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Christmas decorating contest now under way

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Those planning to enter their home or business in the community's annual Christmas decorating contest should remember: Less is often more.

Terri Johansen, a judge for the chamber of commerce's contest, said tasteful decorating means using restraint.

"Things overdone do not overwhelm the judges," she said. "A little bit of everything may work in a large yard and in certain circumstances, but in most smaller yards, it can be too much."

Entry forms for the Christmas Decorating Contest are due at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office by Dec. 15. Judging takes place Dec. 16 for indoor displays, business show windows and outdoor lights.

There are separate categories for residential and commercial decorations, along with religious themes, "original homemade" and "lights only."

The "other" category should take care of just about anything else local residents can dream up.

"People with a good imagination and creativity might do something that doesn't really fit any of our categories," explained Johansen. "That's where 'other' fits in."

She urges those competing to make a plan for their decorations and stick with it. Another pitfall to avoid is too many of those "chasing" lights.

"If you have everything moving, like there are bumblebees flying all over your yard, that doesn't really hit home with the judges," Johansen said.

Judges are from Spade and Hoe Garden Club and KBST radio station, both contest sponsors. The *Big Spring Herald* is also sponsoring the contest.

Those who simply want their home or business listed on a map of Christmas decorations in the community can register in the non-judged entry category.

"That's so people can come by and see your decorations, but they won't be part of the contest," Johansen said.

Judges are not limited to just a few

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GO BUFFALOES

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Saturday's Christmas parade biggest ever

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Eighty-one entrants consisting of more than 2,000 persons and 125 vehicles will make up the 11th Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday.

"This is the biggest parade ever," said Herald Publisher Chuck Williams. "It's taken a lot of work to get to this point for everyone that has entered and we know they're just as excited for everyone to see their hard work as we are to help them show it off."

The parade will begin at the corner of the FM 700 north frontage road and Gregg Street and proceed north on Gregg to Sixth. At that point, it will turn east to Main, then north again to Second, where the parade will end.

This parade is four entrants larger than last year's, which was the largest held to that point.

The parade will feature three bands — Big Spring High School, Runnels Junior High and the Howard College Nighthawk Jazz Band — and will include competition in four categories: lighted, commercial and manufacturing, school or church organizations and civic groups.



HERALD file photo

Chief Tommy Sullivan drives one of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department's trucks during last year's 10th Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. This year's parade, the biggest ever, will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday at the corner of the north FM 700 frontage road and South Gregg Street.

Three of the four champions from a year ago — Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501 and Western Container — will be back to defend their titles.

The Church of Jesus Christ LDS won in the church/school category, while the Scouts won in civic and Western Container won in the commercial and manufacturing.

A new champion will be named in the lighted category, where none of the top three entrants from a year ago — champion United Girls Softball Association, runner-up U.S. Postal Service and third place Trail of Lights — are entered.

"A year ago, we had 17 entrants in the lighted category, but we had 35 floats with lights," Williams said. "This

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11TH ANNUAL HERALD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE OFFICIAL ORDER OF ENTRY

1. Color Guard
2. Grand Marshall
3. BSHS Marching Band
4. Red Mesa Grill
5. Frank Edwards
6. H.O.G.
7. Taco Bell
8. Suez Fire Brigade
9. Medical Care Plaza
10. I.H.M. Church
11. Western Container
12. Runnels Jr. High Band
13. SMMC/TCU
14. Norwest Bank
15. Al's Bar-B-Que
16. Lakeview Headstart
17. Howard College
18. Big Spring V.A. Medical
19. State National Bank
20. Wanda Lockhart
21. Salem Baptist Church
22. Big Spring Humane Society
23. Church Of Harvest
24. First Church of God
25. Franklin Son - Goodyear
26. Alpine Cellular
27. Order of Rainbows for Girls
28. Humanities Bible Class
29. Nazarene Church
30. Wal-Mart
31. Coahoma Tiger Cubs
32. Girl Scout Troop No. 463
33. Feagins Implement
34. Cub Scout Pack No. 305
35. Howard Co. Volunteer Fire Dept.
36. Elbow Elementary
37. Allen Wallace
38. Moss Elementary
39. Cub Scout Pack No. 29
40. SWCID
41. C&M Garage/Ag Service
42. Carriage Inn
43. East Fourth Baptist
44. Big Spring Fire Dept.
45. Templo Belen
46. Lee Hopper
47. City Of Big Spring
48. Taco Villa
49. Boy Scout Troop 25 & Pack 501
50. Howard County Library
51. Girl Scout Troop No. 183
52. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
53. Crossroads Little League Packers
54. Carl Barnes
55. BSA Pack 176/Troop 7
56. St. Paul Lutheran Church
57. Bill Calobreves
58. Connie Cline
59. Howard Co. NAACP
60. Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary
61. Skateland
62. La Fe Baptist Church
63. West Texas Miata Club
64. Howard College Nighthawk Bank
65. The Pet Connection
66. KWES TV
67. Sam Froman Dirt Const.
68. First Big Spring Banking Center
69. Vision Makers
70. Subway
71. Professional Health Club
72. HEB
73. No Step Ranch
74. Girl Scouts Troop No. 194
75. Clifford Hart
76. ABWA
77. La Signal
78. Terry McCall -11th Courts Of Appeals
79. Hispanic Woman For Progress
80. The Dance Gallery
81. Santa

F-4 Phantom

Vietnam Memorial group-heads to Wichita Falls to bring fighter to Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

If all goes according the plan, an F-4 Phantom jet phantom will have a new home by nightfall Saturday.

Officials with the local Vietnam Memorial committee, which plans to add the Vietnam-era fighter plane to the Big Spring site, will begin transporting a stripped-down version of the plane from its current home at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Fall early Saturday morning.

If all goes well, the plane should arrive in Big Spring around 2 p.m..

Not that there aren't some logistical headaches for committee members to take care of.

For starters, road space will be very dear, especially considering that the plane is 27 feet wide — wide enough to take up two lanes of traffic — and almost 15 feet high.

"We'll definitely be taking up the road," said Pat Carnahan of the local Vietnam Veterans committee.

Transporting the plane required a great deal of planning and coordination with state officials. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) had to sign off on the plan, as well as selecting a route for the convoy to take.

Additionally, safety concerns dictate that the convoy can only travel during daylight hours.

Weather permitting (convoy drivers must be able to see at least 1,000 feet in front of them), the F-4 will begin its journey to Big Spring at first light Saturday, Carnahan said.

The convoy will travel through Anson and Snyder before taking Highway 350 to Big Spring. Drivers will then take FM 700 around Big Spring to Business 20, and from there to the airpark and Hangar 18, which will be the plane's temporary home until it is mounted for display at the Vietnam Memorial.

Retired Air Force colonel Jim Little, who received much of the credit for securing the plane for the local memorial, said transporting the plane from Wichita Falls was the most economical alternative available to the committee.

"The Wichita Falls plane was the first one that was really attractive," Little said. "Our other alternative would have been at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in (Tucson) Arizona, and that would have been much more expensive."

Officials declined to say how much money the project is costing, but Carnahan admitted that the committee did a lot of "wheeling and dealing" to get the plane to Big Spring.

"We tried to cut corners wherever possible without endangering the plane or people," Carnahan said. "We're basically very tight people. We won't spend any more than we have to."

Carnahan and Little said the public is more than welcome to view the plane's journey through Big Spring, but they did have a request.

"If you see the convoy coming, you can assist us by getting off the road so we can get through town," Carnahan said. "We want everyone and their sister to see it, but we are working on a time limit set by the Texas Department of Transportation."

Local producers not idle during eradication zone comment period

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Despite the wait through the current 30-day comment period and a decision from Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry on whether the proposed Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone becomes a reality, local producers are not being idle.

Gin representatives, their alternates and area gins have received letters from Zone Chairman Eddy Herm concerning two upcoming meetings involving the proposed zone.

Texas Department of Agriculture Representative Katie Dickie Stavinoha will conduct the public hearing scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Ackerly Co-op Gin.

The other meeting in question is the regular scheduled meeting of the zone board at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at Pal's Cafe in Ackerly.

The program for the Dec. 15 meeting will include an overview of the proposed zone to be presented by representatives from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Other items to be covered include progress reports from procedures of other eradication zones; discussion of funding of the proposed zone; and comments on the Dec. 11 public hearing.

If Perry approves the proposed zone, Howard County cotton farmers and other area producers included in the zone area will have taken a major step toward establishing a program to battle the boll weevil, which has made its presence known in the absence of any type of diapause or eradication program in 1997.

If current plans to form the Permian Basin Eradication Zone are successful for producers in Howard, Martin, Midland and Dawson (southern part) counties, future boll weevil eradication efforts could be voted on as early as March 1998.

Because of the failed vote during the Aug. 1 referendum to establish a boll weevil eradication program, for the first time in 34 years, the 29-county Texas High Plains region remains unprotected from the full effect of unchecked boll weevil overwintering.

The referendum, which would have established a suppression program in the 19-county Southern High Plains-Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, was defeated by producers by a margin

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WEATHER

Tonight: Fri: Sat: Sun:

Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Friday night, fair. Lows 25-35. Extended forecast, Saturday, dry. Highs in the 50s. Sunday, dry. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s. Monday, a chance of rain. Lows 35-45. Highs 45-55.

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Nieto gets 10 1/2 years for assault

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Juan Manuel Nieto was sentenced Wednesday to slightly more 10 years in prison for his part in an October 1996 Coahoma burglary and aggravated assault.

A five-man, seven-woman jury in 118th District Court took only five minutes to Nieto guilty of the crimes Tuesday, but deliberated for more than three hours Wednesday before reaching a decision on punishment.

Nieto was sentenced in connection with an incident that occurred at 605 Saunders in Coahoma during the early morning hours of Oct. 6, 1996.

Testimony showed that a group of teenagers surprised Nieto as he was burglarizing the habitation. He then turned a knife on the teens, stabbing Charles Ramby in the neck and arm and Brandon Wright in the abdomen.

The jury found Nieto guilty on two counts — burglary of a habitation and aggravated assault — and assessed 10 1/2-year sentences for both crimes. District Judge Bob Moore then ruled that the sentences would run concurrently. In addition, Nieto was ordered to pay a total of $2,000 in fines.

The maximum sentence Nieto could have faced was 99 years in prison. He must serve half of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and Defense Attorney Bob Miller both expressed satisfaction with the sentence.

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OBITUARIES

Lady Jane Gray Turner

Graveside service for Lady Jane Gray Turner, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997, at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas.

Mrs. Turner died Monday, Dec. 1, in Dallas.

She was born on Nov. 5, 1919, in Greenwood, Miss. She worked for many years in Big Spring for Dr. Fish and Dr. Wood.

Survivors include: a niece; two nephews; and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Restland Funeral Home, Dallas.

Lola Sheppard

A memorial service for Lola Sheppard, 88, Big Spring, will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick and Rev. James Liggett officiating.



SHEPPARD

Mrs. Sheppard died Monday, Dec. 1, at Mt. View Nursing Home following a short illness.

She was born on Nov. 12, 1909, in Merkel, Taylor County. She married W.J. "Bill" Sheppard, Jr. on Nov. 5, 1932, in Merkel. She and her husband moved to Big Spring in 1939. Lola had worked at the Big Spring High School, Malone & Hogan Clinic and Cowper Hospital, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Mrs. Sheppard enjoyed sharing her award winning bread recipe with friends and neighbors. She enjoyed spending time with her family and singing in the Senior Choir. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, and her grandson Judson Cowper Sheppard.

Survivors include: her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Dene Sheppard, Big Spring; her son, Rodney Sheppard, of Austin; granddaughter Teresa Sheppard, Big Spring; granddaughter Cindy Inman and her husband Mark, Midland; granddaughter Celeste Sheppard, Baltimore, Md.; granddaughter Connie Plagens and her husband Douglas, Garden City; granddaughter Lauren Sheppard Wolfson and her husband David, Los Angeles, Calif.; grandson Scot Sheppard and his wife Julie, Coahoma; and Jason Watkins, Stamford, Conn.; and seven great-grandchildren. Also a sister, Dorma Jay, Abilene; and one brother, Lynn Shelton, Walla Walla, Wash.

The family suggests memorials to the Heritage Museum of Big Spring; 510 Scurry; Big Spring, Texas; 79720, the First Baptist Church; 705 Marcy; Big Spring, Texas; 79720, St. Mary's Episcopal Church; 1001 Goliad; Big Spring, Texas; 79720; or to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

Dean White

Dean White, 73, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1924, in Hico, and married A.L. White on Oct. 3, 1961. He preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1985.

She came to Big Spring in the mid 1950s and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Mona and Bud Emert of Garland; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Vicky Looney of Tyler and Gary and Kay Moore of Big Spring; two sisters, Blanch Hedtke of Karnes City and Edith Williams of Brownwood; two granddaughters, Anna Dean Willmott of Fort Worth and Katy Looney of Tyler; two grandsons, Ron Emert of Garland and Shawn Looney of Tyler; two great-grandsons, Blake Emert and Cole Emert, both of Garland.

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

Paid obituary

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lola Sheppard, 88, died Monday. Memorial services will be 1:30 PM, Friday at First Baptist Church.

Thomas F. Rogers 81, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Lillie Mae Barnard Fryar, 67, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Agnes Gilmore, 53, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Dean White, 73, died Tuesday. Services will be 4 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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of 52 percent to 48 percent.

Of the three propositions on the Aug. 1 ballot, Proposition 2, which, if passed, would have established cost-share for boll weevil suppression, failed by the largest margin — **For:** 1,882 votes or 29 percent; **Against:** 4,598 votes or 71 percent.

Right now, what the future holds for area farmers and the fight against the boll weevil is a wait and see proposition — at least for a few more weeks — but smaller eradication zones such as the one being proposed for the Howard County area means more local control.

"This will be a producer-run organization," Herm said. "In the past, it was such a large area that producers didn't feel like they had a voice."

"There are some areas in this county that probably lost 100 pounds to 125 pounds of cotton production this year because of the boll weevil," Herm added.

Referring to what method to use in fighting the boll weevil, Howard County Cotton Growers President Rob Haney said, "Suppression is the least costly method of attacking the boll weevil, but I would prefer to go the whole route (eradication) if I'm going to have to pay for it."

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"The jury took a long time in determining punishment, and they handed out a solid term," Wilkerson said. "I'm satisfied with their work."

Miller, who admitted that there wasn't much of a defense he could mount against the charges, also accepted the sentence.

"Personally, I felt that was less of a sentence than we expected," Miller said. "We didn't have much to work with ... but there were some mitigating factors."

Wilkerson was philosophical about the sentencing phase deliberations, which were one of the longest in recent court history.

"We had one of the quickest deliberations on guilt-innocence, and one of the longest on punishment. There's no accounting for how a jury deliberates," he said. "Each jury is unique in the way it operates."

Nieto will be held in Howard County Sheriff's Office custody until he is transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice within the next few weeks.

PARADE

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year, we have more than half of the entrants with lights, so it looks like this year's parade will be the brightest ever."

The parade will be led off by the Big Spring Police Department Color Guard, followed by the Grand Marshall's vehicle.

This year, the parade Grand Marshalls are the Rev. Floyd Green family, named Big Spring's "Family of the Year" by the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Rev. Green is pastor of Baker's Chapel AME Church and is also employed by Security State Bank. His wife, Sandra, is senior employee at the Herald and produces advertising layouts for the newspaper.

The Greens have three children — Stephanie and Frankie, who are students at Angelo State University, and Kathy, who is a student at the Big Spring campus of Howard College.

Santa Claus, following tradition, will ride the final float in the parade.

CONTEST

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awards, so there may be several first places, Johansen said.

"We'll give what we call 'the best of the best,' like a grand champion," she said.

On the average, judges will see 25-30 entrants. But there have been as many as 50. One set of judges will see the indoor displays at local businesses, and another will rate the outdoor decorations.

"We'll sometimes see whole neighborhoods that have gotten into the spirit together," Johansen said. "I don't know if it is competition or cooperation, but it's great."

Chamber Executive Vice President Terri Newton said the contest has been popular with local residents, and adds a nice touch to the atmosphere each holiday season.

"We think it adds more spirit to the community, and makes the holidays more festive," she said.

BRIEFS

THE HISTORIC SPRING WILL be decorated with a lighted display for the first time this year. The first showing of the thousands of lights in Comanche Trail Park will be Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Then the lights will be turned on nightly through Jan. 1. Special programs are planned for Dec. 10-14. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the program, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL will have a craft sale featuring crafts from Therapeutic Arts & Crafts and the Sheltered Workshop. This event will take place in the Activity Therapies Building Thursday, Dec. 4, from noon until 5 p.m. and Friday Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The public is invited to come out and shop for Christmas decorations and unique Christmas gifts.

For more information call 268-7484.

FREE EYEGLASSES WILL BE available for adults Dec. 13 at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. from 9 a.m.-noon.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended. Call the Lions at 267-3068 for more information.

THE WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its second newcomer gathering of the year Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. at "Our Old House," 503 Johnson.

The committee was formed to help member businesses introduce spouses of new employees to the community. For information, call the chamber at 263-7641.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

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New Economy	21.35-22.65
New Perspective	20.97-22.25
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	289.50- 290.00
Silver	5.23- 5.26

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 50
Wednesday's low 27
Average high 63
Average low 33
Record high 83 in 1954
Record low 17 in 1921
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.13
Month's normal 0.09
Year to date 19.08
Normal for the year 18.00
**Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Tuesday

9:50 a.m. — 800 block N. Aylesford, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:29 a.m. — 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:47 a.m. — 200 block Texas Road, medical call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center.

4:12 p.m. — 1500 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

6:44 p.m. — Mile Marker 181 I-20, traffic accident, three patients transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• **MICHAEL LEWIS,** 38, arrested on local warrants.

• **ALLISON ALCANTAR,** 19, arrested on local warrants.

• **ADELAIDO MARTINEZ,** 46, arrested on local warrants.

• **JOHNNY WILLIAMS,** 38, arrested on a charge of public warrants.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** on the 1500 block of Wood.

• **RETALIATION** on the 1800 block of Connally.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** on the 500 block of Westover and the 1500 block of Scurry.

• **THEFT** on the 1200 block of E. 11th, the 700 block of Willia, the 1600 block of State, the 1300 block of Mesquite and the 2300 block of Wasson.

SHERIFF

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

• **DAVID FRANK MORGAN,** 40, 3613 Calvin, arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for felony DWI.

• **LEONIDES VELA JR.,** 19, Lamesa, arrested on revocation of probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• **JERRY CLINTON PIERCE,** 29, Andrews, arrested on an Attorney General's warrant for non-payment of child support.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** on north Highway 87.

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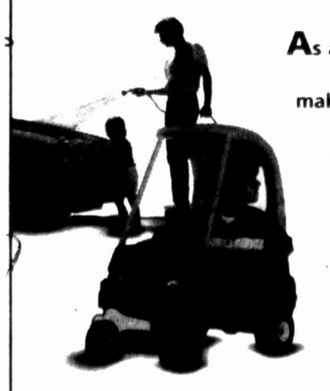
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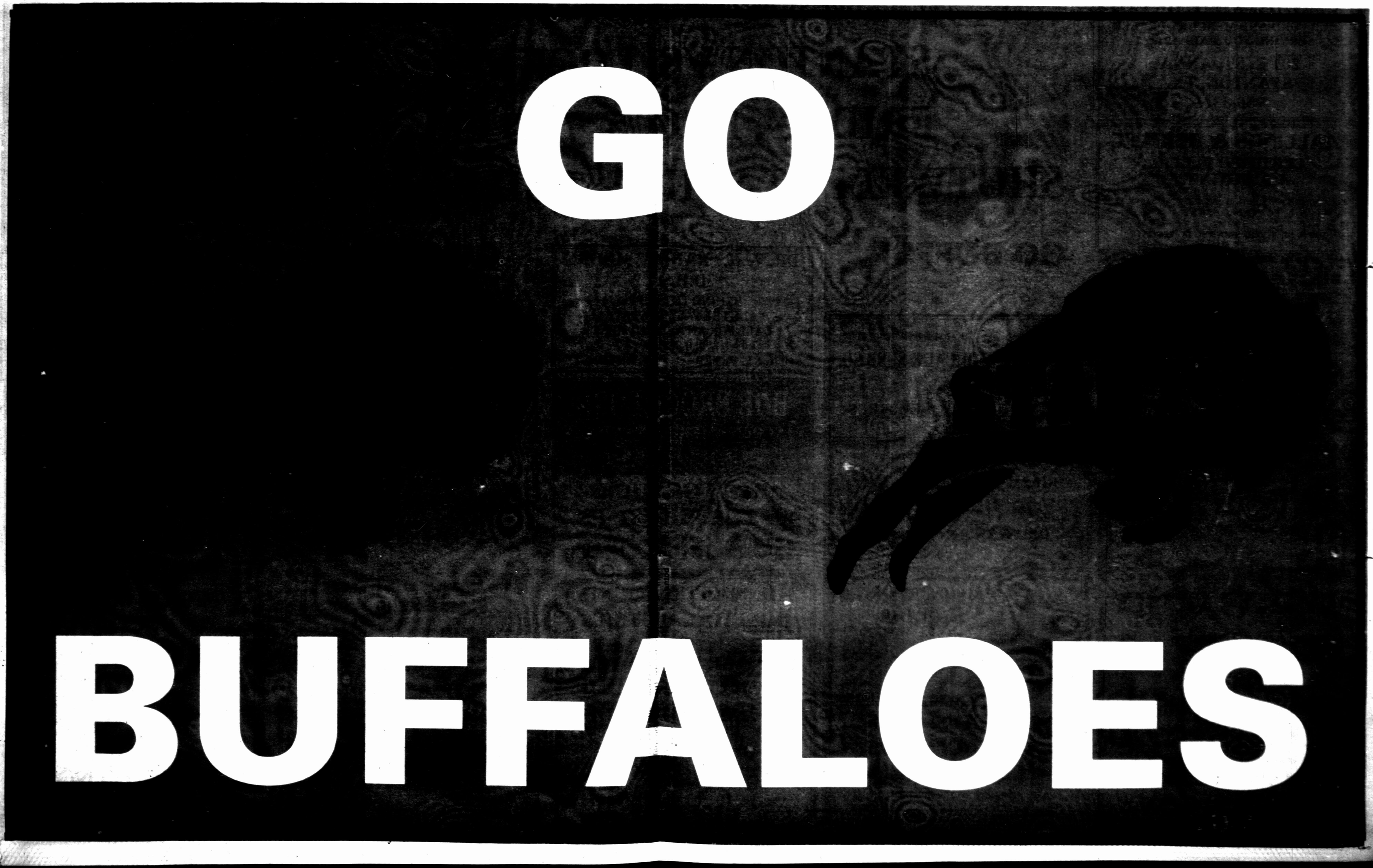
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Union Pacific claims it will unclog system's rail shipment congestion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Union Pacific can't fulfill its promise to break the traffic bottleneck along its 36,000-mile system, customers told key federal regulators.

But executives of the nation's largest railroad disagreed and asked the Surface Transportation Board on Wednesday not to extend a 30-day emergency order requiring Union Pacific to cooperate with Texas competitors.

Union Pacific Chairman Dick Davidson said that while a backlog still existed, rail traffic should return to normal by the end of the year.

Railroad customers scoffed at the claims of progress, and many who testified at the daylong hearing predicted the snarl would last through March. "The key measure to customers is whether or not our products are being delivered on time," said Larry L. Thomas of the Society of the Plastics Industry Inc.

Linda Morgan, chairwoman of the Surface Transportation Board, sounded skeptical as well: "We are hearing from users of the system that the situation is not resolved, and the board cannot ignore those comments. Are they all wrong?"

Morgan said the board would rule today on whether to extend the order, which expires at midnight tonight.

Davidson brought along a veteran UP locomotive engineer to tell the regulatory board how gridlock has improved.

"I'd go to work knowing that I would have anywhere between a 12- and 16-hour day ahead of me," said David Martinez, a 22-year employee. "Now I go to work expecting trips between six to eight hours. I'm not exhausted like I was before. It's kind of like a breath of fresh air."

Union Pacific's year-old merger with Southern Pacific created gridlock along the 36,000-mile system that stranded grain harvests, clogged California ports and stalled production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills. The Surface Transportation Board had warned of further intervention if progress wasn't made by Wednesday.

The railroad said it is keeping up with orders for rail cars in several Midwestern states, where the third-largest corn harvest ever, 9.36 billion bushels, overflowed grain elevators.

Orders are current in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and gridlock is easing along the central corridor that includes Nebraska and Kansas, UP officials said. Coal shipments are back to normal, they said.

Agriculture Department figures, however, show that as of the day before Thanksgiving, at least 93.6 million bushels of grain were awaiting shipment, the vast majority in states served by Union Pacific. Michael V. Dunn, assistant secretary for marketing and regulatory programs, said grain shipments by Burlington Northern-Santa Fe also had declined, by 17 percent.

The NTSB said Tuesday it will hold hearings on the railroad's safety record. The board is investigating 14 UP accidents in the past year.

Mandela denies tie to killings

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A defiant Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, her volatile temper flaring at times during her long-awaited testimony, denied today she ordered killings or committed atrocities and dismissed allegations against her as lunacy.

Composed and unrepentant before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the ex-wife of President Nelson Mandela denied every allegation against her and insisted some of her accusers made up their accusations.

She described as "ludicrous, and the worst lunacy," the charge that she ordered the death of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei in late 1988 or early 1989. And she said the allegation she ordered her former chief bodyguard Jerry Richardson to kill others was "ridiculous."

Madikizela-Mandela's testimony followed eight days of statements by more than 30 witnesses. The Truth Commission is investigating 18 human rights abuses allegedly committed by Madikizela-Mandela and her bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Football Club.

The commission lacks the power to press criminal charges but can turn over evidence to police.

The hearing was televised live in South Africa by state television, in Britain on Sky TV, and internationally by CNN.

Madikizela-Mandela, 63, appeared intent on trying to maintain her status as a popular anti-apartheid leader.

She wants to run later this month for deputy president of the governing African National Congress, a position that could make her deputy president of the country after national elections in 1999. The mainstream ANC leadership opposes her nomination and the ANC Women's League, which nominated her, said it would reconsider its support.

She has been isolated from the mainstream leadership of the ANC because of the havoc she and her football club allegedly created.

She rebuffed attempts by Truth Commission lawyer Hanif Vally to make her back down on her denials.

"I am not playing around and I will not tolerate you speaking to me like that," she bristled at one point, bringing cheers from her supporters in the packed hearing room.

Commission chairman Desmond Tutu admonished the crowd to stop such displays.

Madikizela-Mandela has blamed many of her problems on an apartheid government campaign to discredit her. An apartheid agent testified last week on the campaign and how it spread rumors about Madikizela-Mandela.

Madikizela-Mandela labeled one of her chief accusers, former football club member Katiza Cebekhulu, a "mental patient."

In a book published this year and at the hearing last week, Cebekhulu said he saw Madikizela-Mandela plunge a shiny object into Seipei's body and also ordered the killing of Soweto physician Dr. Abu-Baker Asvat.

Cebekhulu, who disappeared in 1991 on the eve of Madikizela-Mandela's trial in the Seipei case, also claimed she arranged to get him out of the country.

She rejected all the claims today, calling Asvat a close friend whose death shocked and saddened her.

Under questioning from lawyers representing the families of her alleged victims, Madikizela-Mandela became agitated and evasive. Tutu intervened repeatedly to urge both sides to avoid aggressive or angry language.

Asked if she regretted the deaths of young people who once were near her, she said yes.

"Of course, I regret the subsequent losses of life of some of the boys. I very deeply regret what happened to some of the youngsters," she said. "But I do not regret whatsoever harboring those youths and protecting them from the vicious system of the day."

Much of the testimony has included inconsistencies and confusion, stemming in part from the almost 10 years that have elapsed and the anarchic atmosphere of township life at the time. But a recurring theme through all of it has been the domineering influence of Madikizela-Mandela and the football club.

On Wednesday, the former coach of the football club said his hands were "full of blood" from carrying out Madikizela-Mandela's orders to kill.

Richardson, a convicted murderer, also implied Madikizela-Mandela had cozy relations with apartheid agents in the late 1980s.

Nichols launches multifaceted defense

DENVER (AP) — Trying to back up their claims that Terry Nichols was building a life, not a bomb, defense attorneys unleashed a three-pronged attack on the government's case against the Oklahoma City bombing suspect.

Nichols' attorneys called 16 witnesses on the first full day of their presentation Wednesday. The defense suggested that someone else plotted the blast with Timothy McVeigh, challenged claims that Nichols had robbed a gun dealer to fund the bombing and implied that Nichols was a wannabe businessman honestly trying to make living in the weeks before the blast.

More testimony was scheduled for today.

The prosecution has argued that Nichols robbed Arkansas gun collector Roger Moore in 1994 to finance the April 19, 1995, bombing. But the defense on Wednesday called Garland County, Ark., sheriff's investigator Terry Shelby to the stand in a bid to cast doubt on Moore's credibility.

According to the investigator, Moore said he asked the masked gunman whether he was a federal agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — a question Shelby told jurors he thought was unusual.

The witnesses who recalled seeing Nichols before the bombing were apparently chosen to support the defense claim that he is not a brutal killer but someone who was sucked in by the anti-government fervor of McVeigh, already convicted and sentenced to die for the deadly blast.

Dennis Crawford testified that he met Nichols two months before the bombing at a gun show where military surplus goods were being sold. But under cross-examination, he admitted that Nichols was registered under the alias Joe Rivers and he didn't realize it was Nichols until questioned by the FBI.

Another witness, Wendy Menke, said Nichols took out a series of ads to sell a fuel meter, nails and hand tools the week of the bombing, apparently to earn money. Prosecutors contend the meter could have been used to build a bomb, though Nichols has told authorities it was broken.

The third witness, welder Walter Fuller of Salina, Kan., said Nichols asked him a month before the blast to design a trailer that could haul six canoes. He said Nichols later canceled the order.

Nichols, 42, could face the death penalty if convicted of murder, conspiracy and weapons counts in the bombing that killed 168 people. McVeigh has appealed his conviction and sentence after a trial earlier this year on identical charges.

Prosecutors vigorously challenged several defense witnesses who said they saw McVeigh with others just before the bombing, forcing them to admit that their testimony differed from earlier statements to the FBI.

John "Jeff" Davis described the features of someone other than McVeigh who accepted a delivery of Chinese food at a room at the Dreamland Motel in Junction City, Kan. McVeigh was registered at the motel before the blast.

Davis described the man with unkempt, dark blond hair and a nose that "was not a prominent feature of his face." He identified a composite sketch of the mystery man which an artist drew in April 1996.

The sketch does not match FBI sketches of John Doe 1, later identified as McVeigh, or John Doe 2, a man two previous witnesses said accompanied McVeigh when he rented the Ryder truck believed used in the blast.

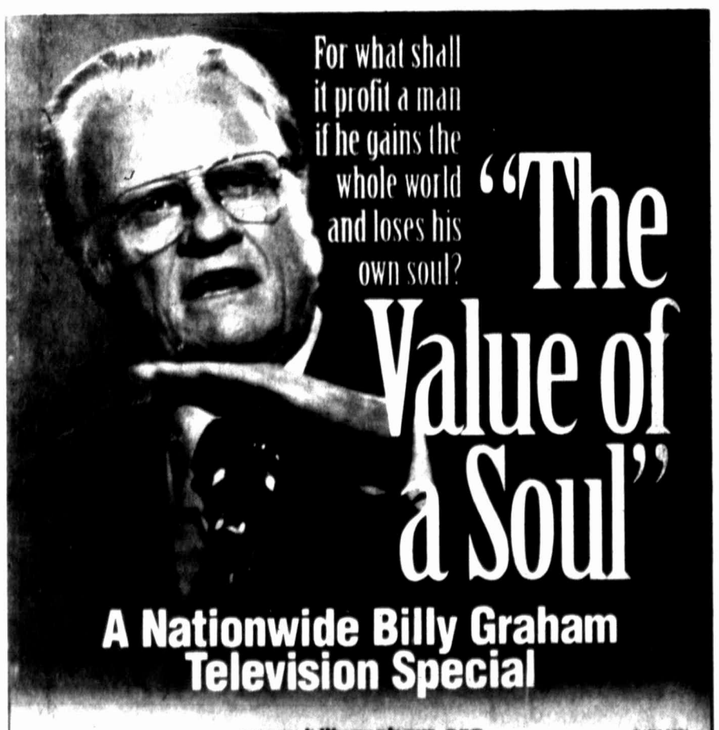
But Davis acknowledged telling FBI agents he couldn't recall the features of his customers because he makes so many deliveries. And he couldn't tell prosecutors how he could identify a sketch a year after telling the FBI the task was beyond him.

Mary Louise Martinez of Junction City testified she saw McVeigh and a dark-complected man — which does not fit Nichols' description — in a Ryder truck on April 17, 1995, hours before prosecutors say McVeigh rented the bomb truck.

Under cross-examination, however, Mrs. Martinez admitted she told defense investigators six weeks ago that she couldn't be sure the driver was McVeigh.

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'Buffalo Mania' set to invade Abilene's Shotwell

The people of Stanton — their world-famous "soreheads" notwithstanding — are generally an altruistic lot and are not usually given to greedy thoughts.

If you talk to the average Stantonite now, however, that attitude may change. For the past few weeks, this quiet community about 20 miles to our west has transformed itself into ground zero for Buffalo Mania.

CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS
Stanton Buffaloes (13-0)
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7:30 p.m. Friday
P.E. Shotwell Stadium
Abilene

The Stanton High School football team has claimed this town's heart lock, stock and barrel. The Buffaloes have raced through the regular season undefeated, and have scorched three playoff opponents en route to the best season an SHS football team has ever enjoyed.

That 13-0 record has been good enough to propel the Buffaloes into Class 2A quarterfinal playoff game against Lockney at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Abilene.

Excellence, regardless of the venue, should always be applauded, and an extra hand or two should be sent Stanton's way. It's not just that the Buffs have been winning, but they've been doing so in overwhelming fashion.

This team has hardly been tested this season, much less pushed to the edge. The closest an opponent has come to them occurred in the next-to-last game of the regular season, when defending state champion Iraan came within two points in the third quarter. True to form, however, the Buffaloes sprinted away with the victory that night, and they haven't quit running yet.

From head coach Mark Cotton to stars such as quarterback Kyle Herm, wide receiver Tyron Davis, running back James Jenkins and linebacker Jody Lauder, this is a team that has represented Stanton and this area with class and distinction.

It has been several years since an area team has advanced this deep into the playoffs, and every area fan in the area should get behind the Buffs. There's room enough on the Stanton bandwagon for all of us.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing as a concerned citizen who loves Big Spring and the city's well-being.

I was shocked and appalled when I read how a BSISD assistant business manager put his own personal business, (seeing his daughter over the holidays), before the financial well-being of our community. Having a chance to host a playoff game translating into a potential of more than $100,000, seems like something the leadership of our town should make a top priority when the occasion arises. I was infuriated that a person who is being paid $68,000 a year to look after the business or potential business of our schools could shrug it off as if it didn't matter.

After many phone calls to the chamber of commerce, city council members, the school administration and others, I found out that, among other things, our football stadium needs refurbishing and this playoff game money could have gone towards that, not to mention Wal-Mart, restaurants, gas stations and stores, etc. But NO!!! The only person who could coordinate everything was going to be gone to visit his daughter. I'm sorry, but what does he get paid to do? If this wasn't an emergency, then, in my opinion, his decision was inexcusable!

I've talked to many people in Big Spring that believe the same thing I do.

This man stated that he didn't know that he was expected to be around. *Excuse ME!!* Didn't you sir, at one time, serve as head coach of the Steer football team? Come on, now!! Don't you know that every year at this same time playoff games are going on all over and Big Spring could be a possible site for one??!! Last year there were two playoff games here. A 1-A and a 6-Man. Not only that, but word gets around and now the possibility exists that other games could go to Midland, Lamesa or elsewhere. In the future, will Stanton want to play here again? Other teams looking for a neutral site, will they bypass us now! Last week Canyon Randal and Brownwood played in Odessa. Out of the way for both. Why not in Big Spring? I know we can't have every game here, but we should go after one every week. And why isn't there a backup plan?

The business leaders of *OUR* city should make it known to the surrounding school districts that we welcome them and their fans to out wonderful city. I think every year we should plan on contacting the different schools that make the playoffs as soon as the playoffs start. By formal letter we should congratulate them for making the playoffs and let them know that they can used our stadium and it will be available. This should also include our rivals.

Like the BSISD Assistant Manager said, "it doesn't take a genius," well I'm no genius, but I can sure tell when something"s amiss.

BILL SCOTT
Big Spring

Christmas season without an attitude

By RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON
Syndicated Columnist

The other day I bought something at the store called "The Smell of Christmas." Never mind that I hadn't even smelled Thanksgiving turkey yet, I still wanted, needed, the small bag of clove, orange, pine and cinnamon mixed together and tied up with a bow in Heber Springs, Ark.

I figure in a pretty spot like Heber Springs they know what Christmas should smell like.

I carefully poured the not-cheap crumbs of Christmas into a basket and then placed it near a gas heater to speed the smell up. Sure enough, before too long, the whole house smelled like the perfect holiday of your fondest dreams, if not a real one.

It would be impossible, not to mention undesirable, to bag "The Real Smells of Christmas," including burned dinner rolls and egg-nog cups left soaking overnight, new puppy poop and the cosmetics clerk's too-strong perfume. Oh, and throw in the odor of mothballs stored with the Christmas-tree skirt and Uncle Bob's cigar.

Best to go with the fanciful notion that all homes operate on a soap-opera-smooth Christmas schedule. (Ever notice how the ice buckets in soap-opera homes always have ice in them, even when the residents have been out-of-state on some smarmy soap-opera business for weeks, even years?)

I have made a solemn vow to put my pessimistic nature on a high shelf this year and enjoy the holidays. The United States may be at war with Iraq, my old friend may be getting a divorce, El Nino may ice the woods until all the trees fall over, but I plan on being uncharacteristically jolly. At least through the holidays.

I think the clue is simplicity, "The Smells of Christmas" notwithstanding. I will eliminate the headaches by aiming for the heart.

For instance, I could have brewed my own bag of smells with a walk in the woods. (Last year I would have mentioned that such a walk would be dangerous without an orange vest because of the army of deer hunters, but that was last year. This year I refuse to be gloomy and doomy.)

I may return to the trees of my youth, the airy, cedar ones that are free in the woods. They won't support the heavy ornaments that I've collected over the years, but so what? Maybe I'll let the ornaments rest a year. That will prevent the day-long crying jag that the sentimental ornaments always cause.

For Christmas dinner I just may go with my friend Annie Louise Laxson to the Waffle House, if she'll have me. Annie Louise has dined there before on Christmas day and had a great time. (Last year I would have said that's the most depressing thing I've ever heard, but this year a cheeseburger all the way sounds pretty good.)

For presents I'll give only practical items, new cheese graters or white cotton socks or economy-sized bottles of that miracle cleaner, Greased Lightning. That approach should eliminate exchanges, if not disappointed looks.

By killing the pressure of matching expensive gifts with dozens of people, I will have more time to listen to carols, which ought to light a fire in any willing soul. I can sit and smell Christmas and sing along with the Carpenters. (Last year I might have made rude jokes about such dripping sweet music, but not now.)

I'll work more on my attitude and less on the wooden snowman that falls over whenever the wind blows. After all, maybe it's my bad attitude that always made Christmas stink.

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SS system reviewed every 4 years

This is the seventh in a series of eight articles prepared by U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm on the status of the Social Security system.


Charlie Stenholm
U.S. Congressman

The Social Security Act requires that every four years an advisory council convene to review and make recommendations regarding the condition and long-term viability of the Social Security program. After two years of study, the most recent council (comprised of 13 experts) released its final report in January 1997. While they agreed on many minor issues, the council members could not reach consensus on a single long-term solution. Their report contained the three options favored by the members before summarizing them, I want to discuss some of the issues on which there was agreement.

Three issues of particular importance were part of the council's consensus report.

1) **Early action should be taken to reform Social Security**. If "the nation delays making changes in Social Security for another 10 years, it would require a 25 percent reduction in benefits to rebalance the system without tax increases." 2) **Partial advance funding for Social Security**. Instead of relying entirely on the payroll taxes of current workers to fund current beneficiaries, a part of the program should be funded by employees investing a portion of their payroll taxes in interest-bearing annuities or other investments.

3) **Any sacrifices in bringing the system into balance should be widely shared and not borne entirely by current or future workers or their employers**. Current beneficiaries should take part in preserving the program for their grandchildren.

Council members were divided on the specifics of reform. The first option, which would make the fewest changes in the current framework, supports maintenance of benefits (MB). Under this plan, the current system would be maintained much as it is now, with some minor changes in the way benefit levels are calculated. Taxation of a greater percentage of Social Security benefits combined with periodic payroll tax increases would keep the system in balance. Finally, coverage would be extended for the first time to new state and local employees.

In addition to keeping the current Social Security program, the second option favors an individual account (IA) as a second level of retirement security. An additional contribution of 1.6 percent of covered payroll for the creation of a new government administered annuity program would be mandated. Individuals could choose to invest these funds in bonds or equities. As benefits begin to be paid out from the new program, Social Security benefits would decline, with individuals assured benefits which would be equal to those under the current system.

The third option, when fully implemented, would replace the current system with a two-tiered retirement program. The first tier would provide a flat retirement benefit for all full-career workers and the second would provide individually-owned Personal Security Accounts (PSAs). PSAs would be funded by 5 percent of current payroll taxes and individuals would have a variety of choices where these funds could be invested.

The recommendations set the foundation for the upcoming debates on Social Security reform, however, many elected officials have introduced their own reform proposals. All of these ideas will continue to be debated in the coming months.

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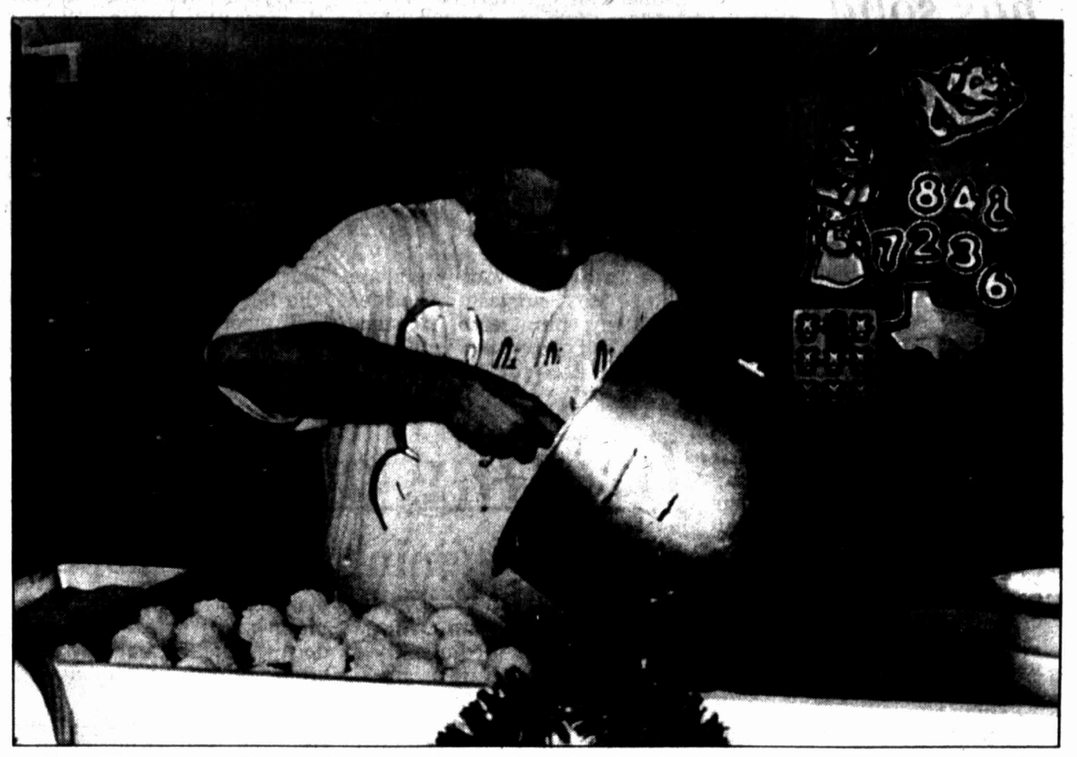
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For baker-businessman, life is a piece of (decorated) cake

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor





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Above, cookie bouquets are a specialty at Gale's Sweet Shoppe. At right, entrepreneur Gale Pittman makes cookies at the newly opened shop. Pittman is in his 20th year in the bakery business.

Just after graduating from high school, Gale Pittman got up early one morning and went to start his career at Rudd's Bakery.

He lasted less than an hour.

"I couldn't stand the sweet smell," he said. "It literally made me sick."

A cake decorator Pittman was working with at the time said, "That kid's never going to make it in the bakery business."

Nearly two decades later, Pittman must have grown accustomed to the sweet smell of the bakery. His career has included work at all of the local grocery store bakeries, several stints with his own bakery business in town and even a downtown deli.

Pittman recently opened Gale's Sweet Shoppe in the shopping center at 1700 E. Marcy Drive. He sells decorated cakes, cookies, gift baskets and other specialty items.

"I don't know what else I would do," the baker said.

Since he opened the new location Oct. 23, Pittman said business has been better than he imagined.

But that should have been no surprise. He acknowledges that, even while he was employed by local grocery stores, or working in Odessa for a short time, his loyal customers always found him. It seems many Big Spring residents can't celebrate a birthday without "Gale's cakes."

"You don't realize, being out of the public eye for several years, what it means when you come back," he said.

During his first weeks open at the new location, customers were often emotional about his "homecoming."

A local favorite are his "pink daisies," flower-shaped cookies with a center of pink icing. During the Thanksgiving holiday, Pittman said plenty of former locals visiting home for the holidays stopped by to stock up.

Finding he had run out of the treats, however, they "freaked out," according to his sister-in-law Cindy Pittman, who helps out at the store sometimes.

"They were panicking," she said. "'Where are the pink daisies?'"

Pittman's accomplishments in the baking business are staggering: In one year alone, he baked more than 2,000 cakes. Since he opened his new location, he has sold thousands of cookies.

But, asked to name some of his worst "baking disasters," Pittman can think of only a few — oatmeal-raisin cookies that were missing their raisins, butter left out of another batch of cookies once.

"On that one, I was talking, and didn't know what I was doing," he said.

At home, the Pittmans hardly eat sweets at all.

"I might make a cake at home, or make one here and take it home," he said. "But we will eat a slice or two and then the rest usually ends up in the trash."

Pittman said he has never questioned his career choice, but does have an unfulfilled dream: To have his own cookie wholesale company.

"I'd want to ship all over the place," he said.

In the meantime, Pittman is just concerned with keeping up with growing holiday demand for his sweets.

"By the time I think it's going to slow down," he said, "it just gets busier."

Woof, s'il vous plait

Parisian pound pup needs English class

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — When given commands in English, Leo might respond with the doggie equivalent of a Gallic shrug.

If you speak to him in French, it's a different story. The 26-pound terrier mix was adopted from a Paris pound and hasn't learned English yet.

When Leo's owner, Jennifer Morrill, 23, wants him to stop barking, she says "Arret!," not "Stop!" If she wants him to be quiet, she says, "Ferme ta gueule!" (Shut your muzzle).

College friends of Morrill adopted the brown-and-white dog while they were studying in France. Last year they brought Leo home with them to Connecticut but offered him to Morrill when they returned to college in New York City.

By coincidence, he wound up in central Maine in a city that was chosen as national headquarters of the Forum Francophone des Affaires, an international trade group of French-speaking countries.

Morrill is learning to live with Leo. He is forcing her to practice the French she learned in school, while she is slowly teaching him some English.

"They say dogs understand sounds (and not words), and I agree," Morrill said. "But when you speak another language you change the way you're speaking. All the sounds are different."

Leo is catching on to some English commands, but it's a slow process.

In the meantime, when Morrill takes him for a walk and he stops and sniffs as canines often do, it's "Tout de suite," not "Hurry up" and "Viens," instead of "Come here."

SCHOOL NEWS

Kentwood News

By Kendal Adams

Kentwood Elementary has many great things. First of all it has a wonderful staff of teachers that do great things for their kids. Kentwood rewards classes for good behavior. The teachers give the classes that were good at lunch an ant. When a class reaches five ants they get a popcorn party.

In the morning, before school begins, students that are quiet and read a book can be picked by the teacher for their good behavior. Students that are picked for their good behavior before school have their pictures taken by Mrs. Barber. It is then placed on our good behavior bulletin board for the rest of the year.

We have an active PTA that helps earn money for the kids. Kentwood has a great library with many awesome books.

Our students are nice, friendly, and sweet. Kentwood has two first grade classes, one second grade class, two third grade classes, two fourth grade classes and one fifth grade class. We also have a librarian, a resource teacher, a music/PE teacher and a tutor.

Bauer News

by Mrs. Chancy's 5th grade

Bauer students enjoyed a program performed by Plains Indians. The Native Americans danced and sang as well as told about traditions their tribes have carried on from generation to generation.

They also told us about how Indians on television aren't realistic. They called those Indians the "Hollywood Tribe."

All of us got to dance and make our own war cries, too.

Extended day music classes performed a Thanksgiving play and sang Thanksgiving songs for us. Susan Dawes and Lori Pennington did a great job preparing them.

We are looking forward to meeting Herb Marlow, author of "Twisters, Bronc Riders and Apple Pie" Dec. 10. Maybe he'll inspire us to be famous writers someday.

Parking problem teaches wealthy students rules of supply and demand

WINNETKA, Ill. (AP) — Call it an early economics lesson. When rich kids have nowhere to park during high school, somebody is going to make some serious money.

Overwhelming demand and limited supply at New Trier High School — one of the state's wealthiest — is so bad that many pay hundreds, even thousands, of dollars a year to secure a space near school, either in a resident's driveway or a business's parking lot.

The 3,100-student school offers just 220 parking spaces to students, spots doled out by lottery, and only to seniors. Others must fend for themselves, with no street parking allowed.

Prime spots are so rare they become family legacies.

"I only got this because my sister had it," said Chris Bartlett, a junior who parks his Toyota Celica convertible at nearby G&W Auto Clinic. "We handed it down."

Taking the bus to school isn't a desirable option for many image-conscious teens in this affluent, tree-lined suburb north of Chicago.

"I'd be leaving 20 minutes early," Bartlett said. "You have to wait outside. It's a pain."

Bob Woyner rents out four to six spaces at G&W. In the past, he's charged $500 a year, payable in advance. This year, it's $750.

The rent increase drew no protests.

"People just said fine," Woyner said. "Five hundred, 750, it's the same thing to these people."

Dylan Nagle got his spot at G&W through a sibling, too. Calling the school bus no fun, he feels lucky to have someplace to park his sleek Acura SLX there.

"It's kind of a hot thing around here," Woyner said. "I've had people say, 'How much is it? I'm willing to pay double.'"

The average household income in the village of roughly 13,000 residents is about $150,000. While not everyone who attends the school is rich, the average house in town is valued at more than half a million dollars and it's common to see students driving Audis, BMWs and Volvos.

"As a high school in the midst of a residential area, we're a different story," said Judy Brinton, New Trier's dean of students.

Even the school's highly coveted 220 student parking spaces come at a price: $270 a year.

With the school expected to grow by 1,000 students over the next seven years, the situation is only going to worsen, Brinton said.

"We don't have any place we can expand to," she said. "We don't have any empty fields we can pave."

A 1994 New Trier graduate, Kristen McGill, said the situation has been bad for years.

Communication in marriage is challenge



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

QUESTION: When my husband and I were dating, we could talk for hours about anything and everything. Now that we're married, we go out to dinner and have nothing to say to each other. What has gone wrong? Richard just keeps his thoughts to himself.

DR. DOBSON: Millions of couples experience that transformation. They talked endlessly before marriage but found themselves with little to say a few years after. When the courtship is over, some people find it very difficult to express their feelings openly and honestly.

That is more true of men than women as a general rule. Research makes it clear that little girls are blessed with greater linguistic ability than little boys, and it remains a lifelong talent. Simply stated, she talks more than he. As an adult, she typically expresses her feelings and thoughts far better than her husband and is often irritated by his reticence. God may have given her 50,000 words per day and her husband only 25,000. He comes home from work with 24,975 used up and merely grunts his way through the evening. He may descend into Monday night football while his wife is dying to expend her remaining 25,000 words.

Every knowledgeable marriage counselor knows that the inability or unwillingness of husbands to reveal their inner thoughts to their wives is one of the common complaints of women. A wife wants to know what her husband is thinking, what happened at his office, how he sees the children and, especially, how he feels about her. The husband, by contrast, finds some things better left unsaid. It is a classic struggle.

You and Richard can overcome the problem if you will get it out in the open and agree to work together on communication. It is a key to successful marriage.

QUESTION: Is it possible to love someone and not feel it?

DR. DOBSON: It certainly is, because love is more than a feeling. It is primarily a decision. Married couples who misunderstand this point will have serious problems when the feeling of love disappears for a time. Couples who genuinely love each other will experience times of closeness, times when they feel apathetic, and times when they are irritated and cranky. That's just the way emotions operate.

What, then, will hold them steady as feelings bounce all over the landscape? The source of constancy is a commitment of the will. You simply make up your mind not to be blown off the limb by fluctuating and unreliable emotions.

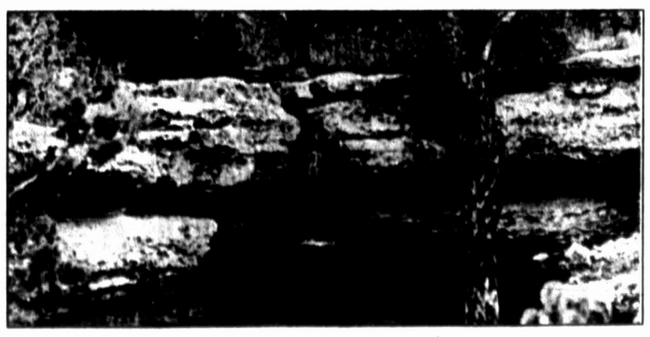
QUESTION: When it comes to raising teen-agers, you have said that parents should "pick and choose what is worth fighting for, and settle for something less than perfection on issues that don't really matter." I think I understand what you're recommending. You're not suggesting that my husband and I let our kid run wild. Instead, we should choose our battles carefully and not push her into further rebellion by trying to make her something she can't be right now.

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SLICE of *life!*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ready to light the spring?



The historic spring be decorated with a lighted display for the first time this year. The first showing of the thousands of lights in Comanche Trail Park will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Then the lights will be turned on nightly through Jan. 1. Special programs are planned for Dec. 10-14, including choral music by various local groups.

Volunteers have been gathering the needed lights and other equipment for the project, which is patterned after similar lighting displays in other towns. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the program, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Craft sale Saturday

A craft sale and show is planned Saturday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Big Spring Mall, sponsored by American Business Women's Association.

Vendors will have a variety of items, including ceramics, gifts and handmade specialty items. Organizers said they will come from area cities, including Snyder and Abilene.

The show is planned all day so that shoppers can stop by while enjoying the host of holiday activities locally. A few of the vendors will be returning Sunday as well.

The show benefits the AWBA program that offers scholarships to women of the local community.

THE LAST WORD

The control man has secured over nature has far outrun his control over himself.
Ernest Jones

An autobiography usually reveals nothing bad about its writer except his memory.
Franklin P. Jones

Just because everything is different doesn't mean anything has changed.
Irene Peter

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That lovely green glow has solid scientific uses

By NEIL D. ROSENBERG
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

From Life Savers that flash sparks to glowing green jellyfish, chemiluminescence is moving away from parlor tricks into the world of science and medicine.

When you bite down on a Wint-O-Green Life Saver, sparks will actually fly (you can try this at home).

This flashing of light when a material is fractured or deformed is called triboluminescence, from "tribo", meaning "friction," and "luminesce," meaning "to emit light." When a triboluminescent material is crunched, crushed, ripped or pulverized, it transforms that jarring mechanical energy into cold, sparking flashes.

Some scientists are now trying to harness this phenomenon as a tool to detect cracks in materials.

The glowing green jellyfish may have even more profound benefits in medical science. Though the green fluorescent protein (GFP) was isolated in the 1960s from the Pacific Northwest jellyfish Aquorea victoria, it was not cloned until about five years ago. That allowed it to be produced in quantities large enough to be used in research.

These phenomena are more accurately referred to as chemiluminescence, a chemical reaction in which a molecule is brought to an excited electronic state, and the energy released is emitted as light.

With GFP, substances can be piggybacked on the protein and then tracked by the green glow given off under ultraviolet light of the protein, wherever it ends up in the cell, said Timothy Herman, associate professor of biochemistry at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

A scientist could piggyback the protein to a gene that he wanted to incorporate into a cell. If the cell glowed green, that would be proof the gene had arrived as well.

And using GFP, Japanese scientists announced last summer that they have created the first glow-in-the-dark mice. They injected GFP into mouse embryos, and the resulting progeny glow green under ultraviolet light.

The technique, the scientists said, could be used to trace the activity of white blood cells in cancer, for example.

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Major league ump visits Big Spring vets

There's a new ump behind the plate on the Disabled American Veterans' (DAV) volunteer team.

He's National League Umpire Jerry Layne and he's on his way to bring smiles to the faces of hospitalized veterans at the Big Spring VA Medical Center on Dec. 11, 1997.

American League Umpire Larry Barnett, who has been visiting hospitalized veterans as part of the DAV VA Voluntary service program since 1977, suggested the idea of Jerry volunteering his time on behalf of disabled veterans.

Jerry grew up in Prospect, Ohio, Larry's hometown. Now 39, Jerry best friend was Larry's nephew, Rob Carr (now deceased). Uncle "Barny" (Larry) was a common topic between the youngsters. They even attended Indians' games now and then when Larry was in Cleveland to umpire.

With the sponsorship of the million-member organization of wartime disabled veterans, Jerry now visits VA Medical centers on his free time in National League cities during the baseball season, and also volunteers in his off-season.

Now in his ninth year at National League Umpire, Jerry Layne says his goal hasn't changed. He still loves the game and wants to be the best umpire in the league.

He also wants to brighten the lives of hospitalized veterans through the DAV VA/VS program.

"I want to bring smiles and brighter days to those veterans who have given so much to our country," Jerry said. "I want them to know that they are appreciated.

"Brightening their lives with a friendly visit, it is a very small token in return for what they have given us."

Beating a bad rap

Pit bulls gaining respect as perfectly good pet

SCHODACK, N.Y. (AP) — People back off when Cydney Cross walks her pit bull. They have good reason — if they dislike dog slobber.

Alexis likes to lick. The 35-pound pit bull with a brindled coat and an infectious grin seems the antithesis of her breed's fearsome reputation. Her manners are impeccable when she visits schools and nursing homes. She excels in agility competitions. She snuggles in bed with her owner.

Her life could have turned out much differently.

"She came from the dregs of humanity," Cross says, caressing the dog's blocky head. A year ago, Alexis was seized from drug dealers in a police raid. Her head and neck were scarred. She was emaciated and infested with worms.

Cross is a self-appointed savior of pit bulls. She runs Out of the Pits, an organization dedicated to rescuing abused pit bulls, nursing them to health, reviving their social skills and finding them happy homes.

Cross zealously defends pit bulls, saying the dogs don't deserve their nasty reputation. She said they make extraordinary pets: intelligent, affectionate, athletic, versatile and eager to please.

Pit bull is an umbrella term for a number of breeds, including bull terriers, American pit bull terriers and Staffordshire terriers. All were originally regarded as fine family pets. Some famous pit bulls include Buster Brown's Tige and Our Gang's Petey.

Cruelty creates bad dogs, Cross says. She and other pit bull apostles say the prejudice against the dogs comes from a few high-profile attacks by animals bred or trained for aggression, sometimes specifically for dog-fighting.

Pit bulls became popular symbols of street swagger and machismo in the 1980s, and dogs that aren't combative are often tortured and abandoned, Cross says.

"I've gotten them with cigarette burns all over, construction staples down their backs, bottle caps sewn under their skin," she says.

The idea is to keep the dog in pain so it will lash out. Two dogs were found on an Albany street with their ears torn off and their wounded heads infested with maggots. Some animals have their larynxes removed in crude operations so they can't bark.

"I have one with a broken skull and pelvis because someone threw her from a second-story window when she wouldn't fight," Cross says. "They throw them in the Hudson River, set them on fire, cut their throats, leave them in dumpsters, hang them, starve them. The lucky ones get shot."

The really lucky ones find their way to Cross.

Cross, a youthful 46-year-old with a merry laugh and fluffy blond hair, will talk ardently for hours about her dogs. In her home, where she tutors a special-needs pupil and manages several artists and musicians, she has two pit bulls, four other dogs and several cats.

The pit bulls sleep in her bed, under the covers. "For all their supposed toughness, they love creature comforts," Cross says.

Cross started out working with an adoption group for greyhounds rejected as racers. She and another greyhound advocate founded Out of the Pits when they began to see abused pit bulls.

In the last year, they've placed about 50 pit bulls with carefully screened owners who must agree to do obedience training.

She is selective about the dogs she'll take. "We don't take dogs that show any aggression toward humans," she says. One dog was fine around her but proved hostile toward men.

"I was just devastated. We had to put him down," Cross says, her voice quavering. "He's buried at my house. It's better to have a dog put down than spend a life chained up, or tortured again."

Some dogs are difficult to place for other reasons, Cross says.

"I have one dog that I haven't been able to place because he looks so tough, all gnarly and scarred up," Cross says. "He was found starving, hanging in an alley by a chain.

"There's no reason he should have any affection for people after the way he was treated, but all he wants to do is lick them and sit in their laps," Cross says. "I take him to schools when I do lectures. He loves kids."

Pit bulls shine on agility courses, Cross said. One recent afternoon, Alexis demonstrated her talents. With Cross calling out directions, the dog sped through a course as if she'd were a pinball in a machine. She flew over jumps, scaled walls, traversed high beams and teeter-totters and hurtled through tunnels.

At the end, she sat on a platform, grinning, wagging her tail and relishing the praise and hugs of her owner.

"I'm not a Pollyanna," Cross says. "These dogs aren't for everybody. You have to have commitment. They are very intelligent, powerful dogs. They need a job to do.

"It's like having a bright, talented child — they're not easy, but they're sure worth it. I could never see myself without one."

DOBSON

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DR. DOBSON: That's it. The philosophy we applied with our teen-agers (and you might try with yours) can be called "loosen and tighten." By this I mean we tried to loosen our grip on everything that had no lasting significance, and tighten down on everything that did. We said "yes" whenever we possibly could, to give support to the occasional "no." And most important, we tried never to get too far away from our kids emotionally.

It is simply not prudent to write off a son or daughter, no matter how foolish, irritating, selfish or insane a child may seem to be. You need to be there, not only while their canoe is bouncing precariously, but after the river runs smooth again. You have the remainder of your life to reconstruct the relationship that may now be in jeopardy.

Don't let anger fester for too long. Make the first move toward reconciliation. And try hard not to hassle your kids. They hate to be nagged. If you follow them around with one complaint after another, they are almost forced to protect themselves by appearing deaf.

Finally, continue to treat them with respect, even when punishment or restrictions are necessary. Then wait for the placid water in the early 20s.

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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING: Junior college or senior college

SOME SOURCES OF TRAINING OR EDUCATION: Howard College (basics), Texas A&M, University of Texas at Arlington and Austin, and University of Houston.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Each Aeronautical Engineer must have a license from the state in which they work.

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JOB PROSPECTS: Average to poor. This engineering field, like Petroleum Engineering, is in a big demand one time, and just a a few years later there is a surplus of Aeronautical Engineers.

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North Carolina's Brown expected to be Longhorns' next coach

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas is hoping North Carolina's Mack Brown can bring both offense and defense to the Longhorns, who got offense and little else from former coach John Mackovic.

Brown, like Mackovic, has an offensive background. But Brown has been able to field strong defenses — something Mackovic was unable to do.

Texas went 4-7 this season, and Texas allowed a record number of points (33.2 per game). Six of the seven-worst single-season defensive performances in Longhorns history came in his six-year tenure as coach.

While Mackovic also was criticized as being an aloof wine drinker in a beer-guzzling state, Brown is known for his folksy charm, similar to Texas Tech's Spike Dykes.

An announcement that Brown will succeed Mackovic, who was fired and reassigned after the season, is expected no later than Saturday, a source told The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

"Mack Brown has committed to come to Texas. Everyone's ecstatic," the source said.

Brown, whose seventh-ranked Tar Heels are a candidate for an Alliance Bowl berth, was interviewed by Texas officials Wednesday and was offered the job later in the day, the source said.

Brown didn't immediately return a message left at his home by the AP. He didn't attend the Tar Heels' practice on Wednesday.

Steve Kirschner, North Carolina's director of media relations for football and basketball, confirmed Wednesday night that Brown "has been offered the job at the University of Texas."

"He will consider the job and will make a quick decision. He has not accepted it at this time. He is waiting to talk with (UNC athletic director) Dick Baddour before making his decision," Kirschner said, based on a conversation he had with Brown's wife, Sally.

Baddour told The Herald-Sun of Durham, N.C., that Brown had not accepted the job.

"He has not given them a decision. The rumors he has accepted the job are not true," Baddour said.

"He's going to sleep on it, and we're going to talk about it in the morning. But obviously, they will want a decision as soon as possible."

The source said Brown was sought for the

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Brown's career

Year-by-year results for teams coached by Mack Brown, who sources say will succeed John Mackovic as head coach of the Texas Longhorns:

Yr	School	W	L	T
1983	Appalachian St.	6	5	0
1985	Tulane	1	10	0
1986	Tulane	4	7	0
1987	Tulane	6	6	0
1988	North Carolina	1	10	0
1989	North Carolina	1	10	0
1990	North Carolina	6	4	1
1991	North Carolina	7	4	0
1992	North Carolina	9	3	0
1993	North Carolina	10	3	0
1994	North Carolina	8	4	0
1995	North Carolina	7	5	0
1996	North Carolina	10	2	0
1997	North Carolina	10	1	0
North Carolina (10yrs)		69	46	1
Career (14yrs.)		86	74	1

Texas a hotbed of expectation for return as perennial power

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The coaching job at Texas comes with a salary in excess of $600,000 per year, a car and all the golf you can play at a deluxe resort.

In return, the coach is required to fill the new seats and luxury boxes being built as part of an $83 million stadium expansion and generate tons in television revenue.

Or more delicately put, return Texas to the Top 10. Mack Brown, who sources said agreed to take the job Wednesday, will find that out soon enough.

Of course, the North Carolina coach is no stranger to the world of big-time college football in the era of generate-as-much-income-as-you-can from the gridiron to pay for every other athletic department bill, including Title IX, which requires schools to have the same number of sports opportunities for women as men.

On the surface, Texas officials will talk about their desire to have the football team be No. 1 again in the tradition of Darrell Royal and Earl Campbell.

It's been 20 years since the Longhorns were the nation's top-ranked team.

But the bottom line is, the big-money boosters funding

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Lockney should test unbeaten Buffs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

STANTON — It's the 14th week of the high school football season, meaning that 16 of Texas' surviving playoff teams are preparing for this weekend's state semifinals and the remaining 32 are readying for regional finals action.

For Stanton's unbeaten and No. 4-ranked Buffaloes it's a 7:30 p.m. Friday Region I, Class 2A final with Lockney's 12-1 Longhorns at P.E. Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

And the question on virtually every observer's mind is the same one that's been voiced when the Buffs took a two-touchdown win over defending Class 2A champion Iraan in District 6-2A play:

When will Stanton finally find an opponent that will really provide a test?

That test was supposed to come in the third round of the playoffs, but Post's Antelopes were no match for the Buffaloes' juggernaut — surrendering 35 first-half points before regrouping for a couple of face-saving touchdowns in a 35-14 loss.

But the Longhorns, who took a 32-27 win over District 8-2A runner-up Winters in Snyder last week, should provide that long-sought test.

At least that's the way Stanton coach Mark Cotton sees it.

"Lockney's explosive ... very explosive," Cotton said. "They have great skilled athletes at virtually every position. They've got 10 starters on offense and 10 on defense that started last year when they went 12-1."

In fact, the way Cotton describes the Longhorns, they're strikingly similar to the Buffs — great athletes with tremendous team speed, an offense capable of striking through both the air and overland and and an opportunistic and confident defense.

"They lost their first game to Dimmitt ... had a bunch of turnovers, but they've handled everybody else they've come up against," Cotton said.

"They run the option really well," he added, noting that the Longhorns' running game is equally capable in both the Wishbone and the I-formation.

That of course, means a talented running quarterback in senior Adam Cummings.

But Cummings, like Stanton's stellar junior field general Kyle Herm, is an accomplished passer as well.

"He (Cummings) threw for more than 1,200 yards last year," Cotton explained. "He hasn't put up numbers like that this year, but that's probably because their running game has done so well."

Cummings revealed that talented passing arm in eliminating Winters, hitting halfback J.R. Walker on touchdown passes of 62 and 70 yards in a second-quarter blitzkrieg that provided a 26-7 halftime lead over the Blizzards.

Walker is an accomplished runner, as well. He scored the Longhorns' first touchdown last week on a 25-yard pitch, as well as the fourth-quarter winner from 42 yards out.

But the star in Lockney's offensive backfield is halfback Devon Phillips, a 6-foot-1, 185-pound speedster who's piled up more than 6,000 career yards.

"They (Longhorns) don't run the same offense, but they're a lot like us in that they can hurt you a lot of ways at any time," Cotton said, stressing the importance that the Buffs not give up the big play. "Defensively, they line up in a 29 ... put them in that 4-3 and just let those great athletes play.

"They kind of dare you to throw the football," Cotton added. "They have a great secondary and have a lot of confidence in it. That allows them to be really aggressive at the line of scrimmage against the run. They really go after the football."

As a result, Cotton doesn't expect either team to find itself in the position of having to protect a big first-half lead like they did a week ago.

The key, Cotton says, will be eliminating turnovers and penalties and strong special teams play.

"If we both play our best game, you can flip a coin," he explained. "Turnovers, mistakes and the kicking game are probably going to be the difference. We feel like we can't afford to give up the big play on special teams and need to get one."

The best news for Stanton fans, however, will be the improved condition of injured Buffaloes wideout Tyron Davis.

Davis, playing on an sore ankle, played just 15 offensive snaps and still caught a pair of passes in the first half of the Buffs' devastation of Post.

"Tyron's much better," Cotton said. "He should be close to 100 percent Friday."



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Stanton freshman Adrian Hernandez, doing scout team duty during Wednesday's practice session, simulates stellar Lockney Longhorn halfback Devon Phillips. With more than 6,000 career rushing yards to his credit, Phillips will most certainly be one of the Buff defense's prime targets Friday when the two teams meet in the Region I, Class 2A final at P.E. Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Mavs may soon have new coach

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DALLAS — When Portland trashed Dallas by 45 points in an effort that Mavericks players called embarrassing, coach Jim Cleamons asked critics to "have patience."

A few weeks later, Milwaukee came to Dallas and held the Mavericks to a franchise-low 62 points. As the boos rained, Cleamons again pleaded: "have patience."

After a 33-point loss to the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night, Cleamons was again asked how he might restructure the squad.

"It's called patience," he said.

Team officials, however, may have run out of patience. Media reports swirled Wednesday that Cleamons' firing was imminent, with general manager Don Nelson expected to take over.

After practice Wednesday, Cleamons said "as far as I know," management still supports him.

Nelson did not immediately return a telephone call to The Associated Press. Team spokesman Tony Fay said Wednesday afternoon that no announcements were planned.

The Mavericks host the New York Knicks on Thursday, then play the Houston Rockets on Saturday in the NBA's first-ever regular-season game in Mexico City. They'll be back home next week for games Tuesday and Thursday.

Cleamons is Dallas' fifth coach of the 1990s and none have managed a winning record. In fact, the Mavericks have the worst record of any team this decade.

Cleamons has gone 28-70 and alienated himself from the team by forcing them to play the complicated triangle offense, a system that has only worked in the NBA with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen running it.

Players have rebelled against both the offense and the coach. Asked if he'd be upset by a change in either, guard Erick Strickland said: "No, I wouldn't object to it."

Without Sprewell, Golden State's offense simply becomes the worst

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brian Shaw scored two points, Tony Delk had four.

As a team, the Golden State Warriors scored just 67 and lost by 28.

That's the way the post-Sprewell era began for the Warriors on Wednesday night as they lost 95-67 to the Cleveland Cavaliers. At the same time the blowout was occurring on the court, the Warriors were deciding to terminate their three-time All-Star's $32 million contract for his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Shaw started at shooting guard in place of Sprewell and played 25 minutes, shooting 1-for-6. Delk spent 20 minutes at the 2-guard spot and went 2-for-7 from the field.

Never was the offensive ineptitude more evident than in the fourth quarter, when the Warriors (1-14) were outscored 33-10.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Carlesimo said. "We had a lot of work to do when we were 1-13. Perhaps we have more work to do now."

In other NBA games, Detroit outlasted Phoenix 108-103 in triple overtime, Orlando edged Vancouver 101-97, Chicago defeated Boston 97-87, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Denver 107-89, Utah topped Toronto 115-98, Indiana downed Minnesota 94-90, Seattle beat New Jersey 93-89 and Miami defeated Philadelphia 94-90.

The loss kept the Warriors winless in six home games, while Cleveland won its sixth straight despite an off night by Shawn Kemp, who had six points on 2-of-17 shooting.

Golden State was held to a season-low in scoring. Donyell Marshall led the Warriors with 23 points and Erick Dampier had 10, but no other player was in double figures.

Pistons 108, Suns 103

At Auburn Hills, Mich., the Suns experienced their second mega-overtime game in 19 days. This time, however, they weren't able to come away with a victory.

Grant Hill had 27 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for his second triple-double of the season, and Brian Williams had 21 points and 17 rebounds for Detroit, which showed some resolve just three days after a disappointing home loss to Vancouver led to speculation abnout Doug Collins' job future.

Rex Chapman led Phoenix with 22 points, and Jason Kidd had 21 points and 10 assists.

"This was a fun game to be a part of," said Phoenix coach Danny Ainge, whose team defeated Portland 140-139 in quadruple overtime less than three weeks ago. "We had some chances to win, and got some great looks at the basket, but we couldn't get the shots to fall. They just outlasted us."

Magic 101, Grizzlies 97

Penny Hardaway, the leader of a player revolt last season when Brian Hill was fired as coach of the Magic, scored 22 points as Orlando beat its former coach and won on the road for the second straight night.

Derek Strong had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Orlando and put the game away with 5.4 seconds left by scoring off a rebound after Rony Seikaly's shot rolled out.

Bulls 97, Celtics 87

Michael Jordan scored 29 points, Dennis Rodman had 17 rebounds and Toni Kukoc had 15 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds as Chicago reversed an opening-night loss at Boston.

Chicago shot better than 50 percent (38-for-75) for the first time this season.

Lakers 107, Nuggets 89

Elden Campbell, filling in for the injured Shaquille O'Neal, had 25 points and 12 rebounds and Nick Van Exel was 5-for-5 from 3-point range as Los Angeles handed the Nuggets their 14th loss in 15 games.

Van Exel, who has hit 19 of 26 shots from 3-point range at McNichols Arena, said "I feel good coming up here. I don't breathe well, but I feel good shooting the ball."

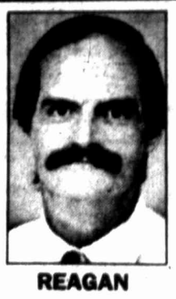
Jazz 115, Raptors 98

Karl Malone had 23 points and 15 rebounds and Bryon Russell added a season-high 19 points as Utah won its sixth straight game and handed Toronto its 14th consecutive loss.

Damon Stoudamire led Toronto with 25 points.

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Last week:	13-7	15-5	11-9	13-7	14-6	11-9
Overall record:	192-68	183-77	180-80	179-81	176-84	169-91
Pct.	.738	.703	.692	.688	.677	.650
Stanton vs. Lockney	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton
Abilene Cooper vs. FM Marcus	Cooper	Cooper	FM Marcus	FM Marcus	Cooper	FM Marcus
Canyon Randall vs. Corsicana	Corsicana	Randall	Corsicana	Corsicana	Randall	Corsicana
Sweetwater vs. Denison	Denison	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Denison	Sweetwater	Denison
Army vs. Navy	Navy	Navy	Army	Army	Army	Navy
Tennessee at Cincinnati	Tennessee	Cincinnati	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Atlanta at San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	Atlanta	Atlanta	San Diego
Buffalo at Chicago	Chicago	Buffalo	Chicago	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo
Denver at Pittsburgh	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Green Bay at Tampa Bay	Green Bay	Tampa Bay	Green Bay	Tampa Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Indianapolis at NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets
Minnesota at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
New England at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	New England
NY Giants at Philadelphia	NY Giants	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	NY Giants	NY Giants
Oakland at Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
St. Louis at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	St. Louis	St. Louis
Seattle at Baltimore	Baltimore	Seattle	Baltimore	Baltimore	Seattle	Seattle
Washington at Arizona	Arizona	Washington	Arizona	Washington	Arizona	Washington
Detroit at Miami	Miami	Miami	Detroit	Miami	Miami	Miami
Carolina at Dallas	Dallas	Carolina	Carolina	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas

BROWN

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Texas job because he has proven he can win at a school with strong academics, is an offensive coach who has also fielded strong defenses and is a good fit in Texas because of he's somewhat of a good ol' boy.

"He s a great fit for Texas. He'll be well received by followers of the school," the source said.

Brown would also receive a considerable pay raise. The Texas job pays roughly $625,000 per year. Brown's base salary at North Carolina was about $170,000, not including TV, radio and shoe deals.

The Tar Heels went 1-10 in Brown's first two seasons (1988-89). But UNC has averaged nine victories over the last six years, including three 10-win seasons. They went 10-2 last year and made it to the Gator Bowl. They are 10-1 this season.

Carolina's 45 wins over the past five years are second best in the Atlantic Coast Conference to Florida State. The Tar Heels have made five consecutive bowl appearances, winning three. They lost to Texas 35-31 in the 1994 Sun Bowl.

Early focus in the Texas search had been on Northwestern's Gary Barnett. But the source said, "The search committee didn't interview Barnett after talking to Brown."

One of the knocks on both Mackovic and Barnett was that they were too aloof for down-home Texas faithful.

Barnett issued a statement through Northwestern late Wednesday saying he had "taken my name out of consideration."

"I will not comment further on this subject, and I would appreciate it if the media and others would respect my privacy in this matter," Barnett said.

Speculation had also focused on Miami's Butch Davis, but he too withdrew from consideration on Wednesday.

"I have not been contacted, nor do I anticipate being contacted by any school in reference to a coaching vacancy," Davis said. "I am fully committed to being at the University of Miami."

An offensive coach for most of his career, Brown's defenses at North Carolina have gained national recognition.

The Tar Heels are second to top-ranked Michigan in total defense, giving up 209.3 yards per game. Texas allowed 399.9 yards per game this season.

Prior to coaching at North Carolina, Brown, who lettered at Florida State as a running back in 1971 and 1972, was at Tulane, where he had records of 1-10 (1985), 4-7 (1986) and 6-6 (1987).

SPORTS BRIEF

Junior hoops program slates registration dates

Registration for participation in the Big Spring Junior Basketball Association has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Big Spring Mall.

The program, set for Saturdays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21, will give boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades a head start on the basic fundamentals of basketball.

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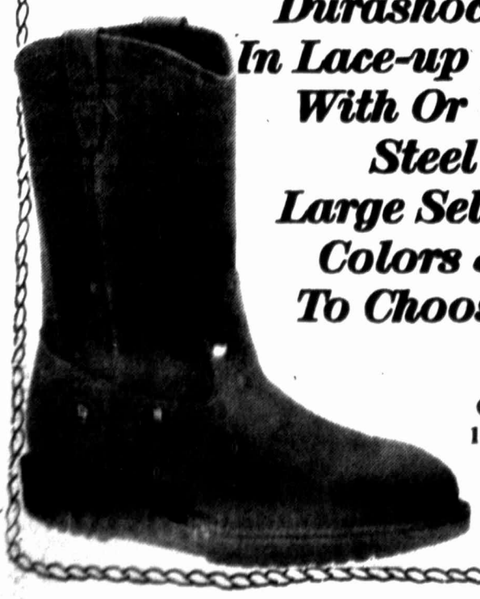


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the stadium expansion at 40 Acres aren't happy about the return on their investment. For them to be happy, Texas almost has to get back into the Top 10.

The big money didn't like John Mackovic — personally or the way he regularly lost games early in the season, even in the good years and then winning a bunch late.

Mackovic improved graduation rates and had enough victories to reach three bowl games, which brought in nice paychecks to the school.

But a 4-7 record this season was evidence of the program slamming into reverse, and with 52 luxury suites yet to be sold, Texas officials had to do something dramatic to rekindle interest.

"In this part of the country, football is important to getting alums and students excited about their involvement in the university, including donations, which are important to the shrinking budgets of schools," said Texas regent Thomas Hicks, owner of the NHL's Dallas Stars.

The pressure is no different from other big-time programs like Nebraska, Michigan, Penn State and Notre Dame.

"Ask (Ohio State coach) John Cooper if he feels any pressure," said Royal, winner of national championships in 1963 and 1969.

"You've got to win games," Royal said. "You've got to get along with people, but the bottom line is, you can get along with them a lot easier when you win."

Fred Akers, the last Texas coach to get the Longhorns to No. 1 and winner of 73 percent of his games over 10 years, was fired in 1986 after his first losing season.

"Winning at Texas is not going 6-5," said Akers, who now serves as a radio personality covering Longhorns games. "There are some places that will hold parades for you if you win six. But not at Texas."

Akers said the pressure has mounted because of the responsibility of the head coach to market himself as well as his team to alums, the general public and TV audiences.

"It's all about revenues, putting people in the stands, getting television appearances, marketing, constantly promoting, attracting donations and endowments, and that's fine," Akers said.

In 1977, Akers had Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell and went 11-0 during the regular season, reaching No. 1, before losing to Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

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SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; low; Black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged Power Worms and on deep-diving crank baits. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait and on Rat-L-Traps and spoons. White bass are slow to fair on slabs and spoons in deep water. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait.

CHOKE: Water fairly clear; low; Black bass are slow on crank baits and on Texas-rigged centipedes. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow to fair on live bait fished over baited holes. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cheese bait and night crawlers.

FALCON: Water fairly clear; low; Black bass are fair jigs with trailers and on crank baits. Striped bass are fair on live bait in deep water. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; low; Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished over deep brush around baited holes. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with live shiners and shad.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on live bait in deep water and on diving baits. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with Bob's Cheese Bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; Black bass and smallmouth to are fair on plastic ringworms fished around deep water drop offs. Crank baits are taking fish in deep water as well. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows fished in deep water. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch and cut bait baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch in the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low; 52 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on spinners fished in 10 feet of water and on jigs Carolina-rigged worms. Striped and white bass are fair on slabs and live bait. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the docks.

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Thanksgiving Grocery Stories

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The Turkey Tales

Wild turkeys ...

• were probably discovered by Christopher Columbus on his first trip to the Americas.

• were taken to Europe by the Spanish, where they became a popular treat.

• were probably familiar birds to the Pilgrims, who served them at their harvest feast in 1621.

• were proposed as our national bird by Ben Franklin, rather than the eagle.

• almost became extinct. Hunting laws were passed to limit the number killed. Today, they are hunted as a sport.



The wild turkey is skinnier than the supermarket type. These birds sleep in trees at night.

Supermarket turkeys ...

• are eaten by nine out of every 10 Americans on Thanksgiving Day.

• are raised mostly in barns on turkey farms. As many as 15,000 hens might live in one barn. Machines feed and water the birds. Hens and toms are raised in separate barns.

• A female turkey is called a hen. A male is a tom. Both hens and toms are raised for meat. A baby is a poult.



Most of the turkeys sold in supermarkets are white. You can tell this is a tom because only toms can fan out their tails. Hens cannot.

The tom in the photo has a snood, or long piece of flesh that dangles over the beak. Hens have a snood too, but it is not as long.

So the snood won't get in a turkey's way, farmers usually remove it when the turkey is still a poult, as shown in the drawing.

The wattle is the pinkish flesh that is part of the throat and neck. The hen's wattle is not as big as the tom's.

Meet Catherine Sutherland



Catherine Sutherland plays Katherine on the show "Power Rangers ZEO."

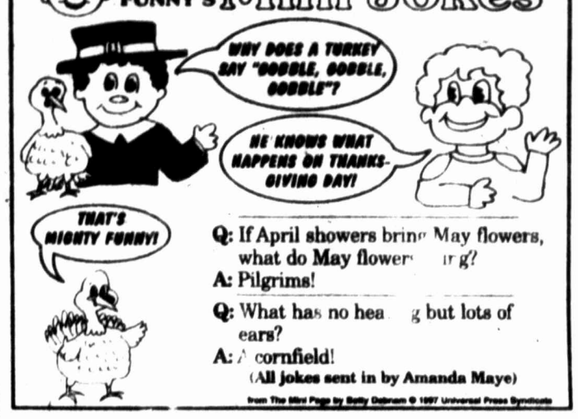
Catherine was born in Sydney, Australia. She moved to Southern California, where she has worked as a singer, actress, model and dancer. She has been in several TV commercials and music videos. She has also been in the show "Sweet Valley High."

In 1992 she graduated from the McDonald College of Performing Arts in Australia. She later studied acting for several more years.

In her free time, Catherine likes riding horses, in-line skating, working out at a gym and spending time with friends.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
A: Pilgrims!

Q: What has no heads, no legs but lots of ears?
A: A cornfield!

(All jokes sent in by Amanda Maye)

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- 1 15-ounce can cream-style corn
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- ½ cup cracker crumbs

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients except cracker crumbs in a greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish.
2. Sprinkle cracker crumbs evenly on top.
3. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

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BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S THANKSGIVING DINNER TRY 'N FIND

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Words about Thanksgiving dinner are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: DINNER, FOOD, TURKEY, POTATOES, STUFFING, MEAT, CORN, CRANBERRIES, SAUCE, GRAVY, SERVE, CASSEROLE, EAT, BREAD, CARVE, ROLLS, DESSERT, PIE



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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having Thanksgiving dinner. See if you can find:



- ear of corn
- word MINI
- carrot
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- letter Z
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- kite
- ruler
- heart
- number 2
- question mark
- boat
- marshmallow

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Thanksgiving Grocery Stories



In the fall of 1621, the thankful Pilgrims held a harvest feast. Today we celebrate this event as our first Thanksgiving.

Here are some fun food facts that will make your dinner interesting as well as tasty!

Corn



The Pilgrims probably had never seen corn before. A friendly Native American named Squanto showed them how to plant corn by using fish as a fertilizer.





The Pilgrims did not serve corn on the cob or popcorn in 1621. They planted "flint corn," which was hard and brittle. It was ground up into meal to make bread.



The corn plant was first grown by farmers in Mexico thousands of years ago.



Corn is the most important crop grown in the United States.

Potatoes



Potatoes were not served at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

Sweet and white potatoes are native plants of Peru. Spanish sailors brought them to Europe. English settlers brought them back across the ocean to the Colonies, but not until after the first harvest feast was held.



The sweet potato plant

More potatoes are grown than any other vegetable in the world. The white potato is grown more than the sweet variety. Potatoes grow underground.

Pumpkins



Pumpkins grow on long, running vines or short bushy stems that are prickly.

Pumpkins were first taken to Europe from Mexico. Like other squash, they were new to the Pilgrims. Because of the lack of sugar, Pilgrims would not have served pumpkin pie.

Vegetables

Vegetables were not popular with the Pilgrims. Meat, fish and breads were their most important foods.

Pilgrims didn't use the word "vegetable." They called them sallet, herbs or roots.



Cranberries



The Pilgrims found cranberries growing wild along the New England coast. They did not serve cranberry sauce at the first harvest feast.

Cranberries are grown in bogs, or freshwater wetlands. They are planted in the sandy soil in the spring. It takes five years before they are ready to be harvested.



In the late fall, after the ground has frozen, the beds are flooded and then they freeze. Covering the vines with ice protects them during the cold winter.



Trucks drive out on the frozen bogs and spread sand on the ice. When the ice melts, the sand will go to the bottom and help protect the roots. The bogs are drained in the spring.



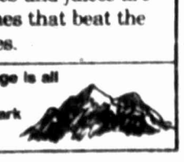
After the cranberry plants have spent five years growing in the spring and summer, the bogs are flooded in the early fall. Cranberries for sauces and juices are harvested by machines that beat the berries from the vines.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smart Solo Hair Salon [illegible] Beverly $29.00 Perms $5[illegible] Deadline Dec. 20th Long hair or haircut extra 207 W. 9th • 267-1544

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DRIVING SCHOOL

Big Spring Driver Education is now offering Teenage Driver Education for kids 15 yrs of age minimum. First class begins Mon. Dec. [illegible]. For registration and information by the Big Spring Vocational Tech Building in Big Spring. Sat. 8am to 1pm. 263-7015 or 457-2340.

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❑ Garage Sale: 703 E. 16th Sat. only: Space heaters & grates, blue glasses, crochet baskets & rugs, lot's of great X-Mas gifts.

❑ Garage Sale, Corner of Wasson & Martin: Fri. Sat. & Sun. Glass ware, wood, & metal desk, metal shelf, cleaning out storage sheds.

❑ IN/OUTSIDE SALE: 3912 Hamilton. Fri-Sat-Sun. 8am-5pm. Children & adult clothes, shoes, jewelry, dishes, BBQ pit, school desks & misc.

❑ Rummage Sale to benenfit the needy: 1009 Hearn School Hall: Sat. only 8-1. Cheap clothes, lot's of items, burritos and coffee for sale.

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❑ Inside Sale: 506 E. 16th. (back door) Fri & Sat. 9-1 Old & new items.

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Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

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2 bdr. carpet, central H/A, garage & fenced yard. 150/dep. 1109 Madison 267-8948

3 BDRM, 2 bath brick in Highland South. $900/mo. plus security deposit. Call JOE HUGHES at HOME REAL ESTATE. 263-1284 OR 353-4751.

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2 bdr trailer for rent , north of Big Spring. $250 month, $100 dep. Call 263-3121 ask for Betsy.

2003 Johnson: 3 bdr., with refr. air/heat, clean, storage bld., & fenced yard. Call 263-3350

3 bdr., 1bath newly remodeled, fenced back yard, w/ central air & heat. $375/mon., $150/dep. references req. Call 267-6667

3 bdr., 2 bath, 2107 Main St. #1 Hud accepted 267-6050

FOR LEASE: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, dining room. Three car garage: 2315 Mishler: Call out of town owner for details. 602-535-1436.

TOO LATES

❑ Inside Sale: 2403 Runnels Sat. only 9-?: 3 family, bicycles. 4 wheeler motorcycle, lamps, bathrooom vanity, lots of house hold items and clothes.

❑ Moving Sale: 1752 Purdue Sat. only 8-?. Lots of good things cheap.

For sale or rent: 4 bdr., 2 bath: also 2 bdr., 2 bath. Call 267-3905

80 acre farm w/house, barn, corral & fences for sale. Call 267-3905

'94 MUSTANG GT. Lazer Red. Lots of performance extras. CD player. Sharp Car!! $13,000. Call 263-0959.

Small 3 bd. Mobile Home. W/D, stove & frig., CH/A. Midway area. 393-5585 or after 2pm 267-3114.

Small 2 bd. Mobile Home. W/D, stove & frig., CH/A. Midway area. 393-5585 or after 2pm 267-3114.

1980 Z28 Camero dependable transportation, new tires tag & sticker, looks good. $1700 Call 264-6099

❑ Prices have been cut for the Holidays!! Thurs. 1-5pm; Friday 10-5pm; Saturday - Late afternoon. 2210 Main.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 5:

An extraordinary year awaits you; you might not believe what drops in your path. With luck adding to your happiness and opportunities, you feel more confident. You also discover that a relationship is far more important than you might have thought. If you are single, a live-in arrangement might be discussed in 1998; marriage or a new home is a strong possibility. If attached, you will make changes that are appropriate for your relationship. Children demand additional time; it's a worthwhile investment for their future. PISCES helps you connect with your feelings.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Saying no to a friend is difficult and undesirable. Let it all hang out. Visualize what you want. Excellence, luck and success mix, making a celebration likely. Make time for those who are important to you. Take a special trip; what a wonderful gift! Tonight: Go out with fun friends.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Accept the overwhelming applause, demands and responsibilities. They all come together! Your instincts and vulnerability allow another to give you more of himself. You feel enriched by what this partnerships offers; walk through this door. Tonight: You are a force to be dealt with.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Stretch, and incorporate a wonderful learning experience or happening into your life. It could include a friend or trip. A partner might be more helpful than you realize. Someone needs to take care of the practical details. You are goal-oriented. Tonight: Take off.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Luck seems to follow you. Go for what you want. You are dynamic and responsive. Others clamor to be near you. Clearing unfinished work is key to your social life. Discussions need to be on a one-to-one level with a boss. Ask for help. Tonight: Show your appreciation.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

An enthusiastic friend tries to draw you into a get-together or project. You enjoy the tease, as another works on convincing you that his way is right. Your enthusiasm and fire put you in the driver's seat. Advice could be stern. Tonight: Socialize the night away.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Work needs your attention. You have a lot to accomplish, on top of the normal holiday activity. A partner pitches in, providing support. You give new meaning to togetherness. A stronger emotional tie develops. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are lively and vivacious. Others want to talk, open up and clear the air. A grumpy associate chills out, fortunately. Keep the dialogue going. A child or loved one is full of play. If single, romance is heating. Let flirtation happen. Tonight: Make it a memorable evening.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Stay centered. Know what is happening with a co-worker. There is a lot of tension at work, but your insight helps clear it up. Give gifts that help others improve their quality of their life. A massage might be very nice for that special person. Tonight: You are happy at home.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Discussions are lively and fulfilling. You might decide to purchase a new, big-ticket item, like a car or new computer. What you choose could open up your world and make communicating a pleasure. A loved one wants it his way. Tonight: Share the good news.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Finances are unusually important, beyond the season and your normal proclivities. You are concerned with having enough, buying the right presents and maintaining security and peace of mind. Take nothing for granted. You might be pleased by an offer of more work. Tonight: Buy a lottery ticket.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are personality-plus, full of life. Your optimism is contagious. Though carefree, you can't avoid a serious talk. Another needs to understand your perspective. Clear your desk, get work done and make phone calls. Tonight: Take care of yourself.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Much is going on behind the scenes. You might opt to take the day off, to visit with a special friend or complete an important project. If you aren't happy with work, it might be time to pull your resume together. You are more in control than you know. Tonight: Do your own thing.***

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Happily married mom confesses to disturbing fantasies of boy

DEAR ABBY: I am the happily married mother of two teenagers.

Something disturbing has happened recently. I find myself attracted to my daughter's boyfriend. He is 19 and I am 46.

I'm no "Mrs. Robinson," and I would never reveal how I feel. When he's here, I behave in nothing but an adult, motherly manner. However, my thoughts and fantasies about him are far from "motherly." This has bothered me for months.

This has never happened before. I know I have to cope with it like anyone else with a secret crush, but I feel like such a fool.

Am I abnormal? Have you ever heard of a mom falling for a kid the age of her children? Please don't make fun of me; I feel silly enough already. And please don't even mention which state this letter came from. — SMITTEN

DEAR SMITTEN: You are not abnormal, and yes, I have heard of women falling for men the age of their children. I suspect there are many adults (of both sexes) who have found themselves attracted to their children's friends, but would never admit it.

The important consideration is not that you have these feelings, but that you neither reveal nor act on them. As long as your fantasies remain fantasies, they are harmless.

DEAR ABBY: I recently read the letter from "Troubled Tourist," who asked, "Aren't there more options for a single person than cruises that penalize one for traveling alone?" He wanted to travel alone or as part of a group, but pay a single rate and have a private room.

Abby, to give the lowest price to those who are coupled is outrageous! It is akin to saying married is good and single is bad. It is cruel to imply that, when more than 75 million people are divorced, widowed or never married.

I can afford to pay for a cruise, and can afford to travel to Europe alone, but in this couples' world, it is still sometimes painful. I refuse to pay that exorbitantly higher rip-off price for traveling alone! It's time travel agents and hotels wised up and realized they are losing a tremendous amount of business. If condominiums and apartment buildings can accommodate the needs of singles, then so can cruise ships and hotels. — ELEANOR CARLSON, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR ELEANOR: Meeting the needs of the single traveler may be an idea whose time has come. Many travel agents wrote to offer roommates, singles cruises and discounted rates to "Troubled Tourist," but that was not his question. Perhaps the answer to traveling alone inexpensively is to check several travel sources and plan creatively. Bon voyage!

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 1997, for One new dump truck and one new 1/2 ton pickup.
Bids may be mailed to the Auditor at P.O. Box 1949 or delivered to Room 202, County Courthouse, Big Sporing, Tx. 79721-1949
Bids will be opened at 10:00 on December 18, 1997, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Courthouse, Big Spring, Tx
Specifications are available in the County Auditor's Office, Courthouse, Big Spring, TX 79720
The telephone number is 915/264-2210.
Bidders should use lump-sum pricing for each vehicle.
Jackie Olson
Howard County Auditor
1685 December 4 & 10, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING

The following address(s) have not complied with the order of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.
1. 900 NW 3rd, LTS 11-12 BK 3 Moore Addition Owned by Verna Ashford,900 NW 3rd, Big Spring, Tx. 79720
Due to noncompliance with the City of Big Spring Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the above mentioned address(s) will be abated by demolition by the City of Big Spring. A lien for the cost of demolition may be applied to the property.
Kenny H. Davis
Building Official
1686 December 4, 5, 7, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Nelia I. Tompkins, Deceased, were issued on December 2, 1997, in Cause No. 12,346 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: CHARLES F. TOMPKINS.
The residence and mailing address of the Independent Executor is:
Charles F. Tompkins
Rt. 1, Box 294 B
Buchanan Dam, Texas 78609.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 2nd day of December, 1997.
By: Charles F. Tompkins, Pro Se
1688 December 4, 1997

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THURSDAY DEC. 4

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6 :PM :30	News (CC) Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	News-Lehrer "	Waltons "	News Grace Under	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Coach Coach	Mi Querida Isabel	Spot's C'mas Movie: Ernest	Dukes of Hazzard	(5:55) Movie: Dead Man	(:15) Movie: Runaway	Movie: La Bamba (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Law & Order (CC)	Gimme Shelter	Lois & Clark-Superman	NBA Action Sports News	"	Movie: With a Song in My	Planet Groove "
7 :PM :30	Nothing Sacred (CC)	Living Single Between Bros.	Monty Roberts "	Movie: The Angel of	Billy Graham Crusade (CC)	Nothing Sacred (CC)	Friends (CC) Union Square	(:05) Movie: Uncommon	El Alma No Tiene Color	Saves Christ-mas (CC)	Opry Christ-mas Past	Walking (CC) "	(CC) "	" "	" Intelligence	Biography "	Wild Discovery	Movie: Escape From	FOX Sports: NBA Basket-	NFL Football: Tennessee	Heart "	" "
8 :PM :30	Cracker (CC) "	413 Hope St. (CC)	Close to You- the	Pennsylvania Avenue (CC)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Cracker (CC) "	Seinfeld (CC) Veronica	Valor "	Alguna Vez "	Inside Flubber (:35) Movie:	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Nowhere to	Movie: Sci-Fighters	Movie: Wounded	Bishop Jakes Benny Hinn	Sea Tales "	Into Unknown Movie Magic	Alcatraz "	ball: New York Knicks	Oilers at Cincinnati	(:05) Movie: Hembre	Hit List "
9 :PM :30	20/20 (CC) "	Team Knight Rider	Carpenters Gael Force --	Hawaii Five-0 (CC)	Dellaventura (CC)	20/20 (CC) "	ER (CC) "	" (:20) Movie:	Bienvenido "	In the Nick of Time (CC)	Today's Country	Run (CC) (:35) Movie:	" (:35) Movie:	(CC) Tenacious D	Praise the Lord (CC)	Unexplained "	Wings "	" Rough Cut	at Dallas Mavericks	Bengals (CC) "	" "	Comicview "
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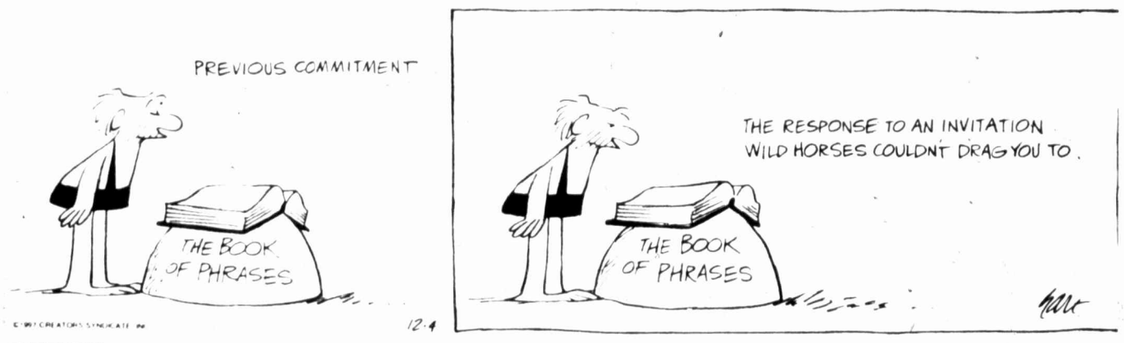
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"Life isn't always fair. Be glad you learned that now instead of waiting 'til you were five."

DENNIS THE MENACE

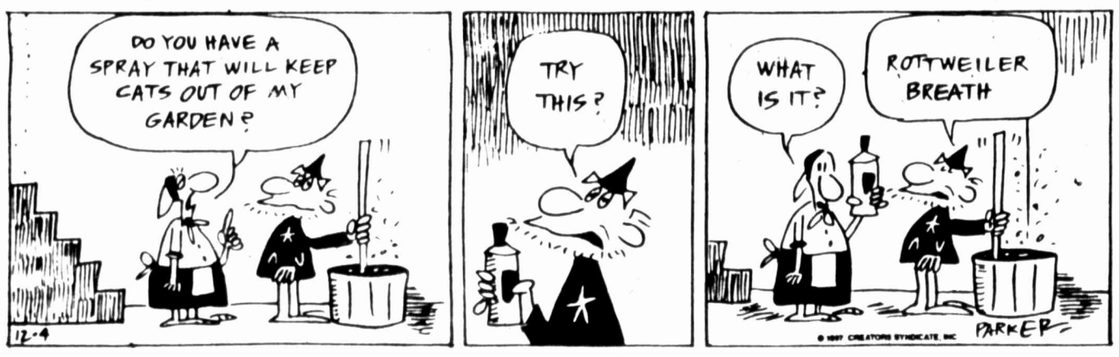


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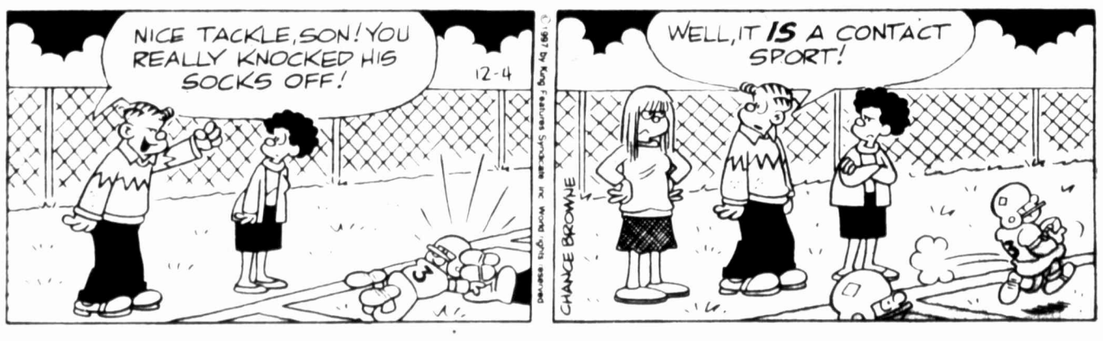
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 1997. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II.

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1977, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, ruler of the Central African Empire, crowned himself emperor in a ceremony believed to have cost more than $100 million. Bokassa was deposed in 1979; he died in November 1996 at age 75.

In 1980, the bodies of four American nuns slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. Five national guardsmen were later convicted of murder.

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

Ten years ago: Cuban inmates at a federal prison in Atlanta freed their 89 hostages, peacefully ending an 11-day uprising. The agreement provided for a nationwide moratorium on deportations of Mariel detainees.

Five years ago: President Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food for starving millions.

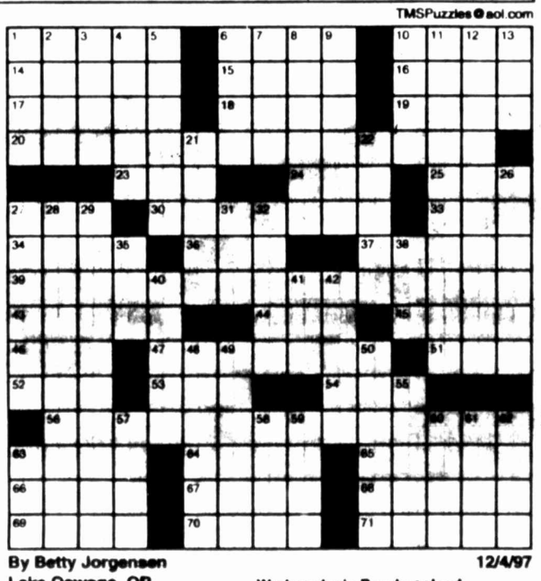
One year ago: The Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward Mars on a 310 million-mile odyssey to explore the planet's surface.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Deanna Durbin is 76. Game show host Wink Martindale is 63. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 60. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 55. Rock singer Southside Johnny Lyon is 49. Actor Jeff Bridges is 48. Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd; the Rossington Collins Band) is 46. Actress Patricia Wettig is 46. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 42. Rock musician Bob Griffin (The BoDeans) is 38. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge) is 35. Actress Marisa Tomei is 33. Actress Chelsea Noble is 33. Actress-model Tyra Banks is 24.

THE Daily Crossword

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By Betty Jorgensen
Lake Oswego, OR

12/4/97

ACROSS
1 Tic
6 Lofty
10 Phil, the folk singer
14 Czech tennis player Sukova
15 Arden, casually
16 Stable female
17 Played again (to Howard and Wood)
19 Take care of pressing problems
20 Start of a quip
23 For instance
24 Post-dusk
25 Chicago hrs.
27 Quaff at the Queen's Head
30 Blows a gasket
33 "The Naked __"
34 Droops
36 Real profit
37 Absolute
39 Second part of the quip
43 Language of Shiraz
44 Wordless yes
45 Paid players
46 End of command?
47 Cooking surface
51 Sked letters
52 Hosp. employees
53 Harrison in "Star Wars"
54 Le Gallienne or Gabor
56 End of the quip
63 Teheran currency
64 Put aside
65 Mariah of music
66 Corridor
67 Champagne chiller
68 Track official
69 Exclusively
70 Plane-crash investigation grp.
71 Donahue movie, "Susan __"

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1 Vaccines
2 Begged
3 Statics or dynamics starter
4 Obstacles
5 Some rays
6 Actress Garr
7 Stratford's river
8 Connection point
9 Renter
10 Leave out
11 Ludicrously exaggerated portrait
12 E.D.S. founder
13 DC VIP
21 Serengeti predator
22 Kashmir river
26 Actress Wright
27 Paler
28 Canadian mountain range
29 Classic TV attorney
31 Common Market abbr.
32 Trees in a group
35 __ Clemente
38 Recipe meas.
40 Dark period
41 Director Browning
42 Like non-working factories
48 "A __ in the Sun"
49 Unaltered
50 Puts out on the street
55 Effective use
57 Comrade in arms
58 James Merritt or Charles Edward
59 Croat's neighbor
60 Maclaine film, "__ la Douce"
61 Poverty
62 "Jane __"
63 Pi follower

Wednesday's Puzzle solved.

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