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Tumbleweed Smith

"I was in the Texas Senate from 1971 until 1977, then I was asked to be president of West Texas State, the University in Canyon, Texas," says Max. "I was either going to be a politician or a father. My wife and I thought about it and I accepted the position at West Texas, leaving three and a half years on the table at the senate. I was a Democrat elected in a very Republican area, but I was not elected as a Democrat or a Republican. I was elected as the boy from Phillips. I played football and basketball in high school at Phillips, Texas. We traveled to schools all over the place, so I was just a local kid that got elected."

Max doesn't like titles. When people call him senator he tells them to just call him Max. "You know titles are nice but they're not who you are."

One of the books Max wrote is about congresswoman Barbara Jordan. The title is BARBARA JORDAN: SPEAKING THE TRUTH WITH ELOQUENT THUNDER. "When it was originally done, it had a DVD in the back so you could hear her giving the speeches that she was famous for delivering. Houston Press just brought it out this year but it doesn't have the DVD because people don't do DVDs any more."

Max wrote about the artist Georgia O'Keefe. "Most people don't know that she came to Amarillo when it had about twelve thousand people. She came to teach in the public schools and later taught at West Texas. She came to Texas from the east because her older sister was here. Her sister had married Robert Young, president of New York Central Railroad. Where's Robert Young from? Canadian, Texas. Georgia came across New Mexico "while on a trip and stayed there the rest of her life."

A novel Max wrote is now with a New York publisher. The book he wrote that should be made into a movie is titled RELEASING THE BUTTERFLY. It's a love story about Max and his wife Jean Alice. Max wrote it as therapy as he watched his wife suffer through Alzheimer's. "I self published it but it has taken on a life of its own. I've made talks all over the country and the book is now in the hands of a playwright. It is the only book the International Journal of the Alzheimer's association chose to review."

Although Jean Alice is in a constant care facility, she and Max meet often at Max's apartment in Austin. "We meet here every weekday morning and afternoon. When the weather is good we sit out on the balcony and watch the birds. She loves hearing my raspy voice. We hug, of course. Then I hold her foot and tell her I love her she'll raise her big toe up. That's her way of telling me that she loves me, too. In a new world, a new time, a new place, love does not end. She is very much still with us."

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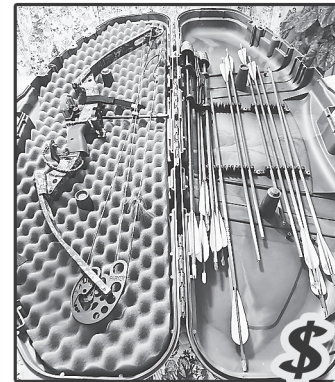
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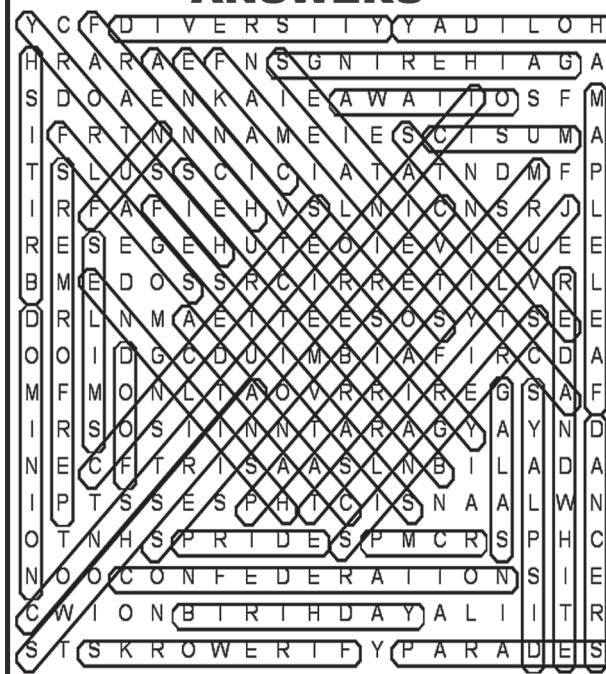


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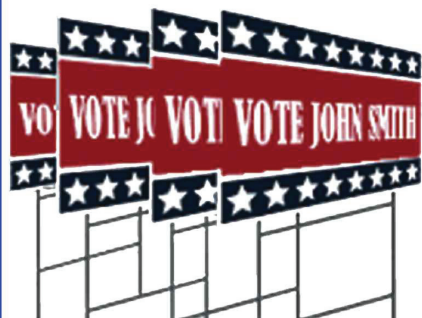


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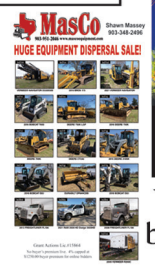
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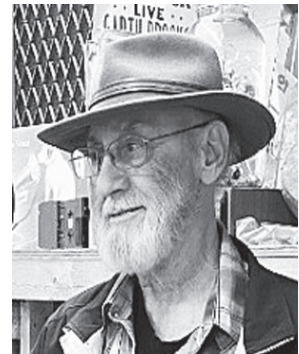
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Larry Gene Price

A memorial service for Larry Gene Price, age 74 of Sulphur Spring, Texas was held at 3:00P.M. on Saturday July 8, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Pastor Derrick Dillion officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Larry passed away on July 3, 2023.

Larry was born on September 8, 1948 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital to Clyde Eugene and Velda Ruth (Jenkins) Price. He married Sharon Sue Campbell on January 23, 1976 in Tyler, Texas. Larry worked as a musical instrument repair man at McKay Music Co. since he was 14. He has always loved music, mostly rock and roll and country. Larry collected albums and even had a little record shop on Dabbs St where people would go to browse, buy, sell, or trade all things musical. Larry also had a place on Hwy 19 that he would open on Canton weekends that was "Larry's Place." Everyone called it junk that he had in there, but he called it "good stuff." Larry was a man of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Mandi McKinney and Alan Prihoda, Kelli Foster and husband, Johnny; grandchildren, Alex Ferrell, Andrew McKinney, Cason Foster, Caitlin Foster, and Nathan Foster; brothers, Michael



Price and wife, Debbie, Jimmy Price and wife, Donna, Jerry Price and wife, Sherrilyn; family by heart, Karen Tanton Shultz, Kevin Tanton, Jenny Staples, Audrey and Macy Tanton, Tori and Trevin Staples.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Charlie and Eula Jenkins, and Robert and Etta Price.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com

Willard Lewis "W.L." Bowen January 12, 1934 - July 7, 2023

Funeral services for retired Sulphur Springs Fire Department Captain Willard Lewis "W.L." Bowen, 89, of Sulphur Springs, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 10, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Pastor Nickie Pinson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial with military honors will follow the service at Peerless Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Floyd Lawson, Brian Adams, Jay Stonaker, Billy Howard, Leland Burks and Randy Steele. Honorary pallbearers will be retired and current members of the SSFD.

He was born in the Peerless Community on Jan. 12, 1934, the son of Homer Lewis and Romie Owens Bowen. He attended Peerless Public School through 8th grade and North Hopkins School for 9th grade before dropping out, opting to earn his GED later in life. He was a long-time member of the Peerless Full Gospel Assembly of God.

Willard's military service included duties in the U.S. Army Company D 3D Armored Rifle Battalion/144th Infantry 49th Armored Division at Fort Polk, the Army National Guard of Texas and the U.S. Army Reserve. He served more than six years from 1956 to 1962 in military service, earning the rank of Sgt. E-5.

He worked as a labtechnician at North Texas Producers Association in Sulphur Springs before becoming a fireman with the City of Sulphur Springs in 1966. He retired in 1997 as a Shift Captain after 30 years with the SSFD. He returned part-time to the SSFD in 1999, serving as Code Enforcement/Weed Abatement Officer until 2021, for a total of 52 years of employment with the city.

Outside of the SSFD, Willard worked at various times remodeling houses, installing and servicing satellite tv systems, building and repairing computers and in his own locksmithing business. Willard was also a former Hopkins County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy and a Sulphur Springs Police Department Reserve Officer.

Among his survivors are nieces and nephews, several cousins, his "sweet boy" Luke, many SSFD brothers and a family of friends.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents, a nephew, a niece, two sisters-in-law and his two brothers, Wayne and Weldon.

Thelma "Sally" Louise Hobbs January 22, 1944 - June 29, 2023

Thelma "Sally" Bozeman Hobbs was born January 22, 1944, to Odie B. and Ernestine Nash Bozeman in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Thelma was baptized at an early age at Independent Baptist Church in Como, Texas. She later joined Prairie Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Cleveland Alexander and Jacksonville Church of Deliverance under the leadership of Apostle Dwight Smith.

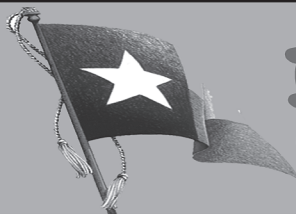
Thelma graduated from Douglas High School in 1964. While in high school Thelma participated in the Color Guard/Band, choir and track. Thelma was married to Elvin Hobbs for 49 years.

Thelma worked at Green Acres Nursing Home and NETO for many years as a Dietitian Supervisor. She also worked at AAA Wire Factory, HD Lees Sewing Factory, Dairy Queen, American Home Health .

Thelma loved the Lord, family, and friends. She enjoyed reading the Bible, praising the Lord and most of all sharing the word of God. Thelma was a minister, soloist who sang with her sisters, the Bozeman Singers, and the Gospel Harmonizers. She enjoyed cooking and baking desserts.



Thelma "Sally" Hobbs left her earthly body on June 29, 2023. Thelma lives on in the hearts of her children Michael Hobbs and Kimberly Hobbs, both of Emory, Texas, and daughter, Toni Jones, 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, sisters, Connie Dunlap of Mt. Vernon, Texas, Willie Robinson, Swaunice McMillan, and Delores Smith, all of Emory, Texas, Sandra Mayberry, of Point, Texas, and brother, Lee Arvis Bozeman of Como, Texas, Lee Hobbs brother-in-law of Emory, Texas, Helen Hobbs sister-in-law of Los Angeles, California.



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Alvis Forrest Gregg (born October 18, 1933) is a former American football player and coach in the National Football League (NFL) and the NCAA. A Pro Football Hall of Fame offensive lineman for sixteen seasons, he was a part of six NFL championships, five of them with the Green Bay Packers before closing out his tenure with the Dallas Cowboys with a win in Super Bowl VI. Gregg was later the head coach of three NFL teams (Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals, and the Packers), as well as two Canadian Football League teams (Toronto Argonauts and Shreveport Pirates).

As a player, Gregg was a member of 6 world championship teams (5 with the Packers, and 1 with the Cowboys.)

As a head coach, he led the 1981 Bengals to the Super Bowl, where they lost to the 49ers by a score of 26-21.

Early life and college career

Born in Birthright, Texas, Gregg attended Sulphur Springs High School in Sulphur Springs and played college football at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Playing career

Gregg was a key player on the Packers dynasty of head coach Vince Lombardi that won five NFL championships and the first two Super Bowls in the 1960s. He played mostly at right tackle, but also filled in at guard. Gregg earned an "iron-man" tag by playing in a then-league record 188 consecutive games in sixteen seasons, from 1956 until 1971. He also won All-NFL acclaim eight straight years from 1960 through 1967 and was selected to play in nine Pro Bowls.

Gregg closed his career with the Dallas Cowboys, as did his Packer teammate, cornerback Herb Adderley. They both helped the Cowboys win Super Bowl VI in January 1972, making them the only players (along with former teammate Fuzzy Thurston, who was on the Baltimore Colts world championship team in 1958) in professional football history to play on six teams that won World Championships. Gregg wore jersey number 75 for fifteen seasons in Green Bay, but that number belonged to Jethro Pugh in Dallas, so Gregg wore number 79 for his final season in 1971.

Vince Lombardi claimed "Forrest Gregg is the finest player I ever coached!" in his book *Run to Daylight*. In 1999, he was ranked number 28 on The Sporting News' list of the 100 Greatest Football Players, ranking him second behind Ray Nitschke among players coached by Lombardi, second behind Anthony Muñoz (whom he coached) among offensive tackles, and third behind Munoz and John Hannah among all offensive linemen.

Coaching career

After serving as an assistant with the San Diego Chargers in 1973, he took a similar position the following year with the Browns. After head coach Nick Skorich was dismissed at the conclusion of the 1974 season, Gregg was promoted to head coach in 1975, a position he held through 1977.

After sitting out the 1978 season, Gregg returned to coaching in 1979 with the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts. In 1980, he became the head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals for four seasons, through 1983. Gregg's most successful season as a head coach was in 1981, when he led the Bengals to a 12–4 regular season record. They defeated the San Diego Chargers 27–7 in the AFC championship game (known as the Freezer Bowl), earning them a trip to Super Bowl XVI, where they lost by five points to the San Francisco 49ers, 26–21.

When his longtime former teammate Bart Starr was fired after nine years as head coach of the Packers in December 1983, Gregg was allowed out of his contract with the Bengals to take over in Green Bay. He finished his NFL coaching career with the Packers, leading them for four seasons, 1984 through 1987. Gregg's overall record as an NFL coach was 75 wins, 85 losses, and one tie. He also won two and lost two playoff games.

Gregg voluntarily left the Packers in January 1988 and took a salary reduction to take over at SMU, his alma mater. He was brought in to revive the Mustang football program after it received the "death penalty" from the NCAA for massive violations of NCAA rules. Although the NCAA had only canceled the 1987 season, school officials later opted to cancel the 1988 season due to fears that it would be impossible to field a competitive team; nearly every letterman from the 1986 squad had transferred elsewhere. Although Gregg knew that any new coach would be essentially rebuilding the program from scratch, when acting president William Stalcup asked him to return, he felt that he could only accept.

As it turned out, when Gregg arrived, he was presented with a severely undersized and underweight roster composed mostly of freshmen. Gregg was taller and heavier than nearly the entire 70-man squad. The team was so short on offensive linemen that Gregg had to make several wide receivers bulk up and switch to the line. By nearly all accounts, it would have been unthinkable for the Mustangs to attempt to play the 1988 season under such conditions.

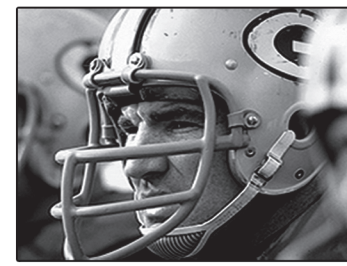
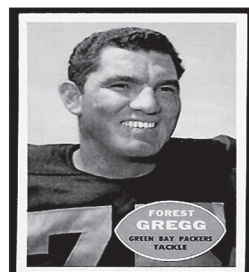
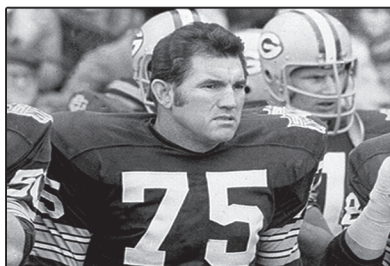
In 1989, the Mustangs went 2–9, including a 95–21 thrashing by Houston—the second-worst loss in school history. During that game, eventual Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware threw six touchdown passes against SMU in the first half, and David Klingler added four more in the second half, even with the game long out of reach. Gregg was so disgusted that he refused to shake Houston coach Jack Pardee's hand after the game. Nonetheless, Gregg still looks fondly on the experience. In a 2012 interview with The New York Times, he said that the players on the two teams he coached should have had their numbers retired for restoring dignity to the program. "I never coached a group of kids that had more courage," he said. "They thought that they could play with anyone. They were quality people. It was one of the most pleasurable experiences in my football life. Period."

After the season, he was named athletic director. The Mustangs went 1–10 in 1990, and after the season Gregg resigned as coach to focus on his duties as athletic director. Gregg's coaching record at SMU was 3 wins and 19 losses, and he served as athletic director until 1994.

He returned to the CFL with the Shreveport Pirates in 1994–95, during that league's brief attempt at expansion to the United States. Gregg's overall record as a CFL coach was 13 wins and 39 losses.

When former Shreveport Pirate owner Bernard Gliberman bought a stake in the Ottawa Renegades in May 2005, Gregg was appointed its vice president of football operations.

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