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Reflecting A Proud Community

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Early voting busy with more than 500 ballots cast, officials say

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After the first week of early voting in the upcoming March 10 primary, County Clerk Margaret Ray says voting activity has actually been pretty good.

As of 5 p.m. Friday, a total of 560 early ballots had been cast and 60 ballots mailed out.

In the Republican primary, 392 ballots had been cast with 33 ballots being mailed out and 168 ballots had been cast in the Democratic primary with 27 ballots being mailed out.

Ray's office was also open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

With the 38 ballots cast Saturday (24 in the Republican primary and 14 in the Democratic primary), the total number of early ballots cast after the first full week of early voting is 598.

With five days of early voting left in the first primary of 1998, 1,291 early ballots had been cast.

For area candidates seeking elected office in Howard County in the March 10 primary, the answers to who will win in various races are still a little more than a week away, but one week of early voting remains and will con-

tinue each day on the first floor of the county courthouse from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Friday.

Residents who wish to receive ballots in the mail must make an application to Ray's office by Tuesday.

County voters will be casting ballots for the following local offices:

Democratic Party —
County Judge:
A.N. Standard
District Clerk:
Glenda Brasel
County Clerk:
Donna Wright
County Treasurer:

Bonnie Franklin
County Surveyor:
Michael McBrayer
County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
Roosevelt Shaw
Donnie Reid
County Commissioner, Precinct 4:
Bobby C. Cathey
Gary Simer
County Chairman:
Raymundo P. (Rey) Villarreal Jr.

Republican Party —
County Judge:
Joe Cook
Ben Lockhart

County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
John Wayne Metcalf
Ken E. Mayhall
Jerry Kilgore
County Commissioner, Precinct 4:
Homer Lee Wilkerson
Fred E. Frank
County Clerk:
Brad Estill
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2:
Quail Dobbs
Carol Henson
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1,
Place 2:
Bennie Green
Marilyn Carson

A Month Of Their Own

Women's History Month focuses on triumphs and struggles, battles won and lost, to carve a place in society

Women's history is written in invisible ink. Women's History Month is time to heat the paper, revealing the lines that have been hidden for so long. "Women's history is critically important," long-time women's activist Johnnie Lou Avery said. "That's what inspires us and allows us to have a sense of pride and recognition. And of course, that begets future successes."

For thousands of years, women's activities and achievements have been ignored, ridiculed, or downplayed. Women's History Month, held every March since President Carter established it in 1981, is an opportunity to review that history

and learn important lessons. "Women have played a much more important role in the history of our country than we're given credit for," long-time Big Spring community member Frances Wheat said. "We have quietly worked behind the scenes, and been the power behind the throne so often. We need to recognize the role women have played."

Since the beginning of recorded history, women have been deprived of official recognition in part through stereotypes that depict females as inferior to men.

As women forced the doors of academia open, beginning in the 1800s, they eventually became more able to research and write their

own stories. With greater freedom and financial resources, women and some men have begun to record the other half of human history, and to write history from the perspective of the "fairer sex."

The result has been a landslide of information that has radically altered women's vision of themselves, and society's perspective.

Women's history shows that women have acted powerfully in the world — as warriors, leaders, pioneers, mothers, wives, soldiers, doctors, aviators, geniuses, writers, artists, philosophers, mathematicians, cooks, community organiz-

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LOCAL OBSERVANCES

- Sun. March 1**
• Display opens at Dora Roberts Howard County Library
- Mon. March 2**
• Personal and home safety discussion led by the Rape Crisis/Victim Services Center and Corporal Terry Hudson of the Big Spring Police Department at the Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m.
• Women's Aglow International, a non-denominational Christian group, meets at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 7 p.m.
- Sat. March 7**
• Children's story led by Venessa Lusk at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
• Discussion of "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus," led by Maria Douglas at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
- Sat. March 14**
• Children's story led by Danette Castillo at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
• Book discussion led by Maria Douglas at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
- Sat. March 21**
• Children's story led by Venessa Lusk at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
• Book discussion led by Maria Douglas at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
- Fri. March 27**
• FCI Big Spring Keynote Speaker, China Long, at 2:30 p.m. (Call Maria Douglas, 263-6699 X6770 for an invitation).
- Sat. Mar. 28**
• Children's story led by Venessa Lusk at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.
• Book discussion led by Maria Douglas at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library at 10 a.m.

Tomorrow's women busy making plans

Ashley Barnett may be only in the fourth grade, but she already knows what she wants to be when she grows up.

Ashley toured NASA, where her uncle works, with her family. Ever since, she's been planning a career as an astronaut.

Her role model? Astronaut Sally Ride. "I think being an astronaut would be fun," Ashley said. "There aren't too many girls as astronauts."

And the best part? "Being able to float," she said.

Chrystal Adams, another fourth grader, took her role model from the 1996 summer Olympics.

"I admire Dominique Moceanu," she said. "When I grow up I want to be a gymnastics person in the U.S.A."

Jennifer Garcia admires her mother, who attends school at night and on weekends to learn a new career.

"When my little sister goes to school, my mom's going to work at a nursing home," Jennifer said.

Irma Lee admires her fourth grade teacher, Janie Conley, and wants to follow in her

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WEATHER



Today, sunny. Highs lower to mid 60s. Tonight, fair. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, Dry, Lows in the 30s. Highs upper 50s to mid 60s.

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Settles project gets big boost from State National

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

The Settles window project is getting closer to its goal, according to window coordinator Tommy Churchwell, after 22 more windows were purchased. "State National Bank purchased the 15 windows in the penthouse," Churchwell said, adding that seven more were purchased by seven of Big Spring's credit unions.

The 22 windows purchased brings the total to be replaced in the hotel to 62. The original

count was over 400 and there were slightly more than 300 windows in the tower and penthouse alone.

"The support is starting to pick up again," Churchwell said. "I sent out 90 letters last Sunday in an effort to solicit more funds to push us over the top."

Churchwell started the window replacement project on his own in an effort to do something to improve the Settles' appearance on the Big Spring skyline.

Shortly thereafter, a group

now known as Friends of the Settles began an active project to help push Churchwell's window project along as well as looking at a long-term use for the facility.

Friends of the Settles, in conjunction with The Heritage Museum, held a wine and cheese informational meeting last fall at which time money for another 20 windows were raised.

"It's all coming together," explained former Big Spring Mayor Wade Choate, a member of the Friends group. "We now

are going to send a mailing to the alumni of Big Spring High School to see if we can raise the last of the money we need for the windows."

Construction on the Settles began in 1928 and it was first occupied in 1931. It served as a functioning hotel until 1977 and has been in a deteriorating state since that time.

"I just wanted to try and get glass in the windows because that makes such an obvious difference," Churchwell said.

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OBTUARIES

Domingo Abreo

A prayer service for Domingo (Sunday) W. Abreo, 92, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at Iglesia Bautista La Fe with interment in Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Abreo died Saturday, Feb. 28, at his home.



ABREO

He was born on June 24, 1905, in Van Horn. He married Luz Barraza on Nov. 22, 1924, in Stanton. She preceded him in death on July 12, 1993. He came to Big Spring in 1929. He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center as an engineer in the boiler plant until he retired. Mr. Abreo was a member of Iglesia Bautista La Fe and served as a deacon. He was a member of the Big Spring Lodge No. 1340 A.F. & A.M. Survivors include: four sons, Efrén Abreo of Austin, Noe Abreo of Lubbock, Jimmy Abreo of Big Spring, and David Abreo of Fort Worth; five daughters, Fe Acosta of Ackerly, Gloria Galan and Mary Ann Ficke, both of Big Spring, Mary Elizabeth Rainey of San Antonio, and Hope DaSilva of Houston; 38 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Roy Cervantes

A prayer service for Roy G. Cervantes Sr., 45, of San Angelo, will be 4 p.m. today in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 2, 1998, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Carlos Payen, associate minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Cervantes died Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998, in a San Angelo hospital. He was born on May 19, 1952.



CERVANTES

in Hamlin and married Carmen Jimenez on March 9, 1971 in Fort Worth.

Mr. Cervantes was a truck driver most of his life. He had lived in San Angelo for the last six months coming from Big Spring. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife: Carmen Cervantes of San Angelo; three sons: Emmanuel Cervantes and Roy Cervantes Jr., both of Big Spring, and Francisco Cervantes of San Angelo; four daughters: Guadalupe Diaz and Carmen Cervantes of Big Spring, Elizabeth Cervantes and Miracle Cervantes, both of San Angelo; one brother: Frank Cervantes of Dallas; two sisters: Olga Gonzales of Fort Worth and Carolina Cervantes of Calif.; and six grandchildren.

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

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In an effort to make people aware of what could be done with the project, Churchwell prepared a slide show from San Angelo's Cactus Hotel — almost a mirror of the Settles — and it's ongoing restoration.

"Seeing is believing," Churchwell said. "There are some slides in there that show the Cactus is disrepair and people think it's the Settles ... they're really surprised when they find out it's the Cactus."

Persons wishing to make a tax deductible donation to the windows project may do so by sending it to Friends of the Settles, P.O. Box 2770, Big Spring, 79721.

Persons or groups wishing to view the slide presentation may do so by contacting Churchwell at 267-3857.

Mexican governor announces initiative

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP) — More than four years after an Indian rebellion shook the southern state of Chiapas, the state governor announced a plan he said would bring peace and economic reconstruction to the area.

Political opponents called the peace plan a blueprint for further confrontation in a state where hundreds have died in politically-motivated violence, and criticized proposals for a crackdown on some forms of protest.

More than 6,000 people packed a convention center in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the state capital, as Gov. Roberto Albores Guillen said he aims to start dialogues with leftist Zapatista rebels and disarm paramilitary and death squads here.

"This is an invitation to improve the lives of everyone, not to perpetuate or create new conditions of oppression, misery or servitude," Albores Guillen said to roaring applause.

A brass band played the national anthem three times, while a banner waved outside the convention hall depicted people trying to blow out a bomb fuse. "For peace in Chiapas, let's all blow together," the banner read.

Pamphlets touting the Accord for Peace with Dignity and Reconciliation in Chiapas also included copies of a speech given in January by President Ernesto Zedillo in which the president warned against foreign intervention in the state.

The proposal, which the governor promised to submit to statewide consultation, calls for dialogue among the Zapatista National Liberation Army, peasant and indigenous organizations and political parties.

It also calls for the disarming of the at least 12 paramilitary groups identified in the state, most of them linked to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

But members of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party criticized the plan as laying the groundwork for isolating the Zapatistas from civilian sympathizers. The plan calls for banning protest marches, road blockades and building takeovers "which affect the rights of other citizens."

Such marches and road blockades are classic protest methods used for decades in largely rural Chiapas state.

In addition, the plan calls on the federal army to "guarantee territorial integrity, security for inhabitants and for the strategic resources of the nation."

Mediators in stalled peace talks between the federal government and rebels have said that, in order to restart the negotiations, at least 40,000 troops should be withdrawn from Chiapas villages where support for the rebels runs high.

Listeners applauded Albores Guillen's attempt to move the peace discussion from the national to the state level — something the rebels have fought against since the troubled peace process began in April 1995.

"There are many people who are not from Chiapas who are trying to interfere in Chiapas" said hairstylist Rosalba Vera Cabrera, 45. "Chiapas problems should be solved here," she said, in apparent reference to dozens of foreigners expelled from the state in the last two years, allegedly for becoming involved in local politics.

Others had little confidence in what they described as the latest in a series of hollow government promises.

"We'll have to see if we're not all in just another political sideshow," said an economist who identified himself only as Gonzalo, 34.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•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, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

•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.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group,

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

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

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•State Board of Education Candidate for District 15 Judy Strickland will be at the Howard County Library from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Come and meet her.

THURSDAY

•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, 8 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 at 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

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Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 4,1,4
CASH 5: 20, 30, 31, 33, 38
LOTTO: 12, 28, 29, 38, 46, 50

BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE AN orientation to Alzheimer's Disease Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 7 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster.

There will be information on symptoms, diagnosis, stages, medication, support groups, legal and financial issues.

For more information call 1-800-682-1174.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will hold its Annual Eyeglass Recycling during the month of March.

Eyeglass collection boxes will be set up at all Big Spring pharmacies, the Lions Club Bingo building, local banks and several other Big Spring businesses.

The used eyeglasses are cleaned, prescription of lens are read and the glasses are placed into the inventory at the Midland Eyeglass Recycling Center, a project of Lions International.

For additional information about the clinic or donating eyeglasses call The Lions Club at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF Big Spring is holding their annual pancake supper. The event will be Thursday, March 12, at Howard College Cafeteria with continuous serving from 5 to 8 p.m.

Bacon and sausage will be served with the pancakes, and it is all you can eat for \$4.

The proceeds from the pancake supper go to benefit local community youthwork, scholarships and support the Key Club. Tickets are available at the door or can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member. Call 267-5768 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Tom Mills, Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

•NOEL ORTEGA, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.
•ISMAEL VILALBA, 30, was arrested for having no driver's license.
•ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for public intoxication.
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2200 block of Lynn; 200 block of Circle; and the 800 block of Creighton.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE in the 2600 block of Central; and the 200 block of W. Marcy.
•CLASS C ASSAULT in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
•THEFT in the 1800 block of Gregg; 100 block 100 block of Airbase Road; and the 1300 block of Harding.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1100 block of E. 4th.
•CLASS C THEFT in the 700 block of W. 6th.

•THEFT OVER \$500 in the 600 block of E. 7th.
•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE at 6th and Benton.

•FORGERY in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
•ASSAULT in the 400 block of Parkway.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1000 block of W. 3rd.
•THEFT UNDER \$50 in the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

Looking for WHO'S WHO

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footsteps.
"She's a good teacher, especially when you need help," Irma said. "Teaching is good because you can help people."
Most of the fourth grade girls interviewed said they had been urged to aim for college.
"My mom had her first (child) at 17 (years old)," said Toni Gonzales. "She doesn't want me to do that. She wants me to go to college."

Toni said she admires her mother, Vickie Gonzales, because she "stayed strong after my father died. She was there for us."

Cassie Emerson said her mother has given her a reason to continue her education.

"My mom told me you can get lots of good jobs if you do," Cassie said.

The girls said they have studied several women from history, naming Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks among those they knew about. But some said they still read more about men in their history books.

"There are just a couple of women in there," Cassie said. "It's mostly about men and how they fight their wars."

Fifth graders Kelli Warrington and Emily McCann have a slightly different understanding of women's place in history. They know of many more historical female figures than the younger girls, but still say their textbooks are dominated by stories about men.

"Men didn't believe back then that women could do much stuff," Kelli said.

"I think they thought they owned the women," added Emily.

But these two girls have seen a lot of change, recognizing that their opportunities are much greater than those of their grandmothers. Both fifth graders said they expected to see a woman president in their lifetime.

It could possibly be Emily McCann.

"I want to be president," she said, adding that, as a second choice, she'd have a career as a teacher, or a nurse like her mother.

Kelli wants to be a veterinarian like Dr. Debra Hill, who takes care of her family's pets.

More of a concern for these two girls than their history,

however, is their future — an area where they do feel like they have some control.

Kelli said she and Emily have formed an "environmental club," hoping to plan some projects at home that will make the world a better place.

"I don't want to be growing up in a messed-up world," Kelli said. "I can do something about it."

DEBBIE L. JENSEN

WOMEN

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ers, explorers, welders, builders — in every human occupation.

But few people have read about or been taught in school about literally millions of active, powerful women and the history of the treatment of women globally.

"We have a lot of reclaiming to do in one way or another, because so much of women's history has been erased," Big Spring resident Margie Waguespack, an 18th century English literature student at Auburn University, said.

Most people think that women have been totally excluded from the public record for thousands of years. In fact, women have been more or less in the public eye depending on customs of the time.

"Many women centuries ago were widely published and respected — their work went into many printings — but with the industrial revolution and the rise of the middle class," Waguespack explained, "women became increasingly 'angels of the house' rather than participants in the public sphere."

When the industrial revolution hit in the mid-1800s, more men began working outside the home. Women were forced to remain in the home, and steered away from public exposure.

Women were, in fact, quite active in the public sphere — in the temperance and social work movements, and advocating since the pre-Civil War period for women's voting rights — yet official histories ignored, derided, or downplayed their activities.

Women worked in factories, in private homes as domestics, and in numerous other jobs outside their own homes. They were active as labor organizers, and as politicians. But stereotypes about women's proper

place prevented these activities from being mentioned in official histories.

Women have also been active as scholars, artists, and writers. Yet women's achievements of the past were ignored, and excused in order to make the public record fit preconceptions about women's "place."

Women activists, who made Women's History Month possible, have also been ignored through the past century.

Suffragists fought for 72 years to gain women the right to vote, enduring public ridicule, terrorist threats and bodily injury, for instance, but their battles are rarely mentioned in U.S. history classes.

Laws to end discrimination against women in employment and athletics, the opening of battered women's shelters and rape crisis centers, the strengthening of laws against rape and family violence, the right to get credit, to work in jobs perceived as "men-only," the right to defend the country in time of war, the right to own property — all of these rights and more were won through the dedicated public and private activism of legions of women over many years.

Women's History Month celebrates and teaches about the struggles and achievements of women.

As this year's U.S. Presidential Proclamation reads: "Through their courage, foresight, and community spirit over the years, American women have created a world of opportunity for today's heroines and role models ... Women's History Month provides Americans with an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of all the women who have enriched our Nation, to honor their legacy, and to reflect upon what we can all do to end discrimination against women in our country."

KATHY GILBERT

A Month Of Their Own
These articles on Women's History Month are the first in a series on the subject that The Big Spring Herald will run throughout March. Stories in this package were by Debbie L. Jensen and Kathy Gilbert. Photos courtesy of Heritage Museum. MARCH 1, 1998



A WOMEN'S HISTORY TIMELINE

The path of the Women's Rights Movement, 1848-1998

1848 — The world's first women's rights convention is held at Seneca Falls, New York, July 19-20. A declaration is signed by 68 women and 32 men, setting the agenda for the movement that followed.

1851 — Sojourner Truth gives her spontaneous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at the woman's rights convention in Akron, Ohio.

1855 — Lucy Stone becomes the first woman on record to keep her own last name after marriage, setting a trend among women who are consequently known as "Lucy Stoners."

1855 — The University of Iowa becomes the first state school to admit women. In 1858, the board of managers tries, but fails to reverse that decision.

1862 — Mary Jane Patterson becomes the first African-American woman to earn a baccalaureate degree, from Oberlin College.

1866 — The American Equal Rights Association is founded, the first organization in the U.S. to advocate national women's suffrage.

1869 — The first woman suffrage law in the U.S. is passed in the territory of Wyoming.

1872 — Susan B. Anthony and 14 women register and vote in the presidential election Nov. 5, to test the recently adopted 14th Amendment. Anthony is arrested, tried, found guilty and fined \$100, which she does not pay.

1878 — The Susan B. Anthony Amendment, to grant women the right to vote, is introduced in the U.S. Congress.

1912 — Juliet Gordon Low founds the first American group of Girl Guides, later renamed the Girl Scouts. The group brings girls into the outdoors, encourages self-reliance and prepares them for various roles as adult women.

1916 — Margaret Sanger and her sister, Ethel Byrne, open the

first U.S. birth control clinic for women. It is shut down 10 days later, both women are imprisoned.

1920 — On Aug. 26, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, guaranteeing American women citizens the right to vote.

1960 — The Food and Drug Administration approves birth control pills.

1963 — The Equal Pay Act, proposed 20 years earlier, established equal pay for men and women performing the same duties in certain jobs.

1964 — Title VII of the Civil Rights Act bars employment discrimination based on race, sex and other grounds.

1972 — Title IX of the Education Amendments aims to eliminate gender discrimination in educational programs and activities.

1978 — For the first time in history, more women than men enter college.

1992 — A record number of women run for public office.

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Hello, my name is Guido Toscano. I live and practice full-time in Big Spring. I moved here from Colorado with my wife, Nina, and our four children, Guido Jr., Alex, Nina, and Andy. I obtained a medical degree in Ecuador, South America, and completed my Internal Medicine training at the Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver, Colorado.

As an Internal Medicine physician, I specialize in adult medicine. In addition to general health care, I provide specialized care for various medical conditions such as heart disease, cholesterol problems, respiratory disease, smoking cessation, alcohol-related disorders, nutritional disorders, obesity, and endocrine disorders such as thyroid problems or diabetes. My family and I appreciate the warm welcome we have received in Big Spring. Feel free to stop by my clinic to meet me, or call for an appointment should you need my services.

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OUR VIEWS

Howell trial chilling lesson for our world

Testimony in last week's Rickey DeWayne Howell trial was chilling, to say the least. Howard County jurors in 118th District Court found the former Snyder man guilty on charges of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with the intent to commit sexual assault.

One of the most chilling aspects of the testimony came from Howell's confessions — the fact he never forced his way into a home, but rather walked through unlocked doors.

In a private moment, David Harman, district parole officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Abilene, told the Herald, "These people are all over ... he just got caught. There are people out there committing these offenses every day that we never hear about."

And many of them, just like Rickey DeWayne Howell, do nothing but stalk a neighborhood, walking around and looking in windows as they check for unlocked doors.

It's a sad sign of the times, but we've lost the country aspect of our life in that we can peacefully retire to our beds at night and not worry about having to lock our doors.

The Rickey DeWayne Howells of the world have seen to that.

Odessa Police Detective Dave McCann told us that it was luck that Howell was caught as he was in Lubbock. He added that we'll probably never know how many assaults he actually committed because of the ages-old stigma attached to having been a rape victim.

Had it not been for the courage of four of Howell's victims, he might yet go free.

For the record, they were 22, 43, 51 and 55. They came from all walks of life and had varied careers ... they also had the courage and determination to put themselves through their ordeals again on the witness stand to help ensure the animal that assaulted them was put away for keeps.

We know that scum like Rickey DeWayne Howell are part of our society. We need to realize, however, that these vermin are regularly on our streets ... peeking around corners, looking through windows and checking for unlocked doors.

Please. Let's protect the precious lives of our wives and mothers and sisters and daughters and not make it any easier for them to become prey.

Please.

OTHER VIEWS

OK, so maybe when Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with the 10 Commandments he didn't have a smaller tablet listing the five Great Lakes, but that there are five, and only five, Great Lakes is about as sacred as a fact gets.

However, nothing is sacred when Congress is in full cry, and the solons have passed a bill ordaining that there shall be a sixth Great Lake — Champlain in Vermont.

This idle toying with the forces of geography is the work of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who wants to make the landlocked Green Mountain state eligible for federal research money now limited to those states bordered by oceans or the Great Lakes.

By way of justification, a Leahy staffer argues that Champlain has "more water volume than Erie," a factoid which suggests the senator's staff may have too much time on its hands.

Adding a sixth Great Lake to Erie, Ontario, Michigan, Superior and Huron has international implications. The Canadians, who have joint custody, so to speak, may want a say. The Canadians might want to add their Lake Winnipeg and Great Slave and Great Bear lakes, each one larger than Vermont and Champlain together. That would bring us to nine Great Lakes.

It won't stop there. Southern lawmakers may want the Gulf of Mexico declared the eighth of the Seven Seas. And tiny Denmark may decide to have its awkwardly large possession Greenland named the eighth of the Seven Continents.

The commandments are plenty; so are five Great Lakes.

Dale McFeatters Scripps Howard

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Future candidates face moral burden

By ANN McFEATTERS Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON — If you have committed a sexual indiscretion, do not plan to run for president in the year 2000.

That, finally, is something on which defenders of President Clinton and his critics wholeheartedly agree.

Presidential attack dog James Carville, who has made a career lately out of excoriating independent counsel Kenneth Starr for investigating Clinton, told reporters the other day that anybody with a potential sex scandal in his or her past will be politically dead in the water.

As a political consultant, even one who has engineered come-from-behind squeaker victories, he is convinced that in the presidential race in 2000, candidates with any sexual improprieties in their past will find such embarrassments public knowledge.

"In the year 2000 everybody's sex life is fair game ... Everybody is going down this road gleefully. The press will use a lofty rationale but say, 'We have to do this,'" Carville said.

A "test of sexual purity for national office," Carville said

contemptuously, will be Starr's biggest legacy.

Starr insists he is not investigating the president's sex life but whether Clinton lied when he denied a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and that he encouraged her to lie about it under oath to lawyers in Paula Jones' sexual harassment case against him.

But in trying to find out if Clinton lied, Starr, of course, has to ascertain if there was sex.

As Clinton continues to say nothing about the nature of his relationship with the former White House intern, on the grounds that his lawyers are worried about Starr's power, he permits the country to engage in an orgy of bad jokes, gross jokes and gossip that is diminishing the presidency.

William Bennett, the conservative standard bearer of virtue (whose brother Bob ironically represents the president for \$475 an hour in the Jones lawsuit), agrees that for now adultery is reason not to run for public office.

He said he has counseled several Republicans against running because of sexual indiscretions.

"I told them they'd never get the nomination," he said.

Bennett, who believes there will be an impeachment hearing against Clinton in the House later this year, argues forcefully that Clinton is guilty of having sex in or near the Oval Office with a then-21-year-old White House intern despite his flat denial to the nation.

Bennett scoffs at Clinton's denial, saying that if nothing improper happened, Clinton would be out talking about it "and embarrassing me by proving it's not true."

Bennett says he's trying to lobby Democrats to go to Clinton and urge him to explain to the American people what happened between Lewinsky and him.

But Bennett already has made up his mind: Clinton did it, lied and should resign.

And he charges Clinton with immature behavior, arguing that Clinton implicitly promised the nation he'd refrain from sexual misconduct after Gennifer Flower alleged a sexual relationship with him while he was governor of Arkansas.

For his part, Carville says that he has not asked Clinton personally whether he had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky because he takes him at his word, made in pub-

lic, that he did not.

Carville does not dwell on that but on his allegation that Starr, a Republican, is biased against Clinton and is "out to get him."

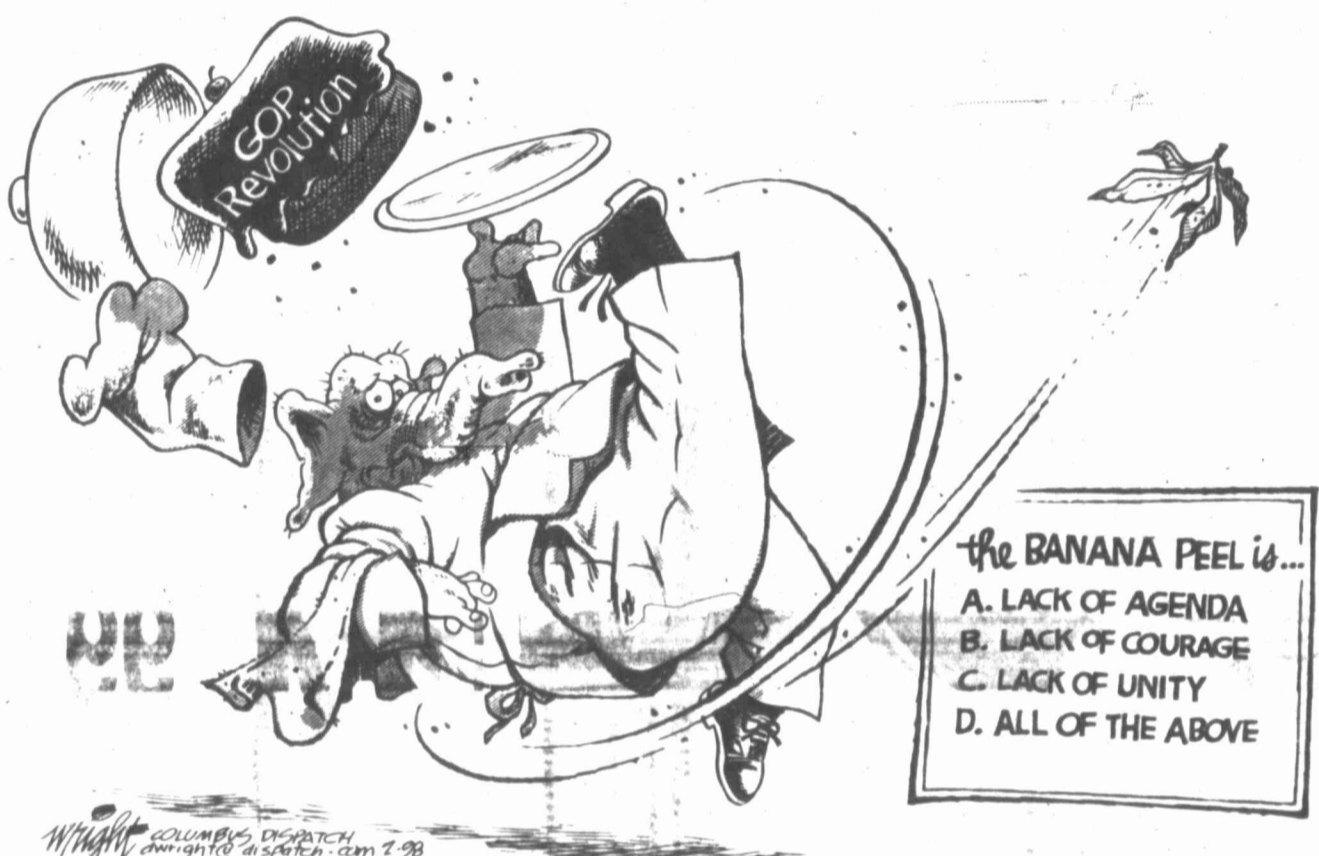
He says Clinton agrees.

The press, Bennett and Carville both agree, is now all but duty-bound to pursue allegations of sexual misconduct in presidential candidates on grounds it's an indicator of character and, given recent history, might be used as a way to blackmail a future president.

Bennett and Carville agree that sex as a moral litmus test might not continue to be all-important after the 2000 race (after all, voters in 1992 and 1996 elected Clinton despite the allegations of adultery). But they agree such scrutiny is unavoidable through the next race.

To those who say a person's sex life is private, this magnifying glass on privacy won't seem fair; to others, it will be welcomed as a kind of antidote to years of an increasingly voracious national appetite for titillation.

(Ann McFeatters covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service. E-mail mcfeatters@shns.com.)



Keep those cards and letters coming

Seventeen years have passed since I began writing this weekly column. The mail from readers remains as fascinating as ever. Let me share some recent letters with you.

"Weathermen here in Greenville (S.C.) recently have reported on two conditions that do not exist: 'calm winds' and 'unseasonably cold weather.' The former is, of course, an oxymoron. The latter falls in one of your creatively named categories. As alternatives, weathermen might say that 'the air is still' for the first situation, and for the last simply that it is 'unusually cold weather for our area.'"

I responded with a note of disagreement. Nothing is wrong with "calm winds." In my observation winds come in degrees just as quality comes in degrees — light winds, moderate winds, strong winds, gale winds, and in South Carolina, senatorial winds. As for "unseasonable" weather, surely nothing is wrong with saying that a 10-degree night is unseasonable in balmy South Carolina.

A retired teacher in Valley Village, Calif., wrote to complain about what she believed was a misuse of "myriad." A sportswriter had criticized a basketball team for "a myriad of mistakes" when the team had "fewer than five minutes

to play."

I can't find fault with "myriad of mistakes," for myriad is both noun and adjective. The word is rooted in both Greek and Latin. Long ago it meant 10,000, but the original meaning has gone the way of the original meaning of "decimate." In the sense of countless or innumerable, we now may write of "myriad mistakes" or "a myriad of mistakes."

The sportswriter technically had the rulebook on his side in "fewer than five minutes to play." Minutes are countable, and the general rule is to employ "fewer" for countable things, as in "fewer than 100 spectators were on hand at the end." Even so, I would have used "less than five minutes to play," for the remaining minutes were not five discrete elements of 60 seconds each. They constituted a solid element. In the same way, we have less than \$50, rather than fewer than \$50, in a bank account.

A reader in Clinton, N.C.,

wrote to complain of the use of "officiate" as a transitive verb, as in, "The Rev. Michael Murphy officiated the ceremony." I too object. A minister in my view may officiate AT a wedding, but to say that Father Murphy officiated the ceremony is to fashion a clumsy sentence. I know that Webster's sanctions the transitive verb, but I still don't like it.

What about "to sanction"? A gentleman in Columbus, Ohio, had an irk to expound:

"When 'sanction' was first used it had only one meaning, which was related to authorization or approval. I believe the use of it to mean a penalty or punishment has come into being in my lifetime. But seeing it used now as a verb form to mean 'fined,' followed by the phrase 'a sanctionable scheme' struck me as cause for alarm."

The trouble with "to sanction" is that it is one of a mere handful of English words that carry opposite meanings. It usually means "to authorize," but it may also mean "to penalize." We have to get the sense from the context. "To cleave" is another trickier. In one sense it's to embrace, in another to split. If we "scan" a document, we read it either hastily or minutely, take your choice. A case at law that is moot may still be arguable or be no longer arguable.



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Wide slate of candidates on March 10 primary ballot

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Much attention is being paid to the field of 18 candidates seeking the six contested offices on the ballot in Howard County, but when voters cast their ballots they will also be voting for several statewide and congressional races.

Along with local races, voters in the Republican primary will also be casting ballots for the following races:

Governor —
• **George W. Bush (Incumbent):** Completing his first term in office and has tapped education as his top priority and says the state should be the primary source of funding for schools.
• **R.C. Crawford:** Small businessman whose platform includes bringing back accountability in government by returning sovereignty to the people of Texas. Also pushing for local control of schools.

Lt. Governor —
• **Rick Perry (unopposed):** Currently serving as Texas Agriculture Commissioner.

Attorney General —
• **John Cornyn:** Served for seven years as a judge on the Texas Supreme Court and six years as a district judge in San Antonio. Interested in responsible management of natural resources.
• **Tom Pauken:** Graduate of Georgetown University and SMU Law School. Successfully ran a \$160 million federal agency for President Ronald Reagan. Served as a member of the White House Counsel staff.

• **Barry Williamson:** Midland attorney who served in both the Reagan and Bush administrations. Has also served as a Texas Railroad Commissioner and has heard more than 4,000 cases.

Comptroller of Public Accounts —
• **Carole Keeton Rylander (unopposed):** Currently serving as a Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Commissioner of General Land Office —
• **David Dewhurst:** Has built a profitable business and created job opportunities. Has experience in the oil and gas industry.
• **Don Loucks:** Served 22 years active duty as a U.S. Air Force fighter, instructor and functional test pilot. Wants to expand application of internet technology to provide more efficient service.
• **Jerry Patterson:** Senate sponsor of the 1995 Coastal Management Plan, author of the 1997 veterans home legislation and leading proponent of electric cogeneration from Texas' natural gas produced from state oil and gas properties.

Commissioner of Agriculture —
• **Susan Combs:** Has operated her own cow-calf operation for 17 years on more than 50,000 acres in Brewster County and served two terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.
• **Hamp Hodges:** Decorated Vietnam veteran and graduate of Westpoint. Founder of the company that owns the Fort Worth Stockyards and is a former ranch owner.

Railroad Commissioner —
• **Tony Garza:** Served as Gov. Bush's first appointee and Secretary of State. Has also served as a county judge.
• **Steve Stockman:** Has served as a member of Congress, receiving many awards. Is endorsed by the U.S. Chamber

of Commerce and American Medical Association.
Texas Supreme Court Justice —
Place 1:
• **Craig T. Enoch (unopposed):**

Place 2:
• **Harriet O'Neill:** Appointed to 14th Court of Appeals in 1995.
• **Candace G. Tyson:** Has 18 years judicial experience and has presided over more than 30,000 cases.

Place 3:
• **Gregg Abbott (unopposed):**

Place 4:
• **Deborah Hankinson:** Graduate of Purdue University and SMU School of Law, special education teacher and civil trial and appellate attorney.
• **Steve Smith:** Graduate of University of Texas Law School. Has researched and advised state legislators concerning numerous constitutional issues.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge —
Place 1:
• **David Barron:** Board certified as an expert in criminal law.
• **Vicki Isaacks:** Criminal prosecutor and family violence expert.
• **Mike Keasler:** District judge since 1981. Has presided over more the 16,000 felony cases.
• **Lloyd W. Oliver:** Former police officer and prosecutor.
• **David A. Schulman:** On staff at the court for two and a half years. Reviewed more than 1,000 cases.

Place 2:
• **Murff F. Bledsoe:** Thirteen years experience as a lawyer.
• **Harvey Hudson:** Justice of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals.
• **Cheryl Johnson:** Has practiced law for 14 years.

Place 3:
• **Lawrence "Larry" Meyers:** Vast experience in law as an assistant district attorney and defense lawyer and municipal judge.
Has a degree from the University of Kansas.
• **Herb Hancock:** Has served 25 years as a prosecutor and defense attorney. Howard County voters in the Democratic primary will also be casting ballot for the following statewide races:

Governor —
• **Garry Mauro (unopposed):** Current Land Commissioner.

Lt. Governor —
• **John Sharp (unopposed):** Current Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Attorney General —
• **Gene Kelly:** Served in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years. Former Colonel and legal advisor with the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force.
• **Jim Mattox:** Former State Representative and U.S. Congressman. Has previously served as attorney general of Texas.
• **Morris L. Overstreet:** Served five years as a prosecutor, six years in private practice, four years as a trial judge and eight years as an appellate judge.

Comptroller of Public Accounts —
• **Paul Hobby (unopposed):**

Commissioner of General Land Office —
• **Richard Raymond (unopposed):**

Commissioner of Agriculture —
• **Ernesto L. De Leon:** Has been involved with agriculture for more than 40 years and has worked for both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Agriculture.
• **L.P. "Pete" Peterson:** A farmer and rancher who has served on the Texas House of Representatives Agriculture and Livestock Committee for 21 years. Serving fourth term as chairman.

Railroad Commissioner —
• **Gary Dugger:** Concerned about the lack of a voice most Texas citizens have on the commission. Advocates maximum fines be levied on polluters.
• **Joe B. Henderson:** Has 27 years experience as a practicing attorney and judge.

Texas Supreme Court Justice —
Place 1:
• **Mike Westergren (unopposed):**

Place 2:
• **Rose Spector (unopposed):**

Place 3:
• **David Van Os (unopposed):**

Place 4:
• **Jerry Scarborough (unopposed):**

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge —
Place 1:
• **Charles F. "Charlie" Baird (unopposed):**

Place 2:
• **Winston Cochran (unopposed):**

BRIEFS

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY SIGNUP through March 3. Citizens are invited to learn about their community and its police force through a free course offered by the Big Spring Police Department.

The course runs from March 3 through May 19 and meets on nights and weekends. For an application and information call Sgt. Lee Everett at 264-2565.

THERE WILL BE AN orientation to Alzheimer's Disease Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 7 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster.

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FORSAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING will take place Mar. 2 at 6 p.m. The agenda includes:

• Approval of technology plan, consideration of personnel issues including employment, resignations, assignments, benefits, etc.

• The superintendent and high school principal for the 1999-2000 school year will be discussed.

Public School Week on tap

By **KATHY GILBERT**
Staff Writer

Parents and community members are invited to join the Big Spring schools in celebrating Texas Public Schools Week, Mar. 3-7.

State and area campuses have many creative programs planned to show off the schools. The focus this year is on elementary schools, Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said.

"The kids have been going to school for 4-6 weeks and we feel like it's a good time for students to showcase their work," he noted.

Elementary students also take the writing portion of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test on Tuesday.

Next week is also Texas Student Lunch Week and Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Week.

Parents and community members are invited to eat at BSISD schools. Parents are asked to contact the school in advance if they plan to eat lunch with a student.

Here is a partial schedule of events for the Big Spring schools:

• Local Masonic Lodges invite school personnel to breakfast at 7 a.m. Monday at the Masonic Lodge, 211 1/2 Main Street.

S.M. Anderson Kindergarten Center
• Mar. 4 - Red, White and Blue Day. Gather at the flagpole at 8:50 a.m. to pledge to the American and Texas flags.
• Mar. 5, 6 - Open House, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 a.m.

Bauer Magnet School
• Mar. 2 - "Just Say No" t-shirt day.
• Mar. 4 - Pastries for Parents, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

• Mar. 5 - School Spirit shirt day.
• Mar. 6 - Individual student parents "Lettitudes"; Grade 5 States' Fair in cafeteria.

College Heights Elementary School
• All week - Troll Book Fair, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m.
• Mar. 3 - Pastries for Parents, Library, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

• Mar. 5 - Open House, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
• Mar. 6 - Pride Day, wear College Heights t-shirt or red and black.



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Marc Padilla wears several hats at once during Crazy Hat Day at Marcy Elementary for Texas Public Schools Week several years ago.

Kentwood Elementary
• Book Fair, 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Mon. during library and at open house Tue. - Thu., 7:15 - 8:30 a.m. Fri.
• Mar. 4 - Hat and Sock day
• Mar. 5 - Western Dress Day, Open House and PTA meeting, 7 p.m.
• Mar. 6 - Sweats/Wind-Suit Dress day, Pastries for Parents, 7:8:15 a.m.

Marcy Elementary
• Mar. 2 - "Warm Up" Day! Wear warm-up clothes.
• Mar. 3 - College Wear Day, PTA Open House, 6 p.m.
• Mar. 4 - Parents Accelerated Reader Day! Parents invited to take the Accelerated Reader Test with their students.

• Mar. 4 - Bad Hair Day! Prize for worst hair style.
• Mar. 5 - Drop, Stop and Read Day! Throughout the day, students and staff will drop everything they are doing and read.
• Mar. 5 - House Slipper Day! Prize awarded for silliest slippers.
• Mar. 6 - Crazy Hat & Marcy T-Shirt Day! Prize awarded for craziest hat.

Moss Elementary
• Mar. 2 - TAAS Pep Rally, 2:30 p.m.
• Mar. 3 - National Anthem Day. Play national anthem in the morning.
• Mar. 4 - Wear Texas t-shirt.
• Mar. 5 - Cowboy and Native American Day. Dress in Western or Native American clothes.

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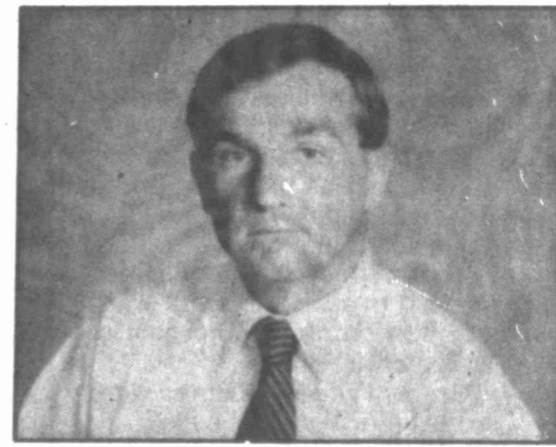
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Experts: Oprah trial could still affect 'veggie libel' laws

AMARILLO (AP) — Texas' "veggie libel" law didn't survive the duration of Oprah Winfrey's five-week beef disparagement trial, but analysts still believe the case will impact the statute and others like it.

Cattlemen had sued Ms. Winfrey, her production company and an anti-meat advocate over the talk show host's April 16, 1996, show about mad cow disease. They claimed the show implied U.S. beef was risky to eat.

A jury on Thursday determined the cattlemen didn't

prove that their product had been falsely disparaged.

Last week, the trial judge decided the case would not hinge on Texas' "veggie libel" law, ruling that the cattlemen had failed to make a case under it. The case became a routine business disparagement trial.

Twelve other states also have agricultural disparagement laws, which allow food producers to sue if they believe their product has been unfairly maligned. U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson decided that cattle aren't a perishable

food product, a requirement of the Texas law.

Though Robinson didn't find the law unconstitutional, analysts agreed the jury verdict might make agriculture producers think twice before suing under such a statute.

"After this outcome, I think Las Vegas odds on this kind of lawsuit are going down," said Thomas Baker, a constitutional law professor at Texas Tech University.

Cattlemen's attorney Joe Coyne promised to appeal Robinson's decision to elimi-

nate "veggie libel" from the case. Defense lawyer Charles Babcock said he'd ask the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to nullify the law.

Without a "veggie libel" law, plaintiffs in similar future cases probably will have to prove they were specifically targeted by the speech in question.

Seattle attorney Bruce Johnson, who successfully defended CBS in the early 1990s after Washington apple growers sued over a "60 Minutes" story linking the chemical spray Alar to cancer, predicted agribusi-

ness will lobby to make "veggie libel" laws more friendly to their cause.

"I'd expect proponents of 'veggie libel' laws to modify them and make them more draconian, and push much more restrictive versions onto states," Johnson said.

State Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, the author of the Texas law, said that the 1999 Legislature might change the law.

Opponents of "veggie libel" plan to do some lobbying, too.

"Until these laws are clearly

ruled unconstitutional, there should be efforts in every state that has a law to repeal them," said Reggie James.

Another "veggie libel" test could come in Ohio, where egg producer AgriGeneral Co. is suing an Ohio food safety advocacy group over comments made concerning the quality of repackaged eggs.

Some Texas emu producers have sued Honda over a commercial that featured a caricature of a bird rancher telling a job applicant that emus are the "pork of the future."

Victor Morales on campaign trail again

DALLAS (AP) — Mr. Morales still wants to go to Washington. So does Mr. Foster.

Victor Morales and William A. Foster III are both 48-year-old high school teachers. Both are seasoned campaigners and both are optimistic.

Democratic voters in the 5th U.S. House district will decide March 10 which of the primary candidates will oppose Republican incumbent Pete Sessions.

"I feel confident, but I, of all people, know better than to count the chickens before they're hatched," Morales said recently.

"I feel great about the race," Foster said. "I feel very forward. I feel ahead in the race. If people voted today, I feel like I would win."

Morales was a Mesquite Poteet High School government teacher before he became known for driving 80,000 miles in his white 1992 Nissan pickup truck in an unsuccessful attempt to unseat Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm in 1996.

His quixotic quest received national attention as he won a

primary victory over two members of Congress and a Houston lawyer.

Morales, who spent under \$950,000 on both the primary and general election, wound up with 2,428,776 votes in November to Gramm's 3,027,680.

The senior senator from Texas spent \$5.9 million to keep his job.

Now Morales has tuned up his truck for another road trip that won't require as many miles as the statewide race. The district stretches from Dallas County about 100 miles east to Smith County, and about 150 miles southeast to Brazos County. In between it includes or touches parts of Anderson, Freestone, Henderson, Kaufman, Leon, Limestone, Madison and Robertson counties.

Foster is not impressed.

"All the hoopla about the little truck running around Texas is over," he said. "He's got to present his ideas just like I do."

Foster wants another crack at running against Sessions, a 42-year-old freshman representative from Dallas. Foster lost the March 1996 Democratic primary

to John Poulard, who then lost to Sessions in the general election.

Sessions acknowledges this November's election will be a battle.

"I don't think there's any question that the Democrat Party will have a hardcore, mainstream liberal Democrat in this race, whichever person is selected," he said. "It's going to be a tough battle because they will stand up for what they believe and I will stand up for things that I believe are in the completely opposite direction."

The Texas Democratic Party believes Sessions is vulnerable. "We're going to do all we can to help the Democratic nominee run a professional and effective campaign," said spokesman Rafe Bemporad in Austin.

Both Foster and Morales say they can win the general election by attracting crossover Republicans.

Morales expects to appeal to moderate Republicans with his platform of campaign reform, balancing the budget without amending the Constitution and improving educational opportu-

nities.

He said at least 200 Republicans told him after his Senate campaign, "Victor, you were the first Democrat I ever voted for."

"I don't think Pete Sessions can do that with Democrats at all," Morales said.

Foster said his plans for education and the accessibility of office-holders will appeal to all voters.

"Once we get past the primary I believe we will show that we have some ideas that will be beneficial to everyone, Democratic and Republican," he said.

Sessions said he does not anticipate losing any GOP voters to his challenger.

"I think both of these gentlemen are headed in a big-government, big-spending, liberal mode," the congressman said.

"My path has been for balancing the budget and decreasing the size of government, which will allow families to keep more of what they earn. That is why I was elected in 1996 and I believe I have been faithful to that goal."

Ex-cadet's lawyers request venue change for murder trial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Attorneys for David Graham are asking that the former Air Force Academy cadet's capital murder trial be moved from Tarrant County.

His attorneys filed a motion Friday, claiming that the "inflammatory and prejudicial publicity" surrounding his former fiancée's case will prevent him from receiving a fair trial later this year.

Last week, Graham's former fiancée, Diane Zamora, was sentenced to life in prison for her part in the slaying of 16-year-old Mansfield High School student Adrienne Jones.

"I think it would have been impossible to try David in Tarrant County after Diane's case regardless of what Diane's defense was," Graham's attorney, Dan Cogdell said. "Certainly in light of Diane's case that David was Satan and was all evil — it's more difficult than I thought."

Cogdell said the portrayal of Graham as obsessed with guns, violent music and sex by Ms. Zamora's defense makes his job even more difficult.

"The publicity generated about this case has been so widespread, inflammatory, adverse and prejudiced as to raise a substantial doubt that the defendant can obtain a fair trial in Tarrant County, Texas," the motion said.

And Cogdell isn't the only person to have expressed concern.

Prosecutors said that Judge Don Leonard, who is presiding over the case, has voiced his concerns about the publicity surrounding the case. Leonard was unavailable for comment Friday.

Leonard did say last week that he would like to hold the case in Tarrant County but realized a delay would most likely

be necessary. He said if the trial is moved, it would have to be to a venue outside the Fort Worth-Dallas area television and radio markets.

Leonard will preside over the case no matter where it is held.

The motion filed Friday requests a hearing on the matter. Leonard has said he plans to have a pretrial conference with prosecutors and defense attorneys within the next month.

Prosecutor Mike Parrish acknowledges the publicity surrounding the case might make it hard to try in Tarrant County.

"Since people are calling it the highest profile case in the decade, I'm sure we're going to have a difficult time finding jurors," Parrish said last week.

Parrish has said he expects the case to be moved and that he most likely will not object to the defense motion.

Judge Joe Drago decided instead to schedule a full week of questioning for the pool of 200 potential jurors.

Graham and Ms. Zamora were arrested in September 1996.

He was a cadet at the Air Force Academy, and Ms. Zamora was a midshipman at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Man who deserted family loses job as radio manager

GALVESTON (AP) — A man who deserted his family in 1983 and began a new life in Galveston under an assumed name has been fired from his job as manager of a local radio station.

Pat Welsh, who is jailed in Ohio on charges of failing to provide financial support to the two children he abandoned, was fired from KGBC-AM by two majority stockholders.

Welsh, 50, was arrested Jan. 30 after his ex-wife, Elizabeth Welsh of Newark, Ohio, discovered he had been living here for 15 years as Tim Kingsbury, a respected citizen and civic leader.

Mrs. Welsh had always believed her husband committed suicide because of his 1980 conviction for stealing money from Ohio State University, where he once worked as a fund-raiser.

When he disappeared, Welsh still owed restitution to the university.

Following Welsh's arrest, KGBC shareholder Vandy Anderson had said he would remain on the station payroll and be welcomed back to the community once his legal

problems were resolved.

That all changed last week, when the station's two other shareholders said they decided to fire Welsh.

A.R. "Babe" Schwartz and Pete Miller, who each own 40 percent of the station's stock, contend Anderson was not upfront with them about the extent of Welsh's deception.

Schwartz said he and Miller learned in early 1996 that Welsh was living under an assumed name and was a fugitive in Ohio because of the restitution still owed to Ohio State.

However, he said they never knew the truth about Welsh's family.

"After we learned of his double identity, Pete and I agreed that Tim could stay as station manager on the basis that he go back to Ohio and square away his probation and embezzlement problems," Schwartz said.

"We were never advised that he had abandoned children, and we both agree now that if we had known just that one ingredient of the whole situation, neither of us would have consented to his continued employment."

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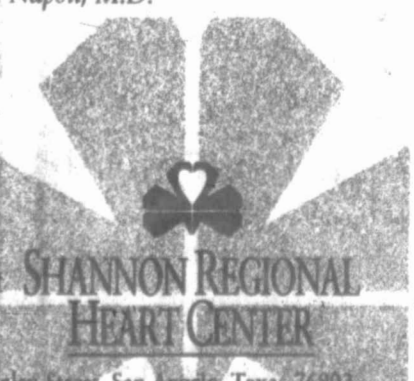
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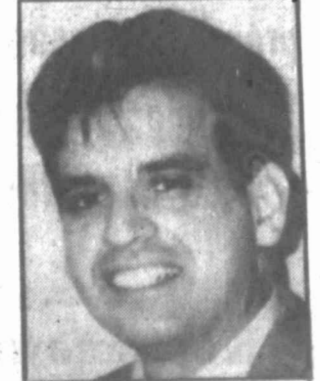

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Report: America's racial and economic divide widens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty years ago, at the height of America's civil rights movement, a report concluded that the nation was being divided into two societies: "one black, one white — separate and unequal." On the anniversary of that Kerner Commission report, a private urban-policy group says that's exactly what has happened.

Released this weekend, the report called "The Millennium Breach" says the economic and racial divide in the United States not only has materialized, it's getting wider.

"While leaders and pundits talk of full employment, inner city unemployment is at crisis levels," said the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation. "The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and minorities are suffering disproportionately."

The foundation's report was issued to coincide with Monday's anniversary of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders' release of the Kerner Commission report, named after its

chairman, then-Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner.

"People need to become aware that things are getting worse again," said the new report's co-author, Fred Harris, a former Democratic senator from Oklahoma and member of the Kerner Commission. "They need to see their own self-interest in this — that it doesn't make sense to have these underutilized regions in the country and these underutilized people whose lives are being wasted."

Not all black leaders were impressed with the findings. Robert S. Woodson Sr., a black conservative who heads the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, said Friday the report reshapes earlier Kerner Commission updates and offers recommendations too general to be useful.

He accused the authors of being "stuck in the '60s" and seeing the world only through a "prism of race."

The report says an estimated \$56 billion would be needed to carry out its recommendations: Expand funding for

successful programs like Head Start, reduce investment for ineffective programs and cut corporate welfare and military spending.

"Polls show that typical Americans want to do more for the truly disadvantaged and the inner city but think that the major obstacle to doing more is 'lack of knowledge,'" the report said. "But we already know what doesn't work, what does work and how to replicate what does work."

What does work? The report includes Head Start, after-school youth centers, urban school reform and school-to-work programs as things that work. Other successes, the report says, are programs that focus on job training, placement and retention, inner city economic development and crime and drug prevention.

What doesn't work? The report scoffs at supply-side economics — the idea that tax breaks for the rich and corporations will stimulate investments and benefits that will trickle down to the middle class and

the poor. The report denounces enterprise zones, the federal job training program for out-of-school youth and prison construction. It also cites the ineffectiveness of boot camps, which the Clinton administration has supported. And it says volunteer work — something the administration promoted at a 1997 summit in Philadelphia — can't be expected to single-handedly rebuild poor neighborhoods and individuals.

The report cites mountains of statistics as evidence: While the national jobless rate is below 5 percent, unemployment rates for young men in places like south-central Los Angeles have topped 30 percent; the child poverty rate in America is 4 times the average of western European countries; the incarceration rate of black men in the United States is 4 times higher than the same rate in South Africa under apartheid; and 43 percent of minority children attend urban schools, usually where more than half the students are poor and more than

two-thirds fail to reach even basic levels of national tests.

Woodson, of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, disagrees with the report's premise that the United States has had the most rapid growth in wage inequity in the Western world.

The number of black families earning between \$35,000 and \$75,000 doubled between 1970 and 1990, Woodson said. During the same 20-year period, the number of black families earning less than \$15,000 also more than doubled, he acknowledged.

"Racism and discrimination still exist. But they aren't the biggest problems facing blacks in America today," Woodson said. "The real issue is the growing economic rift within the black community."

"If we keep banging the drum of racism, we will never find a way to close this economic rift. After all, if racism were the culprit, why haven't all blacks been affected in the same way?"

Study: Poor southerners audited most

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're poor and live in the South, you might want to check that federal income tax return very carefully before sending it off to the Internal Revenue Service.

A study by the General Accounting Office found that 47 percent of randomly audited taxpayers over the past three years live in 11 Southern states. And more than 85 percent of those audited had incomes below \$25,000.

The number of taxpayers selected at random for audits is small, compared with the total number of IRS audits. During the 1994-1996 tax years, for example, the GAO said only 2,961 of the 5.6 million returns audited were selected at random.

Random audits are restricted to groups the IRS has suspicions about, one of which comprises low-income working families who claim the earned income tax credit. To qualify for that credit, a couple with one child must earn less than \$25,760, with virtually no interest or other unearned income.

"The emphasis on attacking the poor is unconscionable," said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., who requested the GAO study. "You can't help but conclude that they've decided if they go after somebody who's defenseless, it's easier."

But House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other prominent Republicans repeatedly have attacked the earned income tax program as a prime example of fraud and abuse in government. Last April, the Treasury Department reported that 26 percent of claims for the benefit — \$4.4 billion worth — went to unqualified recipients. Gingrich has even suggested abolishing inheritance taxes, the lost revenue recouped by tightening the earned income tax program.

Agency officials contend the 2,961 random audits weren't truly random.

John M. Dalrymple, the IRS acting chief compliance officer, said the agency targeted six groups for random audits from 1994 through 1996 because of "suspected or known noncompliance" with tax laws. The largest comprised taxpayers claiming the earned income tax credit, who the GAO said were singled out because of the repeated congressional criticisms that taxpayers were abusing the credit.

Other targeted groups were Ohio restaurants with alcoholic beverage licenses, returns where more than one taxpayer claimed the same dependent, and self-employed Georgians claiming business losses and collecting the earned income tax credit as well.

Gingrich in 2000? Speaker not ruling out run

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The next Republican presidential nominee should offer a vision "that people can feel in their lives," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich. In the state where the 2000 presidential campaign begins, Gingrich conceded he may well consider trying to fill that bill.

The Georgia Republican generated a lot of speculation during a barnstorming swing through Iowa, where precinct caucuses open the nominating

season for a parade of potential candidates that's already heavy.

He raised money for a local congressman, adopted a lion at the zoo and signed autographs and was cheered by thousands at a statewide wrestling competition Friday night.

If that all sounds like a politician testing the political waters, that was precisely how it was being read.

"He's pushing all the right buttons," conceded Keith Fortman, executive director of

the Iowa Republican Party.

Publicly, Gingrich was modest, even as Atlanta-based political aides met privately with reporters and activists to get acquainted, pass out business cards and pledge to keep in touch.

"I'm saying that at some point, down the road, you can think about that," Gingrich said, "but for this year, I'm focused on being speaker." That comment came in an interview on a statewide public affairs

television program that's a staple for political candidates.

Some were talking as if it were a done deal.

"I think he'll be competitive," said Iowa GOP chairman Steve Grubbs. "There are only a handful of candidates who can go for the whole spectrum of Republicans, and he's one of them."

By some accounts, Gingrich has moved with painstaking care. He has a half-dozen staffers with close ties to Iowa,

and Grubbs himself once spoke with some aides about a job with Gingrich's political action committee, GOPAC.

The hitch, Grubbs recalled, was the need for a commitment not to work for another presidential candidate.

The speculation comes as some in Congress are starting to talk openly about a leadership struggle in a post-Gingrich Congress. It also comes in a climate that may be improving for the Georgian.

Sad days for old comrades: Russian Communist party has identity crisis

MOSCOW (AP) — As it nears its 100th birthday, the Russian Communist Party is torn by an identity crisis that threatens to splinter its already weakened ranks.

The party whose pronouncements once carried the force of law seems uncertain about what role it wants to play in the new Russia. Loyal opposition or radical rabble-rouser? Partner of the government or enemy?

And with their ranks aging, the communists face tough decisions about how to appeal to a new generation that distrusts the Marxist past and is more interested in paychecks than politics.

In recent weeks, the Communist Party's leadership in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, has made overtures to Boris Yeltsin about joining him in a coalition government — overtures that the president has rejected.

The proposals have caused cracks in the communists' vaunted party discipline. Some members are questioning whether the leadership is selling out. And some observers predict the cracks could lead the party to split in two.

"I think there is a real danger of such a split," said Nikolai Petrov, a political analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for Peace.

Perhaps it shouldn't seem surprising that the party of Lenin and Stalin is having a rough time adjusting to life after the collapse of the Soviet Union and its one-party rule.

In the West, the Soviet collapse was widely seen as the

death of communism and proof that Soviet-style state socialism didn't work. In Russia, the party was banned for a year after its hard-liners attempted a coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991.

Perhaps the real surprise is that the Communist Party is as much of a force in Russia as it is today. It remains the biggest party in the Duma and still draws strong allegiance in many parts of the country, particularly in the southern "Red Belt" and among the elderly, who have fared worst under the new market economy.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov gave Yeltsin a scare in the 1996 presidential election and is thought to be positioning himself now for a run in the next election, in 2000.

But what is a communist these days? There is a hard core — both within the party and in radical splinter groups — that is openly nostalgic for the Soviet Union, totalitarian warts and all, and still regards the United States as an archenemy.

Zyuganov treads a more moderate course, although he is notoriously difficult to pin down. His brand of communism is based more on Russian nationalism than Marxism, and he yearns for Russia to somehow reclaim its status as a great world power.

Zyuganov insists he supports some market reforms and has support from some of Russia's new capitalists. But asked recently if he could better be described as a social democrat, he demurred. "No, I'm a communist," he insisted.

Others, some within his own party, see him as something else: a pragmatist, willing to do whatever is needed to gain power.

"He has a twofold pattern of behavior," noted Yevgeny Volk of the Heritage Foundation.

When it suits him, Zyuganov attacks Yeltsin's government. But when it comes to parliamentary voting, he generally is willing to compromise with Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

In a brief interview with The Associated Press, Zyuganov was asked how much he was willing to compromise his communist principles to claim a share of power.

"I will conduct dialogue with anybody in order to improve the situation, and I think that now the conditions are favorable for a normal government so we can choose a proper course," he said.


"We lack organizing qualities," he continued. "Had we had echelons of miners in Moscow from Kuzbass, from Vorkuta, from Rostov and from the Moscow region, the government would have resigned long ago."

Precisely the point, his more radical critics say: The party has a miserable record of organizing its followers.

Anti-communists argue that the party has no effective support.

One of the more prominent communists in the Duma, Vladimir Semago, noted the Communist Party takes to the streets only two days a year — May Day and Revolution Day.

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GOP's anti-tax campaign going back out on the road

By MARY H. COOPER
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WASHINGTON — House Republicans are taking their "Scrap the Code" anti-tax campaign back on the road again this month, with no dissenting views invited.

House GOP leader Dick Armey of Texas and Rep. W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, R-La., are conducting a multistop public debate on the relative merits of their proposed alternatives to the graduated income tax: a flat tax on income or a national sales tax.

When Democrats suggested adding other options to the debate mix — such as simplification of the existing system — they were told to butt out.

The Arney flat tax, similar to one proposed by Steve Forbes in his 1996 bid for the Republican presidential nomination, would impose a single tax rate of 20 percent initially, falling to 17 percent after a phase-in period of several years.

Tauzin's approach, supported

by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, would replace the income tax altogether with a 15 percent national sales tax. Because the tax would be collected at the retail level, Tauzin says, its adoption would allow for the complete elimination of the Internal Revenue Service. If the sales tax is enacted, Tauzin promises "April 15 is just another pleasant day in your life."

Republicans are hoping their "Scrap the Code" tour — which is headed for Denver, Seattle and San Diego this month — will spark a national debate that will spur voters to consider alternatives to the current tax code and support proposals that would further the basic GOP goals of lower taxes and a smaller government.

"What we're going to do starting this fall is ask every American taxpayer, as they go through looking at the taxes for next year, take a look at the alternatives," Gingrich said last year. "And, hopefully, by April 15 we can form a consensus around a major, decisive tax

reform ... that would move us to a much simpler system, a more honest system and a fairer system, and one which made it more possible to compete in the world market."

Any meaningful discussion about tax reform will have to go much deeper into the details than either Arney or Tauzin has done so far on the "Scrap the Code" tour.

The more radical of the two proposals, the national sales tax, would be more regressive, or "unfair to lower-income Americans, than the current income tax, with its graduated rates and myriad provisions that ensure that wealthier Americans shoulder a larger proportion of the tax burden.

A sales tax hits the poor hardest, because they must spend a far greater portion of their assets on food, housing, medicine and other necessities than the rich. A sales tax also raises the price of taxed goods and services, such as tariffs did during the 19th century.

"If you shift to a national sales tax, we would raise the

price of all products dramatically, and we don't know what that would do to inflation in America," said President Clinton shortly after the "Scrap the Code" tour began. "We don't know whether it could be done without any kind of destructive economic consequences."

Sales tax supporters say it would not necessarily hurt the poor.

"It is relatively easy to construct a national sales tax that protects the poor from paying any tax and is roughly as progressive as the current income tax," contends Gilbert Metcalf, an economics professor at Tufts University and an economist with the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Because Tauzin's proposal would provide rebates to low-income Americans, Metcalf writes, it would be "about as progressive as the current income tax." In any case, Metcalf says, fairness is not the most important goal of tax policy.

"When evaluating the merits of major tax reform ... policy

makers should not focus unduly on distributional considerations," he writes. "Rather, Congress would be better advised to focus on the efficiency gains and the broad economic benefits of moving to a consumption tax system."

But critics say regressivity is only one of several pitfalls inherent in the sales tax. Tax experts say the sales tax has other pitfalls as well.

"No country has a retail sales tax at the level Tauzin is talking about because it can't be enforced," says Michael Graetz, a law professor at Yale University and author of the 1997 book, "The Decline (and Fall?) of the Income Tax." "The incentives for retailers to cheat are just too high."

To generate the same amount of revenue as the current income tax, a sales tax would have to be as high as 40 percent, some economists estimate.

Many European countries and Japan long ago abandoned the retail tax in favor of the value-added tax (VAT), essentially a sales tax that is collected from

manufacturers and producers rather than from retailers and that has incentives built in to ensure compliance. "We know the VAT can be collected because other countries collect it fairly effectively," Graetz says. "If we're going to be serious about a sales tax, it needs to be a VAT if you want to collect the taxes."

The other "Scrap the Code" proposal, Arney's 17 percent flat tax, also draws criticism, though not as strong as the sales tax.

"I have never seen a flat tax proposal that was revenue-neutral — that is, it kept the balanced budget we worked so hard for now, that didn't impose higher taxes on people with incomes below \$100,000," Clinton said. "And that's most Americans, and that's not fair."

Some critics see a significantly modified version of the flat tax as a promising alternative.

"I think the flat tax could be a starting point for a restructuring of the tax code, but it's being vastly oversold," says William Gale.

'Big Daddy' building final metal monster

MANTI, Utah (AP) — Dig this, gearheads: Big Daddy is building his last sled.

That's right, Ed Roth, the beatnik wild child whose mad-genius car creations and fantastic artwork shaped the Southern California hot-rod culture of the '50s and '60s, is heading pedal-to-the-metal into matrimony.

Roth's seemingly unlikely slide into semi-retired domesticity actually began in 1974 when he converted to the Mormon church and abruptly abandoned his lawless lifestyle.

But Roth remains a man with a toolbox full of contradictions. And evidence of a struggle to reconcile a notorious past with a homespun present is strewn about his cluttered pink stucco home in this tiny farming community 100 miles south of Salt Lake City.

"My fanaticism with cars has just destroyed my personal life," says the twice-divorced Roth, 65, who nonetheless is building another — he claims his last — in his backyard garage.

"It's an obsession, an addiction. Every day I pray to God, 'Release me from my calling!'"

A generation of teen-age rebels-without-a-car stood in awe of Roth's chrome and fiberglass creations at car shows, and adopted his airbrushed anti-hero, the bug-eyed, slavering Rat Fink, as a cultural counterpoint to Mickey Mouse.

They forsook their homework to labor, woozy from the fumes of airplane glue, on intricate scale plastic models of Roth's "Outlaw" roadster, the bubble-topped "Beatnik Bandit," or the futuristic "Mysterion." To the chagrin of their parents, they plastered Rat Fink stickers everywhere.

Indeed, while Roth is considered a genius and visionary among car designers — he pioneered the use of fiberglass in car bodies, for instance — it was the Rat Fink and a host of other wild characters that paid the bills.

"Ed was doing these sort of zany yet evil designs that your mother would hate," recalls Pat Ganahl, former editor of Hot Rod, Rod and Custom and Street Rodder magazines and a longtime fan and friend of Roth.

"And, since hot rods are supposed to be evil, wicked, mean and nasty, they fit right in," he said. "Rat Fink, after all, is a perfect example of a hot-rod Mickey Mouse."

Author Tom Wolfe, in his 1964 essay on the California hot-rod phenomenon, "The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby," described Roth as the "most colorful, the most intellectual and the most capricious" of the car customiz-

ers. "He's the Salvador Dali of the movement — a surrealist in his designs, a showman by temperament, a prankster," Wolfe wrote.

"You realized that Roth had a vision," said Ken Gros, curator and executive director of the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, home to Roth's 1959 seminal roadster, the Outlaw. "When I was a kid, you wondered where these things were coming from."

Roth isn't sure himself. He's more than half inclined these days to see his inspiration as personal, divine revelation, in keeping with his Mormon beliefs. But it has taken him years to get comfortable with the idea.

"If I'm having a design problem, I'll go to the (Manti) Mormon temple for three or four hours and it will come to me," Roth said. "It's like, I'll be sitting there and all I'll be able to think is, 'Go get the Chrysler Hemi!'"

Roth's conversion to Mormonism in 1974 came at a time when he was disillusioned with making cars and had turned his attention to "trikes," the hybrid three-wheeled motorcycles shunned by hot-rod traditionalists and banned from auto shows.

Roth had also been publicly vilified for crusading for the Hell's Angels. A series of his posters depicting the exploits of the outlaw motorcycle club are for auction now at Bonham's in London.

Roth said he was "really ripped" one day, working in his shop, when a friend dropped off a copy of the Book of Mormon. Roth read it and soon joined the church.

While Roth says religion saved him from a destructive lifestyle, it brought with it new turmoil: how to reconcile his outrageous genius with his newfound beliefs.

At the time, his solution "was to give it all up." "Some people thought Rat Fink was ghastly, with his bloodshot eyes and teeth," Roth said.

So for a decade, Roth turned his considerable talents to the mundane: He painted signs and pinstripe trains at Knott's Berry Farm.

Experts solve MIA puzzle piece by piece

HONOLULU (AP) — A lab tucked within the tidy grounds of Hickam Air Force Base near Pearl Harbor is a storehouse for the sorrow still felt by thousands of military families.

Arranged on the tables are partial skeletons and bone fragments belonging to military personnel still unaccounted for in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The pieces wait for scientists to determine who they were, and which families might reclaim their loved ones.

The remains from Southeast Asia represent the work of a Hawaii-based military task force that scours the jungles, hills and fields of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to solve the mysteries of what happened to the 2,104 Americans listed as missing in action there.

"There's a sense of satisfaction more than anything because it's nice to be able to see some closure," said Theresa Wolanski, a forensic anthropologist who analyzes the bone fragments. "Some families have been waiting for a long time."

The approximately 180 members of the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting are detectives sifting through documents, interviewing witnesses, analyzing sites and excavating areas seeking scant clues hidden under the earth for decades.

Take the case of an F-4 fighter jet that crashed in 1972 behind a Vietnamese rice field near Tuyen Quang City, killing the two men aboard. Investigators drained part of a pond and sifted through about 700,000 pounds of dirt to uncover bone fragments, a restored tooth, part of a sleeve and a quarter-size piece of an oxygen mask.

Those pieces ultimately were traced to a 28-year-old Air Force captain.

Investigators usually don't find intact sets of remains in Southeast Asia because of bombings, high-speed crashes and the acidic soil. Instead, they must gingerly search areas for the most meager of clues, relying on information from witnesses who may have

buried bodies more than 30 years ago.

"Sometimes we're hopeful because we have good leads and other times we've had cases where we've had to investigate four, five, six times and don't have luck getting information," Air Force Staff Sgt. Bill Sibley said.

The concealed clues can be difficult to get to. They may be submerged in a rice paddy or on a remote cliff accessible only by a carefully landed helicopter. The land also can be peppered with unexploded shells and mines. Most of the time crash sites have been scavenged by locals in search of metal.

The task force at Camp H.M. Smith near Honolulu consists of personnel from all four military branches. Small teams stationed in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia help coordinate the missions.

Since the task force was formed in 1992, it has conducted more than 2,400 investigations. So far, 165 sets of remains have been identified and about 350 have been recovered but not yet identified.

A team working in Vietnam last month investigated 36 cases and excavated seven sites.

"We use a lot of persistence," said Dick Hites, chief Vietnam analyst for the task force. "We go back again and again and again until we come to a point to recommend a site."

If a site is recommended for excavation, the task force makes a second trip abroad. Local digging crews carve out the soil and every bucket is sifted through screens that trap objects as small as the eyelet of a boot, a few links from a dog-tag chain or a gem of a class ring.

It can take weeks to find any clues.

"You shake the screens for 10 hours a day," Air Force Tech. Sgt. Thomas Thompson said. "You do that for 21 days before you find something, and I'd say you get frustrated sometimes."

In some cases the work yields clues but no biological evidence, making it impossible for analysts to make an identification.

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Bulldogettes rebound for tourney wins

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — After suffering a 5-3 loss to Midland Christian in the opening round of the Midland Invitational Softball Tournament Thursday, Coahoma's Bulldogettes rebounded with a pair of wins over El Paso Socorro and Odessa Permian.

The Bulldogettes forfeited to Odessa High's junior varsity, a game that would have been played Friday night, in order to attend Coahoma's boys' basketball bi-district playoff.

While the Bulldogettes didn't play well in the tournament opener, coach Robbie Dickenson said he was pleased with the way they rebounded for the two wins.

"We didn't hit the ball worth a hoot in that first game," Dickenson said. "It was a tough game all the way around, but it was kind of what you'd expect for the second game of the year. Most of our kids only have a couple or three workouts under their belts right now."

Senior Tara Sterling took the loss, giving up seven hits and striking out four in going the distance.

Third baseman Shana Earnest led the way offensively with two hits for Coahoma in the

opener, while Sterling and Kelli Buchanan added hitting.

The Bulldogettes had little trouble with Socorro, however, romping to a 15-4 win in five innings.

Earnest went three innings in taking the win before being replaced atop the mound by Kenni Kay Buchanan. They scattered five Socorro hits.

Coahoma, however, exploded offensively with Sterling leading the way. She went 3-for-4 at the plate, including a pair of inside-the-park home runs that left her with 7 RBIs on the day.

The Bulldogettes grabbed a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first, only to see Socorro grab the lead with four runs in the top of the third inning.

Earnest escaped any more damage and the Bulldogettes answered with three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good.

Buchanan kept Socorro at bay the final two innings and the Bulldogettes exploded with nine runs in the bottom of the fourth to end the game on the 10-run rule.

Earnest helped her own cause, going 2-for-4, as did Misty Baker. Rende Herring also had multiple hits, going 2-for-2 at the plate.

Coahoma closed its appearance with a 6-4 win

over Permian, a five-inning affair ended by the tournament's 1-hour, 20-minute time limit.

Sterling went the distance in chalking up the win, allowing just 2 Permian hits, while the Bulldogettes were again productive at the plate — pounding out 11 hits.

Earnest continued her strong hitting with a 3-for-4 showing, while Brandi Hart was a perfect 3-for-3. Sterling also continued her hitting string, going 2-for-3.

The win over Permian was particularly important, Dickenson said.

"That one was a big one for us ... we really needed to beat Permian," the second-year Bulldogettes boss explained.

"It was really frustrating to lose the way we did in that first game, even though it doesn't surprise a lot of people when you lose with as little practice time as we've had," he added. "But being able to come back and stop Permian gives us a boost."

The Bulldogettes' next action comes Thursday when they travel to Andrews to face the Lady Mustangs in a 4:30 p.m. game.

"We'll have a few days to get ready for that one ... going to need them," Dickenson said. "Andrews is extremely strong. It'll be a good test for us."

Lady Hawks draw No. 3 tourney seed

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's Lady Hawks will be the No. 3 seed in the NJCAA Region V Women's Basketball Tournament set for March 3-5 at Midland College's Chaparral Center.

The Lady Hawks, ranked No. 4 nationally, finished the regular season with a 12-2 record in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play and with a 28-2 mark overall.

Howard's 12-2 mark gave it a share of the WJAC championship with Midland and South Plains. A coin flip held Friday morning to determine the top three seeds resulted in the Lady Texans drawing the top seed, while the Lady Chaparrals were seeded No. 2.

The conference's No. 4 seed went to New Mexico Junior College, a 73-68 winner over Clarendon, Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Hawks open the tournament at noon Tuesday facing Grayson County. South Plains will face Temple at 2:30 p.m.; Weatherford, last year's regional champion, will face New Mexico at 5 p.m.; and Midland will take on McLennan Community College at 7:30 p.m.

The Dorothy: Coliseum becoming a Mecca to playoff teams

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

By the time the high school basketball playoffs are over, more than 20,000 persons could have passed through the doors at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"It's been an exciting playoff year so far," Coliseum Director Stan Feaster said.

The fare for fans has run the gamut thus far, from a practice game between Borden County and Stanton to a district seeding game between Sands and Grady to Saturday's Region I-4A girl's championship game between Canyon Randall and Granbury.

Feaster feels it is obvious why schools choose to play at Dorothy Garrett — or as Howard College athletes call it, "The Dorothy."

"To me, it's the finest facility in West Texas," he said. "We offer schools a turn-key trip here ... after they call and tell us they want to play here, we fax them a contract and they sign it and fax it and a roster back."

The coliseum provides the press table crew, which includes the public address announcer, official scorer and clock operator. Additionally, Head Athletic Trainer Everett Blackburn provides trainers for each team in the event they are needed.

Blackburn also letters signs for the team dressing rooms in school colors.



Pancho Narbalz, maintenance director at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, replaces lights on the suspended scoreboard Friday afternoon, in preparation for the weekend's slate of Class 4A high school basketball playoff games.

"It's amazing, but the kids and coaches notice all of that ... it's just little extra things that help add to it all," Feaster said.

The coliseum also provides the crew to work the ticket booths and collect money as well as uniformed security for the games. Great Western

Dining operates the concession stands.

During the second half of high school games, Feaster goes to the ticket windows to collect the money and then to his office. He counts the money, determines the attendance from ticket sales and pre-

pare a form for each school that shows the game expenses as well as the income for the schools. Feaster also sends all required reports to the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

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Chamber's CVB realizes playoffs are big business

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Crockett County Treasurer John "Sandy" Stokes had come to Big Spring to watch his beloved Ozona Lady Lions play a bi-district game against Hawley.

After the game, Stokes was in HEB, shopping — as were others from Ozona.

One might not realize it, but playoffs are big business.

By the time this playoff season is over, more than 20,000 persons could have come through the doors at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum — depending

on the team match-ups.

"That's a lot of folks," said coliseum director Stan Feaster. John H. Walker, chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, echoed that.

"The thing a lot of people forget is that these folks spend money in places other than the coliseum while they're here.

"Teams eat at restaurants, like Iraan did at Cowboy's, and their fans go with them. They stop and get gas and some, like the folks from Ozona, buy groceries.

"They're here and this is a

trip to the city for them ... they spend money while they're here," Walker said.

Walker added the reason teams come to Big Spring is not always geographic.

"Part of it is they like the way they are treated by Stan (Feaster) and his staff. Stan is working to get people in here, but he's also working to make it a memorable experience for those kids to be on his campus ... they are prospective students for Howard College."

And as the University Interscholastic League expands the Class 4A playoffs, a plan is in the works to set up regional

basketball tournaments.

"We want one," Feaster said. "Class 4A is the only one with a regional tournament now and we're here from the coaches that they are going to start one ... a lot of coaches have said they'd like for it to be here."

"That's reasonable," Walker said. "Region I-4A stretches from El Paso to Fort Worth to Amarillo to the Hill Country — we're in the middle and we have a facility that's second to none."

Walker said the tournament is a project the CVB would get

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Stanton avenges '97 loss to Tahoka; 'Dogs, Lady Mustangs tumble

HERALD Staff Report

LAMESA — If there had ever been any question that Stanton's Buffaloes were seeking a little revenge when they faced Tahoka's Bulldogs in Friday's bi-district basketball playoffs, coach Doug Gordon made it clear following the Buffs' 63-55 win.

"It was a great ball game ... just like last year, except that this time the good guys won," Gordon said after watching the Buffs' front line trio of Chad Smith, Marcus Washington and Justin Cobb make the difference in a showdown between stellar guards.

Tahoka, which finishes the season 22-12, had upset Stanton in the bi-district playoffs a year ago en route to a state tournament berth.

Point guard Kyle Herm paced the Buffs with 24 points, but saw game-high honors earned by the Bulldogs'

Canyon Randall advances; Sweetwater falls

HERALD Staff Report

Canyon Randall's Lady Raiders earned a trip to the Class 4A state basketball tournament Saturday, taking a 50-46 upset win over Granbury at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Raiders, who finished third in District 3-4A play behind Canyon and Levelland, improved to 27-6 going into this week's state tour-

namment, while Granbury saw its season come to a close with a 32-4 record.

"The Dorothy" was also the site for a Class 4A regional semifinal boys' game in which Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes took a 65-58 win over Sweetwater's Mustangs.

Lamesa improved to 30-2 win the win, while Sweetwater sees its bid for a return to the state tournament thwarted and its season end at 20-11.

Rocky Moore, who finished with 29

and then just kept pounding the ball inside. It was a team effort all the way. As a result, Smith finished the night with 17 points, while Washington and Cobb both had 10.

"They were sagging into the lane, with four people every time it looked like we were trying to go inside,"

Gordon added. "Having Marcus at the low post opened a lot of things up for everyone else."

The Buffs' size advantage kept Tahoka off balance at crucial times and also left Stanton going to the free throw line much more than the Bulldogs.

And it was at the charity stripe where Herm was perhaps as important a factor as any. The 5-foot-10 junior was 11-for-16 at the line.

Stanton, which improved to 19-1 on the season, now advances to the area playoff round where they'll face Jim Ned's Indians (22-7), who took a 72-54 win over Coahoma. A time and site for that game has not yet been determined.

Stanton 63, Tahoka 55
Class 2A bi-district playoff at Lamesa Middle School gym
STANTON — Marcus Washington 3 4-4 10, Chad Smith 7 3-5 17, Kyle Herm 6 11-16 24, Justin Cobb 4 2-2 10, Jeremy Smith 0 0-0 0, Austin Kelley 0 0-0 0, Tyrone Davis

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3-point goals: Stanton 1 (Herm), Tahoka 6 (Moore 6). Fouled out: Moore, Washington, Williams, Pelsworth. Turnovers: Stanton 14, Tahoka 14. Rebounds: Stanton 35 (J. Cobb 12), Tahoka 32 (Pelsworth 9). Technical fouls: Davis. Records: Stanton improves to 19-1. Tahoka finishes at 22-12.

Jim Ned 72, Coahoma 54

SNYDER — Coahoma's Bulldogs were never able to overcome a quick 13-2 lead Jim Ned's Indians piled up early in the first quarter Friday, suffering a 72-54 bi-district playoff loss. The Bulldogs managed to lead just

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Lady Steers golfers manage third place at Fort Stockton

HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring's Lady Steers, paced by Steafanie Waggoner's two-day total of 165, finished third behind Andrews' Lady Mustangs and the host Prowlers at the Fort Stockton Invitational Girls' Golf Tournament.

Waggoner 82, 83-165 left her tied for second in the medalist standings with Fort Stockton's Renee Gonzales (81, 84-165) following 36 holes on the Pecos County Golf Course.

Gonzales won a sudden death playoff to finish second in the individual standings behind Odessa Permian's Jodie Duff, who rebounded from an opening day 90 to post a 71 during Saturday's round and take a four-stroke victory.

Waggoner was left in third place, while teammate Kelly

Hollar was seventh with an 86, 84-170 total.

Rounding out Big Spring's individual scores were Alicia Wood, 92, 92-184; Ashlie Simmons 95, 91-186; and Priscilla Del Bosque, 106, 96-202.

Andrews took the team title with a 683 total, paced by Jessica Thames and Jessica Treadwell. Both managed two-day totals of 168 to finish tied for fifth in the medalist standings.

Fort Stockton was 10 strokes back in the team standing with a 693 total, while Big Spring was third at 705, edging Permian by one stroke.

Pecos' Lady Eagles were fifth with a 710 total over 36 holes, while Alpine was sixth with a 740, Sonora was seventh at 757 and Monahans was eighth with a 779. Odessa High's Lady Bronchos were ninth at 780.

LADY STEERS

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the distance to chalk up her fourth win of the season.

Melissa Martinez clubbed a solo home run and Jessica Cobos turned in a 2-for-3 performance at the plate, driving in a pair of runs, in highlighting the Big Spring offensive performance.

Friday, the Lady Steers pounded out 15 hits in a 10-5 win over Midland Christian, Canales getting the victory, while Sisneros had the save.

Martinez led the way in the Big Spring hit parade, going 3-for-3, while Rubio and Cobos were 2-for-4. Smith, Valdez, Phillips and Lance were all 2-for-3, the latter three each getting credit with 2 RBIs.

Big Spring reached the third-place game by taking a 12-0 win over highly-touted Fort Worth Fossil Ridge, Sisneros going the distance, scattering just three hits.

The Lady Steers, however, managed 11 hits. Canales led the way with a 2-for-3 showing, including a double, and drove in two runs. Rubio, Belew and Cobos were all 2-for-4 at the plate and each was credited with three RBIs.

Next up on the Lady Steers' schedule is a trip to the Graham Invitational Softball Tournament set for Friday and Saturday.

the top of the sixth.

Sisneros, who came on in relief of starter Jessica Canales in the fourth inning, kept Odessa off the scoreboard in the top of the seventh and Big Spring's bats roared to life again.

Sunni Smith led off with a single, Juanita Valdez singled and Angie Phillips loaded the bases with still another single.

It appeared as if Odessa would escape unscathed when Mandi Lance and Lindsay Moreno both grounded to first, allowing the Lady Bronchos to force Smith and Valdez out at the plate.

But shortstop Monica Rubio would have none of it, stepping up to the plate and singling sharply up the middle for the game-winning hit.

While Richland took a 10-0 win over the Lady Steers in the second round, Overton said the game wasn't indicative of how well his team is capable of playing.

"We made quite a few mistakes ... mistakes we don't usually make," he explained. "They were the better team, but not by 10 runs."

The Lady Steers rebounded with a 4-1 win over Del Rio in the third round, Sisneros going

Duke holds off North Carolina, 77-75

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Top-ranked Duke won the rematch against No. 3 North Carolina with a crushing closing run that set off a wild celebration in a building known for just that.

The Blue Devils outscored North Carolina 20-7 over the final eight minutes Saturday for a 77-75 victory, a split of the season series with their archrival and another Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

The Blue Devils (27-2, 15-1) fell behind big early and still were trailing 68-57 with 8:12 left. In that run, Duke scored on all but two of its last 12 possessions, while North Carolina (27-3, 13-3) managed one field goal in the same span and committed an uncharacteristic five turnovers.

After Chris Carrawell missed a jumper with 18 seconds left, North Carolina had two chances to tie. But Ed Cota missed two free throws with 9.5 seconds left and freshman Brendan Haywood did the same with 1.2 seconds left.

McLeod had 23 points for the Blue Devils, while Langdon had 17 and Brand 16.

Antawn Jamison led the Tar Heels with 23 points.

Arizona 90, Stanford 58

Miles Simon scored 20 points and A.J. Bramlett had 11 points and a career-high 19 rebounds as the second-ranked Wildcats routed No. 8 Stanford 90-58 Saturday to clinch their eighth Pac-10 title in 15 years under coach Lute Olson.

Arizona (26-3, 16-0) also tied a 5-year-old school record by winning its 19th consecutive game, the nation's longest winning streak.

Jason Terry and Michael Dickerson, the Wildcats' second-half weapon, had 15 points each.

Mike Bibby had 14 points and seven assists — six in the second half, when the Wildcats went on a 17-4 run to take a 53-33 lead.

Bibby finished three fast breaks with alley-oop passes during the surge that put the game out of reach with 12:34 to play, and Arizona went on to outscore Stanford 59-38 in the half.

Mark Madsen, who missed the first Arizona game, led the Cardinal with 10 points and seven rebounds.

NCAA

Kentucky 69, S. Carolina 57

Jeff Sheppard and No. 7 Kentucky made South Carolina pay for ruining the Wildcats' 1997 Senior Day, ending the 14th-ranked Gamecocks' 22-game home winning streak 69-57 Saturday.

Sheppard scored 24 points, one off his career-high set at Auburn, and Heshimo Evans added 22 for Kentucky, which played without senior starter Allen Edwards. He was at a family funeral.

Sheppard's basket with 16:29 left put the Wildcats ahead 42-35. When South Carolina pulled to 42-40, Sheppard struck again with his fifth 3-pointer.

Evans followed with three straight baskets, and Kentucky led 54-40.

BJ McKie, the SEC's second-leading scorer, led South Carolina with 21 points.

McKie he sparked an 11-2 run by the Gamecocks that drew them to 56-51. But Scott Padgett's jumper with 3:49 to go gave Kentucky a 58-51 lead. South Carolina never got any closer.

Princeton 72, Cornell 59

Steve Goodrich had 19 points and No. 9 Princeton used 3-point sharpshooting for its 18th straight win, 72-59 over Cornell Saturday night.

The Tigers (25-1, 13-0) made 10-of-20 3-point shots and stayed undefeated in the Ivy League. Cornell (9-17, 6-8) was only 2-for-15 from beyond the arc.

Gabe Lewulis had 17 points, with two 3-pointers and six rebounds, and Brian Earl had 14 points for Princeton.

Princeton was the first team in the country to clinch a spot in the 64-team NCAA tournament with their Friday night victory over Columbia.

But Princeton recovered to lead by 11 at halftime. After that, Cornell never got within nine in the second half.

Princeton led by as many as 22.

Brent Fisher led Cornell with 13 points and pulled down eight rebounds. DeShawn Standard had 11 points.

UConn 87, St. John's 58

Khalid El-Amin had 29 points as No. 6 Connecticut clinched the Big East regular season title

and the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament with an 87-58 victory over St. John's.

The Huskies (26-4, 15-3) finished the regular season with a five-game winning streak and convincingly averaged a 64-62 loss to the Red Storm (21-8, 13-5) on Jan. 19.

Red Storm star Felipe Lopez started 0-for-8 from the field and was held to 13 points. Lavar Postell had 16 for the Red Storm.

El-Amin had 21 of his points in the second half. Richard Hamilton finished with 16, and Monquencio Hardnett had 14 for UConn.

The Huskies never let St. John's in the game, opening leads of 8-0, 12-1 and 28-11 with 6:19 left in the first half.

The Red Storm shot 25 percent (8 of 32) from the field in the first half and had only two field goals in the first 14 minutes.

Oklahoma 89, Texas Tech 56

Corey Brewer scored 21 of his 25 points in a second-half eruption Saturday that propelled Oklahoma to an 89-56 victory over Texas Tech, the worst home loss in Red Raider history.

Brewer sank three 3-pointers and scored 18 points in a six-minute span early in the second period, turning a close game into a rout for the Sooners (20-9, 11-5 Big 12).

Oklahoma scored seven points in seven seconds midway through the half to put away Tech (13-13, 7-9). Raiders coach James Dickey sparked the play with a technical foul for protesting a three-shot personal foul.

After the Sooners' Michael Johnson made two free throws, Brewer followed with two technical shots. Oklahoma retained possession because of Dickey's

sideline outburst, and Brewer nailed a 3-pointer.

The play was part of a 17-5 Oklahoma run that ended with a 64-44 lead with 11:34 remaining. The Sooners scored the game's final 14 points to complete the blowout.

The 33-point deficit surpassed Tech's 107-76 loss to Texas Christian in its home opener this year.

Texas A&M 80, Baylor 75

Michael Schmidt scored 26 points Saturday as Texas A&M beat Baylor 80-75, ending the Aggies' 16-game losing streak and 44 years of basketball in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Schmidt hit five of 10 from 3-point range for A&M, which begins play next season in the \$36 million, 12,500-seat Reed Arena.

Baylor had a 46-41 lead at the half, but Schmidt hit a free throw with 9:52 remaining to tie the game for A&M at 59-59. A field goal by Steve Houston gave the Aggies the lead, which they held for the final five minutes.

Shanne Jones had 20 points for A&M (7-19, 1-15 Big 12). Houston had 16 and Aaron Jack 12.

Rodrick Miller had 29 points, including eight of 11 3-pointers for the Bears (13-13, 8-8). Patrick Hunter added 14 for Baylor, Gabriel Ramirez 12 and Brian Skinner 10. Skinner also had five blocked shots.

Both teams had problems at the foul line. Baylor made 14 of 25 free throws while A&M hit 13 of 25.

A&M and Baylor meet again Thursday in the Big 12 tournament.

The game was the final home appearance for A&M Coach Tony Barone, who will be re-assigned after the tournament.

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Armour edges to top at Nissan Open

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VALENCIA, Calif. — Tiger Woods knocked a 9-iron shot into the cup for an eagle on his way to a 65. Skip Kendall went even lower, with a 64, and front-runner Billy Mayfair refused to wilt.

But at the end of the day, Tommy Armour III edged in front at the Nissan Open.

Armour, who hasn't won in eight years and is in the tournament only because of a sponsor's exemption, continued what has been an impressive 1998 comeback Saturday, shooting a 5-under-par 67 to take a one-shot lead.

Playing his third solid round, Armour went to 9-under to jump atop a crowded leaderboard that had 12 players at 4-under or lower.

TENNIS

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ished 12. There's no real way of knowing, but I think if Yuching had been able to play they'd probably have finished fifth or sixth ... maybe even better."

The other Lady Steers' doubles team of Christina Vera and Kim Dominguez finished 21st.

Big Spring's young boys' doubles teams fared just about as well as Vera and Dominguez. Sterling Hillman and Brent Schroder finished 20th in the boy's field, while Drew Mireles and Zach Smiley finished 22nd.

The BSHS players will get almost a month's break from tournament play, their next action slated for the Lubbock Open on March 27-28.

Mayfair, who led the first two days, plugged along with another up-and-down round that gave him a 69 and left him alone in second.

Woods, looking for his first tour victory since last July, was in a group two strokes off the pace with Kendall, who lost a playoff to Scott Simpson at San Diego earlier this month; Bob Estes, Scott Hoch and Payne Stewart.

Estes shot a 67, Hoch a 68 and Stewart a 69.

Among the others within

close striking range of the lead was Hal Sutton, winner of the 1983 PGA Championship and seven other titles, who had a 66 to go to 6-under at Valencia Country Club.

The tournament is being played in Valencia because the usual host course, Riviera Country Club, is being prepared for the U.S. Senior Open in July.

Woods got rolling when his second shot, from 142 yards on the par-4, 422-yard fourth hole, went into the cup.

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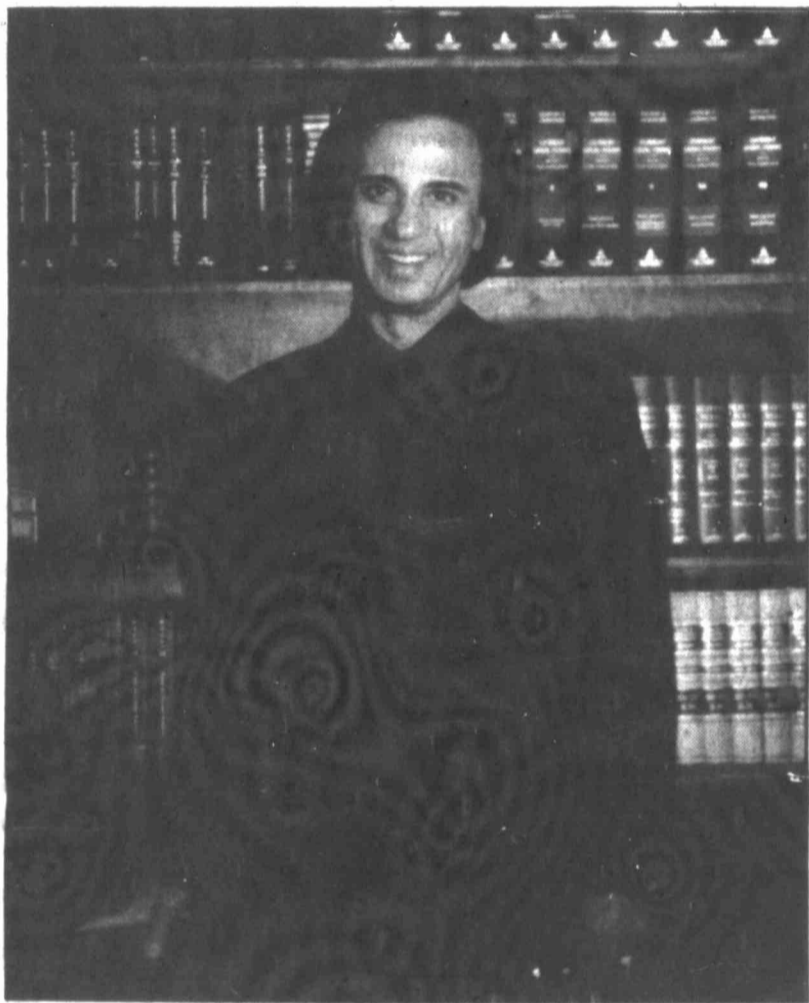
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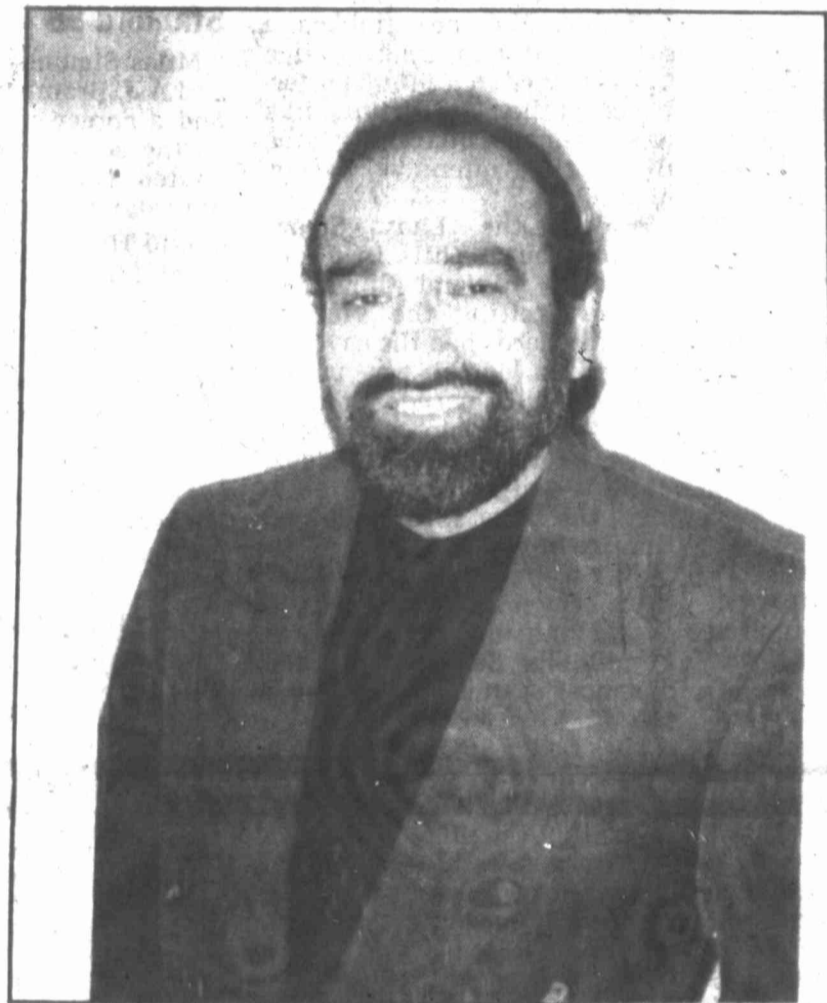
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Rockhounds

Big Spring Prospector's Club preparing for next weekend's 29th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Bill Bohannon probably wouldn't mind if you said he had rocks in his head. That's because the Big Spring retiree does think a lot about rocks: He even calls himself a rockhound.

"That's nature, isn't it beautiful?" he says with a smile, pointing out the unique crystallized section of a piece of petrified wood. Bohannon spends as much time as possible hunting for rocks, trading them with other rockhounds, and polishing them into natural works of art.

"A lot of rockhounds work in jewelry-making," he said. While he makes the occasional pair of earrings or bracelet, Bohannon's forte is bolo ties. He has several to show in various shades and shapes.

They are formed from cut pieces of rock, shined and polished, framed by silver. Bohannon's work, and that of dozens of other professionals and hobbyists will be on display Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Prospector's Club 29th Annual Gem and Mineral Show in the Howard County Fair Barns.

It's a rockhounds dream come true. The show promises dealers, demonstrators, displays, a spinning wheel with prizes and a snack bar. Admission is free.

"We've got something for everyone," said Myrtle Griffith, of the Prospector's Club. "As always, we will have a large number of display cases, with club members and dealers



Bill Bohannon, a self-professed rockhound, will be demonstrating his work with gemstones at the show. Bohannon is a member of the Big Spring Prospector's Club who makes jewelry and bolo ties with polished pieces of rock. Below, Bohannon polishes a cut piece of stone, attached to a stick with wax. He will frame the cut piece with silver and make a bolo tie.

from all over the area. Our dealers come from several different states."

Those dealers will have for sale a variety of stones, gems and items made from all types of rocks.

"You'll see everything from rough rock to beautiful, finished jewelry and cut stones," Griffith said.

Demonstrators, mostly club members from Big Spring and cities in the area, will show different phases of their work.

The spinning wheel, a "wheel of fortune-type" game, gives the spinner a chance to win gemstones and polished rocks for 50 cents a spin.

Special activities and demonstrations are planned for children.

"Most of the children really enjoy it," Griffith said. "We give them each a polished rock to take home."

Bohannon said he finds many kids enjoy collecting rocks.

"I give most all my rocks to the kids," he said. "They enjoy them so much."

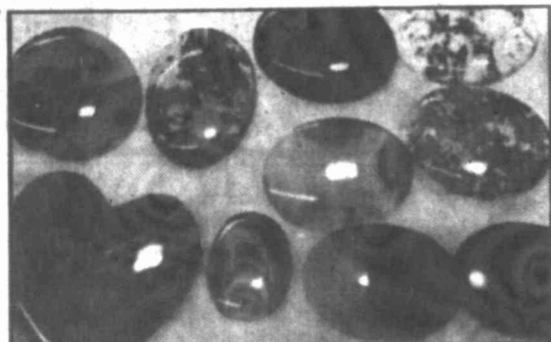
Bohannon has been a Prospector since shortly after he moved to Big Spring two years ago. Griffith has been in the club since 1974, seven years after it was established.

The Prospector's Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 606 E. Third, 7:30 p.m.

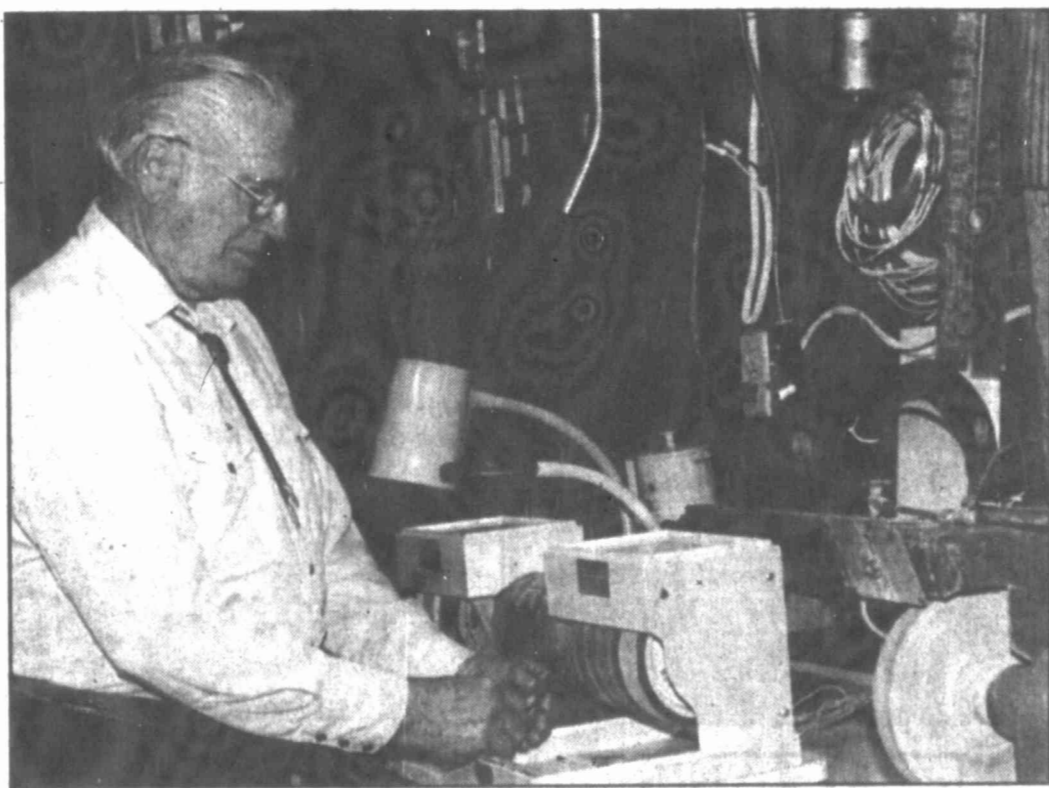
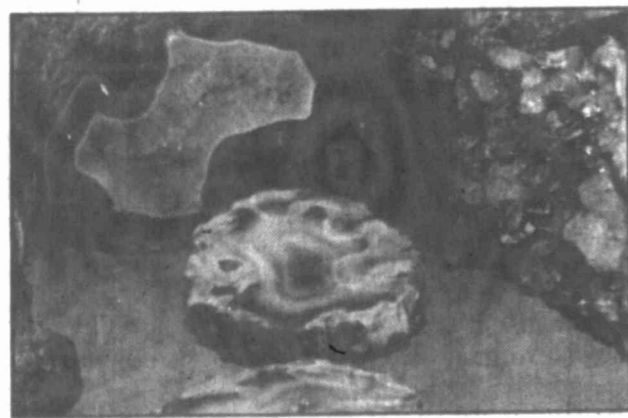
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Top, polished rocks shine, cut into shapes that will be used for making jewelry and bolo ties. Below, Bohannon's found rocks come with surprises inside: crystal formations and swirling patterns of color.



This file photo, from a past Gem and Mineral Show, shows the variety of items that dealers will have for sale at the event.

Fact and fiction blend well in tale of murder among the famous

"Murder at San Simeon." Patricia Hearst and Cordelia Frances Biddle Pocket Books, Simon & Schuster, Inc., New York, New York. January, 1998. 336 pages. \$6.99

Even though she and her mother had not been close for years, when Catha Burke heard of her mother's death she felt it her duty to travel to California to attend the memorial service for her mother and to dispose of the ashes following cremation.

Two strangers at the service told Catha that her mother had expressed a wish to have her

ashes scattered in the ocean near San Simeon.

This news was a surprise to Catha, but because she had no better idea, she did as they suggested.

While she was in the area, she took one of the various tours to view the opulent San Simeon, former home of William Randolph Hearst. Riding on the tour bus, a man behind her mentioned a murder that had occurred at the mansion many years earlier that had been committed by Abigail Kinsolving-Catha's grandmother. Stunned, Catha

becomes committed to finding out more about the relative she never knew, as well as trying to prove her grandmother's innocence in such a vile activity.

Patricia Hearst, granddaughter of William

Randolph Hearst, co-authored this well-written, interesting novel based on the fascinating and eccentric life of the publishing tycoon.

As the author researched the life of her grandfather, she became intrigued with the murder of Thomas Ince in which her grandfather was in some way involved.

At the time of Ince's death in the 1920's, Hearst was living in San Simeon with his mistress, the silent film star, Marion Davies.

The plot was cleverly woven between activities that involved

Hearst and those that told Catha's contemporary story. Even though the authors declare the work to be fiction, it is obvious that there are some parts that appear to be based on fact.

Names such as John Barrymore, Douglas Fairbanks, Louella Parsons, and Rudolph Valentino are mentioned as participants in many of the ostentatious activities that were held at the Hearst mansion.

Murder at San Simeon, is fun to read, partly because of the Hollywood flavor, but also

because of the glamour that accompanies those with unimaginable amounts of money and power.

Hearst and Biddle have done an admirable job blending fact and supposition. Reading the story lets the reader enjoy feeling like a small child watching an exciting adult party from the staircase.

Another novel from Hearst's storehouse of real and imagined experiences would be welcome.

RATING: (***) three out of four—Entertaining and worthwhile



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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Chicken, rice, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.
TUESDAY-Ham, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, cucumber/tomato salad, milk/rolls, cookies.
WEDNESDAY-Smothered steak & onions, whipped potatoes, broccoli, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, fruit.
THURSDAY-Meat loaf, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.
FRIDAY-Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, pie.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, English peas, hot biscuits, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, cookies/creme, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, French fries, salad, pickles/onions, cookies/fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, chocolate cake/apple-sauce, milk.
FRIDAY-Taco salad, ranch style beans, salad/cheese, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets(meatball sandwich), broccoli w/cheese sauce, carrot sticks w/ranch dip, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Nacho grande (corn), border beans, corn, peach cobbler, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Grilled chicken sandwich (chef salad, crackers), potato rounds, salad, pickle spears, jello, apple, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers (chicken salad on lettuce),

whipped potatoes, green beans, pear halves, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger (salmon pattie), salad, French fries, pinto beans cookie, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-BBQ chicken (burritos), baked beans, loaf bread, potato salad, milk.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti/meat (corn), corn carrot sticks, bread, jello w/fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburger steak (roast beef on bun), gravy, peas & carrots, mashed potatoes, milk.
THURSDAY-Beef & cheese nachos, salad, pinto beans, peach cobbler, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, tator tots, salad, fresh fruit, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, green beans,

slice potatoes, hot rolls, jello, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, corn bread, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY-Cheeseburger casserole, salad, corn, butter bread, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Fish with tarter sauce, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, garden salad, whole wheat hot rolls and milk.
TUESDAY-Hot dogs, chili, mustard, baked potato, corn, apple quarters and milk.
WEDNESDAY-Fish, potato rounds, carrots, celery sticks, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, royal brownies and milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken quesadillas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, border beans, jalapeno

cheese bread, pineapple and milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, oven fries, orange slices, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and milk.

GRADY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Spaghetti, corn, fruit, rolls and milk.
TUESDAY-Turkey, potatoes, green beans, rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY-Super nachos, dessert and milk.
THURSDAY-Baked potatoes, fruit, dessert and milk.
FRIDAY-Sack lunches

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot roll, milk.
TUESDAY-Cowboy stew, corn, salad, fruit, crackers, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Tamales, spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, milk.
THURSDAY-Corndog, pork

and beans, salad, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Crispy chicken sandwich, fries, salad, pickle, fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries/cat-sup, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, fruit drink and milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers or chicken pot pie, sliced potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit drink, milk.
WEDNESDAY-hot tamales or corn, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple pudding, cornbread, fruit drink and milk.
THURSDAY-pizza or chicken and dumplings, peas and carrots, vegetable sticks, fruit cup, cornbread, fruit drink and milk.
FRIDAY-choice of sandwich, potato rounds, sandwich salad, fresh fruit, fruit drink and milk.

COOKIES

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shops (one in Bedford, the other in Fort Worth).
THIN MINT CACTUS
Serves 8-12
1-1/2 boxes of Thin Mint Girl Scout cookies (3 sleeves)
1/2 gallon mint ice cream
1 pint vanilla ice cream
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Small quantity of chocolate chips, about 30
Chop 10 of the cookies to a medium grind.
Using a small bowl (about 2 quarts), fill with softened mint ice cream. Fill bowl to about 1 inch from top. Take a large spoon and crater out a small dome in the center of the ice cream, pushing the ice cream toward the edge of the bowl with the spoon until the mint ice cream is level with the edge.
Sprinkle chopped cookies into crater, making sure to cover sides of crater.
Put ice cream bowl in freezer until firm.
Fill crater with softened vanilla ice cream and place in freezer until hard.
Take ice cream bowl and hold

upside down while running under hot water. Place bowl over plate and extract ice cream dome. A large spoon may be used to wedge between the ice cream and the bowl to break the ice cream free. Don't be concerned about harming the surface of the ice cream dome with the spoon. Place ice cream dome in freezer until hard.
Remove ice cream dome from freezer and place cookies on dome, making sure to firmly push cookies to attach to ice cream. Completely cover dome with cookies.
Chop cookies in half. Take half the cookies and place around the bottom of dome, making "feet" or a base. Push these half cookies firmly into ice cream to secure. Put ice cream dome in freezer until firm.
Using a can of heavy cream, or a pastry bag with white icing, put a star of cream/icing in the center of each cookie. Place a chocolate chip in the center of each star.
To serve, cut wedges with a large, sharp knife.

STORK CLUB

Emily Laura Warren, girl, Feb. 20, 1998, 4:27, six pounds seven ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Gene and Diana Warren, Stonewall.
Grandparents are Lora Warren and the late Doug Warren, Big Spring, Fay Warren, Coahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Birute Motiejunas, Vilnius, Lithuania.
Ashley Renae Hernandez, girl, Feb. 23, 1998, 5:08, seven pounds 14 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Eva Pacheco and Erick Hernandez.
Grandparents are Ray and Elida Hernandez, Billy Yanez

and Jackie Pacheco and the late Israel Lopez Pacheco, all of Big Spring.
Jessica Marie Yanez, girl, Feb. 23, 1998, 4:07, six pounds nine ounces and 22 inches long; parents are Annette Torres and Mario Yanez.
Grandparents are Dolores and Lorenzo Torres and Eva and David Yanez, all of Big Spring.
Christopher Kainoa Franco, Feb. 22, 1998, 7:07 a.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Mr. and Mrs. John P. Franco.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Callejo, Eleele, Hawaii, Gilbert Franco, Big Spring, and Olivia Cuellar, Fort Worth.
Megan Dean Shoup, Feb. 22, 1998, 2:54, seven pounds four

ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Wesley and Beth Shoup.
Grandparents are Jim and Cheri Shoup, Big Spring, and Ray and Pat Reese, Arlington.
Fernando Morales, Feb. 13, 1998, 11:14, seven pounds three ounces and 20 inches long; mother is Gloria A. Morales.
Grandparents are Alicia and Peregrino Morales.
Timothy John Rios Junior, boy, Feb. 13, 1998, 8:28 a.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Sindy and T.J. Rios.
Grandparents are Rudy and Lupe Hernandez and Erlinda

and Luis Rios, all of Big Spring.
Hannah Nicole Hobdy, girl, Feb. 10, 1998, 4:25, seven pounds 11 1/4 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Mandy and Jimmy Hobdy.
Grandparents are Michel and Jaynie Gamble, Ron and Vellene Sawyers, all of Big Spring, and Mike and Sheila Lugo, San Antonio.
Sky Lynn Ferrel, girl, Feb. 11, 1998, 2:25, eight pounds 13 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Sophia and Sammy Ferrel.
Grandparents are Maria and Robert Franco, Big Spring, and Jesse Ferrel, Junction.

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Pictured: Puppy Sale - Make your child's spring break extra fun! All puppies 6 weeks to 1 year old only \$35, March 6-14. Miscellaneous puppies.
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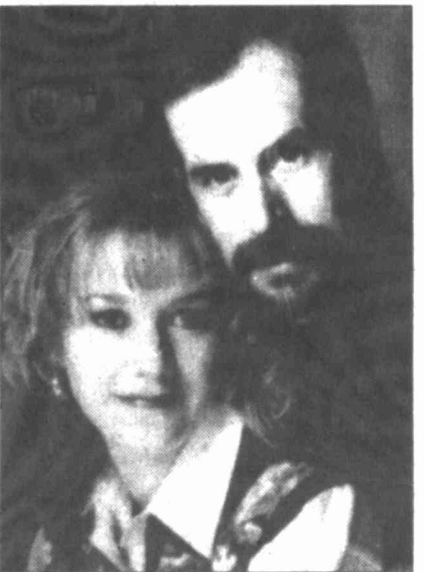
8 months old, brown and black.
"Fancy" Female Australian Shepard mix, 9 months old, black and white.
"Gotcha" Male mix breed, brown medium size, 1 year old.
"Moochie" Male Rottweiler mix, 6 months old, black and brown.
"Opie" Male Terrier mix, blond, 6 months old.
"Roman" Male mix breed, blond with bobbed tail, 4 months old.
"Fanny" Female black Sharpei mix, 4 months old.
"Mary Beth" Female black Chow mix, 6 months old.
These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

GETTING ENGAGED

Joanne Beth Walton and Brian Keith Allensworth, Columbus, Ga., will exchange wedding vows on March 28, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Pelham, Ga.
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Walton, Pelham, Ga. He is the son of Jean Ann Allensworth, Columbus, Ga., and William B. Allensworth, Jr., Big Spring, and the grandson of late Dr. William B. Allensworth of Big Spring.



Katrina Kay Lindsey and Jason Gonzales will be united in marriage on April 10, 1998, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ.
She is the daughter of Pam Looney, Big Spring, and Louie Adams, Merkel.
He is the son of Vickie and Sam Gonzales, Big Spring.



Dawn Michelle Howard, Ackerly, and Kevin Scott Pepper, Lamesa, will exchange wedding vows March 21, 1998 at Lamesa Church of Christ, Lamesa.
She is the daughter of Danny and Nancy Howard, Ackerly. He is the son of Scott and Jerre Pepper, Claude.

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As an OB/GYN, I not only provide care for expectant mothers, but also assist my patients with family planning, breast problems, gynecological disorders and infections, and ovarian, urinary, and uterine problems. I am enjoying Big Spring after moving from the big city. Feel free to call on me should you need my services. Thank you for the friendly welcome to your town!

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WEDDINGS

McKee-Canady

Brenda Mae McKee, Big Spring, and Clifton Lee Canady, Rosebud, exchanged wedding vows on Feb. 20, 1998, at the home of Dr. Robert and Rhonda Hayes with Rev. Floyd Green officiating.

She is the daughter of Butch and Jeanette Floyd, and Raymond McKee.

He is the son of Sylvester Pleasant and the late Curtis Canady.

Given in marriage by her son, Joshua Silva, the bride wore a light pink tea length dress and carried a flowing bouquet of pink tulips and purple carnations.

Maid of honor was Christa Silva, her daughter.

Best man was Preston McKee, bride's brother.

Marla Floyd, Angee Jackson, Theresa Marshall, Amy Jackson and Terra Lawrance were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a barbecue and dance was held.

The bride's cake was a two tiered white cake with pink roses topped with wedding bells.

The groom's cake was a chocolate snack.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Town & Country in Coahoma.

The groom is a 1982 graduate of Rosebud and is employed by Young Doors in Temple.

Following a wedding trip to Midland, the couple will make their home in Temple.

Buchanan-Lamb

Shelly Buchanan and Eddie Lamb were united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1998, at the First Church of God with Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Gerry and James Buchanan, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Jessie Little and Fay Buchanan, also of Big Spring.

He is the son of Gary and Pam Stevens, Andrews.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a light pastel pink gown with antique white lace and seed pearls. It featured puffed short sleeves, dropped waistline with an attached bow turning into the train and a low-cut lace back. She wore a flower-wreath veil and carried long stem burgundy roses.

Maid of honor was Christy Buchanan, sister of the bride, Big Spring, and Terrie Garcia Mar, Abilene, was the bridesmaid.

Dustin Lister, son of the bride, served as the ringbearer.

Toby Neek, brother of the groom, Midland, served as the best man, and Ricky Spencer, Andrews, was the groomsman.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Our Old House.



MR. AND MRS. EDDIE LAMB

The wedding cake was a three tiered bridged white cake with a fountain center with burgundy roses.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Big Spring High School and a graduate of California College of Health Sciences for Respiratory Care. She is employed at the Coahoma Medical Nursing Center.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Andrews High School and is employed by Desert Oil.

Following a wedding trip to Padre Island, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Creative tips for cooking with Girl Scout cookies

By BEVERLY BUNDY
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The girls in green have been making deliveries and sales recently. But try as we might, we can eat only so many cookies 'au naturel.' Riding to our rescue are three local food experts, who whipped up recipes to use up all those extra boxes you so kindly bought.

SNAPPY SHORTBREADS
Leave it to Clark McDaniel, executive chef at Fort Worth's Angeluna, to come up with a cutting-edge combination. Between McDaniel and the soon-to-open Bass hall across the street from his restaurant, art in Cowtown is getting a whole new look. These sweet and spicy treats get a smooth finish from the goat cheese.

WALNUT-SHORTBREAD CRUSTED JALAPENOS
Crust:
1 sleeve Shortbread Girl Scout cookies
1 cup walnuts
1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
1 clove garlic
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
Salt and pepper, to taste
Combine first 5 ingredients in food processor and process until fine. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
Jalapenos
Texas goat cheese

Flour Egg wash (whisk 2 eggs with 1/3 cup water)
Vegetable oil
Roast and peel jalapenos. (To roast peppers, place on cookie sheet and set under broiler. As peppers blacken, turn and roast other side. When peppers are thoroughly roasted, place in brown paper bag and seal bag for 10 minutes.) When peppers are cool, hold under running water and peel off skins.
Slit the tops of peppers open, like an alligator's mouth. With tip of knife, remove seeds. Stuff peppers with goat cheese (about 1 teaspoon per pepper), pressing pepper to close slit.
Dip peppers in flour. Then dip in egg wash. Then dip in walnut crust mixture. Deep fry or pan fry until golden. Drain on paper towel.
Serve as appetizers or garnishes with a main course salad.

Approximate nutritional analysis per jalapeno: 137 calories, 10 grams fat, 10 grams carbohydrate, 7 grams protein, 19 milligrams cholesterol, 47 milligrams sodium, 65 percent of calories from fat.

SOUTHWEST THIN MINTS
Milwaukee Joe's Joe Libowsky has been creating ice cream extravaganzas since he was a child. Now he does it for a living with his two Milwaukee Joe's ice cream

Please see COOKIES, page 3B.

Physical therapy is taking me places

MARY RANDLE
Columnist

Oh, I'll just lie here a few more minutes, get warm, and I'll feel better.

I'm like millions of people, young as well as older, who hurt. I hurt when I walk, try to get up and just move.

When I went in to have my hip replacement checked, the hip was fine, my back was not.

The doctor prescribed several weeks of physical therapy. I had therapy before, with the hip replacement and knee surgery. After therapy I had 125 percent mobility in my hip and good recovery in my knee flexibility. I knew what therapy could do to improve your condition.

This time was different. I was old and frankly a little unsure about what the results would be. I was grateful for the opportunity to try.

I met with the physical therapist, who after testing me, set

up an exercise regime along with water therapy.

I was hooked to a machine that produced electrical stimulation to my back. I had a controller to increase or decrease the stimulation, part of the time I lay on a thick warm padding. After a while I joked they should take me off when my hair started to curl!

I had a group of exercises to learn. It took me a while but all of us who were there in the same boat. One boy was eight and seemed to have a much more involved program than I.

Some days we would seem to drag in, but as we went out, we moved and felt better; due in part to the kindness and expertise of those helping us.

So many millions have lower back pain. You have only to watch television to see people suffering and getting miraculous relief from some rub or pill.

Yet exercises and routines by professionals will give us relief,

and if we follow them, perhaps even permanent freedom from pain.

When I was younger I did Hatha Yoga, physical exercises, and walked every day. I would do almost anything to be able to walk well again, and not like a crab on the beach.

Those coming to the facility were as varied as you might imagine. One gentleman must have had a stroke. At first he could not stand or walk without help. After several weeks he could stand and walk with a cane. It was wonderful!

Over a period of time I've seen folks come in seated in wheelchairs and after a while, walk out smiling, disbelieving their own achievements.

I have observed one young man and his determination to walk and move well. He never gave up, and did whatever was asked and a little bit more. During one of our visits he told me he couldn't give up, for his wife and son's sake.

Although we may not know each other's names, we do know our physical problems, and sometimes we laugh at the odd positions we assume during our treatment. There is a strong sense of it's us against the world.

My series of treatments will be over soon, so I'm still at it. There are times when I can walk without pain, get out of a chair easily, and move almost as well as I once did.

I'm glad to have had another opportunity to realize how valuable physical therapy can be.

Perhaps some of you can benefit from the regime.

I must admit I do enjoy the massages to loosen tight muscles. I'm as limp as a wet dishrag when I leave.

Treadmill walking in water was a new and soothing experience.

- I said walking in the water, not on it!

CLUB NEWS

Woman's Forum

The Woman's Forum met Feb. 20 in the home of Sarah Boyd, with Anna Helm Ruth Edmonson, cohostesses. Seventeen members answered roll call. Sarah Boyd introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Heidrum Covington, who gave a most interesting account of her early life in both East Germany and West Germany and also her difficult time of getting from East to West Germany, and eventually to the United States.

Ms. Covington was born in East Germany and after Germany was divided and Russia took East Germany. She

and her mother escaped to West Germany. Her father had escaped a year earlier after being imprisoned by the Russians for 3 1/2 years because of his strong objection to the Russians.

Their escape to West Germany was a long and dangerous ordeal and had many sources of help along the way.

She met and married her husband, a U.S. soldier in Germany, and in 1963 came to the United States after much red tape. She became a U.S. citizen in 1996, again after much more red tape, and is very grateful for her freedom in this country. Covington is now a D.A.V. Service officer at the Veterans Hospital.

The next meeting will be March 30, with Edna Faye Smith, Connie Gary and Jay Lewallen as cohostesses.

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club of Coahoma celebrated its annual night on the town on Feb. 12. The group which included 14 members and five guests traveled to Midland for dinner at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. The highlight of the evening was Midland Community Theatre's presentation of "Guys and Dolls," a musical fable of Broadway based on a story and characters of Damon Runyon. Diane Wood coordinated the event as club hostess.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club continued its yearly study theme of World Religions at their February meeting held at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Program leader Joanne Forrest introduced special

guest Susan Lewis who present an interesting insight into Judaism. Emphasizing the program theme, Lewis brought with her a display of numerous religious objects many of which were family heirlooms.

In a short business meeting president Jan Forreth related thanks from the Dora Roberts Community Center for the Club's contribution toward a sound system. In other business the Club voted to donate \$100 to sponsor a team for the Relay for Life to be sponsored by the Howard-Glasscock Chapter of The American Cancer Society on May 15 and 16.

Refreshments were served to 17 members and one guest by cohostesses Joyce Choate and Mary Phillips.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Forreth and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

- Larry and Mary Rich and son Nichols, Graham.
- Gary and Christine Shaw and daughters Tessica and Amanda, West Memphis, Ark. He works for Rip Griffins Truck Stop.
- Frank and Mary Viera and children Adrian and Miranda, Portales, N.M. He is employed by Stone Cotton Gin.
- Howard and Sheila Chapel, daughters Crystal and Jennifer and sons Howard Jr. and Anthony, Anaheim, Calif. He works for Price Construction Co.
- Mike and Judy Hamcock and sons Chad and Cory, Grand Prairie. He works for Texas Utilities.
- Brad and Judy Edwing, Mineral Wells. He is employed by Texas Utilities.
- Leslie Hounshell, Banks. She works for Stanton Nursing Home.
- Simon and Amy Arausa and son Matthew, Uvalde. He is employed by Lester Automotive, and she is employed by Credit World.

IN THE MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer Class Louie. R. Jackson, son of Leonard H. and Cathy R. Reitzer of Big Spring, is currently on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

The 1993 graduate of Coahoma High School joined the Navy in June 1993.

Marine Lance Cpl. Chris N.

WHO'S WHO

Area honor students at West Texas A&M University for the fall 1997 semester are: Darlene L. Boydston, Stephanie K. Talbott and Bobbie M. Womack, all of Big Spring.

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 1997 semester at Tarleton State University includes: Casey Cook, Melissa Shanks and Tina Sherrod, all of Big Spring, and Ryan Webb of Stanton.

Perez, son of John D. and Darlene M. Perez, Big Spring, has arrived in the Arabian Gulf with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 1995 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Academy joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

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Stage grandopening promises fun and prizes

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In less than two weeks, Big Spring Mall will raise the curtains on the new Stage store, which is replacing Anthony's. Stage is a chain known for quality, service, savings and style, according to Stage representatives. The 20,000 square foot store is scheduled for grandopening Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15. During Stage's grandopening days, customers will be able to register to win more than \$7,100 in grand prizes, including a trip for two adults and two children to Disney World in Florida and a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Customers will also be eligible for merchandise registrations, two \$500 storewide shop-

ping sprees and five \$300 storewide shopping sprees.

The old Anthony's location is being converted to a Stage because the company that owns Bealls — Specialty Retailers in Houston — has purchased all of the Anthony's stores.

Big Spring Mall Manager Tammy Watt said some of the Anthony's stores are being converted to Bealls stores and others to Stage stores.

"In our case, since we already have a Bealls in Big Spring, Anthony's is becoming a Stage store," Watt said. "It's my understanding that Stage merchandise is a little bit more upscale than Anthony's."

"I think it will be a real nice transition because the stores that have been converted to Stage stores have reported nice sales gains," Watt added.

According to Stage officials,

shoppers in the Big Spring area will find the new Stage store a fabulous spot to catch the newest fashions, hottest brand names and friendly, old-fashioned service.

Stage stores have received high praise around the country as the place for one-stop shopping, with a one-of-a-kind commitment to customer service.

Stage offers famous name, top-quality merchandise at affordable prices and stores with the latest men's, women's and children's fashions, stylish shoes, accessories, fine fragrances, beautiful lingerie and hard-to-find sizes.

In announcing Stage's arrival in Big Spring in early February, President and Chief Executive Officer Carl Tooker said, "Big Spring is our kind of hometown. It's a friendly, fami-

ly-oriented community and we're making a major commitment to give our customers the nicest shopping environment and the best service to be found anywhere."

"The new Stage store really gives the area the fashion excitement it deserves," Tooker added.

Stage officials said Stage merchandisers shop the world for the newest fashions — buying in large quantities to deliver day-in, day-out value prices.

"The Stage family is what makes us a special place to shop," Tooker said. "We really like satisfied customers. That's why making every visit to Stage a pleasant one is our top priority. With today's constantly changing, hectic retail market, shoppers need a place where they feel at home. We

want to pamper our customers and actually make shopping fun again."

Stage Stores Inc. now operates in more than 600 stores in 24 states with most of the stores located in smaller communities. The stage philosophy is "taking fashion to small-town America," giving people the opportunity to buy up-to-the-minute styles from some of the best names in the business without having to drive long distances to the nearest city or regional mall.

Big Spring shoppers will be able to shop on a daily basis for such name-brand items as Calvin Klein, Liz Claiborne, Levi's, Nike, Reebok, Elizabeth Taylor Fragrances, Chaps Ralph Lauren and many more.

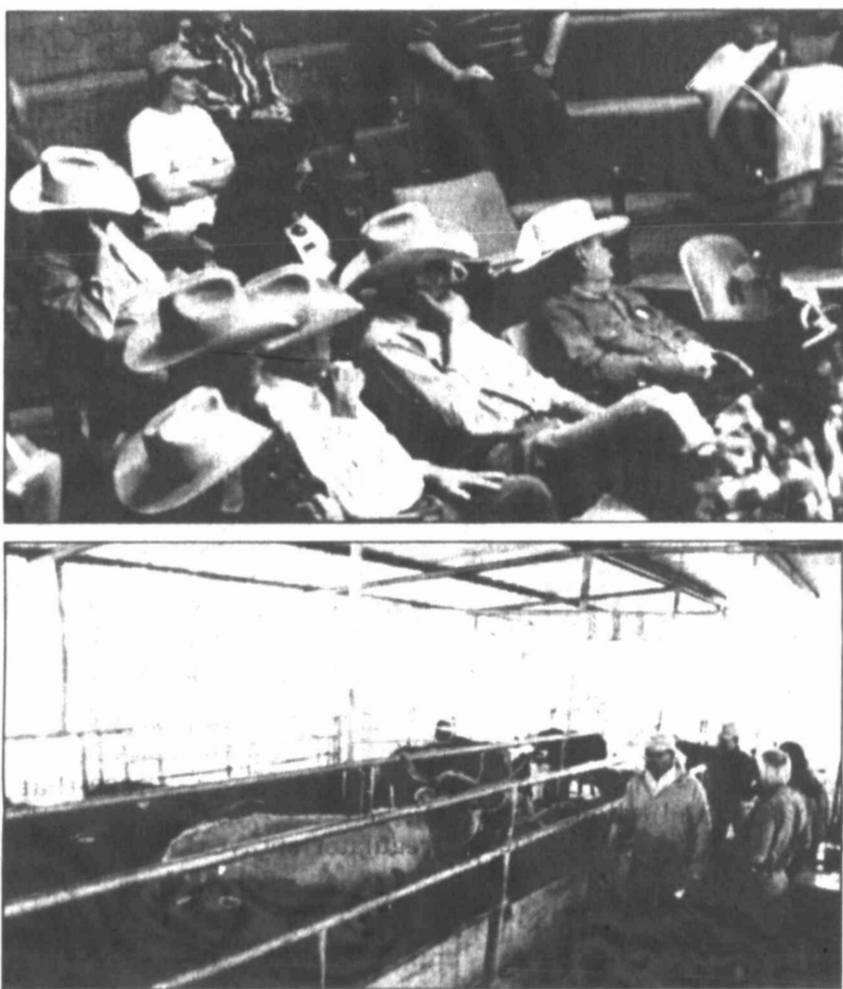
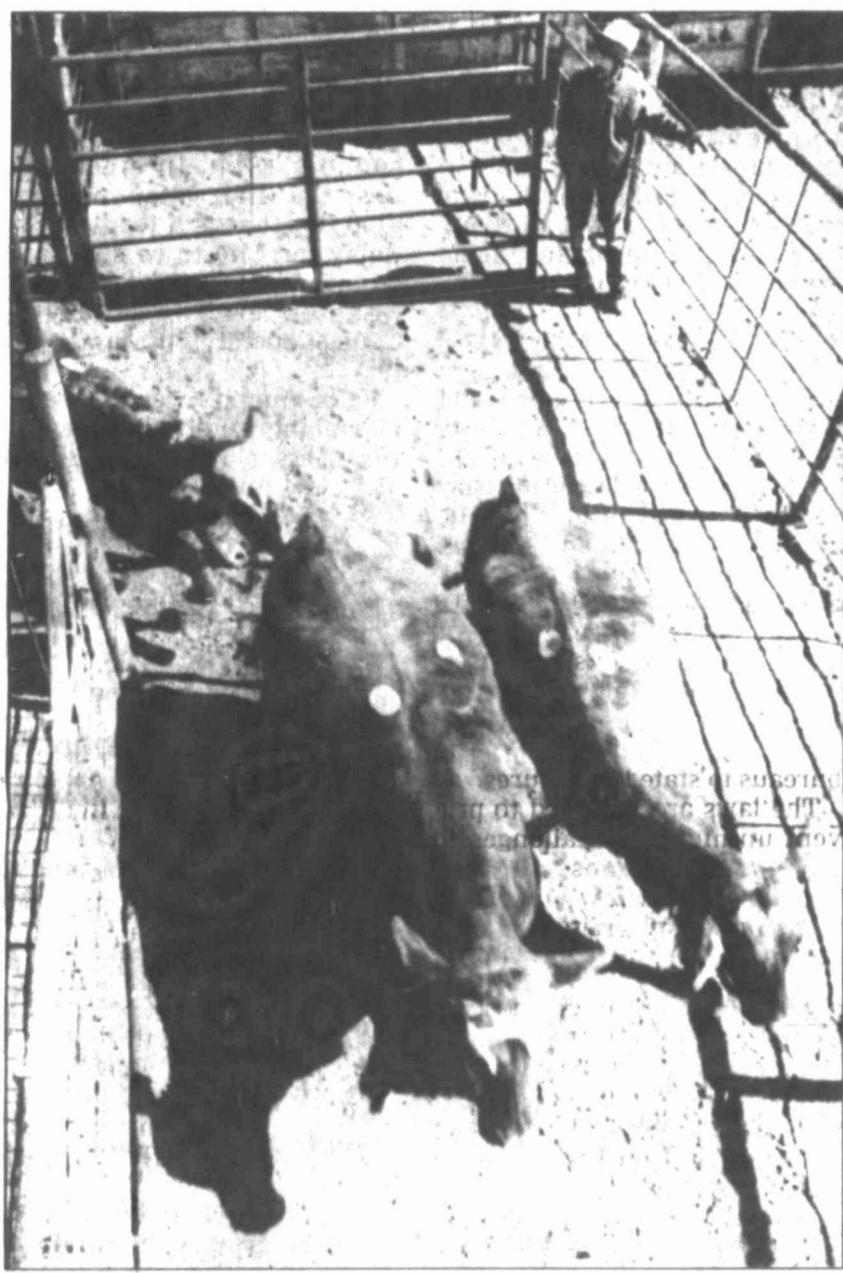
Big Spring's newest shopping spot will also offer exceptional shopper perks such as instant-

service dressing room call buttons; a V.I.P. charge program, where every dollar charged earns points toward gold, silver or bronze status; and for more seasoned shoppers, "Club 50 Plus" offers a 20 percent discount to customers 50 and older on the first Tuesday of every month.

Stage looks for towns like Big Spring to open new stores because a growing number of people and businesses are looking to return to their roots. Big Spring is a community where the quality of life is important and neighbors know each other, according to Stage officials.

Anthony's conversion means Stage will be the first new store to hit Big Spring Mall since the 8,500 square foot Family Dollar store opened last summer.

A DAY AT THE LIVESTOCK AUCTION



HERALD photos/Linda Choate
The Big Spring Livestock Auction is alive and well after some 63 years and is jointly owned by Quinton and Gayland Airehart and John Addison. On an average Monday some 500 head of cattle, goats, sheep and swine make their way to the sales floor. The auction also hosts a horse and tack sale every second Saturday with all sales beginning at noon. Anyone interested in information on trading may call 267-5881.

Local 4H members do well at Texas stock shows

By Brandon McGinty
Assistant County Agent

During the week of Feb. 2-6, 11 Howard County 4H youth exhibited animals at the Southwest Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth.

There were two fine wool cross sheep shown by Meredith Ware and Mandi Hanslik and two medium wool sheep by Mandi Hanslik.

Also shown were nine steers exhibited by Nick and Brennan Baily, John Purcell, Natalie Nichols, Kyle Kight, Lindsay Moates, Meagan Knight, Trevor Bibb and Francis Clark. Francis Clark's Hereford steer placed and was sold on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Following the Fort Worth show, six area 4H youth participated in the El Paso Livestock Show and Exposition.

Kyland and Grayson Wegner exhibited goats, with Kyland placing fourth and Grayson placing sixth. Lauren Middleton exhibited both a goat which she placed third and a fine wool sheep that was pulled out to be judged in the second round of judging.

Mandi Hanslik exhibited two fine wool cross sheep and one medium wool sheep which was also pulled out in the first round to be judged in the second round.

In the hog barn, Collin McMillan exhibited crossbred and Hampshire barrows, which placed 10th and eighth. Morgan Kight exhibited a Duroc barrow, placing second and also received Reserve Bred

Champion honors.

After a week of rest from El Paso, 4Hers were off once again to the San Antonio Livestock Show with 12 members.

We first arrived with five barrows on Sunday, Feb. 15 to prepare for weighing and the first round judging of the barrows. Collin McMillan exhibited a Poland barrow; Mandi Hanslik exhibited a Duroc barrow; and Porsha Yarbar exhibited a Hampshire barrow. We were unable to make it with any barrows to the next judging.

On Monday, Feb. 16, the sheep arrived to prepare for weighing and judging. Cassie Dangaard showed a medium wool lamb, placing 18th and sold her lamb during the auction on Feb. 20. Mandi Hanslik exhibited a medium wool lamb, placing third and was able to sell her lamb on Feb. 20 as well. Lauren Middleton exhibited a fine wool lamb on Thursday, Feb. 19 and Cassie Gover exhibited a Southdown lamb on Feb. 20.

The steers arrived on Tuesday, Feb. 17 to prepare to be shown on Thursday and Friday. Both Lindsay Moates and John Purcell exhibited a Branus steer and Kyle Kight placed fourth with his Polled Hereford steer.

We would like to congratulate all of the youth who participated in the stock shows and wish them good luck with the next show. We would also like to thank all of the parents and leaders for their support.

Court decision a blow to injured workers

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas Supreme Court ruling last week will make it easier for some Texas employers to fire injured workers, attorneys say.

Justices ruled Feb. 13 that workers not covered by the state workers' compensation system consequently aren't covered by a portion of the state's Workers' Compensation Act.

That provision prohibits employers from firing injured employees or cutting their benefits if they sue or hire a lawyer. Texas is the only state where workers' compensation is optional with employers.

The law "is intended to apply only to employees and employers who act under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act," the majority ruled in an opinion written by Justice Greg Abbott, a Republican.

"This is an important decision for employers who choose not to carry workers' compensation, and it's a devastating decision for people who work for them and are injured on the

job," Dallas employment attorney John E. Wall Jr. told the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal for a story in today's editions.

Wall had filed a friend-of-the-court brief in favor of a former general foreman on the Laredo-based Texas Mexican Railway Co. Under federal law, railroads are exempt from state workers' compensation protection.

Dane Harris differs from Wall.

"Employers who choose to be covered recognize they get certain protections and have certain liabilities. Those who choose not to be covered should not be affected by the statute," said the president of the Austin-based Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

About 140,000 Texas employers, or about 39 percent, don't carry workers' compensation coverage, according to the Texas Research and Oversight Council on Workers' Compensation.

The lawsuit was filed by Lawrence P. Bouchet, who was injured in a fall while inspecting a trailer atop a flatbed rail car in 1987.

Bouchet continued on the job but needed surgery to repair two ruptured spinal disks in 1990. Afterward, he worked part-time and the Laredo-based railroad paid his salary and medical bills while settlement negotiations ensued.

When talks broke down, Bouchet sued the railroad in a Laredo state district court in December 1991. Since the railroad did not participate in the state workers' compensation system, it didn't have the liability protection the system confers.

Three months later, the railroad cut off Bouchet's salary but denied that he was fired, noting that it continued to pay his medical bills.

A jury found that Bouchet deserved a \$20,000 payment for pain and suffering, but no compensation for allegedly discrim-

inating against him by stopping his salary.

The 4th Texas Court of Appeals in San Antonio overturned the verdict in 1996, ruling Bouchet had been discriminated against. But justices struck down the appeals court, ruling the railroad had the right to fire the Laredo man.

Renee Forinash McElhaney, who argued the railroad's case before the Supreme court, scoffed at worries that a rash of firings will ensue among injured workers who sue over such issues as contract breaches or disability discrimination.

"Texas is an at-will employment state. Someone can be fired for good cause or be fired for bad cause," she said.

Wall wasn't reassured. He worries that employers who opt out of the workers' compensation plan can "profess to have a plan for injured workers," then "fire them without repercussions."

FOR A JOB WELL DONE



Courtesy photo
Wal-Mart associate Betty Arvieu recently reached two milestones in her 13 year career — retirement and is the first person to retire from the Big Spring Wal-Mart since the store came to town 15 years ago. After her retirement lunch, Ms. Arvieu was presented with a money tree, gifts and a farewell from Wal-Mart associates and management for a job well done.

Oprah wins, vows to continue to speak out on issues

AMARILLO (AP) — With her emotions ranging from jubilant to weepy and pensive, Oprah Winfrey told her viewers that she considers her court victory over Texas cattlemen one for freedom of speech.

Bound for weeks by a court gag order, Ms. Winfrey dedicated an episode of her nationally syndicated TV talk show to the five-week beef disparagement trial she won Thursday here in cattle country. The show was to air Friday.

"They said I couldn't get a

fair trial in Texas and you proved them wrong," Ms. Winfrey, who at times danced and pumped her fist, told 300 audience members at Thursday night's taping. She went on to thank each of the 12 jury members by their first names.

A judge's order prevented any of the jurors from appearing in person on the show, Ms. Winfrey said. She wept several times, but also flitted around stage holding a copy of Thursday afternoon's Amarillo Globe-Times, with its "OPRAH

WINS" headline.

Cattlemen had blamed her April 16, 1996, program dealing with mad cow disease for faltering beef prices and sued her shortly afterward for more than \$11 million. The jury decided the cattlemen didn't prove the show falsely disparaged them.

Plaintiffs' attorney Joe Coyne said his clients will appeal. While he credited jurors for thoughtfully hashing out the case during about six hours of deliberation, he also said the defense had a bonus that out-

weighed any home-field advantage.

"You'd have to be blind to say (jurors) weren't influenced by one of the 25 most influential Americans," he said, referring to a 1996 Time magazine article that included Ms. Winfrey.

Juror Pat Gowdy, however, said discussions turned on the First Amendment.

"We felt that a lot of rights have eroded in this country. Our freedom of speech may be the only one we have left to regain what we've lost," he

said.

Also exonerated were Ms. Winfrey's production company and Howard Lyman, a vegetarian activist who was a guest on the show.

On the show, Ms. Winfrey said she was "stopped cold" from eating another burger after hearing Lyman's warnings that including processed cattle in cattle feed — a practice outlawed in the United States last summer — could spread mad cow disease.

Mad cow disease is suspected

of causing the deaths of 23 people in Britain. The brain-destroying illness has never been found in U.S. cattle.

When cattle prices fell to 10-year lows in the days after the broadcast, the plaintiffs — three cattle-feeding operations and four ranches — termed it the "Oprah crash."

Ms. Winfrey's side argued that the dip was caused instead by high feed costs, oversupply and low prices of competing meats.

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HELPING THE HUMANE SOCIETY



Recently Cellular One in Big Spring waived activation fees when customers made donations to the Humane Society, resulting in a donation of \$815 to the organization that provides a home for stray and abandoned animals. Pictured from the left are Jim Koerber of Cellular One; Sue Partee, Humane Society board member; Michael Womack, Cellular One sales manager; Margaret Lloyd, Humane Society board member; and Dorothy Garrett, founder and board member of the Humane Society.

Defamation suit test case for 'veggie libel' law; 13 states watch outcome

AMARILLO (AP) — The Oprah Winfrey beef defamation case is history now and Winfrey has won, but West Texas has really dug down deep to get to the meat of agriculture disparagement laws with two test cases: Winfrey's case and a libel lawsuit filed by emu owners against an auto manufacturer. The statutes, frequently called "veggie libel laws," exist in 13 states. But plaintiffs in Amarillo are actually using them, specialists say. "There is a frontier spirit here. These days in the 1990s, Texans don't shoot each other, they sue each other," said First Amendment law specialist Tom Baker. Veggie libel statutes began sprouting up after "60 Minutes" aired a segment in 1989 that linked Alar, an apple growth regulator sprayed on the fruit, to cancer risks in children. The broadcast was based largely on a published report by the National Resources Defense Council, an environmental advocacy group. Worldwide sales of apples plummeted until Alar was taken off the market. The industry said it lost as much as \$75 million. Washington state apple growers filed a lawsuit accusing CBS of product disparagement, but the broadcasters were repeatedly vindicated in the

federal courts. In 1996, the Supreme Court let stand rulings dismissing the \$250 million class-action lawsuit. "The Alar case was not under the veggie libel laws. It was a traditional libel case," said Erik Olson, a senior attorney for the NRDC. "The loss was used as the excuse to get these veggie libel laws." Since the bruised apple industry lost the Alar case, agricultural-disparagement laws have passed in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma and South Dakota, as well as Texas. The laws were pushed by the American Feed Industry Association, which provided model bills through farm bureaus to state legislatures. "The laws are intended to prevent uninformed challenges to the wholesomeness of food products and allow producers to sue those who falsely disparage the products. "A lot of it has to do with the frustration agriculture groups feel," Steven Kopperud, a senior vice president with the feed group, said about the lobbying effort to get the bills passed. Kopperud said agricultural products, particularly meat, are harmed by animal activists who want to further their agen-

das. "I think what a lot of people forget is that food production and food processing (are) not just faceless corporations. When you stand up and announce that meat, milk or eggs is going to make you sick, it affects the livelihood of farmers and ranchers," Kopperud said. While Kopperud argues that the laws protect America's agriculture, the NRDC says the statutes are meant to blunt criticism. "I think the point from the agribusiness side is to shut up its critics and to keep people from questioning about food safety," Olson said. "Biblical laws say some food is tainted. Can you sue God? At what point do you draw the line?" Until the recent case by Texas cattlemen against Ms. Winfrey, the state agriculture-disparagement laws have not been tested in court. "What's different about the Oprah case is there are deep pockets on both sides," said Baker, a professor at Texas Tech University. "They've both got the time and the money, and both sides are hunkered down ... This is the ticket for one side to go the Supreme Court."

Port Aransas targeting older, family oriented spring break vacationers

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — Leaders of this beach community say they're pleased with the prospects of having older, more sedate and family-oriented vacationers instead of the high school and college crowd during spring break. An ad campaign by the Chamber of Commerce is marketing the city to families rather than to unsupervised teens and younger college students. The ad depicts two children on the beach, feeding seagulls. "We cater to the young at heart," the ad reads. But not everyone wants it the way it has been for the past several years. They would prefer a return to the days when the rowdier crowd came to enjoy the sun and fun along the Port Aransas beaches.

The demographic shift has paid off in higher profits, evidenced by retail sales last March that nearly doubled the city's best spring break of the 1980s. Some businesses are doing all they can to discourage the younger crowd. The Chamber of Commerce says about 600 of the more than 2,000 rooms for rent in Port Aransas are unavailable to the under-21 crowd during March. Many hotels and motels prohibit tenants younger than 25 without parental supervision. Donny D'Herde, a business manager and member of the local merchants association, says it's a good idea to target the older tourists since the students wouldn't be able to find a place to stay. "The only merchants it's

affected adversely are the ones who haven't adjusted," City Councilman Scott Stubblefield said. Stubblefield said that the city is behind in providing activities, such as sand-sculpture, kite-flying and volleyball events, for the older spring breakers. But there won't be any bikini contests or beach concerts such as the ones that draw thousands to South Padre Island each March, according to Carol Ann Anderson, president and chief executive officer of the Port Aransas Mustang Island Chamber of Commerce Tourist & Convention Bureau. Ms. Anderson said most shop owners and condominium managers are pleased with the prospects of a more peaceful March.

Union Pacific seeks extension of government's emergency order

HOUSTON (AP) — Union Pacific Railroad has asked the federal Surface Transportation Board to extend for 60 days an emergency order that was issued because of massive traffic congestion. The emergency order is scheduled to end on March 15. Attorneys for the railroad said in a letter to the board that by mid-May, the benefits of recently implemented programs to end the tie-up should be evident. The board has the power to give the carrier more time. An emergency order can last up to 270 days, and March 15 will mark half that amount of time. The order was enacted in October and extended in December. At the time, the railroad said the order, which was

"directed for the first time in history at a financially viable railroad, was not justified." Now the carrier says it's too soon to end the order. The move to extend the order, critics say, is an admission by the carrier that it doesn't know how to relieve the traffic jam. In the letter to the board, railroad attorney Arvid Roach wrote: "Though we continue to adhere to those views, we feel that it would not well serve the Board, the shipping public, or the parties to this proceeding to conduct at this particular time a plenary view of the state of Western rail service and of whether further remedial steps" are warranted. In the letter, the railroad admitted that "service remains

impaired in the Houston/Gulf region." Shippers at a recent National Industrial Transportation League meeting agreed, saying in some cases service had worsened. In its weekly service report to the board, the railroad continues to show signs of slowing traffic. Union Pacific has begun new programs that it says should alleviate the congestion — such as directional running, where all the trains on a track go in a single direction like a one-way street, and joint dispatching with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The request was made in a letter received last Friday by the board. It was one of 21 comments it received Friday on the emergency order.

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1 Besiege
9 Witty reply
15 Drew back
16 Person with pressing problems
17 Turning away
18 Rum drink
19 Main part of a bust
20 Little bit
22 Animal fat
23 Pawns, e.g.
24 Pyramid builder
28 Lobster eggs
29 Ninnyhammer
30 Lubricate
31 Sample
32 38 Special, e.g.
33 Lend a hand
34 Most rotund
36 Choreographer
39 Resistance unit
40 Deserves
41 Poe story, "The Heart"
43 Iniquity
44 Put a stop to
45 Trains on trestles
46 Flop
47 That girl
50 In-existence
51 Gets more profound
53 Average score
54 Vega's constellation
56 11 on calendars
57 Clown
58 New York city
61 Used a suction device
64 Study
65 Twist together
66 Legislative body
67 Authenticity

DOWN
1 Cohort of Vishnu and Shiva
2 Embankments
3 Seas
4 Braided string
5 Set of tools
6 Actress MacGraw
7 Of teeth
8 Ventriloquist Bergen
9 Outer edge
10 Segment of history
11 Hard work
12 Progressing goalward
13 Stir up again
14 Three-pronged weapons
21 Bit of info
24 Fingered, in a way
25 Covered up
26 Spherical object
27 Cross-breeds
33 Pointed tool
34 "For Whom Bell Tolls"
35 Fleming or McKellen
36 Thieves
37 "Lighthouse Harry" of the Amer. Rev.
49 Creates a gully
52 Model, at times
55 Verdi heroine
57 Former West German capital
59 Fuzoo
60 Simian
62 School org.
63 Actor Holbrook

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