

Health Fair — she came, she saw, she tested

By **KATHY GILBERT**
Staff Writer

Many people think reporters are inhuman — fictional creatures, or an insensitive species from the planet Barbarian, but Saturday's 1998 Big Spring Health Fair proves that at least one of us is a red-blooded mortal.

I was stuck, pricked, peered at, weighed, pumped, poked, and massaged by the best healthcare professionals in Big Spring at nearly all 58 booths.

And now I have proof for the skeptics: I am a member of the human race.

Like most people, I jumped for

the free cholesterol (very low) and glucose (average) tests provided by Medical Care Plaza just inside the front door. Then, I gravitated toward the fancy machines, figuring they would be the biggest freebies. Warren Chiropractic's very impressive S.A.M. (spinal analysis machine) told me that I stood a little bit too hard on my left side (the nice Dr. Howard Hornsby said I needed an adjustment).

A middle ear monitor beeped secret code signals into my ears, and I discovered I am not at risk for an ear infection. Ranae Burns politely explained that I failed to maintain a "tight seal" on my breathing tube, but

nevertheless it seemed that my lungs were working just fine.

My blood pressure was normal, my ears free of fluid, and my eyes 20/20 and 20/30 (one of each).

I was scared to take the stress test, given by the Howard County Mental Health Center.

The lines at Tranquility Professional Massage were so long I gave up on a free massage. (I was also afraid I'd become addicted, which would have forced me over to the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse booth.)

There were many dogs, suggesting that animals play a big

role in keeping humans healthy. Margaret Lloyd of the Big Spring Humane Society brought two puppies and a kitten.

A high school student from the Big Spring Police Department's criminal justice class posed as "MacGruff" the crime-fighting dog. And Sadie Sooty Lady, a talented arson sniffing fire-fighting pooch roamed the halls with her partner Big Spring Firefighter Lt. Carl Condray.

Children were also delighted with face painting, hundreds of helium balloons, and a balloon-



Kelly Tubbs, center, signs up for a free blood sugar test at the 1998 Big Spring Health Fair Saturday.



THE THREE R'S: ROPIN', RIDIN' AND RODEO

For Coahoma Kindergarten students, putting on a show has become a tradition

COAHOMA — The world's youngest cowpokes rode their stick horses to fame and glory in Coahoma Elementary's 20th annual Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday.

"It's the world's oldest continued kindergarten rodeo," legendary rodeo clown and long-time Coahoma resident Quail Dobbs said.

Coahoma's event bred copycats across the region, but none has lasted so long, the 36-year veteran of the circuits said.

In a fun-filled tribute to western tradition (and simple pleasures) the 72 kindergartners entertained more than 600 spectators with a few stick horses, leg power, and the comedic timing that seems to come naturally to children.

The 5- and 6-year-olds kept the crowd laughing, stomping, and applauding through bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, pole bending, roping, flag racing and cow milking events.

"Everything they do is darling," legendary trick rider J.W. Stoker of Weatherford said. Stoker and his horse "Hot Diggity" were among several famous friends tapped by Dobbs to perform at the rodeo.

Dobbs also invited leading rodeo clowns Rick "The Bumblebee" Chapman and Leon Coffee; five-time world champi-

on bull fighter Rob Smets.

All the rodeo veterans recruited by Dobbs performed for free.

Local legend Jody Nix, of Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys played and sang at half-time while professional bull rider Wacey Cathey and President of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Harry Middleton stopped by to lend their support.

Stoker quick-stepped through a whirling rope, "hot pepperin" a Texas Spin, which, he noted, separates the amateur from the



professional. Hot Diggity amazed viewers with two-legged stands, curtsies and bows, and by spinning a trick rope.

Professional calf roper and rodeo announcer Jody Carper regaled the crowd with snappy witticisms and coached student announcers Molly Cox and Kassie Ramirez.

"They did great," Dobbs said. "It's amazing that they do better every year" maintaining the rodeo's success.

Parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, many of whom

had been in the rodeo in past years, turned out to support their younger kin.

"We're real excited, our daughter's a clown," said Greg and Candy Parrish of their daughter Megan. "I'm excited my granddaughter gets to do something with Quail Dobbs," her grandmother Kay Enger said.

"It's really exciting," Megan said after the event, "you save cowboys from getting stabbed by bulls."

"He was practicing all day," Cheryl Castillo said of Her son M.J., one of the four kindergarten clowns who helped save bull riders during the grand finale.

"They picked a good one for it," Joe Mansfield said of his son Seth, a kindergarten clown, "he's pretty much a clown anyhow."

Seth said he planned to be a clown when he grew up.

"It was wonderful, truly a fabulous 20th," organizer and kindergarten teacher Kathy Nichols said. Nichols, who painted the tribute to Quail Dobbs on the Coahoma water tower two years ago, has worked at nearly all 20 kindergarten rodeos.

Her expertise, and that of the

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For Dobbs, no more clowning around

Behind the greasepaint twinkles the eyes of a man who just wants some peace. Or is it justice of the peace?

After 36 years as a rodeo clown, the legendary Quail Dobbs takes the reins of Coahoma's Justice of the Peace position beginning in January.

"I'm looking forward to going home," the long-time traveler said.

The bureaucratic job is a fallback, he admitted.

"I've been very honest with the voters," Dobbs said of his recent

Republican primary win. "I want to quit rodeo and settle down and this is my home. I

need a job." The justice of the peace job is "not a gravy train by any means," he added. "If I were looking for a gravy train I wouldn't have run for JP," he said. "You're on call 24 hours a day."

Rodeo clowns actually have many skills in dealing the public that are useful for a government employee, Dobbs said. "My advantage is I can relate to people and get along with people very well," he said.

"I've been around people, seeing their different lifestyles. The advantage of that for me is that I'm ready

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Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Tonight, fair. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, dry. Lows in the 40s. Highs mid 70s to lower 80s.

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Delinquent taxpayers face additional penalties

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The dreaded April 15 deadline for filing federal income tax returns has come and gone, but area residents who have not yet paid their 1997 property taxes will be assessed another 2 percent penalty as of May 1.

At its most recent meeting, the Big Spring City Council approved an ordinance providing for an additional 15 percent to defray the cost of collecting delinquent taxes if the amount

has to be placed on the delinquent tax roll after July 1.

The additional penalty is something each taxing entity imposes each year if taxes are placed on the delinquent roll.

Property taxes became past due on Feb. 1. Residents who had not paid their taxes by that date were assessed an additional 7 percent penalty and interest, according to Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles.

Additional penalties and interest included 9 percent as of March 1; and 11 percent as of

April 1.

The late penalty increases to 13 percent on May 1 and will increase to 15 percent on June 1.

"Unpaid property taxes as of July 1 will be considered delinquent and the penalty and interest goes to 18 percent," Sayles said. "Also, an additional 15 percent penalty and interest will be added for attorney fees for the delinquency being placed on the county's delinquent tax roll."

While delinquent property taxes mean additional penalties and interest for taxpayers,

Howard County has been quite successful in collecting on those delinquencies.

The 1996-97 collection year as far as delinquent taxes are concerned was the best year ever, according to delinquent tax attorney Drew Mouton.

A total of \$662,941 was collected between four major taxing entities in Howard County.

Howard County had \$157,840 in delinquent taxes collected between July 1996 and June 1997; Howard College had

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other teachers, was evident in the elaborate costumes and props. The event went off without a hitch, a tribute to a massive volunteer effort.

Teachers sported hand-painted western shirts made by Nichols with pictures of Dobbs, brands, ropes and other cowboy symbols. T-shirts were sold to kids and adults with pictures of Quail Dobbs in honor of the 20th anniversary.

Stick-horses were topped by hand-colored paper heads fringed with multi-colored yarn manes. Parents came to the school earlier in the week to help children decorate and construct the horses, said kindergarten teacher Karen Fitzgibbons.

Justin Boots donated numbers for the miniature riders, while Wrangler donated patches for all the children. Justin also donated four gift certificates for children's boots which were given away in a random drawing to one child in each kindergarten class.

Women of the community also worked seamlessly to produce a quilt for Dobbs made up of pictures of his clown face drawn by each student.

"The teachers do it all," Dobbs said, "I just show up."

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for anything. I understand when things happen."

Common sense is also an important quality he brings to the job. "This job involves trying to be fair and open-minded," he added.

In spite of years of facing down death in the rodeo ring, the JP duty of viewing dead bodies and ordering autopsies is somewhat unnerving, he said. "I'm not looking forward to that."

His lack of a Democratic opponent means his ascendance to the post is secure.

"But I'm not looking for a handout," he said, "I promise to do my best."

Dobbs' rodeo clown pals joked about his career change. "Quail's going to be the judge now, so we're trying to suck up," bullfighter Rick Chapman laughed.

His new job "comes first," but there's one ring he won't abandon — the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo. "If they still want to have me, I'll make time for it. It's become a tradition. I'm here every year."

His cherry-red face paint and starry white eyes may hide a look of regret, but the world-famous Quail Dobbs appears content to leave the dusty rodeo ring behind.

-KATHY GILBERT

Randle seeks second term on Howard College board of trustees

By KATHY GILBERT
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Two candidates want to make the grade in Howard College's Board of Trustees Place 2 election to be held May 2.

Incumbent Adrian Randle, 76, a retired TU



RANDLE

Electric employee, said "I hope we've made some progress and I'd like to continue," in a recent interview.

Randle, a Ponca City, Okla. native, was elected to his first term six years ago in a dramatic write-in campaign.

"I'd like to improve academics," Randle said. "We haven't been particularly remiss, but we're striving to improve every facet of schooling. It's not ever easy. There are some financial restraints."

One of the challenges Howard

faces is that more students are turning away from four-year colleges and turning toward two-year institutions, "putting the burden on us," Randle said.

"Local taxpayers are sharing part of that burden," Randle said. "But a lot of people think we're pretty well maxed out on taxes."

Randle praised Howard's administration, staff, and faculty and stressed the importance of education in society. "All of us know what happens if we don't have an enlightened and

educated populace," he said.

"We're moving rapidly toward off-site learning," he said. "That gives us a lot of diversity."

Randle praised Howard's swift movement into distance education.

"We want to be on the cutting edge of technology. We're moving to the point where we will be the frontrunners."

He was a substitute teacher at Big Spring High School for about five years during his retirement.

Randle was a customer repre-

sentative for TU Electric until he retired in 1987. He served as a nose gunner in the southwest Pacific during World War II. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and education at Central State University and has been an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church for 30 years.

Randle's opponent is Lee George, a commercial contractor in Big Spring. Elections will be held Saturday May 2. Early voting began April 13 and ends April 28.

George wants to bring business perspective to Howard board

By KATHY GILBERT
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Two candidates are competing for Howard College's Board of Trustees Place 2 in elections to be held May 2.

Challenger Lee George, 50, who owns a



GEORGE

commercial construction company in Big Spring, says he wants to bring a business perspective to the board. "I would like to see the business community better represented."

More input about local business is needed, he said. "I don't think Howard College has always been in tune with the business community in using its business assets," he said.

One example he cited was the selection of an out-of-town construction manager for the recent SouthWest Collegiate

Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) construction project.

"I think it's mainly because they're unfamiliar with what's available to them and what's available in the construction industry," he said.

Because SWCID is one of only three college-level institutions for the deaf in the United States, "we should continue to expand and support that to the best of our ability," he said.

Maintenance is another area in which he believes he can exercise his skills.

"Maintenance does a very good job but I think they could do better. I believe you should take care of what you have before you build."

George said he is seeking election to give voters a choice. "I'm really disappointed at the apathy of the community toward (running) for the Howard College board and the local boards in general," he said.

A Midland native, George graduated from Denver City High School in 1965. He has served on the Forsan

Independent School District board and the Tax Appraisal Board.

A father of three, he is also a member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, and of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He attends the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

George's opponent is Adrian Randle, a retired TU electric employee in Big Spring. Elections will be held Saturday May 2. Early voting began April 13 and ends April 28.

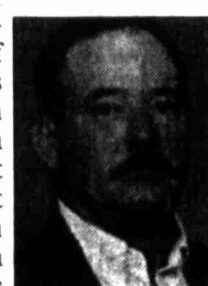
Coahoma incumbent Rowden stresses academic excellence in 2nd term bid

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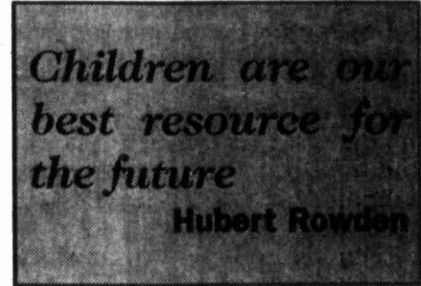
A hotly contested board of trustees race is shaping up in the Coahoma Independent School District this month with seven candidates vying for two at-large positions.

Incumbent Hubert Rowden, 44, a pumper for Pioneer Natural Resources and father of two, is running for his second term on the board.

"Children are our best resource for the future," Rowden said in a recent interview. "Above all, academic excellence is a goal we should



ROWDEN



all strive for to produce a successful and productive adult."

A Big Spring native who has lived in Coahoma since 1965, Rowden says he will continue to "promote the voice of the people by whom I have been elected."

As a Coahoma High School graduate, he says "I realize children need a variety of activities to make a well-rounded individual."

"By continuing to serve on the Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees, I feel I can help make decisions that

will enable our children to be successful."

Rowden is a member of the Masonic Lodge and serves as an Elder in the Coahoma Church of Christ.

"I have enjoyed serving the community (as a school board member) for the last three years. I feel we have a strong school board. I will continue to serve on the board to the best of my ability."

Other candidates in the Coahoma election are challengers Becky Holleman, Troy Kerby, Jesse Lee Metcalf, Cindy Neff, Leroy Walker and Walter Lee. Incumbent John Wayne Metcalf stepped down to pursue a county commissioner's position.

"Elections will be held Saturday, May 2. Early voting will take place April 19 through April 28."

Woman killed after school bus accident

GARLAND (AP) — A mother died and her 6-year-old daughter was injured Friday after a school bus crushed their car. Several students on the bus received minor injuries.

Witnesses said 33-year-old Eva Cisneros' Honda Accord broadsided the bus and wedged underneath it.

"This is the worst accident we've ever had in the history of the Garland school district," said Reavis Wortham, a Garland school district spokesman.

Ms. Cisneros was unconscious when paramedics pulled her from the wreckage and was flown to Parkland hospital in Dallas, where she died about 6:45 p.m.

Her daughter was conscious

after the wreck. She went to Children's Medical Center of Dallas. A spokeswoman said Saturday her name and condition were not available.

Paramedics took six of the 17 elementary-school students aboard the bus to Baylor University Medical Center of Garland. The children had minor bumps and bruises.

The accident happened just before 8 a.m. at an intersection in suburban Garland, northeast of Dallas.

A preliminary investigation indicates Ms. Cisneros may have been driving too fast and bus driver Linda M. Jones of Royse City may not have yielded to oncoming traffic at the busy intersection, said Officer J.D. Bettes.

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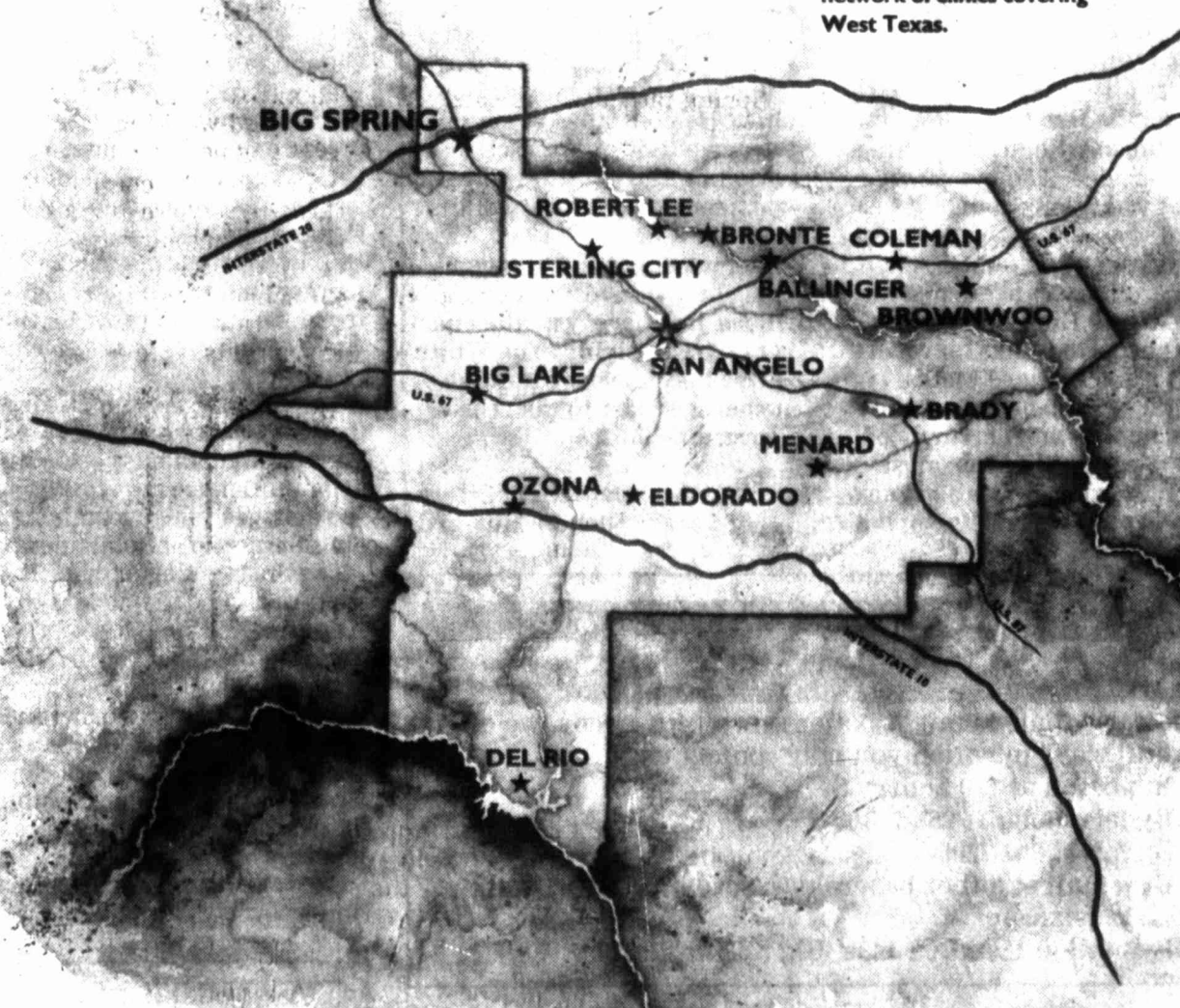
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Girl making gains after living in squalor

AUSTIN (AP) — A 10-year-old girl found living in a rat-infested home last fall is making progress, though she still cannot speak, state officials reported to a district judge.

Victoria Bar now attends special-education classes in a middle school, plays with other children, and is beginning to assert herself, the officials told state District Judge Scott McCown on Friday.

McCown scheduled another hearing for August.

Child protective workers removed the girl, then 9, from her home last October after finding her living in squalor with her mother, grandmother and uncle.

Trapped for most of her life in a house that reeked of human waste, the girl could not speak, wasn't toilet-trained and had never been to school.

In October, "she wouldn't ride in a car, she wouldn't change her clothes, and she wasn't toilet trained," said her lawyer, Richard LaVallo.

"Now she goes to the mall." "It's amazing the progress she's been making," he said.

In addition to her special-education classes, Victoria attends regular classes for music, art and physical education, according to a report submitted in court. She still doesn't talk, but plays with others, loves music and is affectionate, the report said.

Victoria has benefited from therapy, being with foster parents, and playing with children, LaVallo said.

Since she was removed from her home, Victoria's mother and grandmother have joined parenting classes.

Her mother, Diana Barr, attends individual therapy, has a full-time job and plans to take literacy classes, according to attorneys.

"Both Ms. Barr and her mother ... demonstrate a genuine delight in seeing the progress Victoria has made since being in care," the report said.

Police investigate post office shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Detectives are trying to figure out what might have caused a letter carrier to shoot and kill a co-worker in the lunch room of a Dallas post office.

Lavinia Kelley-Shaw, a clerk who worked 15 years for the U.S. Postal Service, died after she was shot just before noon by a 27-year-old temporary employee.

Dallas police Sgt. Jim Chandler said police arrested 27-year-old Maceo Yarbough III in southwest Dallas shortly after the shooting. Yarbough, the only suspect in the attack, is being held at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center without bail on a federal charge of investigation of murder, Chandler said.

He is expected to be arraigned Monday.

Several relatives of the 34-year-old Mrs. Shaw — and family members of other postal employees — flocked to the post office in tears to check on loved ones.

"She had a very large family," Dallas police Senior Cpl. Chris Gilliam said.

Investigators interviewed wit-

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nesses Friday afternoon and tried to determine what motivated the attack.

Both Gilliam and Cesta Ayers, U.S. Postal Service manager of corporate relations for the agency's southwest area, said the two were not linked romantically or even platonically.

"We don't have any information to indicate there was a relationship between the victim and the suspect," said Gilliam.

Inspector Linda Kirksey said Friday's shooting was the first of its kind in Dallas. She disputed the "unfair stereotype" that post offices frequently

become targets of disgruntled workers.

There have been at least nine shootings involving postal workers at post offices nationwide since 1986.

"I don't believe we see shootings at post offices on a regular basis," she said. "We do get a lot of publicity when a shooting occurs in a post office, but it's actually one of the less dangerous occupations."

Police say the suspect brought a large-caliber gun with him to work Friday. Postal spokesman Ayers said a fight between Mrs. Kelley-Shaw and the suspect, a

letter carrier who had worked at the post office almost a year, led to the shooting. But some witnesses disagreed.

Ms. Kirksey said "several" shots were fired, possibly three to five.

Police say the suspect then ran from the building, jumped into a car and sped away from the post office about two miles north of Love Field in northwest Dallas.

Dallas patrol officers spotted him a short time later and arrested him.

No customers were hurt and none saw the shooting because it happened in the back of the building.

Another postal worker received minor injuries while trying to escape from the break room, but was treated at the scene, Ms. Kirksey said.

Yarbough's father, Maceo Yarbough II, said he was just as puzzled by the crime as everyone else.

"We don't know as much as you do at this point about what happened," he said. "We're not talking to anyone. We don't have any comment."

Museum expected to put face on Branch Davidian tragedy

WACO (AP) — Survivors of the Branch Davidian Waco standoff want to put a face on the tragedy.

So this Sunday, on the fifth anniversary of the fire that ended the 51-day standoff between David Koresh and federal authorities, they plan to open a museum that features photographs of Koresh and about 80 of his followers who died in the blaze.

Davidian Sheila Martin lost her husband, a son and three daughters.

"For so many days, I was looking at the building, or looking at the building on fire, but I

don't see any of the faces," she said. "When I remembered when I was in there, I remembered what it was like ... I remembered those faces."

Martin, who escaped the compound before the fire, wants more people to see those she remembers.

"There are so many things that people haven't seen and understood," she said. "This way, they can have faces."

Each of those who died in the fire will be remembered in the museum by a plaque and a tree planted at the Mount Carmel site. A memorial service will take place Sunday.

"A lot of people come out and there's not much to see out here," Davidian Clive Doyle said.

Doyle began work last month on the wood-framed museum with the help of a handful of volunteers.

"The (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) and the FBI didn't leave much behind," he said. "We hope through the pictures and whatever else we put in there that they will have something to enjoy."

Those who visit the museum will be able to glance at photographs and a timeline of the standoff.

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Survivor of Oklahoma City bombing recalls fateful day

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Ordinarily on a weekday afternoon, Glenda Riley would be at work, for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But on Wednesday, Mrs. Riley was outside instead, walking along the fence that surrounds the ground where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building once stood, and where her office was.

"I couldn't do it today," she said of her job.

The bombing on April 19, 1995, killed 168 people. Thirty-five of them were in the HUD offices.

"Our office, it was an open area, really only separated by file cabinets and partitions. You knew about everyone's lives because you heard everything," said Mrs. Riley, who escaped from the wreckage uninjured.

While she walked, a group of high school students from Michigan also were visiting the site.

"It's just kind of a shocking feeling," 15-year-old Amy Gillingham said as she looked at the messages, pictures, stuffed bunnies and bears fastened to the fence. "You think you know what it's like, but you really don't."

Miss Gillingham and her fellow band members from Mount Pleasant, Mich., were to perform Sunday at a third anniversary ceremony.

She and the other musicians raised the money to come to Oklahoma City to play a commemorative piece written by her father, a music professor at Central Michigan University.

"I hope that when we play this piece, it will help people in the healing process," she said.

Another member of the group, Jessica Church, found a message on the fence that was written by a little boy to a victim of the bomb.

"Dear Aunt Kim, I miss you more than anything. Love you, Kevin," the message read. "That's basically when I started crying," said 18-year-old Miss Church. "This is the hardest thing I've ever done."

Mrs. Riley recalled that on the day of the bombing she was walking to a friend's desk "when everything went behind me."

She and a co-worker lay on the floor while a bomb scare drove rescue workers away.

The other woman grabbed Mrs. Riley's arm and suggested they jump out a window to avoid another explosion.

"I told her, 'All we have to do

is wait here long enough for them to get a ladder to us,'" she said. "I told her, 'God's been with us so far and that's the only reason why we're here.'"

Police eventually helped them out a broken window and along a ledge to safety.

Emotional scars have been hard for some to shake, and one of Mrs. Riley's surviving co-workers recently committed suicide.

It's hard to generalize what many of the victims' families are feeling now, but anger seems to be common, said a counselor, Lou Ann Smith.

"The trials have stirred a lot of emotions," said Ms. Smith. "It's mainly the anger with Terry Nichols and what happened as far as the outcome with his jurors."

In December, a jury convicted Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy. Many were angry that the panel found Nichols guilty of a charge less than first-degree murder and that it was unable to agree on a punishment.

Nichols will be sentenced later this year. Co-defendant Timothy McVeigh was convicted of federal murder and conspiracy counts tied to the bombing and was sentenced to death.

White House went to the dogs (and cats and hippos) long ago

WEST BRANCH, Iowa (AP) — The White House went to the dogs long before Buddy got there.

For an exhibit on presidential pets, the visitors center at the Herbert Hoover Library asked other presidential libraries for pictures of animals that have lived with first families.

In came photos of cats, pigeons, a raccoon, a goat and even a badger — but dogs are in the great majority, with such names as Wink and King Tut.

The presidential pet exhibit opened Saturday.

A dog is a measure of a man's character, according to Woodrow Wilson.

"If a dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you ought to go home and examine your conscience," Wilson once said.

Calvin Coolidge went further: "Any man who does not like dogs and does not want them about does not deserve to be in the White House."

Hoover posed next to his dog King Tut in one of the most

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my family doesn't resent such attacks, but Fala does."

There are photos of Warren Harding's dog Laddy Boy, an Alredale shown looking sad as he stands over a newspaper with an article about Harding's death, and Lucky, a sheep dog that turned out to be too big for the White House during Ronald Reagan's tenure.

Theodore Roosevelt's dog Wink is shown stealing a breakfast meant for visitors.

Then there are those other pets, such as Abraham Lincoln's goat.

"The Lincoln boys would tie the goat to a chair and be pulled along the halls of the White House," said Candy Madsen, a program specialist at the visitor's center.

Coolidge and his wife, Grace, wrote that "one chamber of the heart is set aside for the love of animals."

"They even had a raccoon for a while," Mather said.

"It was Rebecca, who had the run of the White House during the day, just like a cat."

Two killed, one injured in melee

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — During their week at a modest beachfront resort, three young Maryland vacationers won over other guests with their friendliness and good manners.

The young men played video games and horsed around in the pool with the children of other guests. They sat on the resort's beachfront deck at night and played cards.

But their friendliness and willingness to help others may have cost one man serious injuries and the other two their lives.

The three came to the aid of a young woman being bothered by a group of young men Thursday night. Hours later, police said, the woman's harassers returned with friends and attacked the three with knives and bats.

Kevin Bradshaw Hall II, 23, and Matthew Wichita, 21, both of Columbia, Md., were killed.

Seth K. Qubeck, 21, also of Columbia, was in serious but stable condition at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, hospital spokeswoman Kate Holcomb said. Police said he had 17 stab wounds.

"I think they were just looking out for the girls," said Peter Maycock, an English tourist staying at the resort with his wife and two children.

The victims were beaten and stabbed when three local men returned to the beach resort to resume an earlier fight, said Lt. Wade Kirby, a detective with New Smyrna Beach police. The beach resort, Ocean Palms Beach Club, is in this resort town of 18,000 people about 10 miles south of Daytona Beach.

Neil Ryan Kirkland, 20, of Edgewater; Daniel Stephan Osborne, 19, of Edgewater; and Joshua Alan Trull, 17, of New Smyrna Beach had gone to the resort to get back a ring Kirkland gave to a woman he met the night before, Kirby said.

When the men became aggressive with her, the Maryland men stepped in to help her and a fight started, Kirby said.

Police were called, but no one was arrested. Police instead gave out applications to file battery charges with the state attorney's office.

After the fight, one of the local men warned "We'll be back," according to Maycock. "And

they were true to their word," Maycock said. "Terrible isn't it?"

Kirkland, Osborne and Trull went home, rounded up some friends and returned to the resort with bats and knives, Kirby said.

Police made four arrests Friday and were searching for up to three other suspects.

Trull, a student at New Smyrna High School, was charged with two counts of being a principal to first-degree murder; Kirkland was charged with aggravated battery; and Osborne was charged with two counts of being a principal to second-degree murder. Kirkland and Osborne are Daytona Beach Community College students, Kirby said.

Trull's brother, Jonathan Edward Trull, 27, of New Smyrna Beach, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

A third brother, Chris Trull, in his mid-20s, was still being sought.

"It's a senseless tragedy," said James Tack, general manager of Ocean Palms. "They were wonderful boys. They were clean-cut and well-behaved."


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South cleans up from rash of killer tornadoes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mayor Phil Bredesen was stunned by the damage he saw during an aerial tour of his city Friday. He was even more astounded that nobody was killed by the two tornadoes that ripped through Nashville the day before.

"I was not prepared for what I saw in east Nashville," he said. "There was one street where just basically all the power lines are snapped halfway up the poles, the lines are in the street, trees are in the street."

Vice President Al Gore took in similar sights, and also marveled that nobody died out of

the 100 or so people injured in Nashville. He told a 16-year-old girl she did the right thing by diving in a bathtub when the tornado hit Thursday.

"This could have been an awful lot worse than it was," he said.

Six people in rural Tennessee were killed from the storm system that spawned at least eight other tornadoes elsewhere in the state. The second round of tornadoes to hit the South in eight days also killed three people in Kentucky and two in Arkansas.

Damage totals were slow to arrive, but officials said east

Nashville was hardest hit, with at least 300 homes damaged. Thirty private planes worth an estimated \$3 million were destroyed at Cornelia Fort Airpark, said Bill Colbert, director of operations.

"I was looking out the front window of the building and I saw a Cessna 150 do a back flip toward the building," he said. "I took a dive because I thought it was coming through the plate glass window. It landed right in front of it."

Austin Moseley, a manufactured home salesman, tried to outrun a tornado in a pickup truck with his 12-year-old son

and his boss before seeking refuge in a church.

"I feel like I've just played the lead in the movie 'Twister'" he said. "We looked back and the wind was coming from two different directions. The thing was coming straight down Highway 70."

Highway 70 was littered with uprooted trees, battered houses and twisted billboards. Few signs were left intact in front of the many businesses fronting the highway.

The Hermitage, where Andrew Jackson lived until his death in 1845, suffered only a few broken windows. But hun-

dreds of trees were uprooted on the 600-acre estate, including three dating to the 1700s.

In Pickett County along the Kentucky border, between 30 and 40 homes were destroyed and 100 damaged, said county executive Kelly Kiesling, whose own home was among them.

"We are so lucky," Pickett County Sheriff James Beatty said. "This tornado blew away houses, trailers and barns, but so far we have found that only two people got injured and they're not bad."

That was not the case in other areas. Among the 11 victims of

Thursday's severe weather, which stretched from the South into the Midwest, were a 2-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister. They were killed in Manila, Ark.

While many Nashville buildings were damaged, landmarks including the Ryman Auditorium and Nashville Arena were largely unscathed. The Tennessee Oilers' football stadium, which is about one-third complete, was not so fortunate.

"It looks like the Jolly Green Giant come over here and started stepping on everything," said Kim Yunker.

Experiments on kids draw howls of protest

NEW YORK (AP) — A government-funded study in which poor black and Hispanic boys were given a now-recalled diet drug to test for violent tendencies is being criticized as risky and racist. The federal government has launched an investigation.

Scientists at an institute affiliated with Columbia University were testing the brain chemistry of 34 boys using fenfluramine, which has since been taken off the market because of suspected links to heart-valve damage in adults. It is the "fen" in the diet drug combination fen-phen.

Critics say the experiments, conducted in 1994 and 1995, offered no medical benefits and put the children at risk.

"These racist and morally offensive studies put minority children at risk of harm in order to prove they are generally predisposed to be violent in the future," said Vera Hassner Sharav, director of Citizens for Responsible Care in Psychiatry and Research.

The researchers defended their efforts as a legitimate attempt to understand the roots of violence.

The children were given a single fenfluramine pill and were kept in a hospital bed for at least five hours with a catheter in their arm while blood samples were taken. They were without food for at least 17 hours.

The boys all had older brothers who were juvenile delinquents, and the scientists wanted to know whether levels of serotonin in the brain could signal aggression. Fenfluramine induces the brain to release serotonin.

The boys' parents signed consent forms for the research at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Similar research, conducted by Queens College and Mount Sinai School of Medicine, is also under fire. That project used fenfluramine on 66 boys of various ethnicities who had

been treated for attention-deficit disorder.

The institute, which reached no firm conclusions in a study published in September, issued a statement Thursday saying its research tried to identify factors that could trigger aggression "in a population at risk for the development of antisocial behavior."

Fenfluramine and a chemically similar diet drug, Redux, were pulled from the market because they were linked to potentially deadly heart valve damage. Earlier this month, however, a large study found no sign that brief use of Redux causes dangerous heart valve problems.

Queens College, which is part of the City University of New York, said its study "posed no danger to children. ... No child was harmed in any way." Mount Sinai said the research complied with federal regulations. Its subjects were one-third black, one-third Hispanic and one-third white.

Two nonprofit legal groups filed complaints about both experiments with the federal Office of Protection from Research Risks in Rockville, Md., which has begun investigating.

Members of the state's congressional delegation, the New York City Council and activist minister Al Sharpton are among those demanding investigations.

The institute's experiment, which was partially federally funded, was conducted on boys ages 6 to 10. They were chosen through Family Court records, and came from mostly low-income, troubled families in Manhattan and the Bronx.

"The question is, what were the parents told, and what did they understand when they signed the consent form?" Ms. Sharav said.

The research on attention-deficit disorder was conducted at Mount Sinai's medical school over three years, ending in 1996.

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Pol Pot's henchmen alive, running country

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Pol Pot is dead, but many of his Khmer Rouge henchmen who tortured and killed hundreds of thousands of people are still alive and tormenting Cambodia.

Some of them are governing the country.

A few are fighting a last-ditch guerrilla war against the government in mountains along the border with Thailand. More are living quietly in country towns and villages among the people they once terrorized.

It's unlikely, however, that any of them will ever face justice for their role in the killings that wracked Cambodia when the Maoist guerrillas turned the entire nation into a labor camp in a twisted attempt to achieve an agrarian utopia.

As many as 2 million Cambodians perished from torture, overwork and starvation from 1975-79. The exact number of those slain by Khmer Rouge is unknown.

Despite recent calls by the United Nations and the United States to try Khmer Rouge leaders, the international community has never made a serious attempt to apprehend them in the 19 years since they lost power.

And as far as Cambodia's government is concerned, "all sides have been willing to reward and protect people guilty of the grossest crimes to serve their own partisan political purposes," says Khmer Rouge researcher David Ashley.

Spokesman Khieu Khanarith said last week the government wants to capture remaining guerrilla leaders and try them for crimes against humanity.

Yet to find the men who helped Pol Pot, look no further than Cambodia's leader:

Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen,

once a Khmer Rouge cadre, is regarded by many human rights groups as the prime mover behind political violence in Cambodia today.

Evidence of Hun Sen committing atrocities during the Khmer Rouge reign is slim, and he defected to Vietnam in 1977 when Pol Pot began a series of purges.

But Hun Sen was a Khmer Rouge when they marched the population into labor camps and the death and destruction began. He learned the group's lessons well. Last July, he launched a bloody coup deposing his elected co-premier, Prince Norodom Ranariddh. Scores of Ranariddh's followers were murdered, human rights groups say.

Other former Khmer Rouge now part of Hun Sen's government include Chea Sim, president of the National Assembly, and Sar Kheng, a co-minister of the interior, plus several military generals.

While Hun Sen has promoted himself as the only leader strong enough to prevent the guerrillas' return, he has cut deals with some of the most violent Khmer Rouge and rewarded them with the right to rule over large parts of Cambodia. Among them are:

—Jeng Sary, deputy prime minister to Pol Pot. He made peace with Hun Sen in 1996, leading the defection of 10,000 guerrillas.

—Ke Pauk, a recent defector to Hun Sen's government. After another commander named Ta Mok, "he is probably the single bloodiest of them all," genocide investigator Craig Atcheson told the Phnom Penh Post recently.

—Mam Naym, chief interrogator at Tuol Sleng, where more than 20,000 Cambodians were tortured and killed. Later head of a Khmer Rouge prison.

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Protestant party backs N. Ireland agreement

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Faced with fierce internal dissent, Northern Ireland's main Protestant party approved the peace agreement Saturday, and its leader challenged the Irish Republican Army to disavow violence once and for all.

David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party, won backing from 72 percent of the party's governing council after a week of vehement protests from dissenting members and from rival Protestant-based parties.

It was a crucial moment in Northern Ireland's peace process. If he had lost the vote, Trimble said afterward, he would have asked British Prime Minister Tony Blair to call off a May 22 referendum and effectively kill the compromise.

Just eight days earlier, Trimble and leaders of seven other parties had concluded an agreement to set up a Northern Ireland legislature that would be obliged to work with the Irish Republic on some areas of policy.

Blair, who was in Saudi Arabia on Saturday as part of a Middle East tour, hailed the

Ulster Unionist vote.

"I think the tide is turning very firmly for peace and the more people study the agreement, the more they see it is based on sensible principles that offer a genuine peaceful way forward for Northern Ireland," Blair said.

Trimble said the vote now puts the fate of the peace process in the hands of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party and called on it to renounce violence once and for all.

"They have got an agreement. They have got an opportunity to move into the democratic process. They can see the opportunities that are there," Trimble said. "Now there is no more time for equivocation. It is time for them to speak."

In Dublin, Sinn Fein began its debate on the agreement, but put off a decision amid signs of discontent among its supporters.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams announced the Ulster Unionist vote to his party's convention. "And we welcome that. Well done, David," Adams said.

However, he said his party would not seek an equally fast

decision.

"We are not going to be bounced into decisions at this critical juncture of our struggle," Adams said in announcing a two-week "review" of the document before the party's conference reconvenes.

Some of Sinn Fein's supporters are unhappy with the agreement, which would continue Northern Ireland's existence under British rule, and with the Irish government's agreement to hold a referendum on amending its constitution to do away with its claim on the territory of Northern Ireland.

Unionists have been especially unhappy with the British government's pledge in the agreement to review policing and the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland, and they have sought assurances that none of the allies of the paramilitary groups would be allowed to assume government offices unless weapons were "decommissioned."

Six of the 10 Ulster Unionist members of the British Parliament voted against Trimble, the BBC reported, and some are likely to campaign

against the peace deal.

"The party has spoken, it will now have to live with the consequences," said lawmaker William Ross. "I think it will bring this party to grief and I think it will bring Northern Ireland to grief."

After the governing council backed Trimble by a vote of 540-210, Trimble said he shared those concerns and would press for firmer guarantees.

He also expressed concern about an opinion poll published last week that showed 61 percent of Irish voters saying they would support a constitutional change. He said a much stronger vote is essential.

"And if there isn't a strong vote in favor of change in the Irish Republic, then it will be interpreted as being a continuing sneaking sympathy ... for the men of violence. And that must not be," Trimble said.

He also urged President Clinton to delay any visit to Northern Ireland until after the May 22 referendum. "We don't want to have a situation where people here feel that they are being in any way pressurized," Trimble said.



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Clinton says trade zone is now in the 'fast lane'

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Leaders of the hemisphere's 34 democracies, charting plans for a free-trade zone from Alaska to Cape Horn, won a pledge Saturday from President Clinton to redouble efforts to win crucial fast-track trade-negotiating authority from Congress.

"I assure you that our commitment ... will be in the fast lane of our concerns," Clinton told the second Summit of the Americas, brushing aside his inability to win support for the initiative from U.S. lawmakers and, more particularly, from his own Democratic Party.

But the other nations, while sympathetic to Clinton's plight, were forging ahead, with or without the United States. "We are not starting from zero," Brazilian President Eduardo Frei told the summit meeting. He cited free-trade pacts rapidly being forged among Latin American neighbors.

Although trade was the centerpiece, the leaders moved first toward something less politically controversial, embracing a \$6.1 billion three-year package to help improve education.

Summit partners have set a 2010 goal for 100 percent of the hemisphere's children to have access to at least a primary-school education; 75 percent for high school.

Most of that would be in loans by international lending agencies, but \$130 million would come from U.S. programs, said U.S. officials, who announced the program in advance of Sunday's final summit communique.

In all, the hemispheric summit was announcing some \$45 billion in loans over the next three years for poverty reduction, health services, helping small businesses and education.

Touching on the education theme, Clinton said too many

countries put their emphasis on supporting "higher education for the few." Instead, he said, the aim should be to improve the quality of education for all.

Clinton, host of the first Summit of the Americas in Miami in 1994, was the opening speaker for the second one.

"The journey from Miami to Santiago has been filled with progress toward our goals," Clinton said buoyantly. "There is much to be proud of. The economy of the region has grown 15 percent. Last year, average growth was 5 percent and inflation was the lowest in 50 years."

But, Clinton said, not enough of those in this "thriving market of 800 million people" were sharing in the economic good times.

"We must take further steps to lift people from poverty and spread the benefit of progress to every member of society," Clinton said.

But the self-congratulatory declarations by some of the summit participants obscured some major irritants. Latin American countries remain resentful toward the U.S. practice — mandated by Congress — to unilaterally certify each year which countries are "worthy" allies in the war against drugs.

The summit is expected to adopt a measure calling for more coordination on anti-drug efforts, but the move won't affect the disliked U.S. certification practice.

Colombian President Ernesto Samper said he would insist on the creation of a multilateral body to evaluate nations' efforts to combat illegal drugs.

"Colombia was victimized by decertification (by the United States) for more than two years," Samper said. "Since then, we have opposed whenever possible unilateral certification."

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Fortune 500 growth slow, but stocks climbing

NEW YORK (AP) — Profits at America's biggest companies aren't keeping pace with their ballooning stock prices. Fortune magazine's annual ranking of the 500 biggest corporations shows that earnings growth slowed dramatically last year, partly because they found fewer costs to slash after years of mergers and layoffs. Asia's economic crisis also kept profit growth for the Fortune 500 to 7.8 percent in 1997, down sharply from 1996's 23.3 percent gain. But investors seemed unfazed as profits cooled, with the median return of a Fortune 500 stock at 30 percent, well above the 1996 return of 21 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500

index, which tracks the stocks of a similar group of companies, rose 31 percent in 1997. "If Fortune 500 earnings growth slowed even as stock prices picked up speed last year, doesn't that put the stock market on a collision course with economic reality?" asks Fortune in its April 27 issue, which hits newsstands today. Among several factors given for the profit decline, the magazine said companies found less room for the belt-tightening that helped fuel growth in previous years. In addition, companies including IBM (No. 6), Philip Morris (No. 9) and Procter & Gamble (No. 20) were hurt by Asia's economic plight. Rising

labor costs and the dollar's strength against other currencies, which makes American-made goods more expensive overseas, also contributed to the drop in profit growth. The profit decline came as total revenue for the 500 rose 8.7 percent in 1997, slightly higher than the previous year's increase. Fortune said many experts predicted a year ago that 1997 profits would fall compared to 1996's stellar results. Despite the slower growth, "most Fortune 500 leaders say they're pleasantly surprised by the economy's seemingly endless strength," the magazine said. Airlines and automakers

were among the companies whose profits grew faster than the overall 500, Fortune said. The Fortune 500 ranks companies by revenue.



Courtesy photo Samantha Yates (far left) of Stanton displays her reserve champion Hereford steer at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. The steer, which also was the reserve champion carcas of the entire show, was bred at the Wallace Hereford Ranch north of Big Spring. Posing with Samantha and her prize steer, from left, are: former Martin County Agent Stephen Zoeller, an unidentified Exposition official, and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Yates of Tarzan.

Sherry Wegner Insurance presents AG MAN Armadillo Mutants - Episode 2 by Baxter & Bob Black. Includes comic book panels with dialogue like 'YES, AND THE COUNTY AGENT SAYS HOLES ARE APPEARING IN THE GOLF COURSE' and 'LOOK OUT! AG MAN HAS HIT SOMETHING ON THE HIGHWAY.'

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Table with columns for League, Division, Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes American League and National League data.

Table showing National League East Division standings: Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, Florida.

Table showing National League Central Division standings: Milwaukee, St. Louis, Chicago, Houston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh.

Table showing National League West Division standings: San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado, Arizona.

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Table showing MLB Today's Games for Friday, April 19.

Table showing MLB Saturday's Games for April 20.

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Buffs race to 6-2A track crown

Stanton girls finish second behind Iraan

Anderson was third and Chad Smith added sixth. Anderson earned a regional berth with a second-place toss of 140-2 in the discus, while Blaine Smith rounded out the Buffs' point production in the field events with a second-lace finish in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 11 feet.

Records show Deion owes back taxes

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders owes more than \$50,000 in 1997 taxes, according to a copyright story in the Plano Star Courier.

Transactions

Baseball transactions for the week of April 19, 1998, including player moves and signings.

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STANTON — There's always strength in numbers when you're headed into a track meet, and for Stanton's Buffaloes, that was certainly true Friday as they piled up 216 points to take the boys' division team championship at the District 6-2A Track & Field Meet.

Davis, a senior with his eyes set on a return to the Class 2A state meet in Austin, chalked up first-place finishes in the long jump, 110-meter high hurdles and 200 meters; anchored the Buffs' 400-meter relay foursome to a winning time of 43.17 seconds; and threw in a third-place finish in the triple jump for good measure.

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CGA sets scholarship fund tourney for May 9-10

CGA sets scholarship fund tourney for May 9-10 The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Lady Steers athletic banquet scheduled for May 11

Lady Steers athletic banquet scheduled for May 11 The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

Deadline for athletic banquet reservations is Monday Monday is the deadline for making reservations for the annual Howard College Athletic Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

4-H shooting sports team schedules Monday meeting The Howard County 4-H shooting sports team will have its first meeting of the season at 6 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Howard County Courthouse.

Golf Course pro shop at 264-2366. Lady Steers Booster Club meeting reset for Monday The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club has rescheduled its meeting, originally set for Thursday, to 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School to make final preparations for the annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet.

Figure 7 Tennis Center schedules social for today A tennis social has been scheduled for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Youth ragball tournament scheduled for Saturday The first Lil' Rascals Youth Ragball Tournament for youngsters between the ages of eight and 11 has been scheduled for a 9 a.m. start Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Golf tournament scheduled with 'Relay for Life' A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for April 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the 'Relay for Life' event.

Double Trouble RESULTS-Inhams 2-6, Denny's 6-2, Aliens 6-2, Santa Fe Sandwiches 4-4, Bob's Custom Woodworking 2-6, Awesome 4-4, hi sc team game Santa Fe Sandwiches 7-0, Aliens 7-2, Denny's 7-0, hi sc team game Santa Fe Sandwiches 21-30, Aliens 20-34, Denny's 20-15, hi hdp team game Aliens 3-5, Santa Fe Sandwiches 8-4, Inhams 8-14, hi hdp team game Aliens 24-33, Santa Fe Sandwiches 24-12, Awesome 4-23-33, hi sc game ABC Richard Rowden 2-0, Ron Burton 2-1, Robert Beatty 2-0, hi sc series ABC Richard Rowden 5-5, Robert Beatty 5-2.

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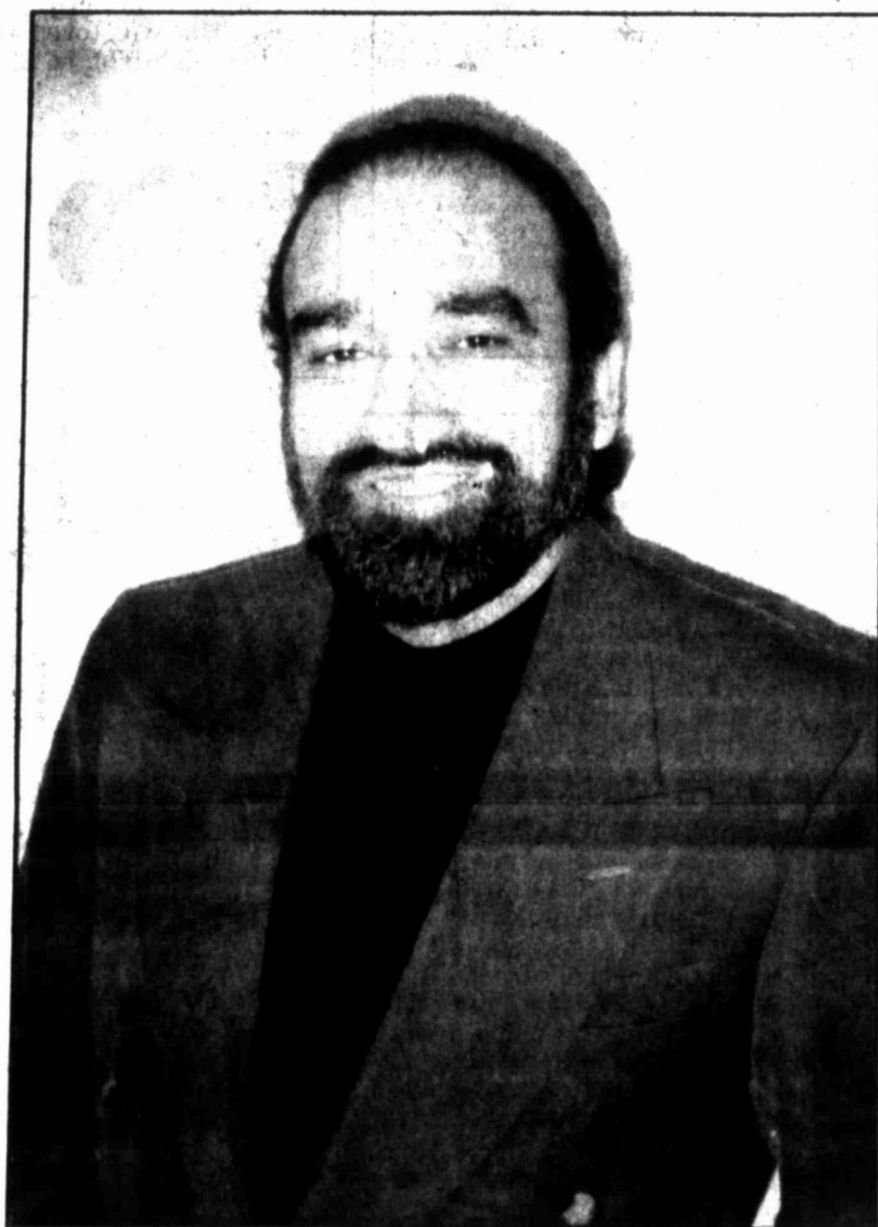
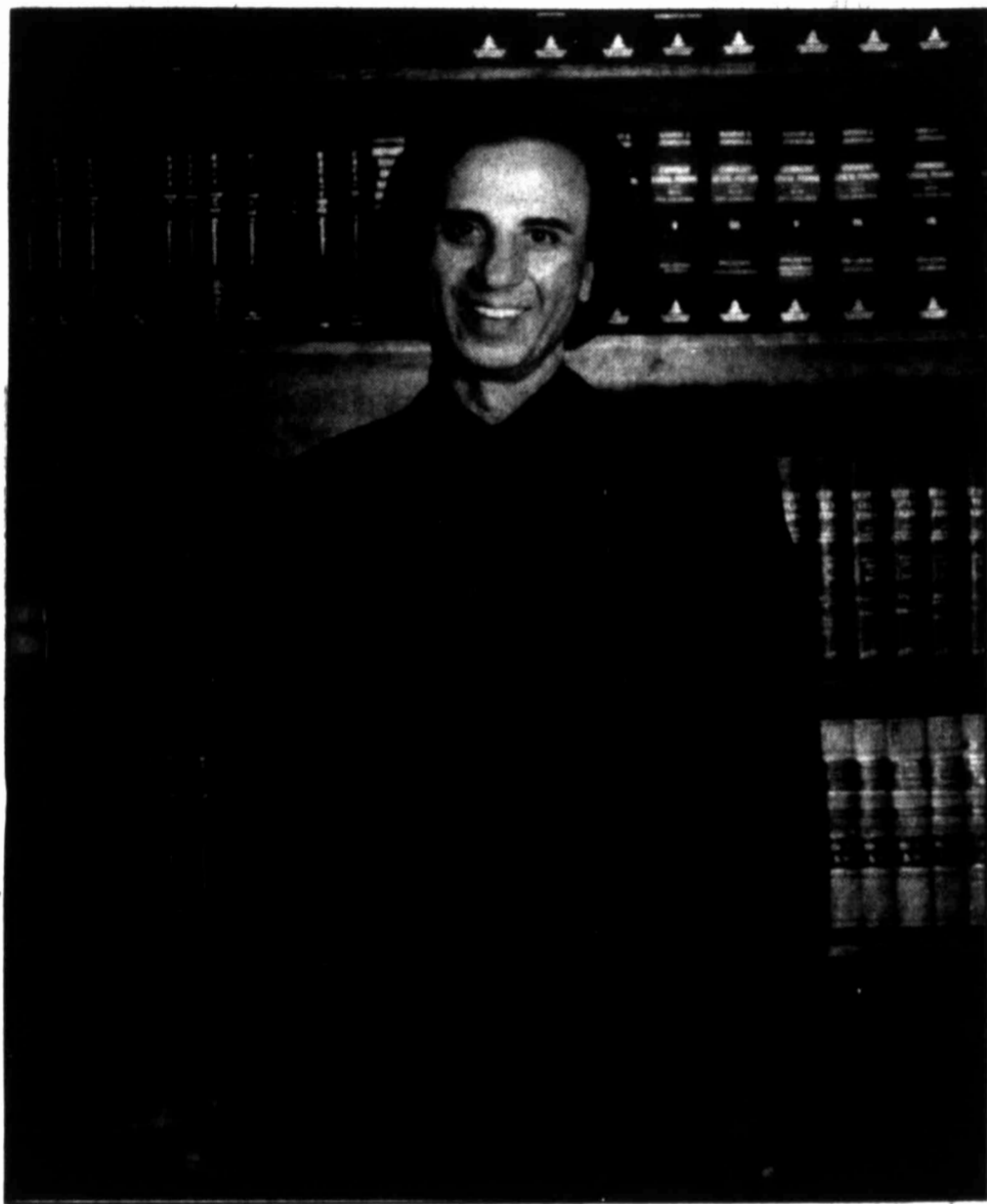
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◆According to one old French version of "Beauty and the Beast," Beauty's name was Zemira.

◆The earliest evidence of bowling was found in an Egyptian tomb dating back to 5200 B.C.

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DOGS ON DISPLAY

Owners say their trained canines not just for show

Treasa Wells has a special relationship with her dog, Stormy.

The Big Spring resident trained the German shepherd and has begun taking her to dog shows throughout the area. Stormy, whose full name is Cloud Dancer Storm Spirit, took fourth place at her first show recently.

"My relationship with Stormy is such that almost no one else can work with her," said Wells. "She has an unconditional love for me, and she depends on me."

Wells and her husband, Rusty, have another German shepherd, Walker. His full name is Cloud Dancer Wind Walker. At 7 months old, the solid black shepherd already took his first blue ribbon, earning the title of "best puppy."

For a puppy, Walker is extraordinary. He weighs 78 pounds.

At almost two years old, Shane and Candace Brown's Akita, Nikko, just participated in his first show as well.

The 105-pound Japanese dog is like part of their family, Shane Brown said.

"We thought showing our dog would be exciting, and a way to learn more about not just our breed, but others too," Brown said. "It's been all that and more."

He recommends an Akita as a pet for families, because although the large dog needs a lot of exercise, his long coat is easily maintained.

"He's very smart, picks up things very quickly," Brown said. "So training him was not difficult."

When local Kennel Club president Les White wanted to put his pug, Ariel, on the show circuit, he hired a professional agent who specialized in the toy breeds.

White, owner of Rayetta Kennels, has lots of experience with show dogs, and he usually turns the

work over to a professional after the training is complete and a dog proves it can handle the show ring.

But Ariel was a special case. The months of separation it took for her to become a champion were difficult for both dog and owner.

"She sleeps with me at night," he said, explaining that most of his other dogs spend more of their time outdoors in a specially-equipped kennel. While Ariel was traveling with the handler, White went to visit her at one of the stops.

"She was asleep in her pen, and it took her a couple of seconds, but when she saw me, I could tell she was excited," he said. White said working with show dogs has been full of rewards for him.

"I love dogs," he said. "I want to make sure my dogs are as healthy and strong as they can be."

Hiring a professional agent, he said, is partly to be sure the dog relates to White as an owner, not someone to impress.

"I want my dogs to know they are always number one," White said. "So the agent shows the dog, and I just love her."



Tia Jeffcoat, above, works with her black German shepherd, Misty. The two will participate in next weekend's dog show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At left, Treasa Wells has a special relationship with her show dog, Stormy.

Show will feature services, vendors

More than 700 dogs from a majority of the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club will be exhibited at the Big Spring Kennel Club's dog shows Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Admission is free, and there will be several local dog owners and their pets involved.

Besides the competition, there will also be a microchip clinic operated by two local veterinarians at the show. Dog owners can have a microchip with identifying information implanted in their dog for \$32, which includes enrollment in the AKC's Companion Animal Recovery database.

In addition, there will be 14 vendors at the show who offer pet supplies and services normally unavailable in the area, according to kennel club information. For more information about the show, call Carole Owen, 263-3404.



Les White, president of the Big Spring Kennel Club, in the photo at far left, is shown with his pug, Ariel, a champion. To the immediate left, Nikko, the Akita belonging to Shane and Candace Brown of Big Spring has recently competed in her first dog show.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

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Photos by Linda Choate

and courtesy photos

Life wouldn't be the same without those odd characters

If you have lived very many years, you have met many different people. Some of them are likely to be "characters" or "odd personalities." Some I've known personally are easily recalled.

One such was a woman that it's doubtful if she ever smiled. She often visited the shop where I worked, usually she seemed angry about something. Her conversation was always on the dark side no matter what the subject. Sometimes she raved about high prices, poor service, her health, her husband, world conditions, her neighbors or anything good about anything at all. I often wondered is she got any fun or pleasure from life. I never knew her name.

Then comes to memory another woman who also visited the shop a lot. This one was the exact opposite of the above. To her it seemed everything was bright and sunny. She giggled a lot and was friendly to

everyone. No problem or task ever seemed to daunt her spirits. She came in smiling and usually left the same way. She delighted in telling amusing events of her life or that of others she knew. Yes, she was somewhat of a gossip, but I never heard her say a bad thing about anyone.

Then out in our farming community, lived a couple on the shady side of middle age. They were not married to each other but lived together and had for a good many years. Both drank heavily and fought a lot. Even came to physical warfare at times.

Once he, in a drunken rage, sliced her chest with a butcher knife -- but still they stayed together. People in the community more or less left them alone. When not drinking they were both friendly. "Uncle Ed" and "Aunt Sulky" as they were called (not their real names) finally decided to join a little

country church. Their lives changed a lot and they were accepted by most all their neighbors.

However, Aunt Sulky was a very outspoken woman and on occasion had taken a shot gun a n d ordered someone off their property. She had somewhat of a dual personality. When a neighbor w o m a n came home from the hospital with a new baby daughter, and due to complications, had to remain bedfast for two weeks. Aunt Sulky visited her and offered to do anything...cook, wash, clean house or whatever, but said, "I'll do anything at all

for you to help, but bless ya honey, I can't take care of that baby! I've never pinned a hippin (diaper) on one in my life." The young woman's husband was caring for the baby during this time. Aunt Sulky asked "Bless ya honey, do you think he knows how to do that?" This harsh talking, drinking woman really had a heart of gold, but could swear like a sailor if someone riled her.

Another farm "character" comes to mind. He was an old bachelor, never married, lived with his aging parents and farmed their land. He was reputed to be SO stingy.

During the time of rationing he bought all the law allowed, no matter if he needed it or not. Gasoline was rationed but most farmers had enough gallons on their cards to get by on any needed level provided they didn't go on pleasure trips or vacations. This fellow would go to town once a week for groceries

and gas. If his gas tank would hold his ration, he would carry a bit gas can and bring home gas and pour the extra in a barrel. He never went anywhere that I know of except to town. He didn't visit neighbors, yet if anyone stopped to talk to him while he was in the field he would talk as if they were best friends and he was pleased as he could be that they stopped to visit with him.

One more "character" was "Mr. Mort." He was the most likable person, would do most anything to help a friend, very pleasant and generous to a fault. That is unless he was drunk. I suppose he was an alcoholic because it was a regular thing for him to get drunk. He never drank on the job and could always get credit and held good jobs throughout his life.

However, when he was drunk he was a total beast, wanted to fight all the time, beat his wife,

once breaking her arm. He would curse his neighbors, his kids and grandchildren and plot all sorts of cruelties, even to threatening to kill several people. The bad part of all this was that it was so difficult to determine when he was drunk. As he grew older his bouts of drunken rages came more often. Finally he was killed by his own gun. Even though the insurance people tried to call it suicide there was no way he could have shot himself, due to the location and angle of the wound. No one ever located the killer so it remains an "unsolved mystery."

It was such a shame that a man of his talents and kind heartedness when sober had to have this character flaw or weakness for alcohol.

No doubt you readers can recall knowing many so-called "characters" during your lives. It takes all kinds to make our world. Right?



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

WEDDINGS

Manzanarez-Romero

Veronica Manzanarez, Big Spring, and Edward Romero, Abilene, were united in marriage on Saturday, April 18, 1998, at Sacred Heart Parish with Father Cornelius Joseph Scanlan officiating.

She is the daughter of Columbo and Lucia Manzanarez.

He is the son of Alfredo and Gregoria Romero.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory gown with pearl enhancements, short sleeves and a long train.

Maid of honor was Frances Romero.

Lori Lara, Jennifer Gonzales, Jessica Gonzales and Gloria Hernandez, were the bridesmaids.

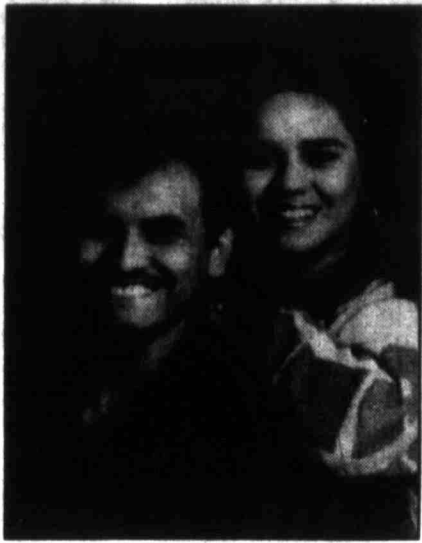
Alicia Lopez was the flower girl, and Joseph Martinez, Jr. and Tommy Billalba, Jr. were the ringbearers.

Best man was Gilbert Romero.

Mike Manzanarez, Gabriel Hernandez, Ismael Vargas and Mike Hernandez served as groomsmen.

Michael Hernandez and Norma Hernandez served as ushers/candlelighters.

Serving as train



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD ROMERO bearers/cushion maids were Fernando Delgado, Jr. and Alexandria Valdez.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at La Vadera Club.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School, and the groom is a 1987 graduate of Hamlin High School.

He is employed by T.X.I. Aviation.

Following a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Dallas.

New enrollment program aims to improve service

A new enrollment program to improve access to and delivery of health care services to millions of American veterans, including those in the Veteran's Integrated Service Network 18 area, is being implemented as of February 1998 by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Those who are enrolled will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services, including preventive and primary care. Other services include diagnosis and treatment; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatment; home health, respite and hospice care; and drugs and pharmaceuticals.

The new enrollment system is a result of the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996. The act's purpose is to improve the cost effectiveness of, and simplify the rules for, providing health care to veterans.

To receive VA hospital or outpatient care after Oct. 1, veterans should be enrolled with VA. However, they can apply and be enrolled at any time during the year. To apply for enrollment, veterans should call, write or visit their nearest VA facility.

Applicants will be placed in one of seven enrollment priority groups:

•Priority group 1. Veterans with service connected conditions rated 50 percent or more disabling.

•Priority group 2. Veterans with service-connected conditions rated 30 percent to 40 per-

cent disabling.

•Priority group 3. Veterans who are former POWs; veterans with service-connected conditions rated 10 or 20 percent disabling; veterans discharged from active duty for compensable conditions; and veterans awarded special eligibility classification (38 USC, Section 1151).

•Priority group 4. Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits; and veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled.

•Priority group 5. Nonservice-connected veterans and service-connected veterans rated 0 percent disabled, whose income and net worth are below the established dollar thresholds.

•Priority group 6. All other eligible veterans who are not required to make co-payments for their care including World War I and Mexican Border War veterans; veterans receiving care for exposure to toxic substances or environmental hazards while in service; and compensable 9 percent service-connected veterans.

•Priority group 7. Nonservice-connected veterans and non-compensable 0 percent service-



Fred Cox
VA Medical Center

connected veterans with income and net worth above the statutory threshold and who agree to pay specified co-payments.

Veterans who have received VA health care services since Oct. 1, 1996, will automatically have an application processed in their behalf.

Some veterans may be treated without being enrolled. Veterans with service-connected disabilities, and veterans who were discharged or

released from active duty for a compensable disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty may be treated for that disability within the first 12 months after their discharge. While veterans in these categories do not have to be enrolled to be treated, they are encouraged to do so.

If you need more information about the enrollment process, please contact the Big Spring VA Medical Center at: (800)-472-1365 ext. 5801.

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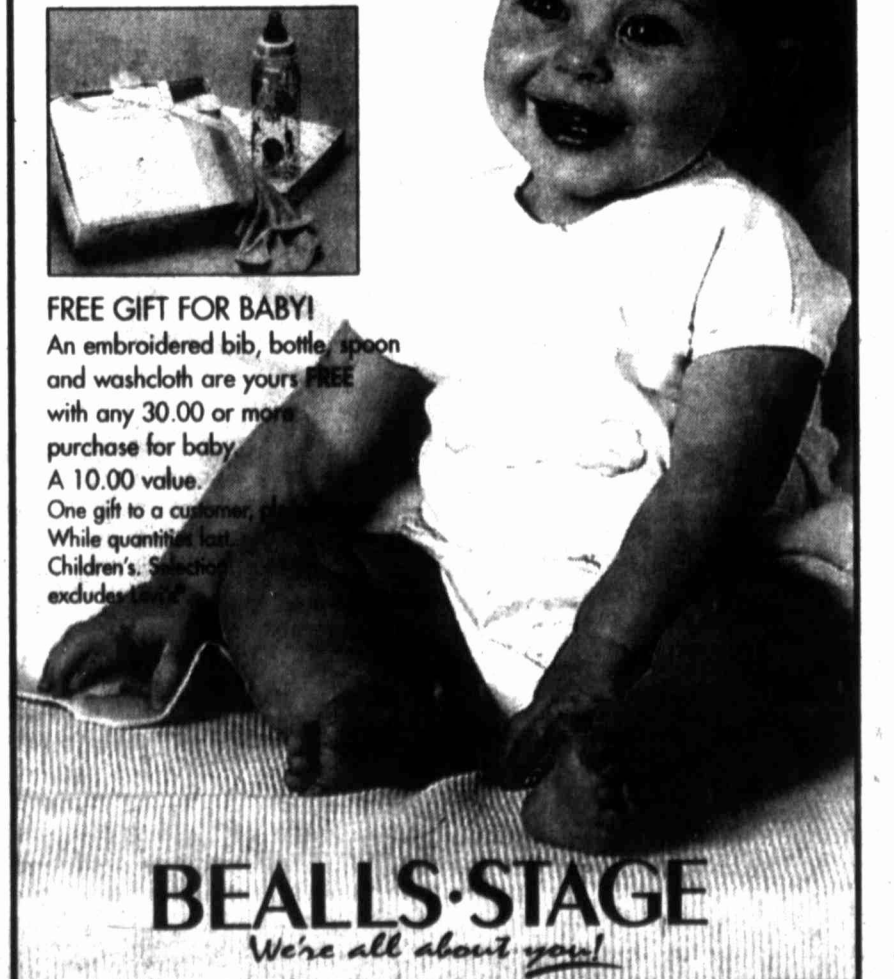
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Complex plot, characters make 'Misery' enjoyable

"Mount Misery." Samuel Shem. Ivy Books, Ballantine Publishing Group, New York, New York. January, 1998. 531 pages. \$6.99.

Dr. Roy Basch has completed medical school, and is to begin his first year of residency as a requirement for becoming a psychiatrist. Mt. Misery is a well-known and widely respected psychiatric hospital, and Roy feels flattered about being selected to serve at such a fine institution.

Roy enters this phase of his education as a confident, optimistic, and personable young man.

Before long, the practicing psychiatrists who supervise Roy's work begin to undermine his good judgment. They constantly flood him with the thinking of Sigmund Freud. Not knowing whether he truly believes the radical approach that relates all activity to sexual fantasies, Roy gives in to the academic pressure and begins to use this method of therapy on his patients.

As the months go by, Roy sees the mental health of his patients deteriorating, as well as recognizing such agonizing unhappiness and dissatisfaction in his personal life. He feels himself being caught in a swirling, negative thought pattern that seems to permeate all facets of psychiatric care at Mt. Misery.

He also witnesses gross mal-

practice as the senior psychiatrists, eager to make a name for their "research," treat patients with drugs that are obviously doing harm to them. Earlier Roy would have been more forceful in trying to rectify the situation, but confidence in his ability to make good decisions has been so eroded he finds himself just trying to avoid bad situations while seeking merely to survive.

Samuel Shem, the penname for Stephen Bergman, M.D., has written a realistic and modern novel. The central theme sets forth the idea of basic honesty and personal concern for others being the only way to survive in a mentally healthy way. Shem illustrates these ideas as Roy and his fellow residents strive to maintain their ideals as they deal with their patients.

Shem constructs a complex and disturbing plot; however, his characters are so true and so full of passion for life that the reader quickly identifies with them as they face challenges and make decisions. While the story is often overloaded with Freudian theory and long dialogues of real or imagined sexual activity, the pace and quiet suspense keeps the reader interested and involved.

Long after the covers have closed on the book, the questions about the integrity of those with whom we often must trust our lives is called into question. Mt. Misery strongly states the necessity of our being responsible for our own belief and the actions that result. It's a responsibility none of us can avoid.

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



Pat Williams
Paperback Book Reviewer

HUMANE SOCIETY



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"Laura" Female Yellow Lab, 1-2 years old, spayed.

NEWCOMERS

Steven and Tamara Bermer, daughter Sarah and sons Jesse and Kevin, Portland, Ore. He is a car mechanic.

Robert Jones, Spartan, N.C. He is a disabled veteran.

Carlos Canales and Mary Roberts, Cullman, Ala. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Carlos and Louann Flores, daughters Sylvia, Bobbie Jo

and Jessica, and son Carlos III, Seminole. He is employed by Sharp Image Well Service.

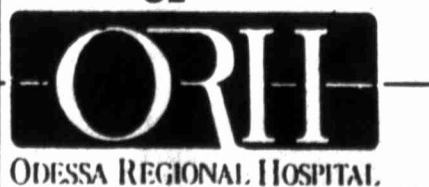
Joaquin and Debbie Rodriguez and daughter Cristal, Pampa. He works for Swift Transportation.

Don and Dody Tyler, Albuquerque, N.M. He is retired from the City of Albuquerque, and she is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Kelly G. and Sandy O'Dell, and sons Zack and Kyle, Rangely, Colo. He is employed by Conoco Inc.

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries and stork club are due in the Herald office Wednesday by noon for publication the following Sunday. The announcements must be printed on our forms, or they will be not be accepted. For a form, stop by the Herald office at 710 Scurry during regular business hours.

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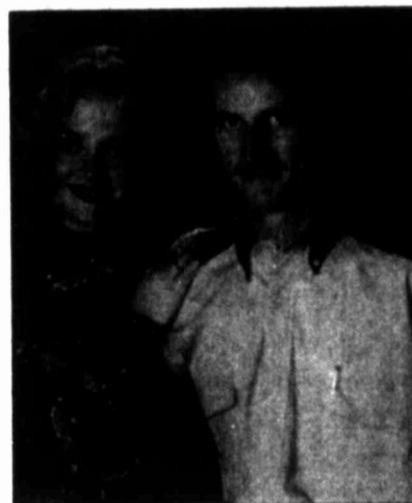
GETTING ENGAGED



Sherri Halfmann, Lubbock, and T.C. Spruiell, Tahoka, will exchange wedding vows on June 6, 1998, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Tom Barley officiating. She is the daughter of Delbert and Betty Jean Halfmann, St. Lawrence. He is the son of Jessie and Linda Spruiell, Tahoka.



Jammie Haas and Kevin Burwell, both of San Antonio, will be united in marriage on May 16, 1998, at Castle Hills Christian Church, San Antonio. She is the daughter of Leonard and Kim Haas, Katy. He is the son of Tom and Janet Burwell, San Antonio.



Beverly Jolene Cowger and Wacey Scott Moore, both of Crockett, will unite in marriage on May 23, 1998, with Carl Wayne Standley, of Grace Street Church of Christ, officiating. She is the daughter of Tonia Cowger, Lovelady. He is the son of Deborah Hanson, Big Spring, and Randy Moore, Sand Springs, and the grandson of P.E. Moore and the late Dorothy Moore, Sand Springs, Patsy and J.C. Self, Big Spring, and Marion and Charlene Hays, Westbrook.

WHO'S WHO

Jeffrey Denton, son of Terry and Vicki Denton of Big Spring, was accepted to Missouri Valley College, a four year Liberal Arts College located in Marshall, Mo. He plans to study business and play football for the Missouri Valley Vikings. His graduation date will be 2002.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Randle

Mary and Adrian Randle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 16, 1998. He was born in Ponca City, Okla., and she was born in Wellston, Okla. Adrian met Mary at Central State University, where he obtained a degree in History and Education. During their marriage, they have lived in Amarillo, Albuquerque and Lubbock before moving to Big Spring in 1955.

He retired from Texas Electric in 1987, and she retired from Fina in 1991, both having been employed by their respective companies more than 30 years. He also served in the 13th Air Force as a nose gunner on a B24 in the southwest Pacific. He and his crew flew 17 missions. While living in New Mexico they acquired an extensive collection of Indian arts and crafts, now in an area museum. Adrian and Mary have both served as Elders in the first Presbyterian Church, where he is currently on the Session. He also presently serves as trustee



ADRIAN AND MARY RANDLE

on the Howard College Board. She writes a monthly column for the Herald. They are both active in local organizations. His interests include sporting dogs, classical music and reading. Hers include gourmet cooking, knitting and gardening. They agree it takes perseverance, patience and definitely a sense of humor every day of their marriage.

Stallings



Raymond and Faye Stallings celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 4, 1998, with a trip to Las Vegas, Nev., with their son, daughter-in-law, grandson and granddaughter-in-law. He was born in the Lomax community, and she was born as Faye Newton in Big Spring. They met through mutual friends. Raymond and Faye were married on April 4, 1948, at the Westside Baptist Church in Big Spring with Rev. Cecil Rhodes officiating. They have two sons, Gary



Stallings of Tularosa, N.M., and Jim Dick Stallings, deceased, and one grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Stallings have lived in Knott, the Centerpoint community and the Moore and Fairview communities during their marriage. He is retired. Previously, Raymond farmed and drove a milk truck and did carpentry. Faye worked at the Big Spring Hardware, Ward's Western Wear, was a clerk at Howard College and the VA Hospital. They are Baptists and enjoy traveling, fishing and hunting.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pvt. Tim J. Phillips, son of Robert D. Phillips of Coahoma, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. He is a 1997 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Jason D. Canales has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station. Canales, a student at Big Spring High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on July 7. He is the son of Joe Ellen Canales, Big Spring.

Take time out for yourself.
READ

STORK CLUB

Ashley Marie Luce, girl, March 30, 1998, 8 a.m., eight pounds 14 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Brandon and Linda Luce. Grandparents are Alvin and Don Nell Luce of Coahoma, and Edline Weishuhn of LaGrange.

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WEDNESDAY-Chicken, rice, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.
THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, new potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Baked ham (frito pie), macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks w/ranch dip, rosy applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on Bun), whipped potatoes, ranch style beans, slice peaches, hot rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Lasagna, (chef salad, crackers), mixed fruit, corn apple, french bread, milk.
THURSDAY-Cheese nachos (stromboli), celery sticks w/peanut butter, chocolate cake, grapes, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza (managers choice), green beans, sliced pears, rainbow freeze, bar, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Enchiladas (Corn dogs), ranch beans, spanish rice, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Baked potato (Ham & cheese sandwich, fries), chili, cheese, milk, peach cobbler.
WEDNESDAY-BBQ chicken

(sloppy joe on bun), corn, creamed potatoes, bread, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken & spaghetti (Riblit/fries), peas, rolls, fruit, carrot sticks, milk.
FRIDAY-Tacos (burritos), beans, salad, jello w/fruit, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, corn, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Sliced turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles & onions, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Sandwiches and chips, salad, pork & beans, brownies, applesauce, milk.
FRIDAY-Steak fingers and gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, biscuits, jello, fruit, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken breast, gravy, rice, peas, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Frito pie, cheese, corn, salad, peach halves, corn chips, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, cake, hot rolls, milk.
THURSDAY-Chili-n-beans, coleslaw, cheese sticks, fruit cup, saltine crackers, milk.
FRIDAY-Sandwiches (peanut butter, pimiento cheese), fries, baked beans, cookie, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, sliced potatoes, salad, wacky cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chalupas, salad, corn, fruit or cookies, milk.
THURSDAY-Fish w/tartar

sauce, french fries, pork & beans, fruit, batter bread, milk.
FRIDAY-Fiestados, pork & beans, salad, fruit, cookies, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hot dog or burrito/chili, buttered corn, carrot/celery, mixed fruit, milk, fruit drink.
TUESDAY-Beef Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Country steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, peach cup, hot rolls, milk.
THURSDAY-Enchilada pie or steak fingers, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk.
FRIDAY-Steak burger or deli sandwich, french fries, sandwich salad, pears, cookie, fruit drink, milk.

GRADY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.
TUESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, dessert, and milk.
WEDNESDAY-Tacos, beans, fruit, dessert, and milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
FRIDAY-Frito pie, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-Beef fajitas, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Cowboy stew, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Stir-fry/meat & vegetables, pineapple, egg roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Chef salad, orange half, crackers, milk.
FRIDAY-Bar B Q on a bun, chips, salad, fruit, milk.

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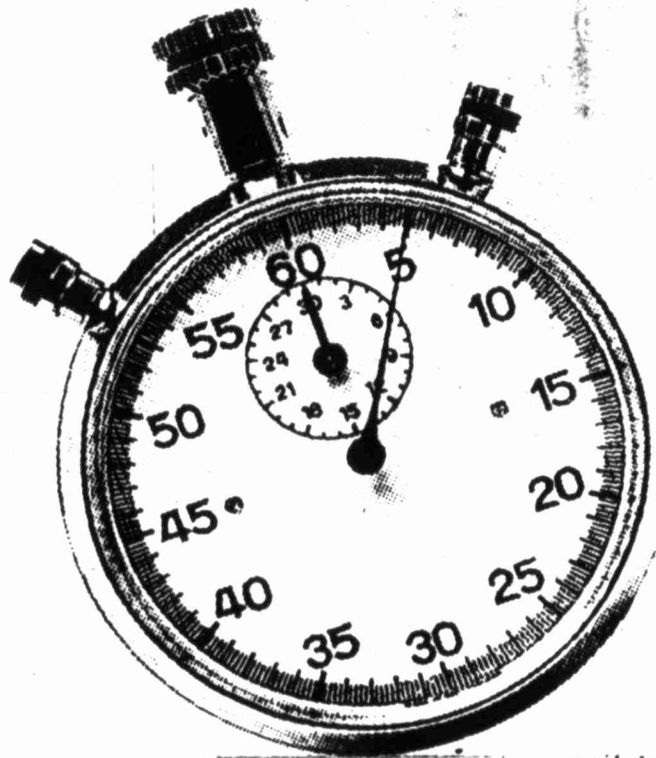
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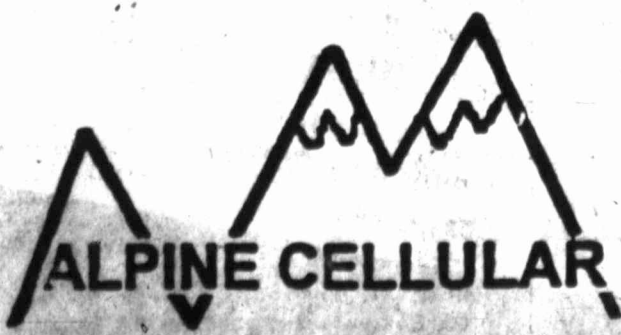
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