury fire spread to three neighborhoods, destroying at least 20 homes. A dozen firefighters were treated for smoke inhalation, Weaver said.

"We will begin our investigation, the fire department in unison with the police department. If we have a situation where we are able to prove that someone intentionally started this, we will probably prosecute them to the full extent of the law," Norwood said.

In Kennedale, residents used garden hoses and buckets of water to try and save their homes as stretched-thin firefighters tried to extinguish flames on other houses and buildings. Winds help spread the fire across about 100 acres. The blaze jumped U.S. Highway 287 and prompted authorities to temporarily shut it down and evacuate two apartment buildings as a precaution.

Three firefighters were hospitalized with smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion while assisting with the Kennedale fire, Arlington Battalion Chief David Stapp said.

"It looked like the world was on fire," Stapp said. "For the first 30 minutes or so, we were driving around trying to get a grip on what the most threatening areas were. There were flames 30 to 40 feet high, just a wall of flames."

North Texas was under a National Weather Service "red flag warning," issued because strong winds, low humidity and extremely dry conditions could cause blazes to spread rapidly. The wildfire threat level was expected to remain high through January.

Many of Texas' 254 counties are experiencing drought conditions after averaging just 21.5 inches of rain in the first 11 months of 2005, down from the norm of 26.

Dillard, the Cross Plains rancher, said he was able to soak the land around his 72-year-old mother's home and save it, but as many as 10 nearby homes were destroyed. He said his own home and those surrounding it on the south side of town were untouched by the fire.

Dillard, who sent his family out of town as the fire approached, said the scene is not something he will soon forget.

"It looked like we had been bombed in a big war, the whole city was on fire everywhere," he said.

# LEGENDS

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a new, more encompassing dimension to the spread of false rumors. Fictitious e-mails designed to warn, generate laughter, provide inspiration or sometimes solicit money from recipients pour into computer inboxes every day, tying up servers and slowing down employees who spend time reading, deleting or sending junk e-mail rather than working.

Despite software designed to filter unsolicited e-mail, most people have yet to figure out an effective way to rid their computers of spam — those annoying bulk e-mails from unknown senders offering great deals on everything from Rolex watches to Viagra. They can add to the dozens of e-mails from people they know who spend hours, often with good intentions, sending out poems, prayers, chain letters and stories of schemes and lurking dangers.

According to those who monitor such e-mails, traffic picks up around the holidays with people sending warnings, such as the Missouri carjacking alert. Another busy time is around political election season. The biggest jump, however, occurred after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Deborah Williams, 50, owner of Leadership Edge, a management consulting company based in Atlanta, said despite the spam filter on her computer, about 50 unsolicited e-mails get through each day. In addition, she receives 12 to 15 warning letters and what she calls "life and wisdom" e-mails that she considers worthless.

"I hate it," she said, adding that she spends 15 to 45 minutes a day sorting through unwanted e-mails. "It is wasted time and it's annoying. I can come back from an out of town trip and have 400 messages waiting, and only about 30 are relevant."

For more than two years, variations of the carjacking e-mail have made the rounds, landing a spot among the top 15 urban legends on the Internet, according to Snopes.com, a Web site dedicated to sorting out whether a story is true or false.

Warnings targeting women are at a high point this year, said Barbara Mikkelson, who with her husband, David, has investigated more than 300 e-mail urban legends a year since starting Snopes.com in 1995.

"These e-mails are reflections of what we feel is happening in society, our fears and anxieties. It's not that women are being abducted and raped more or that both sexes are becoming victims of violent crimes more, it is a way of expressing to our friends that here's the stuff we are worried about," Barbara Mikkelson said.

Bill Orvis, senior security specialist with the U.S. Department of Energy's Computer Incident Advisory Capability Team, which monitors Internet hoaxes, said most people make up the e-mails for fun.

"For some people it's just a prank. They want to know if they make up a cool story, how far it can go," said Orvis, who maintains hoaxbusters.ciac.org, an Energy Department Web site.

Police in Springfield, Ill., last summer were bombarded with calls after a false e-mail began circulating in state offices, hospitals and other public buildings. The e-mail — another national favorite — alleged that a woman was approached in a Wal-Mart parking and asked to sample some perfume. When she agreed, they sprayed her with ether, which caused her to pass out. They fled with her wallet. Police said the incident never happened.

The Florissant Police Department received so many inquiries about the alleged carjacking in its city that the chief issued a news release last summer dismissing the report.

"I want to put an end to this rumor. The City of Florissant has not had any incidents of this nature!" Police Chief William Karabas said in the news release.

Karabas said he has no idea how his department ended up in the e-mail. Experts, however, said that often an officer sometimes innocently forwards an e-mail to friends and the police department becomes attached to it as the official source. Karabas said the e-mail apparently started with a group of teachers and quickly spread among the more than 50,000 residents in the St. Louis suburb.

Orvis, who was hired by the Energy Department to monitor hackers and malicious code violators, said the department got into the hoax-busting business in 1995 after receiving calls about questionable e-mails that were circulating. Rather than answering all the calls, the agency established a Web site where he publishes the truth about investigated e-mails.

While most of the e-mails are harmless and well-intentioned, Orvis said, some have been circulated for political reasons or as marketing ploys. An e-mail, for example, was circulated among blacks last year warning that their voting rights would expire in 2007 if Congress did not renew the Voting Rights Act. Voting rights are granted for all Americans under the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, not the Voting Rights Act.

Businesses have had to engage in damage control to ward off false e-mails calling for boycotts against them, Orvis said.

In one case, Starbucks Coffee was falsely accused of refusing to send coffee to U.S. Marines in Iraq. It was falsely reported in e-mails that designer Tommy Hilfiger was kicked off Oprah Winfrey's show after saying his clothes were made for "upper-class white people." The e-mail was so widely circulated that Winfrey debunked the rumor on her Web site.

"Sometimes these are started by competitors, but often when we get to the backend of the investigation, it tends to be someone who genuinely misunderstood or misheard the story," said Barbara Mikkelson. "The real magic is how it is transmitted. In each story, there is something that someone can identify with and that prompts them to want to pass it along."

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Richard Parnell, 35, died Saturday. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends following the service at 529 Scott.

Neita Ruth Edge, 86, died Sunday. Memorial Services and interment will be at a later date in Utah.

Richard Lipton, 76, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# FILING

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who is running on the Democratic ticket.

Neither has drawn a challenger for the March primaries.

The District 85 seat is currently held by Pete Laney, who recently announced he would not seek re-election.

The District 19 seat on the U.S. House of Representatives has also drawn a challenge, as incumbent Republican candidate Randy Neugebauer has drawn opposition from Democratic candidate Robert Ricketts.

Neither candidate currently has a challenger for the March primaries.

Several local incumbent officials have filed for re-election and are currently unopposed, including District Clerk Colleen Barton; County Treasurer Teresa Thomas; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Quail Dobbs; County Clerk Donna Wright; and County Surveyor Michael McBrayer.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Don't take a chance; don't drive

Area law enforcement officers have a message for would-be partygoers as we close 2005 and welcome in 2006: Don't drink and drive. Anyone who has been drinking and takes the chance of getting behind the wheel runs a better than usual chance of getting stopped because extra law officers will be on the street.

That's true for both the city and state as both Big Spring Police Department and the Department of Public Safety are taking advantage of grant money to pay overtime for peace officers to be on patrol.

But we're not asking that you don't drink and drive so that you won't wind up in jail. No, there's a lot more to it than that.

We all enjoy celebrations and the end of a year has always been an acceptable cause to celebrate. But it's not reason enough to endanger lives, and that's the point. If your driving is impaired, the chances of your having an accident are greater — that's a fact. While you may be able to keep a vehicle "between the lines" so to speak, your ability to react to sudden changes is diminished. Your defensive driving skills aren't what they should be.

It's not worth it. It's not worth the embarrassment; it's not worth the fine and jail time; it's not worth a chance having it on your record; it's not worth the chance of endangering your life, the lives of those with you or the lives of other motorists or pedestrians.

If you are planning on drinking and being out, appoint a designated drive .

Make sure you are around to celebrate again next year.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

**by K. Rae Anderson**

*Staying focused on You, Lord, will define our success.*

*Amen*

# The mystery sound in my yard

It was early in the morning and I was in the studio contemplating the day ahead. From the side yard came what sounded like a bird. Curious, I went outside and looked in the trees. No bird. I went back into the studio and started producing some radio commercials. I still heard the bird.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Hours later, the same sound was coming from the side yard. I walked into my neighbor's backyard to get a better look at the trees and bushes and walls of ivy that cascade down a wall in our yard. Still no bird.

A friend came over. I asked him if he could hear the sound. We walked to the side yard and listened. We couldn't detect the source of the sound. He was the talent on a commercial I was producing and I was afraid the rising volume of the sound might interfere with the recording. After the session, we again went outside and looked and listened. No idea where it was coming from.

Back in the studio, it was difficult to work because that darned sound was repeated over and over and was beginning to grate on my nerves. I listened to it closely in the studio and began to think it might not be a bird. Maybe it was a cat in trouble. I got up and went over to my neighbor's house. He was sitting in a chair in his back yard.

"Do you hear that?" I asked. He said he hadn't noticed it. I told him to come over to the corner of his yard closest to my house. When he got there, he said he heard it. He said it sounded like a bird. Or a cat.

I began shaking the ivy, hoping to dislodge whatever it was that was making the sound. I heard it real good. I would move to the left and the sound was softer. I move to the right, same thing. I must be right at it. But I still couldn't see anything. I went back to my yard and climbed on the first level of the wall that held the ivy. There, on the second level, was a little baby kitten. Meowing to beat the band.

I held the little thing in my hands. "You must really be tired," I told it, "after being stuck there all day and wearing out your vocal chords."

I took the bird to my other neighbor's house because they have lots of cats and love them. The man of the house, when he saw me with a kitten in my hands, came to the door saying no, no, no.

"No more," he said. "We have all the cats we can take care of."

His housekeeper was there and she took the poor little critter from my hands. She fed it and covered it up, comforted it.

She said she would ordinarily take it, but she had four cats already and her husband said no more. We called animal control, but they were not available. She said she would take it home, put it in her garage and keep it overnight. On her way home, she stopped at a grocery store. As she was leaving, she saw a woman who looked like a cat lover. On impulse, she went up the woman, introduced herself and told her she had a cat that needed a home. That lady took the cat.

## YOUR VIEWS

### Happy holidays

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm just writing you because I was hoping to get this published in the paper. My Mother Leah Johnson and father Arvel W. Stansel, along with many family memebers and friends, live there in Big Spring, (where I grew up).

I'm serving in the United States Marines (13 years now) and I'm currently in Iraq. I just wanted to wish everyone there a happy holiday season and let everyone know that I'm thinking of them and miss them very much. I love you all!

THE GUNNY
GUNNERY SGT. K.G. STANSEL
MURRIETA, CALIF.

### Glaring omission

TO THE EDITOR:

With dismay I noted on the front page of the *Big Spring Herald* of Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, the article "Mexicans react with rage to wall plan" by Mark Stevenson, Associated Press writer, apparently in Mexico City.

The first paragraph made the glaring omission of not differentiating "immigration" or "migration" from illegal immigration and migration.

Perhaps President Vicente Fox of Mexico would not be so upset if he were able to read truthful, factual reporting rather than the impression this article gives. It seems Mexico does not need to waste their money on "an American Public Relations firm."

AUDREY ABEL
BIG SPRING

# For a more secure Iraq, wall off Syria

President Bush's "National Strategy for Victory in Iraq" focuses on the need to stop foreign fighters from coming into Iraq through neighboring countries, especially Syria. However, U.S. policies have not halted the flow of insurgents, weapons and money. Unless the United States and its Iraqi allies can seal the border with Syria, enduring peace will not come to Iraq.

The porous border is troublesome because many of the suicide bombers who have taken such a toll in American and Iraqi blood are foreigners — from Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East and Europe. Those infiltrators who do not kill themselves in terrorist attacks are often skilled in military tactics or bomb making. Such insurgents act as "force multipliers" — meaning a few can cause much damage.

This means that even "winning the hearts and minds" of Iraqis will not end the campaign of suicide terror and assassinations carried out by foreign fanatics. Such violence fuels dangerous sectarian tensions between Iraq's ethnic communities and provides foreigners with combat experience that makes them even more dangerous.

The 375-mile Iraqi-Syrian border mixes flat deserts with river valleys, and it is riddled with smuggling routes and cross-border tribal connections that foreign insurgents can use to slip into the country.

The United States has tried two policies to deal with this problem. First, it has pressured the Syrian government to crack down on its side of the border. However, Syria has shown few signs that it is intimidated by the United States, largely because the U.S. military would be stretched to, or beyond, its limits by an invasion.

The second policy has been a series of military campaigns to clear out insurgents from towns near the border. While these operations can temporarily tamp down insurgent activity, they are unlikely to keep the peace as long as willing jihadists are still able to move in and out of the country. Playing hide-and-seek with insurgents in western Iraq is a costly and reactive endeavor that cannot permanently stem the tide of infiltrators.



PAUL STANILAND

Instead of relying on either Syrian cooperation or sporadic offensives in Al Anbar province, American and Iraqi forces need to establish real control along the border. This solution seems obvious, but it is often overlooked in favor of more dramatic policies, such as military invasions and coercive diplomacy. However, France, India, Israel, Morocco and Turkey have all successfully used border defenses to neutralize transnational insurgents.

France's effort in Algeria is the most remarkable example of success. French forces built a fence along the Algerian border with Tunisia in 1957, dramatically reducing infiltration of Algerian rebel forces.

The Indians are pursuing this policy in Kashmir, the Israelis rely heavily on barriers along their borders to stop terrorists, and Morocco blocks Polisario guerrillas in Western Sahara with a 1,600-mile wall. Turkey has used similar strategies on its borders with Syria and Iraq while fighting the Kurdish PKK. Kuwait is now building a fence along its border with Iraq to block violent spillover from the insurgency.

The Iraqi border with Syria is a good candidate for a barrier. The terrain allows for easier patrol and surveillance than in Kashmir, and, unlike Israel, the border is internationally recognized as legitimate.

Sealing the entire border with a wall patrolled by troops would be ideal, but even just fencing off the most commonly used areas of infiltration, including along the Tigris-Euphrates river basin, would help.

Iraqi troops could perform basic tasks such as patrolling and maintenance, while the American military handled high-tech surveillance and pursued infiltrators. Well-guarded border crossings would allow international commerce to continue while also providing an opportunity to keep track of who is entering and exiting the country.

Sealing the Iraqi border would certainly be costly. But the expense in blood and treasure is negligible compared to the alternatives.

Control of the border is the best way to blunt the influx of radical jihadists battling American forces, while also stemming the dangerous outflow of insurgents into the rest of the Middle East. Stability and peace in Iraq and the region can only be achieved if the country is isolated from the broader currents of violent Islamist extremism that are flowing across its borders.

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# Science tries to find secrets of teen brains

By TINA HESMAN AND MATTHEW FRANCK
(KRT)

New brain research is shattering assumptions held for generations about the adolescent mind, fueling a battle over teen mental health, the rights of parents and the effectiveness of treatment.

The findings are forcing scientists to redraw the line between normal teen behavior and severe mental illness, while questioning how the brain truly develops.

The picture that's emerging is a teen brain not merely awash in a brief tide of hormones but also in the middle of a tumultuous overhaul.

Those transitions, scientists now believe, are so significant that they may unlock the mysteries of mental illness, explaining why some teens take their own lives, why others harm their classmates and loved ones, or why some emerge later in life with crippling mental disorders.

The research — much of it published a year ago — already looks forward to a day when teens could be tested for suicidal depression as easily as they are for diabetes.

But already there are signs that society, and parents in particular, would reject such a tool.

Efforts to offer even the most basic mental health questionnaire to high school students have been met with fierce resistance nationwide. Critics have attacked state and federal calls for increased screening.

Those actions are fed by a belief that millions of children have wrongly been medicated to control their behavior. Many parents question the validity of a mental health diagnosis, fearing that their children have been or will be falsely tagged with a stigma they'll never outgrow. At the center of the controversy is the teen brain, its confounding architecture and the profound question of what's typical in a teen and what's not.

"Behavior that's normal in a 13-year-old, most of us would call pathological in a 30-year-old," said Joseph Parks, medical director for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. "But where do you make the cutoff?"

Under the old thinking, the adolescent brain was fully formed, needing only to be filled with facts, figures and experiences to become an adult mind.

At the same time, many people rejected the idea that young people were even capable of developing mental illnesses.

"You couldn't even get the diagnosis until about the mid-(19)80s," said Dr. Kelly N. Botteron, an assistant professor of child psychiatry at Washington University. "Earlier child psychiatrists thought kids were not even cognitively capable of getting depressed."

The new research shows a teenage brain as an organ in transition with a volatile and vulnerable composition. "It's not entirely clear that the brain is ever finished developing," said Dr. John Csernansky, director of the Conte Center for the Neuroscience of Mental Disorders at Washington University.

The evolving teenage brain clearly isn't adult-like until the early 20s. So the old stereotypes of teens may have some merit.

If teens act "young and stupid," it may be because brain areas that dampen impulsivity and govern rational thought are among the last to mature.

All that is fine when the brain develops normally.

But what's shaking up those involved with mental health is what happens when the teen brain fails to successfully reinvent itself as an adult brain. Researchers increasingly believe if that process misfires, teens are vulnerable to developing mental illness.

In fact, many now believe that several severe mental illnesses have roots in the developing teen brain. That's true, they say, even if symptoms aren't seen until years or decades later.

What concerns many is the possibility that early warning signs might be disregarded, as parents, educators and others ignore what looks to them like typical teen behavior.

Early identification matters because treating the disorders early could head off the worst manifestations of the diseases, giving young adults a better chance at a productive life.

"If an adult gets depressed and loses a year of function, they can generally get back close to where they were, but if a kid loses a year, it's really hard to catch up again in terms of development," Botteron said.

The implications of the research are vital in an age when society is increasingly aware of the consequences of abnormal and violent teen behavior.

While no one can say for certain whether school shootings like the one at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999 are the result of mental illness, few question that early detection would reduce violent acts by teens.

Sometimes mental illness is to blame when children disrupt class or get into fights at school. Some may turn to drug and alcohol use to help ease the pain, leading to run-ins with the law.

Perhaps the chief hope of the new research is that it could someday mean the difference between life and death for teenagers suffering from bipolar disorder (often called manic depression), schizophrenia and major depression.

Each of those disorders can lead to suicide, which for years has ranked as the second- or third-leading cause of death for teens.

Leading the fight against teen mental health screening is a coalition of critics that has made allies of Scientologists like Tom Cruise and conservative activists like Phyllis Schlafly.

Much of their opposition is based on religious grounds. Some question whether mental illness even exists. Others parents fear that a child they view as normal will be incorrectly labeled as mentally ill.

But perhaps a greater share of the resistance roots from a skepticism over whether mental illness in youth can even be accurately diagnosed, much less treated. Those doubts increase as more children are medicated for behavior problems.

Mental health professionals say there's some validity to the criticism. They point to a system that tolerates hasty diagnoses, often by physicians with no mental health expertise.

In short, they admit that at the very least, the field of adolescent mental health suffers from a crisis of credibility — one that scientific research may be unable to address.

Much of the skepticism of mental illness and its diagnosis is grounded in the fact that doctors have no blood tests, brain scans or chemical analysis from which to base their conclusion.

"You can't examine somebody's thoughts like you can X-ray their insides," said Dr. Anne Glowinsky, a psychiatrist at Washington University. "When somebody comes to the ER and says 'I'm suicidal,' we don't have a test (to confirm) that."

No such tools exist because the brain hasn't given up its secrets easily.

Most of what scientists know about how mental illness affects the brain comes from examinations of dead people. Until recently, scientists couldn't peer into living brains to look for changes associated with normal development or the ravages of disease. That is beginning to change, as researchers develop ever-more sensitive brain scanners.

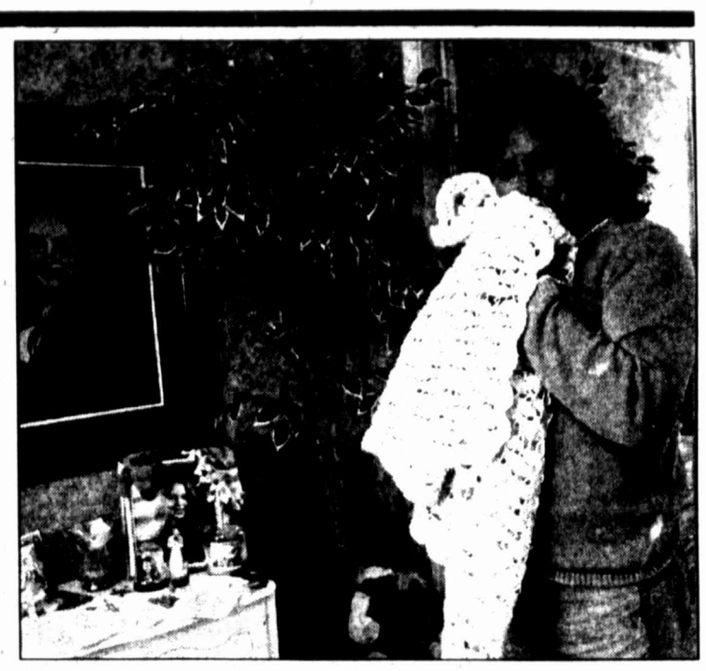
In the past several years research groups have published composite pictures of healthy brains and those affected by mental illness. The differences between the healthy group and people with depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder appear striking, but don't distinguish between causes of psychiatric disorders and the consequences of having a mental illness.

And the composite pictures are somewhat misleading. They present the most clear-cut findings from studies of dozens to hundreds of brains. But a snapshot of an individual brain may fall somewhere between "normal" and mentally ill. Consequently, scientists still can't scan an individual and say with certainty that the person does or does not have a mental illness based upon the structure or function of the brain.

But new efforts to define normal, healthy development and to track brain changes associated with mental illness may lead to predictive tests that could show which children are at risk of getting a psychiatric disease.

Parents are already familiar with growth curves that rate their children's weight, height and head size. The new

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Robin Harris of Ballwin, Mo., holds her daughter's blanket Oct. 25, 2005, as she talks about Kaitlin, 15, who suffered from depression and fell victim to the illness, hanging herself in her bedroom after a rough day at Parkway South High School in St. Louis County, Mo.

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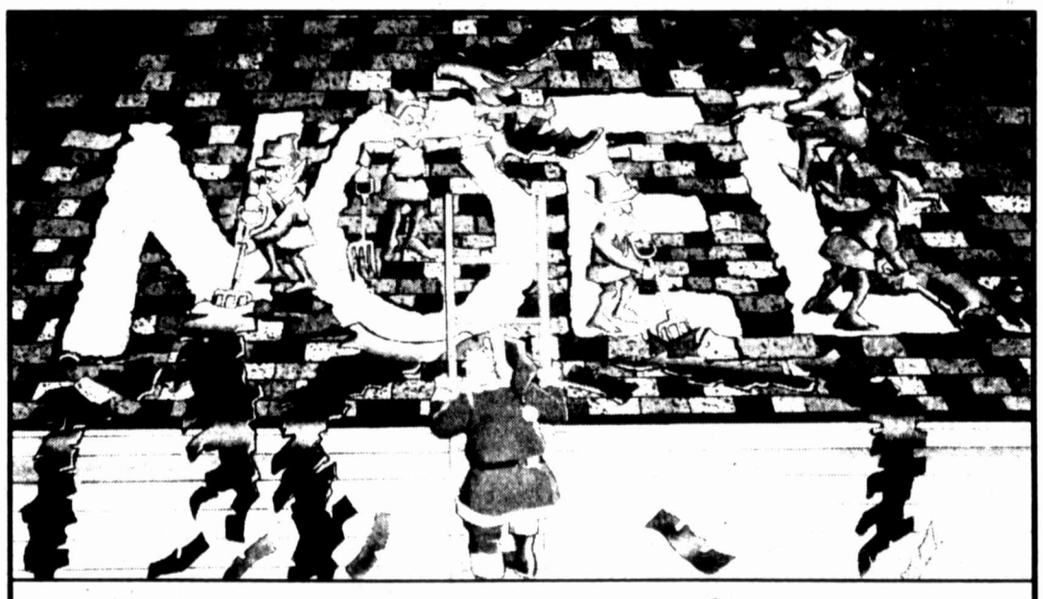
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The lure of ice fishing

Each winter, 2.6 million people from Maine to Alaska bundle up and head to frozen lakes and rivers to go ice fishing. These diehard anglers say they're just communing with nature. Plus, Herb Jeffries and seafood casserole.

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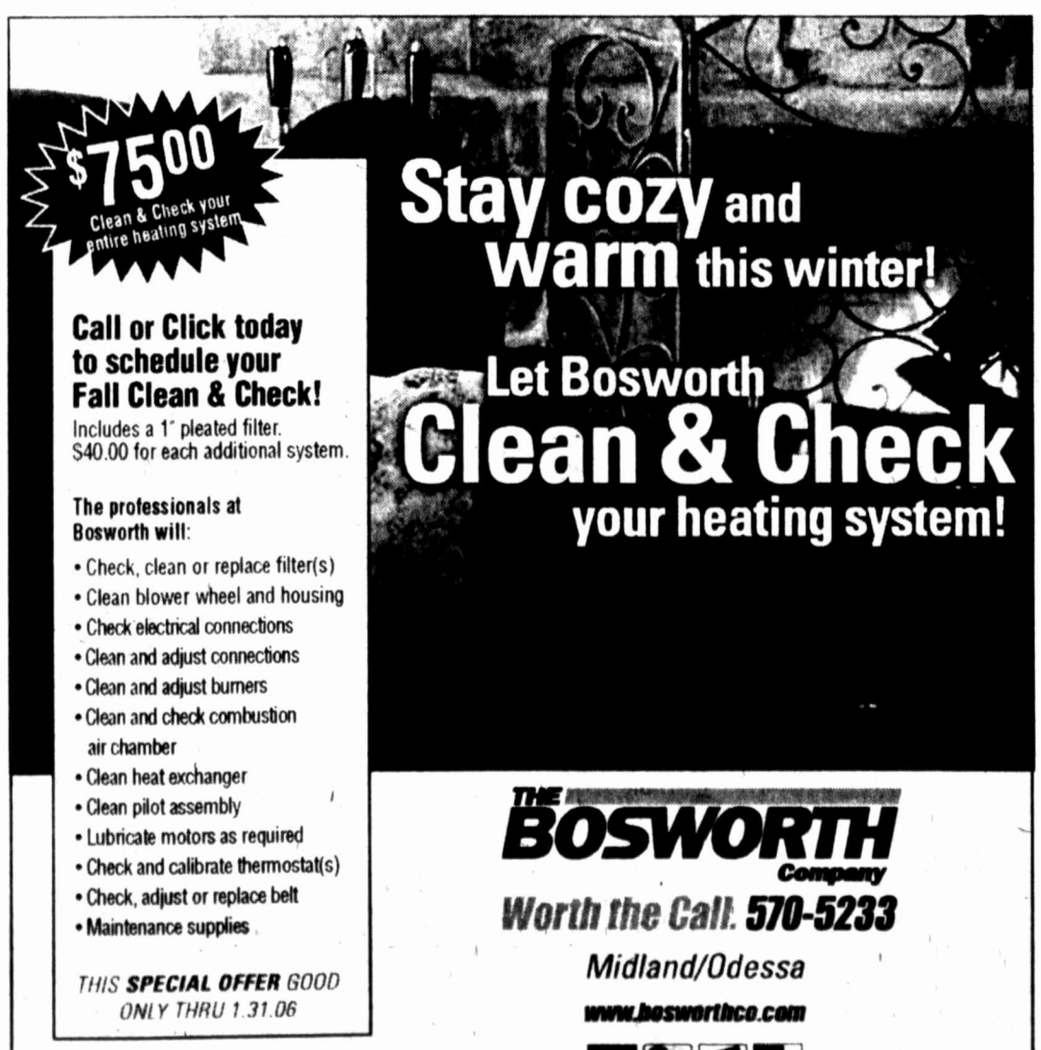
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*There's hope after all*

# Caring customer service worker helps save little girl's Christmas

So maybe there's hope, after all.

Wait a minute, I'm telling the story totally out of whack here.

Let's back up.



THOMAS JENKINS

Cue up the sound effects for the flashback!

There I am, sitting at my computer desk at home, looking over my daughter's Christmas list.

As we in Big Spring all know, there's only one place to buy toys in the city, and if they don't have it you'll just have to drive to Midland or San Angelo and pray to God some business there has it.

Looking through my checkbook, I find my last gasoline bill and try to stifle the same heart attack I nearly had when my beloved South Carolina Gamecocks beat the Florida Gators.

Driving to Midland or San Angelo is out of the question at this point, as you can probably imagine.

So, in what might have been my last breath of faith in the Christmas season, I call the only place in town that has any sort of commercial selection in toys. Maybe, just maybe, they will have everything on the list in stock.

See that look on my face? That's me on hold. And... that's me on hold again. That's me talking to someone in the meat department because apparently the phone system is too complicated for someone to fully grasp. That's me on hold again. That's me about to throw my $100 cell phone out a window.

And so, without the answers I sought, I hang up my cell phone (I simply can't wait to see how many minutes I used). Time to just do what I should have done in the first place — just go and look for myself.

Among the list of six Christmas requests, earned throughout the year by puppy dog glances and the cutest things you've ever heard a six-year-old say, I find a grand total of one item, and it's the wrong color (of course).

So it's off to Midland, right?

No way, man! I'm a self-proclaimed Internet guru (insert sarcasm here).

I can most certainly find the things I'm looking for online and have them shipped to me cheaper than I can pay for the gas needed for a roadtrip.

And so I turned to toysrus.com for the answer. And not to knock any of the retailers in our region, I was able to purchase everything on her list for considerably less than if I had walked into a store.

Credit card in hand, I finalize my purchase and Christmas is on its way!

Or so I thought.

I received an e-mail the next day telling me my purchases have been accepted and are being shipped, with an expected delivery date of Dec. 20. Wow! That's a pretty lengthy shipping period, but it'll be OK. Most of the things I order online come earlier than expected anyway.

Not this time.

Using the tracking info provided on toysrus.com and cross referencing the UPS tracking number with the global shippers Web site, the package arrives at their Midland office at 3 a.m. on Dec. 20. A little late, but not too scary, right?

The package is listed as "out for delivery" that same day, so kind of like a kid at Christmas I'm checking my doorstep every five minutes that evening. Nothing.

So I check the Web site again, and what do I find? Toysrus.com says the package was "mis-sorted by carrier," and the UPS Web site says "the package was left in a UPS facility causing this delay; forwarded to the facility in the destination city."

What the hell does that mean? Where's my package if it's not already in the destination city? Where's it being forwarded to?

Needless to say, I was furious, and the subsequent phone call to UPS certainly didn't help things.

If you call information and ask for the UPS office in Midland's phone number you get an 800 number that goes only God knows where.

Of course, no human answers, just a bland sounding woman trying to give me directions to everywhere I don't want to go.

Why don't they have an option that says, "If you're already furious and would like to yell at a live person, please push zero and an agent will be on the line shortly." Is that too much to ask?

After navigating through a minefield of useless information, I gave up. It'll come tomorrow. Yeah, right.

Fast forward our flashback to the next evening, about midnight. I had just arrived home from my band's Thursday night practice, and I'm exhausted, physically and mentally. All I want to do is crawl in bed and die for about six hours.

The package didn't come.

My exhaustion gives way to anger. That bright red anger normally reserved for people that cut me off in traffic and guitar strings that break in the middle of a show. Now that's anger.

Now unable to sleep — my little girl's holiday happiness is at stake here — I wait until the morning to try to locate my gifts in the hopes I won't have to drive to Oklahoma to get them in time for Christmas Eve.

Believe it or not, if you sit down and write out a map of the selections on the UPS 800 number and apply some good old fashioned guess work, you can actually get a live person (although they may very well be in Canada or some other obscure location).

By this time, however, my anger has turned to hopelessness, and sounding more like a beaten and broken man, I inquire about my package.

Of course, the lady on the line has no idea what's happened, and apparently her computer her can't tell her anything more than mine already has.

She promises to have someone from the Midland office call me in less than an hour.

Yeah, sure thing. Do I look new?

With no other recourse, I thank the lady, who is no more responsible for my daughter's gifts being late than I am. I'm defeated.

OK, this is the part of the story where all hardened cynics should stop reading and move on to the next story, because it's going to sound unlikely — maybe even impossible.

Less than an hour later, I get a call from the UPS Midland office.

The woman's name is Sherry, and she does what very few service-oriented businesses seem to do today.

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She's gone out to the loading dock and personally made sure the package was put on the truck (leading me to believe the culprit was some dude in brown who needs to get his act together).

Sherry at UPS saved Christmas.

Like I said, maybe there's hope after all.

I wonder if Sherry's last name is Claus?

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## Teen

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studies may lead to a similar growth curve for brain development, Botteron said.

But a brain scan for mental health as reliable as a mammogram or colonoscopy is probably decades away, scientists say. For now, psychiatrists and psychologists must still rely on interviews and observations of children's behavior to diagnose mental illness.

As scientists seek a breakthrough, critics of mental health treatment are poised to trounce on programs that seek to identify mentally ill youth.

In recent months, much of that resistance has been directed at a questionnaire used by hundreds of high schools nationwide to identify teens who may need help.

The program, called TeenScreen, was developed by Columbia University, which structured the screening tool based on the latest brain research. The program's developers say it has already shown success in identifying troubled teens who might otherwise slip through the cracks.

Last year, more than 50,000 students were screened nationwide, and dozens of schools were on waiting lists to participate. But the program has been assailed in many communities. Some school boards have rejected the program after parents complained that it might falsely label their child.

Two parents in Indiana have sued TeenScreen, claiming they did not consent to their daughter being screened.


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# AP: White Sox' title run top sports story of 2005

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

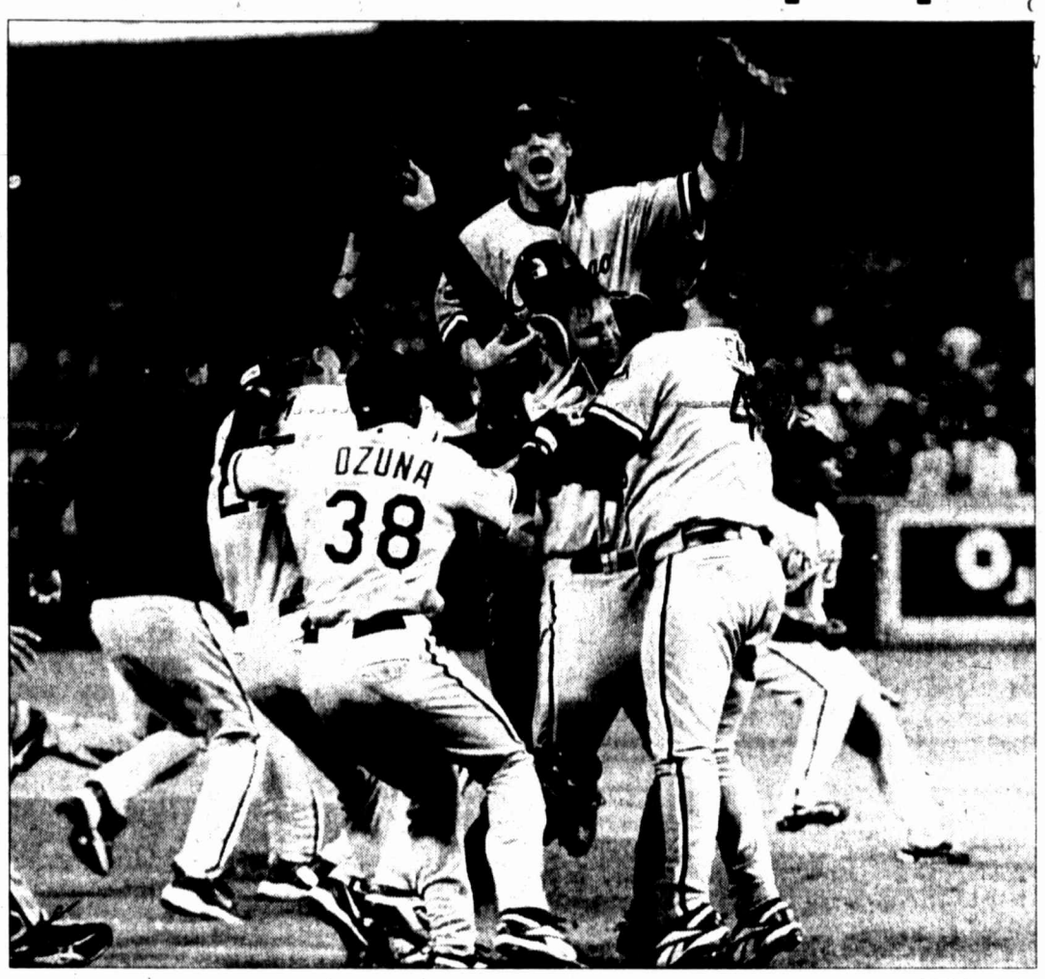
NEW YORK — When the White Sox won the World Series for the first time in nearly nine decades, it took awhile for Jerry Reinsdorf to realize what the title meant to many in Chicago.

"It started with a friend of mine sending an e-mail saying he had gone to the cemetery to tell his parents the White Sox had won the World Series," the White Sox owner said, "and when he got there, two-thirds of the graves were decorated with White Sox memorabilia. And then I found out that this was not just at that cemetery, this was going on all around the area.'

Chicago's remarkable run to its first World Series title since 1917 was voted sports story of the year in balloting by newspaper and broadcast members of The Associated Press.

"There's hardly anybody still alive from 1917, and those few who are really don't much remember that," Reinsdorf said. "So this is the first time this has happened in almost everybody's lifetime. And the impact has just been incredible. Baseball makes people think about their ancestors, their parents and their grandparents."

Chicago's victory received 552 points in the voting. Hurricane Katrina displacing the NFL's New Orleans Saints, the NBA's Hornets and college teams was second with 465 points, followed by Lance Armstrong's record seventh straight Tour de France title (455), the furor over steroids in baseball (448), the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory (259), Southern California's attempt to win its third straight college football title (243) and Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro getting his 3,000th hit and then getting suspended for steroids.



KRT file photo

The Chicago White Sox celebrate winning the 2005 World Series championship, defeating the Houston Astros, 1-0, in Game 4 at Minute Maid Park in Houston Oct. 26.

Chicago went an AL-best 99-63 during the regular season, holding on to win the AL Central after a September slump nearly dropped the White Sox into second place behind Cleveland. Chicago then went 11-1 during the postseason, matching the 1999 New York Yankees for the best mark since the postseason expanded to three rounds in 1995.

"This was truly a team triumph," Reinsdorf said. "We didn't have a single .300 hitter. We only had one man who drove in 100 runs and it was just 100 runs. We didn't have a 20-game winner. Everybody contributed to it. It certainly was a tribute to our scouts, too. Think about how they jumped on Bobby Jenks."

Jenks was claimed on waivers from the Angels in December 2004, and the portly 270-pounder with the 100-mph fastball became Chicago's closer in the second half of the season.

Paul Konerko led the White Sox with 100 RBIs. While he became a free agent after the World Series, he re-signed with Chicago, which appeared to get even stronger this offseason by adding pitcher Javier Vazquez and designated hitter Jim Thome.

"Konerko didn't come up through our organization, it was a trade with Cincinnati after the Dodgers and the Reds had given up on him," Reinsdorf said. "But our scouts saw something in him. You can go around the whole lineup, if you will, and the scouts had so much to do with it."

Reinsdorf's Chicago Bulls won six NBA titles from 1991-98. This championship meant far more, he said last week from the Phoenix area, where he spends much of the offseason.

"Basketball is a great sport. Baseball is a religion, and I truly believe that," Reinsdorf said. "Ask 10 people what was the first basketball game they went to and whom did they go with, then ask them what was the first baseball game and whom they went with, and

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## 2005
## *The Year in Review*

**The top sports stories of the year, as selected by the Associated Press:**

1. Chicago White Sox win World Series for first tme since 1917.
2. New Orlean teams displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
3. Lance Armstrong wins Tour de France for seventh straight time.
4. The furor over steroids.
5. New England wins Super Bowl.
6. Southern California attempts to win its third straight college football title.
7. Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro gets his 3,000th hit and then is suspended for steroids.

# Parcells can't think about leaving now

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Bill Parcells insists he isn't privately contemplating retirement.

Let's hope he's telling the truth and that he will at least finish his contract with the Dallas Cowboys — and maybe even coach beyond next season.

The Big Tuna owes it to the Cowboys to stick around. He owes it to owner Jerry Jones. Most importantly, he owes it to himself to see through what he's started in what almost certainly will be his last coaching stop.

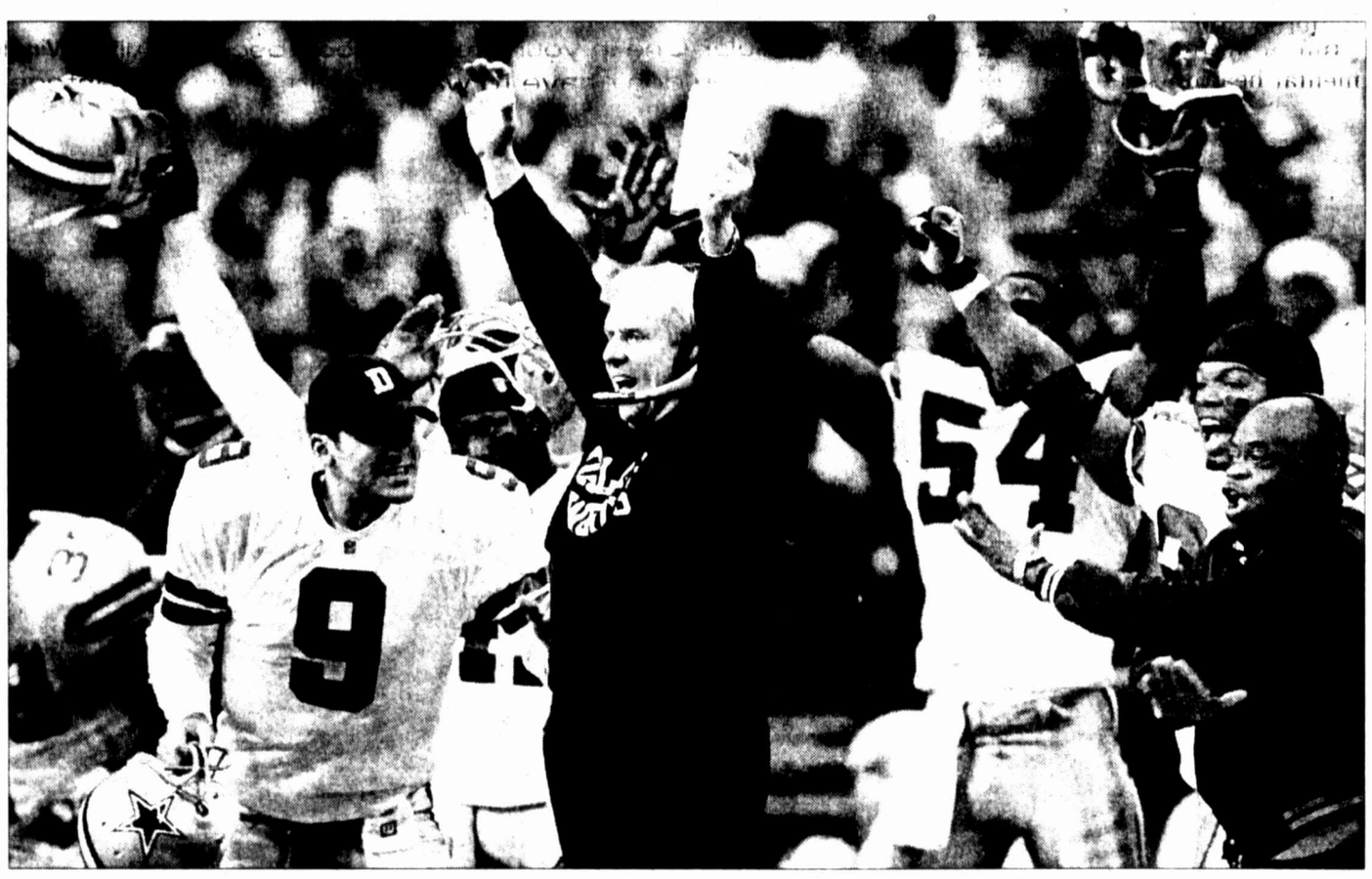
While Parcells is nearing the end of his third season and already guaranteed his second winning record in Dallas, he is realistically just getting to do things his way. Only now are we seeing a team put together in Parcells' image.

It's a team that Parcells likes and has never lost faith in, even when the Cowboys lost three of four games.

Drew Bledsoe, a veteran quarterback Parcells trusts and whom he drafted No. 1 overall in 1993, directs a ball-control offense that leads the NFL in time of possession. Running back Julius Jones appears healthy again. There are two big quality tight ends — a position beloved by the coach — along with Terry Glenn and Keyshawn Johnson, receivers with him in the past.

For the first time in team history, Dallas this

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KRT file photo

Dallas Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells celebrates along with his players, including back up quarterback Tony Romo (9), after the Kansas City Chiefs missed a game tying field goal attempt in the final seconds of the game. The Cowboys defeated the Chiefs, 31-28, at Texas Stadium in Irving Dec. 11.

# 'Bama's line tries to fix problems

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

Alabama center Taylor Britt is hoping everyone's talking about Brodie Croyle and Kenneth Darby after the Cotton Bowl — not the offensive line.

If that happens, he figures, it means the 13th-ranked Crimson Tide's linemen have done their job against No. 18 Texas Tech in Monday's Cotton Bowl. Britt & Co. got way more attention than they'd like after the season finale against Auburn.

Croyle was sacked 11 times and Darby didn't have many holes to run through, gaining a modest 89 yards.

"You want to hear about Brodie and KD," Britt said. "You don't want to see your name in the newspaper if you're an offensive lineman. As an offensive lineman, seeing their names in there, you know you've been doing something good."

The Iron Bowl performance was the bottom for an offense that was already struggling, especially for the line. The Tide (9-2) starts two freshmen and a sophomore on the line and had Britt, a senior, starting his first career game in place of an injured JB Closner.

Croyle took a beating throughout the game with Auburn and seldom had time to throw, passing for a season-low 107 yards. He thinks that ugly performance gave his blockers a little extra motivation.

"They kind of took offense to it," Croyle said. "They kind of want to come out and prove that they are a good offensive line, they just had a bad day.

"It's just some young guys still trying to gel. They're still in their learning curve."

Offensive coordinator Dave Rader said "no group's worked harder" on Alabama's team leading up to the Cotton Bowl than the offensive line.

"You don't want them to play hesitantly or with no confidence, because they did a lot of good things," Rader said. "Just get back up on our feet and let's be the aggressor. I think they're very capable of doing it."

## College Football Bowl Schedule

**2005-06 Bowl Schedule**
**Bowl Championship Series**

**Fiesta Bowl**
Notre Dame vs. Ohio State
Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m.
ABC

**Sugar Bowl**
Georgia vs. West Virginia
Atlanta, Jan. 2, 7:30 p.m. ABC

**Orange Bowl**
Florida State vs. Penn State
Miami, Jan. 3, 7 p.m., ABC

**Rose Bowl**
USC vs. **Texas**
Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 4, 7 p.m.
ABC

**Non-BCS Schedule**

**New Orleans Bowl**
Southern Mississipni 31, Arkansas State 19
**GMAC Bowl**
Toledo 45, UTEP 13
**Las Vegas Bowl**
California 35, Brigham Young 28
**Poinsettia Bowl**
Navy 51, Colorado State 30
**Fort Worth Bowl**
Kansas 42, Houston 13
**Hawaii Bowl**
Nevada 49, Central Florida 48, OT
**Motor City Bowl**
Memphis 38, Akron 31
**Champs Sports Bowl**
Clemson 19, Colorado 10
**Insight Bowl**
Arizona State 45, Rutgers 40

**MPC Computers Bowl**
Boise State vs. Boston College
Boise, Idaho, Dec. 28, 3:30 p.m.
ESPN
**Alamo Bowl**
Michigan vs. Nebraska
San Antonio, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.
ESPN
**Emerald Bowl**
Georgia Tech vs. Utah San Francisco, Dec. 29, 3:30 p.m., ESPN
**Holiday Bowl**
Oregon vs. Oklahoma
San Diego, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., ESPN
**Music City Bowl**
Minnesota vs. Virginia
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30, 11 a.m., ESPN
**Sun Bowl**
UCLA vs. Northwestern
El Paso, Dec. 30, 1 p.m., CBS
**Independence Bowl**
South Carolina vs. Missouri
Shreveport, La., Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
**Peach Bowl**
Miami (FL) vs. LSU
Atlanta, Dec. 30, 6:30 p.m., CBS

**Meineke Car Care Bowl**
South Florida vs. NC State
Charlotte, N.C., Dec. 31, 10 a.m.
ESPN2
**Liberty Bowl**
Tulsa vs. Fresno State
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 31, noon,
ESPN
**Houston Bowl**
**TCU** vs. Iowa State
Houston, Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m.,
ESPN2
**Cotton Bowl**
Alabama vs. **Texas Tech**
Dallas, Jan. 2, 10 a.m., Fox
**Outback Bowl**
Iowa vs. Florida
Tampa, Fla., Jan. 2, 10 a.m.,
ESPN
**Gator Bowl**
Louisville vs. Va. Tech
Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 2,
11:30 a.m., NBC
**Capital Bowl**
Wisconsin vs. Auburn
Orlando, Fla., Jan. 2, noon,

# Ginobili's return spurs San Antonio win

By The Associated Press

Manu Ginobili came back and Tracy McGrady left early. It shouldn't take long to figure out which of the Texas teams won.

While San Antonio celebrated Ginobili's return to the court Tuesday night with a victory, McGrady was having a different kind of celebration: His fiancee gave birth to a son.

Unfortunately for the Rockets, once McGrady left for the hospital at halftime, so did their offense. Houston managed only 33 points in the second half — McGrady had 21 himself at halftime — and lost 82-74 to the Utah Jazz.

"No doubt, Tracy's one of the best players in the league," Utah's Andrei Kirilenko said. "We liked it when he was out."

So do all of Houston's opponents. The Rockets were 0-8 when their leading scorer was out with a back injury earlier this season and proved again Tuesday how bad they are without him — even if coach Jeff Van Gundy wouldn't blame McGrady's absence for the loss.

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"We didn't lose because he wasn't there, we lost because we were inept offensively," he said. "We have professional players out there, so we have no excuses."

San Antonio is a much better team with Ginobili. The Spurs were only 5-3 while he missed the last eight games with a sprained foot, but he provided a spark in their 99-86 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"It was great to have him back on the floor," Spurs star Tim Duncan said. "It has been tough for him to not be out there. He is going to get back into it."

In other games, it was: Charlotte 93, Atlanta 90; Miami 109, Milwaukee 98; Detroit 113, Toronto 106; New Jersey 96, Cleveland 91; Philadelphia 108, Denver 106; and Sacramento 110, the Los Angeles Clippers 93.

Tony Parker scored 27 points and Duncan added 26 for the Spurs. Ginobili had only nine in 15 minutes, but most of them came at an important time. He scored five straight to spark a decisive 16-3 run late in the third quarter that turned a three-point deficit into a 78-63 lead.

The Rockets hope they won't have to play for long without McGrady, whose fiancee, Clerenda Harris, gave birth to a boy the couple named Laymen Lamar.

After the game, Rockets spokesman Nelson Luis said he expected McGrady to play Wednesday night, when the Rockets are in Oklahoma City to face the Hornets. Already without the injured Yao Ming, Houston was 12-of-42 (29 percent) in the second half once McGrady had left.

### Nets 96, Cavaliers 91

At East Rutherford, N.J., Richard Jefferson scored 28 points and the Nets extended their winning streak to seven.

Jefferson was 9-of-11 from the field, a night after going 8-for-8 in the Nets' 109-101 win at New York. Vince Carter scored 21 points, Jason Kidd had 14 points, nine rebounds and nine assists, and Nenad Krstic had 13 points.

### 76ers 108, Nuggets 106

At Denver, Allen Iverson scored 36 points, including the winning basket, and Philadelphia overcame Carmelo Anthony's career-high 45.

Chris Webber added 32 points and 15 rebounds, none bigger than the one in the final minute that set up Iverson's winning shot with 4.2 seconds remaining.

### Pistons 113, Raptors 106

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Richard Hamilton scored 24, Chauncey Billups had 21 points and 13 assists, and Detroit won its eighth straight.

The Pistons improved to an NBA-best 23-3.

## Sox

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there's a good chance that all 10 will remember the baseball and none of them will remember the basketball _ or the football or the hockey."

Despite the sweep, the White Sox outscored Houston by just six runs in the World Series, matching the smallest run differential in a sweep, a mark set by the 1950 Yankees against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Had it not been for a few controversial calls in the AL championship series that went Chicago's way, the Angels could have been in the World Series seeking their second title in four seasons.

"In order for a team, an ordinary team, to win the World Series _ by ordinary team, that's everybody other than the Yankees _ all sorts of things have to happen, the stars really have to line up in the right order," Reinsdorf said. "You have to have a lot of breaks, and we got them. I can think of a zillion breaks that we got in the postseason."

Reinsdorf's group bought the White Sox in 1981 and endured a quarter-century wait just to make it to the World Series. The joy he saw from the people of Chicago awed him.

"This could only happen in a city that has a long history in baseball that hadn't won for a long time," he said. "New York had parades when the Yankees won, it was not the same thing. When the Diamondbacks won the World Series here a few years ago _ what was it, their third or fourth year? _ it wasn't the same thing. When a whole generation or several generations have failed to see a winner and then finally saw that winner, the joy is beyond belief. If we were to win again next year, I can't imagine it would be the same thing."

## Parcells

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season became primarily a 3-4 defense — the system Parcells has always preferred. Six of the team's eight 2005 draft choices were players to fit the scheme, including DeMarcus Ware and Marcus Spears in the first 20 picks.

But with things seemingly in place on the field, there's lingering speculation that Parcells won't come back next season, the last of his $17 million, four-year deal.

Considering he didn't finish his contracts with the New York Giants, New England or the New York Jets, and with the emotional and physical strains coaching admittedly has on Parcells, it's not hard to wonder. Especially when the 64-year-old coach won't end the speculation.

"I'm not saying anything. I don't want any more questions about that. Thank you," Parcells said tersely this week. "I'll say what I want to say when I want to say it about those subjects."

There was speculation, to a lesser degree, about Parcells retiring after the Cowboys went 6-10 last season following his 10-win debut in Dallas. But that fallback actually convinced Jerry Jones to let Big Bill do things his way.

It led to that March day Jones called "the most expensive day in Cowboys history" when free agents Jason Ferguson, Marco Rivera and Anthony Henry all got five-year contracts — and $28 million in signing bonuses. Bledsoe had already signed a $14 million, three-year deal.

That wasn't the case when Parcells first took the job and agreed to see what the Cowboys had before making wholesale changes. (Remember Quincy Carter?) When he managed to go 10-6 in 2003, that only created false hope before the 2004 team fell apart.

Regardless of whether Dallas makes the playoffs, Parcells has put much too much into this to leave. Imagine what he could do with another draft class and other prime pieces he could add through free agency.

Jones won't say if Parcells has been offered a contract extension. If he hasn't, that needs to be one of Jones' first offseason moves.

After all, there's been a great deal of progress, and pride has been restored to the franchise nearly 10 years after Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin led the Cowboys to their fifth and final Super Bowl win.

Bledsoe has said he will do whatever it takes to persuade Parcells to stay. Bledsoe signed a three-year contract in February and said he hoped to be with the Cowboys as long as the coach.

Despite all the speculation, Bledsoe and other players have seen no changes in Parcells' approach.

"He's been the same old coach to us," tight end Dan Campbell said Monday. "He's not changing anything up. He's not acting bizarre."

And he's not talking about his future beyond this week's game.

Yes, it's the same old Bill.


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MARGO HOWARD

**Mom and I have been on silent terms several times in the past, as we are now. The most recent episode was about her driving. She shouldn't have been driving, and I told her so.**

**She has not talked to me since that day. (She has Parkinson's, seven collapsed vertebrae, hearing loss and dementia, not to mention the cancer. Her social worker said there was no way to stop her from driving. What is up with that, anyway?)**

**She is in an assisted-living apartment and now is on oxygen. I hope that you can help me find the right things to say to her, as she gets mad so easily. I am at a loss for words. Thanks for any help you can offer a daughter. — C.S.**

**Dear C:** How very sad for you to have grown up as you did, to try to do the right thing and then be rebuffed. You clearly have triumphed over the dysfunction, so your understanding must be good. As for how to say goodbye to your mother the dementia may get in the way of her really understanding anything you say, but by all means send the card you have in mind, telling her that you love her and appreciate the things she's done for you. You will feel you have done the kind thing, and if she is beyond taking it in, so be it.

As for the social worker, this one sounds like she's a quart low, and unfortunately, just having the certificate does not guarantee smarts or common sense. Prudie hopes you keep in mind that your mother's illnesses have a great deal to do with her anger and that deep down, she may, in fact, be proud of you. — Prudie, sadly

Dear Prudie: I've always loved the idea of getting married and having children. I'm still young and intend to wait a few years before I do. But I have this little thing in the way. I am seriously scared of commitment.

I've been in love, but never enough to make me stay around for a long time. All my ex-boyfriends are wonderful men, and any girl would be lucky to have them. I just run away from all of them and into another man's arms. Then, they want to get serious, and I run again.

The women in my family don't have the best track record for marriages, either. My mother cheated on and left my father, and my sister did her husband after 10 days of marriage. I don't want to hurt a good man like my father and former brother-in-law.

How can I get over this sudden wave of fear every time a guy mentions marriage to me? I'm tired of running and don't want to be alone forever. Is there such a thing as soul mates, and how will I know not to throw him back like all the others? — Tired of Running

Dear Tire: Interesting that you recognize your fear of commitment; this is usually a problem men have that drives women crazy. Prudie salutes your self-awareness and suggests a few approaches.

Perhaps with the help of a therapist, you need to integrate the fact that what happened with your parents is not necessarily destined to happen to you. Granted, kids with multimarried and unfaithful parents can unconsciously repeat their actions, but then again, many of them deliberately work to avoid the same mistakes and succeed.

As an opening gambit, try to see each boyfriend as a friend, not a potential husband. Get comfortable and see where things go. Because if you wish to marry and have children, judge each man who crosses your path by his qualities and how he makes you feel, not by memories of your less-than-successful family history. You are your

As for "soul mates," Prudie believes that concept has morphed into cliche, and, no, she doesn't believe there is only one person in the universe who's meant to be the one. (Prudie, in fact, has found several.)

Prudie predicts you will find someone wonderful if you just put a lid on your fears and let love happen. Good luck. Prudie, easily


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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

The Sagittarius moon pulses with possibility. Pick your project early in the day, and stick with it. The lunar vibes help you maintain concentration as strong and target-ready as the arrows in the centaur's belt. Venus transiting retrograde offers up a funny twist in the plot of your personal life, too, so don't let that distract you!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). "Serenity" is a concept you've heard others talk about needing, but you're not convinced it's for you. You could be right. Something about the chaos feeds your soul today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Most people don't have a plan. They react to their world instead of designing it. There are hours of crystalline clarity this afternoon. Use them to come up with a beautiful blueprint for your next three weeks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Give yourself more credit. If you look around you, you'll notice people doing far less who credit themselves far more than you're inclined to do. Even on an off day, your worst idea is still pretty good.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's life on repeat today as the same problem seems to occur over and over again. It's not wrong to want to know *why*, but it's not the best use of your time to figure it out, either. Just choose differently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being too responsible and too in control can be a lonely feeling. You're not alone, though. An act of surrender is significant to your destiny. Offer yourself so that someone can make use of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The old saying goes: Don't sell it when it's already sold. In other words, a good salesman knows when to shut up. You'll be selling yourself and your ideas. You're such a star that a few well-chosen words are more than enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a killer attitude. That's why nothing you do is a waste of time. You're gathering wisdom as you wait in traffic, stand in line at the store or hold on the phone line. Teach younger people how it's done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're maturing. You care less whether others love you and more about how well you love them. This adjustment will change your life in ways you never expected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The basic difference between you and a partner will be spotlighted — a glorious thing. Now you can see exactly how you complement one another. One picks up where the other left off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Self-depreciation is a crime! You were meant for a magnificent mission, which can only happen if you acknowledge your talents and commit to nurturing them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have an idea that begs to be marketed. Be brazen. If you fear money, it's very difficult to make any. Tonight is a powerful time to set standards regarding your love life and your domestic life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you're coming from love, tasks are accomplished with less energy expended. You'll be a living example of this principle. Tonight, if you want to stay in and watch DVDs, it's your prerogative — no guilt necessary.

GEMINI 2006 ASTROLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS: Welcome to your big idea year! You don't have one or two brilliant thoughts this year — before it's up, you'll have hatched a jillion of them. But even the brightest idea will never blow up bigger than the brain cell it occupied without follow through. Your call to action comes in the form of an important need in January. Instead of throwing money at the problem, you're resourceful. Artistic expression is increasingly important to you through the end of the winter. Loved ones who think they understand you inside and out will be surprised and delighted by the depth of your talent. Share with a bigger audience in March and April. Your efforts to be noticed will get you paid as well. Many Geminis are falling in love in June. The real thing happens quickly, and you feel it in your very bones. July features schooling, likely informal, but more applicable to your work than anything you could learn in the classroom. Charitable acts of a personal nature figure into your summer. People who really need you might not have the guts to admit it, but you know, and you don't let them down.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Enchanting actress Diane Keaton is a Capricorn who has achieved the honored status that every Capricorn would like to have in their career. But this sign is forever striving, no matter what level they reach. Keaton's recent turn in "The Family Stone" is one of five upcoming projects. She will not rest until she has another Academy Award for Best Actress.

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# Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My father feels his car is his "independence," but here's what I see: Dad is so hunched over the wheel, he sees more of the floor than the dashboard. His response time of gas-to-brake has become slower and slower, and in order to look over his shoulder, he must turn his entire body. Dad wears hearing aids, but has the radio on so loud that any emergency vehicle would have to be on top of him before he noticed.

Dad has had three accidents in the past two years, but thankfully, no one was hurt. Once, he had his foot on the wrong pedal, but he said that's "not my fault." He reasons that his vision is fine, he doesn't use the highway, and he drives when the roads aren't crowded, so as long as he can teeter his way to the car, it must be OK.

The state just issued him a new driver's license. What is the difference between "diminished capacity" when someone is under the influence of alcohol, and the condition of my father? It is so scary to us, not only for Dad's safety, but for anyone on the road with him.

I will continue to try to convince our state legislature, doctors, insurance companies and my father to reevaluate this issue, but maybe this letter will spark other elderly drivers to reconsider their own decisions to continue using the car. Any ideas, Annie? — Feeling Helpless

Dear Helpless: In most states, there is a process by which you can report your father. Contact your Department of Motor Vehicles to find out what the requirements are, and then speak to Dad's doctor about evaluating Dad's fitness to drive. You also should look into safe-driving classes for the elderly — your father might agree to go when he hears these classes can result in lower insurance rates.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are invited to a wedding soon. The groom was a high school classmate of our oldest daughter, "Stacy." The bride was a classmate of our youngest daughter, "Danielle." Stacy also is invited to the wedding, but Danielle is not. Danielle is very hurt by this, so we have decided not to attend.

We think Danielle may have been excluded because she and the best man dated for three years, and he may prefer not to see her. The relationship ended quite a while back, and although Danielle did blame the groom for the breakup, she has moved on and put the past behind her.

Was it appropriate for the bride and groom to include my husband and one daughter, but not the other? Are we obligated to send a gift? — Ohio Mom

Dear Ohio: Both daughters should have been invited, or neither, but if the groom felt he was not on good terms with Danielle, we understand why he chose not to include her. Nonetheless, you are indeed obligated to send a gift.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Outraged Friend" regarding baby showers for fathers-to-be.

A guy I work with told me that his wife was getting many baby showers, but he wasn't invited to any. So the men in our department got together and took up a father-to-be shower collection at our plant. The women bought the gifts with the help of the mother-to-be. We then set up a room with food and drinks, and invited his wife. Needless to say, the father-to-be was surprised, and a good time was had by all.

If more men could participate in baby showers, maybe they'd understand what all the hoopla is about. New life should be celebrated by everybody, not just the ladies. — Big Lew of Redondo Beach, Calif.

Dear Big Lew: Absolutely. As long as there isn't an over-abundance of showers (which puts a burden on repeat guests), we think showers for men are great.

Dear Annie: I have known my stepsister, "Lottie," for a long time. We get along great. I think Lottie is hiding the fact that she is gay, which is fine, if that's how she wants it, but I feel so bad that she has been keeping this inside for years. I want to let her know that I am here for her and that if she wants to talk about anything, I will listen without judgment and she can share her feelings with me.

Since she has hidden her sexual orientation for so long, it seems she doesn't want anyone to know. Should I approach her about this, and if so, how? — Supportive in Virginia

Dear Virginia: You are making an assumption that may not be accurate, so it would be wise to say nothing to Lottie directly. It really is not your business, and she could be offended by your prying.

If, however, you want to give Lottie the impression that her sexual orientation would not be an issue, bring up the subject the next time there is something in the news about gay marriage or if a sports star comes out publicly. Say neutrally that you don't understand what all the fuss is about. It may open up a dialogue about sexual orientation, which will make Lottie feel comfortable coming to you if she decides to do so.

Dear Annie: I'd like to reply to "Madison, Wis.," who said she could never marry a Republican because they are mean-spirited, bigoted, selfish, closed-minded and hypocritical. That is absurd. Her statement only shows how closed-minded she is that she labels an entire group of people. And if she wants to see a hypocrite, she should look in the mirror.

I could mention how many people see Democrats as left-wing loonies and immoral individuals who do not live in reality, but that also is absurd. Both parties have their misfits and members with extreme views, but diversity and different ideas should be welcomed. That is what makes our nation so great. — New York Republican

Dear New York: We agree there was a great deal of generalization in "Madison's" remarks, but quite a few readers wrote back with equally unkind generalizations. Your letter was one of the few printable ones.

The degree of animosity between adherents of each political party seems to have reached an all-time high. Disagreeing with someone should not be a reason to hate them and everyone who lives on their block. Get it together, people. If you don't like those in charge, run for office or work for a candidate you respect.

Dear Annie: I am the mother of two boys. They both love sports, particularly the practices, but they hate games because there is too much pressure on them to win. Sometimes my boys come home in tears because they dropped a ball in the outfield or missed an easy layup. I've seen children sit on the bench for the entire game and not get any playing time. These experiences make them frustrated and want to give up on the sport.

I would like to challenge all parents to make recreational sports fun for the kids again. Instead of focusing on who won or who lost or what went wrong, let's work on helping them love exercise and team spirit. Let's teach them to treat all team members with respect and encouragement.

I now try to focus on the positive and ask my sons and their friends, "What was your best play today?" or "What was your favorite part of the game?" Their faces usually light up when they respond. Almost every child can find at least one good thing, even if it is only the after-game snack. And to all those coaches and parents who already focus on the positive aspects, keep up the good work! — Virginia Mom

Dear Virginia: You are so right. Team sports can teach children wonderful things, and wins and losses should not be the sole focus of the game.

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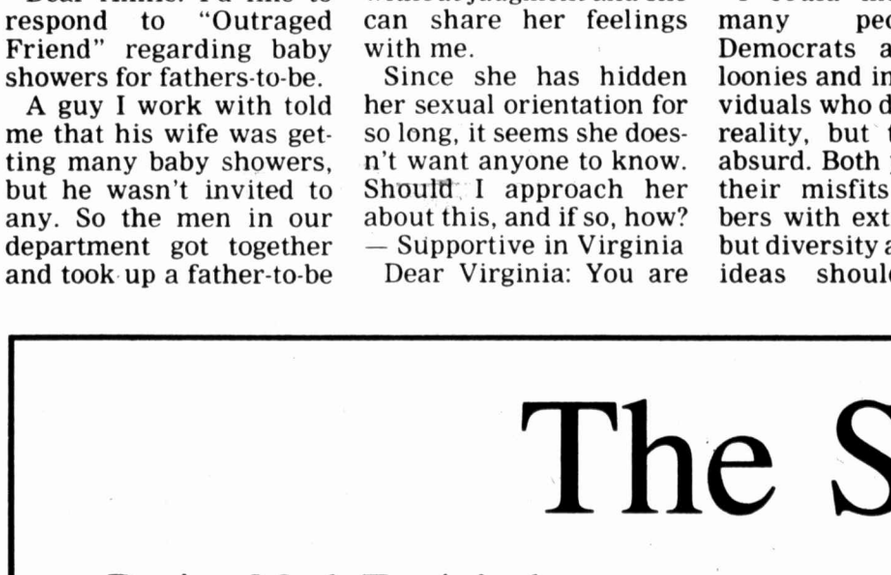
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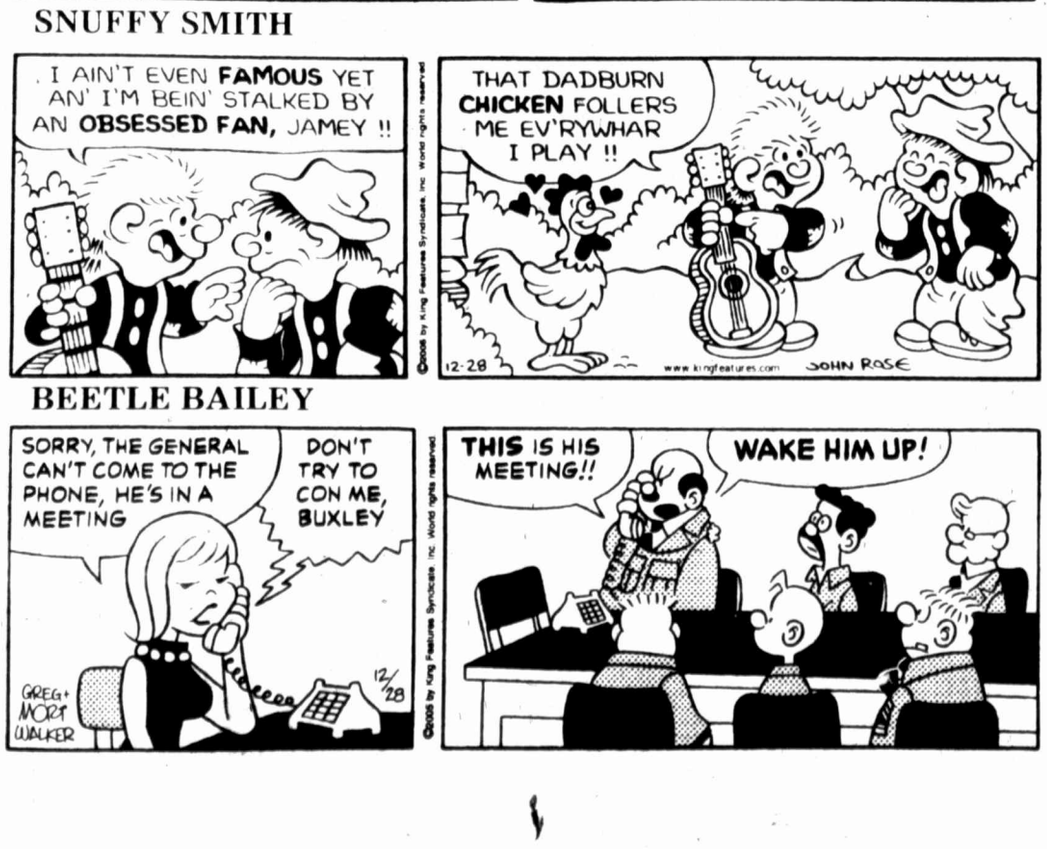

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In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published a facetious — as well as fictitious — essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris.

In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

Ten years ago: CompuServe obeyed a German order to suspend member access to 200 Internet newsgroups deemed pornographic.

Five years ago: The Census Bureau released its first numbers from the 2000 national count; they showed that America's population had risen to 281,421,906, up 13.2 percent from 1990.

One year ago: Secretary of State Colin Powell bristled at a United Nations official's suggestion the United States was being "stingy."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lou Jacobi is 92. Bandleader Johnny Otis is 84. Comic book creator Stan Lee is 83. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 76. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 71. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 67. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 59. Rock singer-musician Alex Chilton (The Box Tops; Big Star) is 55. Actor Denzel Washington is 51. Country singer Joe Diffie is 47. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 47. Country singer-musician Marty Roe (Diamond Rio) is 45. Comedian Seth Meyers is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer John Legend is 27. Actress Sienna Miller is 24. Actress Mackenzie Rosman is 16.

Thought for Today: "Our chief defect is that we are more given to talking about things than to doing them." — Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian statesman (1889-1964).

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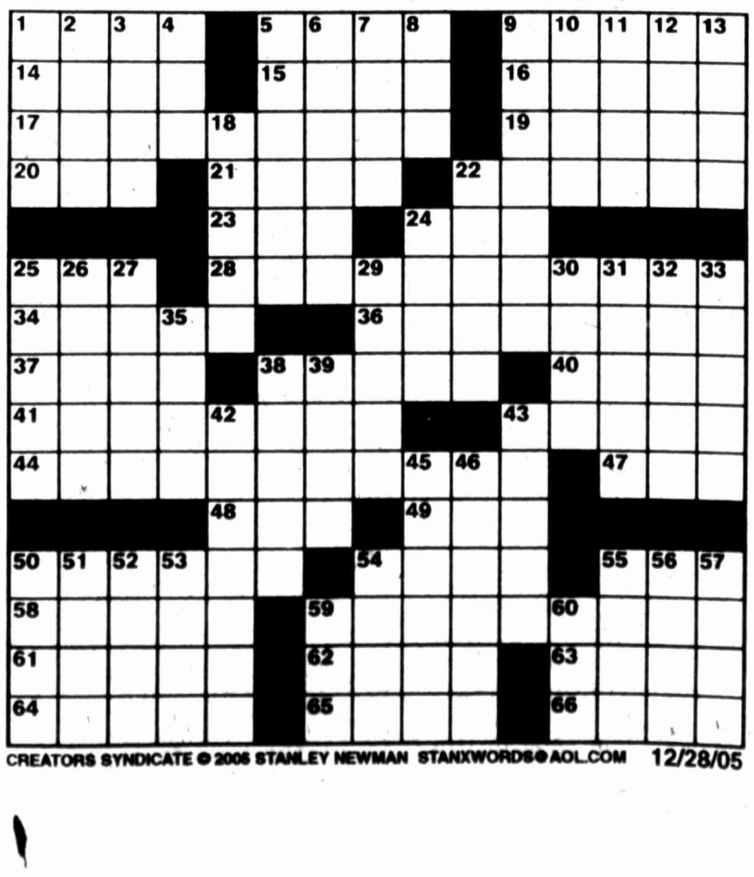
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