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Coahoma K-roude slated Wednesday; everyone is invited

Coahoma's Kindergarten Rodeo will be held Wednesday in the elementary gymnasium and everyone is invited.

The event, in its 21st year, will get under way at 9 a.m.

Quail Dobbs, Jim Bob Fellar, Dale Coates, Jody Nix and Miss Rodeo Texas Danyelle Rideout will all be part of the show. Jody Carper, professional calf roper and rodeo announcer, will lend his skills, and TU Electric's Mike Hammack and his guitar will give musical backup to Nix.

Fifty-eight kindergarten students are expected to perform.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fairbarns, noon to 5 p.m. Admission \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

WEDNESDAY

□ Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo, 9 a.m. in elementary gymnasium. Everyone welcome.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Geheological Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call 267-8542 or 267-7236.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Charles Bailey at 263-1067.

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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'Women of Kerrville' to kick off Crossroads Concert Series here

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

The second Crossroads Community Concert Series will kick off Tuesday night at 7 in the Municipal Auditorium with a troupe of performers from a world-renowned venue — the Kerrville Folk Festival.

"The Women of Kerrville," six performers who will be at the 28th annual festival later this summer, will perform for about three hours at the Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5, but a \$3 discount coupon is available at Big Spring Area Chamber of



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Commerce members or at the chamber office at Third and Gregg.

Featured performers include Alisa Fineman of Monterey Bay, Calif., Betty Elders of Austin, Emily Kaitz of Fayetteville, Ark., Barbara

Kessler of Boston, Mass. and Karen Taylor-Good and Kate Wallace, both of Nashville, Tenn.

"The program will begin at 7 with all of the performers playing in the round," explained Crossroads coordinator Dr.

Walter Lee. "They will play in the round, passing the guitars around, for about 45 minutes. After a short break, three will perform in the second set and three will perform in the third set, which will follow another brief break."

The group's Big Spring performance is their only West Texas stop, and follows shows in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin.

The tour coincides with the release of Volume 2 of "The Women of Kerrville" CD. The first volume was released three years ago by Silverwolf Records in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Kerrville Folk Festival.

In addition to the six performers Tuesday night, seven others are included on the CD, which be available for purchase at the

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MS volunteers show dedication

Despite the cold, soaking rain, walk does go on

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Organizers of the Big Spring MS Walk learned on Saturday just how dedicated their local supporters can be.

Despite cold, soaking rain throughout the morning, about 100 walkers and volunteers participated in the second annual fund-raiser. Slated to benefit sufferers of multiple sclerosis, the event began at First Baptist Church with a walk through the nearby Coronado neighborhood and Comanche Trail Park.

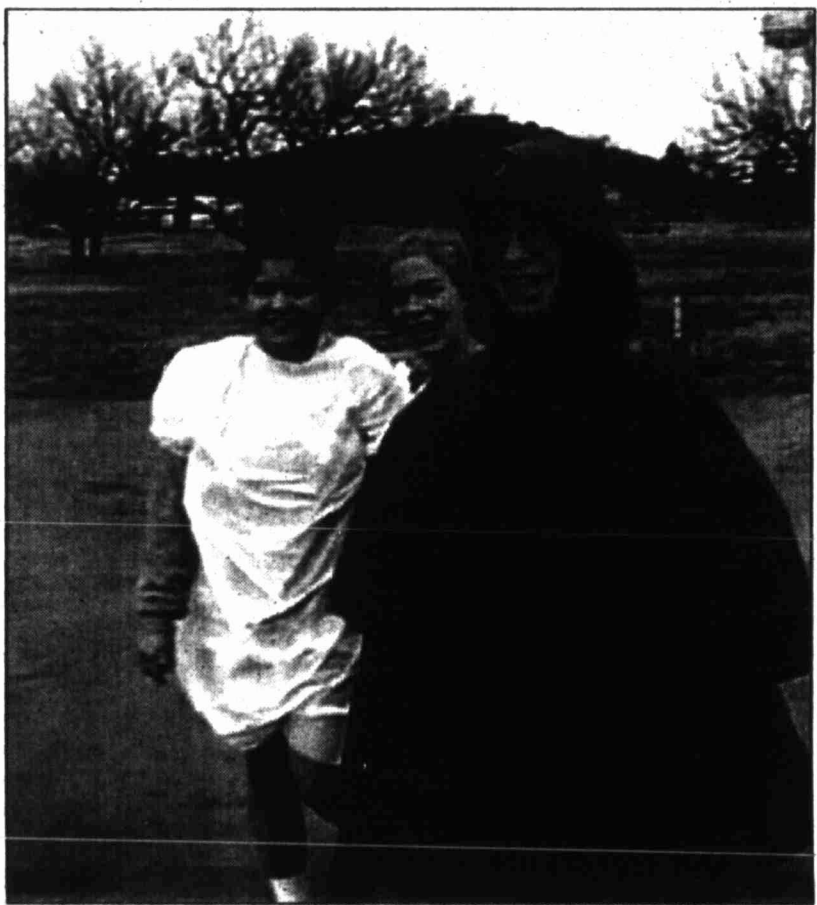
"I'm glad it's raining, we need the rain," said co-chairman Troy Tompkins, shortly after the walk began. "All I asked for was a brief let-up so we could get started, and we got that."

When registered walkers gathered after 9 a.m. in the church's Family Life Center, Tompkins gave them two options. One was to use the center's indoor walking track.

"I said if anybody wants to walk outside, there's the door," he said, "and the room cleared out. My heart skipped a beat when I realized how much they cared."

More than half the walkers chose to brave the inclement weather. Some had come prepared with sweatshirts, jackets and umbrellas. Others made armholes in trash bags and hit the streets in shorts.

"I thought nobody would



Sieglinde Robinson, Tz Marsch and Josh Hadley, left to right, were among those who participated in a soggy MS Walk Saturday morning.

show up; that's the truth," said Kathryn Miller of the West Texas Division of the MS Society, which coordinated the event. "This was the first time in our history of having these walks that it has rained like this. It just makes me want to cry that we still had so many people come. That's incredible."

Sieglinde Robinson, Tz Marsch and Josh Hadley were among those who didn't let a little rain stop them from strolling outdoors.

"We think it's a good cause," said Robinson, who was representing the Big Spring High School student council.

"It's still fun," agreed Hadley, who was walking for the high school's one-act play team. "It's really more exciting this way."

Money raised won't be tabulated until May 10, when prizes will be distributed to the top fundraisers. But Miller said just from looking at pledge

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Spring rain

Showers prompt smiles on faces across county; more could be in forecast

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Saturday's showers had local farmers smiling.

"I've been happy all day; this is so nice," said Horace Tubbs, who collected 1.2 inches by mid-afternoon at one of his rain gauges south of Big Spring, and 1.1 at another. "It fell just right, and couldn't be better."

Farmers said the gentle, soaking rain was just what they needed.

"I hope it keeps this up all day," said Donnie Reid of Coahoma, who had just under an inch in his gauge by midday. "This is sure going to help."

Reid added that he expected good reports from other areas of the Crossroads Country. "I drove around a little bit, and it looks like about the same everywhere."

Dennis Fuchs of St. Lawrence collected 1.25 inches in his gauge by Saturday afternoon, and was looking for more.

"I hear thunder in the distance," he said, "maybe we're looking at some more rain soon."



REID

Travis Pate in Garden City collected 1.45 inches before 4 p.m., while Boyce Hale recorded .88 at his gauge on Wasson Road and 1.3 inches on Center Point Road in that time.

Van Gaskins of Knott said by Saturday afternoon he had collected about an inch in Knott, and had reports of a half inch falling just to the north.

"Just let it keep raining," he said.

From National Weather Service predictions, it looked like farmers might get their wish late Saturday.

NWS meteorologist Rich Naden said there was a 70 percent chance of more rain Saturday night, and a 30 percent chance it would continue into Sunday morning.

"We should see fog and drizzle Sunday morning," he said Saturday afternoon. "The best chance for rain is now, through tonight."

By Sunday afternoon, the chance of rain is expected to disappear, replaced by partly cloudy skies.

"We're not expecting to see a lot of sun the next 48 hours," Naden said, "for a change."

In contrast to most Crossroads Country farmers' reports of an inch or more, the Midland International Airport recorded .56 inch of rain by 4 p.m. Saturday.

FCI satellite camp to get closer scrutiny after inmate walk-offs

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

For the second time in three weeks, an inmate has walked away from a Federal Correctional Institution minimum security satellite camp.

As a result, prison officials are implementing some extra measures.

Hector J. Gonzalez, 30, was discovered missing at the 10:15 p.m. inmate count Thursday,

said Mike Morris, alternate public information officer with FCI.

"Inmate Gonzalez is a native of Laredo, he was sentenced from Laredo courts, and he has no history of violence and poses no apparent threat to the community," Morris said.

United State Marshals have been notified, as well as local law enforcement agencies, he said.

Gonzalez is described as a 5'11" Hispanic male, brown eyes

and brown hair, weighing about 190 pounds. He arrived at the Big Spring camp Jan. 12, 1999, sentenced to 87 months for possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Morris said with time served and earned good time, Gonzalez was eligible for parole with a projected release date of Sept. 25, 2004.

Once apprehended and returned to custody, Hernandez may face escape charges as well, Morris said.

"And maybe a couple of more charges. He will never be eligible for a minimum security camp again. And if they've got to do time, it is easier to do it at a camp," Morris said.

A number of programs are available to inmates at the satellite camp, such as drug rehabilitation programs, life skills classes that teach change, and high school and college classes.

Most of the 170 inmates in the satellite prison, as well as the low security system, are incar-

cerated on drug-related charges, Morris said.

This is the second walk-away escape from the satellite camp this month.

On March 8, inmate Daniel Renteria-Nunez from Odessa walked away from the camp, which has no fences and no gates. Authorities are continuing to search for him, Morris said.

In response to these incidents,

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Rattlesnake Roundup draws good crowd, in spite of rain; event continues at noon today

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Hundreds of local residents took refuge from Saturday's storms in a snake pit.

The Howard County Fair Barns were transformed for the weekend into temporary homes for dozens of slimy, slithering creatures. The AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup continues today from noon to 4 p.m.

AMBUCS member and retired snake handler Wayne Pierce said the event drew a good crowd Saturday.

"It was a lot better than we expected," he said, "especially when it was just drizzling, not pouring down. When it's like that, there's nothing else you can do."

The 28th annual event, as

always, brought out the curious.

"We just thought we'd take the kids out to see it," said Gary Brooks, who has visited the roundup in past years. "My (10-year-old) son really loves it. We all think it's interesting."

Even his 15-year-old stepdaughter, Amber Gillaspia, was fascinated by the rattlers and their handlers.

"I think it's pretty neat," she said, watching a young woman skin headless rattlers and collect the meat for cooking.

Kim Alexander, who has skinned snakes at the show for several years, drove from Odessa Saturday morning to participate.

"It's fun," she said, adding

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Ken Darnell collects venom from the fangs of a rattlesnake during the AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday at Howard County Fairbarns. The Rattlesnake Roundup has been going on since 1962. The show, along with an arts and crafts show, continues today from noon-4 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Louise Koger

Mary Louise Koger, 80, Big Spring, died on Thursday, March 25, 1999, in a local nursing center.

She was born on March 17, 1919, in Big Spring to Camille Galloway Inkman and Will W. Inkman.

She graduated from Texas Tech in 1940, where she met her future husband, M.R. (Frog) Koger. They were married on Dec. 21, 1940, in Big Spring, and he preceded her in death on March 18, 1995. She taught in the Big Spring school system for over 25 years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Karon Passow of El Paso; two granddaughters, Jennifer Passow of Austin, and Susan Passow of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, W.W. "Bill" Inkman of Big Spring; and one sister, Camille Boykin of Dallas.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

The body will be cremated and no public services are planned.

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

Paid obituary

W.R. "Dub" Purser

W.R. "Dub" Purser, 76, Big Spring, died on Thursday, March 25, 1999, in a local hospital. Service will be 4 p.m. Monday, March 29, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Carroll Kohl, of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, officiating.



PURSER

Military graveside rites will follow at Trinity Memorial Park by Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1922, in Big Spring, and married Katie Faye Randell on Nov. 30, 1945, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 1992.

He was raised and attended school in Stanton, graduating from Stanton High School. He served his country during World War II in the 391st Bombardment Group of the 332nd Bomb Squadron and was stationed in Ipswich, England. He was a turret gunner on a B17 Flying Fortress when it was shot down over Germany in April of 1944, on his 13th mission. He was held captive for 13 months in Stalag 17B in Krems,

Austria. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and an Air Medal.

Mr. Purser had 2,591 hours of volunteer service at the VAMC and the family wishes to give special thanks to John Webb and all members of the Permian Basin Ex-POW Chapter.

He was a Methodist. Survivors include: two sons and one daughter-in-law, Rick and Debra Purser of Big Spring, and William R. Purser, Jr. of Napa, Calif.; one daughter, Beverly Van Gundy of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Nora Kennedy of Grass Valley, Calif.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Oren Albright, Russell Howle, Dean Leyerly, Jiggs McCombs, Buck Turner and Ernie Boyd. Honorary pallbearers will be all other Permian Basin Ex-POW's.

The family suggests memorials to the Permian Basin Chapter of Ex-POW's; 2711 Lynn, Big Spring.

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Paid obituary

Howard "Skeeter" Salisbury

Howard "Skeeter" Salisbury, 78, Big Spring, died on Thursday, March 25, 1999, in a local hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 29, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



SALISBURY

He was born on April 22, 1920, in North Ridgeville, Ohio, and married Ruth Thomas on June 7, 1944, in Big Spring.

He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School and after that he served in Sapan. Mr. Salisbury started his career at Hall-Bennett Hospital in Big Spring. He lived in Fort Stockton for 21 years where he was administrator of the Pecos County Hospital before retiring. After retirement, he moved back to Big Spring and again worked for Hall-Bennett Hospital for a number of years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Couples Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Downtown Lions Club, was past president of the Council on Aging and was a volunteer and delivered Meals on Wheels for 17 years. He was also a member of the Big Spring Squares.

Survivors include: his wife, Ruth Salisbury of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and Brian Gilley of Midland, Betty and Dan Kithcart of Phoenix, Ariz., and Kay and Steve Castle of Midland; one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Susan Salisbury of Bellevue, Wash.; one sister, Laura Bainbridge of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Don Miller, Joe Clark, D.A. Thurman, E.L. Terry, Wayne Bonner and J.C. Kelly.

The family suggests memorials to: First United Methodist Church; P.O. Box 1229; Big Spring; 79721-1229 or the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Carolina Estrada

Carolina Flores Estrada, 79, Sterling City, died Sunday, March 21, 1999. Services have already been held.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1919, in Big Spring and had been a resident of Sterling City for 50 years. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include: five sons, Pedro Estrada of San Angelo, Enrique Estrada of Sterling City, Edward Estrada of San Antonio, Felipe Estrada and Ramon Estrada, both of Sonora; six daughters, Cruz Salazar,

Lupe Castillo, both of Big Spring, Rosa E. Montez, Alicia E. Moreno, both of San Antonio, Adela E. DeHoyos and Theresa Sanchez, both of Sterling City; a brother, Johnny Flores of Big Spring; three sisters, Erlinda Lujan, Maria Marin, both of Big Spring, and Matilda Reyes of San Marcos; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Ross Funeral Home, Sterling City.

Sylvia Ramirez Holguin

Funeral mass for Sylvia Ramirez Holguin, Homestead, Fla., will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, 1999, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Ms. Holguin died Sunday, March 12, in Miami, Fla. She was born on July 7, 1968, in Fort Morgan, Colo. She was a waitress.

Survivors include: three sons, Manuel Holguin, Jr., and Joe Luis Holguin, both of Coahoma, and Raul Angel Ramirez of Midland; her mother, Carmen Baeza of Midland; her father, Santos Ramirez, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Santos Ramirez III of Midland; and five sisters, Jessie Ramirez, Santa Maria Ramirez, Crystal Jean Ramirez, Monica Lee Ramirez, all of Midland, and Inez Ramirez of Homestead, Fla.

Arrangements under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel, Stanton.

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show. They include the Burns Sisters of Ithaca, N.Y.; Dee Carstensen of New York City; Cosy Sheridan of Moab, Utah; Katy Moffatt of Studio City, Calif.; Sally Fingerette of Columbus, Ohio; Anne Hills of Bethlehem, Pa.; Amilia Spencer of Los Angeles and Pele Julu, an eight-member, all-female group from Santa Cruz, Calif.

In addition to music being available for purchase from each of the artists performing Tuesday night, the concert will offer the first 1999 Kerrville Folk Festival brochures, posters and tickets.

The concert is underwritten by the Big Spring Cultural Affairs Council with support from Best Western of Big Spring.

MS WALK

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sheets turned in Saturday. The event looked to be a great success.

"We don't have the same numbers as last year, but the money is going to be great," she said. "We've got some big money raisers."

PRISON

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FCI personnel have decided to place the perimeter of the exercise area where inmates might walk in the evening closer to the camp.

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And increased counting procedures are being implemented. Prior to this incident, evening counts were given at 4 p.m. and again at 10:15 p.m.

"And our best defense against this sort of thing happening is to screen inmates properly so that those we have here won't walk off," Morris said.

He added that most inmates who escape are generally caught, because the lifestyle and choices that led to their original incarceration is resumed as soon as they reenter society.

"It may take several months, but they always do something that will somehow get them themselves caught," Morris said.

SNAKES

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that her dad, Ray Alexander, is a member of the American Business Club (AMBUCS).

"I've been around snakes ever since I was little," said the younger Alexander. "It sure came in handy when I went to Girl Scout camp and they called for somebody to come and kill a snake."

Snake "drainer" Ken Darnell of Portal, Ariz., showed his skill at removing snake venom from their fangs, sometimes called "milking."

"This venom will be used to develop new drugs to break up blood clots, prevent heart attacks, things like that," he told the gathered crowd.

Along with the smell of frying rattlesnake meat, the barn was filled with the low buzz of hundreds of rattles. For the most part, observers watched in silence.

Pierce said the snakes are kept several feet away from the crowd at all times, and the "scare" is saved for the showmanship of professionals. But, as he worked his 25th roundup, Pierce reflected on the experiences of past years.

"When I started, I was terrified of snakes," he said. Recently, he was the subject of a "retirement ceremony" from snake handling, at which he crawled out of a sleeping bag filled with the reptiles.

"I'm not as quick as I used to be," he said, watching this year's action. "I was pushing my luck. Maybe I pushed my luck just far enough."

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

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

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom. Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-

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5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. They will also meet Monday, March 15, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner. For more information call 398-5522.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. T.A.M.I meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally III meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) for further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

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•MAXWELL WALKUP, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of McEwen.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 700 block of W I-20.

•LEROY HUNT, 54, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2600 block of Wason, 500 block of E. 18th, 800 and 900 block of W. Seventh.

•SHOTS FIRED was reported at Second and Donely, the 800 block of Douglas and the 2400 block of Merrily.

POLICE

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WASHINGTON
Troubled by the depiction of the domes natural gas industry lawmakers trained Friday on a U.N. program that permit add millions of barr an already oversup ket.

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AUSTIN (AP) — H students seeking per pray or hold "solemn emonies before football games have won the support of Gov. George W. Bush.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court's decision allowing limited prayer at graduation cerem

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House members fault United Nations humanitarian program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Troubled by the depressed condition of the domestic oil and natural gas industry, Oil Patch lawmakers trained their ire Friday on a U.N. humanitarian program that permits Iraq to add millions of barrels of oil to an already oversupplied market.

At a hearing of the House Commerce energy and power subcommittee, Republican and Democratic lawmakers assailed a U.N. policy that allows Iraq to sell oil for food and medicine, saying the program may harm American producers while not meeting the United States' stated aim of removing Saddam Hussein from power.

"I for one am suspicious of this program," said Rep. Ralph Hall of Texas, the top Democrat on the subcommittee. "It appears to be born out of an appropriate humane consideration, but may be disruptive of worldwide crude oil markets and could spawn a lot of abuse."

Said Rep. Wes Watkins, R-Okla.: "It's a failed policy for our people and our country."

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But a State Department official, who came in for some sharp questioning, defended the policy, saying elimination of the oil-for-food program would lead to erosion of support within the worldwide community for continued sanctions against Iraq.

"The sanctions deprive Saddam of the revenue he would otherwise use to reconstruct his weapons of mass destruction," said Bill Wood, State Department principal deputy assistant secretary. "It is essential that we address the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people. Doing so is right in itself, but also crucial to maintaining Security Council, regional and other international support for the sanctions while

we continue our efforts to change the Iraqi regime."

Economic sanctions were imposed by the U.N. Security Council in 1990 to punish Iraq for invading Kuwait. To ease the sanctions' devastating effect on the Iraqi people, the U.N. launched the oil-for-food program in 1996.

France has called for an end to the oil embargo, prompting the administration to counter with a proposal in January that would expand the oil-for-food program.

That program comes up for Security Council review in May. Congress has no direct say in whether it continues, but some lawmakers are pressuring the administration to seek changes or an end to the policy.

Under the program, Iraq is allowed to sell up to \$10.4 billion in oil annually, with the proceeds directed by the U.N. for purchases of food, medicine and infrastructure.

Iraq, which is producing about 2.5 million barrels per day, has not neared that \$10.4 billion ceiling.

Administration officials from Energy Secretary Bill Richardson on down contend that the Iraqi production has a negligible impact on U.S. oil prices, which have been in a serious slump for well over a year. Yet congressional Republicans note that when OPEC recently proposed cutting production by an amount similar to Iraq's output, worldwide crude prices rose nearly \$2 a barrel.

The domestic energy industry has shrunk by some 50,000 jobs in the last year or so and producers have shuttered more than 136,000 marginal oil wells that individually produce less than 15 barrels daily but collectively account for a fifth of domestic production.

The oil-for-food program is "fundamentally flawed. It is adverse to the interests of Texas producers and domestic producers across the country," Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams said after his appearance before the subcommittee. "It ought to be either eliminated or significantly changed."

Legislation seeks to impose a fee on imported crude oil

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Legislation introduced by U.S. Representatives Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas) and Wes Watkins (R-Okla.) would impose an "environmental Equalization fee" on imported crude oil.



STENHOLM

"Many foreign nations do not impose the same stringent environmental requirements on their energy industries that the U.S. does," Stenholm said when introducing the bill.

The legislation would set fees on imported crude oil and refined products at the level of cost domestic producers spend on compliance with federal environmental regulations.

"Certainly, it is important that we protect our environment and preserve our land, water and air for future generations; however, the failure of foreign nations to create similar requirements puts our domestic industry at a severe disadvantage in the marketplace."

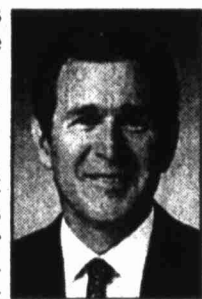
The legislation directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study to determine the current environmental compliance costs for domestic production. That information would then be used to access the environmental equalization fee on imported oil.

Stenholm said it is estimated the environmental equalization fee would amount to \$3 to \$4 per barrel on imported crude oil.

"Our proposal would seek to create a more level playing field for America's independent oil and gas producers," said Watkins.

Gov. Bush asks federal appeals court to reconsider prayer ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — High school students seeking permission to pray or hold "solemnizing" ceremonies before football games have won the support of Gov. George W. Bush.



BUSH

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court's decision allowing limited prayer at graduation ceremonies, but

ruled out the prayers or other solemnizing ceremonies before football games.

Bush, who recently formed a presidential exploratory committee, filed Friday with the state attorney a brief supporting a Houston-area school district that was sued in 1995 by parents who claimed football game prayers violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

The Santa Fe school district's policy allows graduating students to choose by secret ballot whether to have an invocation

and benediction as part of their graduation ceremony, Attorney General John Cornyn said. A similar policy was used for football games.

In its 2-1 decision, the federal appellate court noted a previous ruling that prayer is appropriate at such solemn events as graduation but that football games are "hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer."

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the governor "supports the right of students

to participate in the free exercise of religion, a right which is guaranteed under the Constitution."

"And he believes government should not dictate or censor the content of student-led prayer," McClellan said.

Cornyn, like Bush a Republican, said limiting graduation ceremony invocations or benediction prayers to "nonsectarian" or "nonproselytizing" prayers will force school officials to censor them.

"The decision asks the state to decide what type of prayer

should be allowed. To ask the state to supervise religious speech is clearly unconstitutional," Cornyn said.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Anthony Griffin said he wasn't surprised state officials are joining the legal battle over prayer.

"Maybe football is sacred in Texas," Griffin said.

"It's frightening to me that we now use religious stuff hypocritically and we ignore that this is a diverse society ... we shouldn't do that in our public schools."

Lisa A. Brown, an attorney for the school district, said the pre-game ceremony policy was not designed to necessarily mean prayer.

"The state is not requiring students to pray, promote or encourage it. It is simply a neutral policy to allow students to choose to design the pre-game ceremony," Ms. Brown said.

"It allows all type of speech. Prayer is just one kind of message the students can give," she said.

Although only three judges

Lt. Gov. Perry wants special commission to examine all aspects of higher education

AUSTIN (AP) — Every aspect of higher education will be up for examination by a proposed special commission that will focus on accessibility, affordability and giving students the skills they need to succeed, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said Friday.

"Everything will be on the table," Perry said of the proposed Special Commission on 21st Century Colleges and Universities.

"I'm a big proponent of higher education. ... This will give higher education a platform in which to not only talk about the really good things they've done, but what they can and should do in the next 100 years," he said. "What wants that may be there, certainly those will be up for discussion, too."

Perry, a Republican, said he will work with House Speaker Pete Laney and other lawmakers

on how best to structure the commission, which he said likely will be named in June and then report to the 2001 Legislature.

"We must continue to look closely at what we are doing in all areas of higher education and make sure we don't lose momentum as we approach the 21st century. Certainly this is of great concern to many legislators, and I look forward to work-

ing with Lieutenant Governor Perry on this issue," said Laney, D-Hale Center.

Universities, community colleges and technical institutions all will be examined for ways to improve effectiveness and efficiency, Perry said. Funding will be among the issues studied, he said.

"The community colleges, for instance, I think have a substantial opportunity to be better

utilized in the state of Texas. ... All of the institutions out there I think need to be analyzed for how can we best utilize them and how do we fund them," he said.

The commission should look at such things as the "proper scope and mission for each institution, whether Texas is getting the most for its money and the best ways to recruit faculty and attract students, he

said.

With lifelong learning in mind, Perry said the panel also should look at such things as night and weekend classes and computerized "virtual universities" for people who work, have children at home or live in rural areas.

Perry added that he would like to bring experts in from across the country to give input.

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OUR VIEWS

Ballapalooza: good time for a good cause

As the "Ballapalooza" set for Saturday draws nearer, improvements continue to be made at the Roy Anderson Complex. Sadly, anyone who hasn't had reason to visit the complex recently in the last couple of years probably won't be able to recognize just how far-reaching the changes have been.

But those who attend Saturday's activities, which begin with softball and ragball tournament play at 8 a.m. and a Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30, will probably get some idea of what city officials and a long list of volunteers have in mind.

Once a cause of frustration for those who used the facility, the Junior League baseball program and Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association teams, the complex is taking on a decidedly new and improved look.

What's more, things are continuing to change, thanks to the volunteer efforts of several local businesses, members of the Chamber of Commerce's Sports Committee and the City of Big Spring.

And that's why officials have scheduled "Ballapalooza 1999."

More than just a 20-team softball and 12-team ragball tournament, Ballapalooza will not only raise funds for youth sports programs and more improvements to the complex, but to give the public a chance to experience first-hand what's taking place at the facility.

By the time play begins in both tournaments, organizers hope to have scoreboards on the playing fields operational. Bleachers have been refurbished and will be in the process of being covered; 44 panels of chain link fencing have been replaced; and the concession stand and restrooms building have been repaired.

Seven new light fixtures have been installed on standards and every light on the complex's fields has been replaced, as well.

Such improvements might not draw interest from a large segment of the community, but the Easter Egg Hunt and other activities should.

While teams are playing their games, carnival booths will offer a number of games, face-painting and the like. Concessions will serve food throughout the day and a stage will provide a venue for a number of local acts to perform.

We encourage members of the community to not only get involved in joining businesses that are making donations for the event, but to set aside some time to go out to the complex and enjoy Saturday's festivities.

We'll be there and hope you will, too.

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Kosovar conflict has centuries-old roots

It may be impossible to forgive the systematic ethnic cleansing by Serbian forces that has forced more than 400,000 ethnic Albanians from their homes in Kosovo. But it is possible to understand this senseless slaughter — by going back more than 600 years.

To grasp the stubborn defiance of Serbian despot Slobodan Milosevic requires a step back in time, to a crowded meeting hall in Kosovo in 1987.

Milosevic was just another unknown Communist operative on the spring night that he addressed a crowd of Serbs who had come to air their gripes about the Albanian majority in that province.

Outside, a crowd of Serbs were trying to gain entry to the packed meeting hall when Kosovo police began beating them back. Milosevic put an end to it with the cry: "Nobody will ever beat you again!"

This incautious stoking of Serb nationalism may have been the cry that kicked off the long, bloody civil war that raged through Bosnia-

Herzegovina and Croatia until 1994. It was also the night Milosevic found the voice that would carry him to power — and transform this bureaucrat into a butcher who sent his troops into Kosovo to enforce a scorched-earth policy that has left almost a quarter of the population homeless.

But like everything in the troubled Balkans, the Kosovo story goes back much further. For although Kosovo is nearly 90 percent ethnic Albanian, this tiny province is considered by many Serbs to be the cradle of their culture.

"Kosovo is Jerusalem to the Serbs," one Serbian nationalist explained to us last year. "It is the holy grail. It is the place of pilgrimage. It is the place which stirs our hearts and souls."

Kosovo was, indeed, the cradle of ancient Serbia. In the most celebrated battle in Serbian history, it was there, in 1389, that their grand hero Prince Lazar fell to the Ottoman Turks — the last effort to hold back the invading army.

A giant monument to Lazar and the Serbians who died in that fight drew a pilgrimage of more than 1 million Serbs in 1989, the 600th anniversary of the struggle. It was called the Battle of Kosovo Polje, the Field of Blackbirds. The losses were so great on both sides that it is said birds picked on the corpses for months.

In the 20th century, however, ethnic Albanians managed to conquer this Serbian province by sheer dint of population. With the highest birth rate in Europe, Albanians have grown steadily over the decades as a percentage of the population, even as Belgrade retained political control over the province.

The pot began to boil last winter, when the rag-tag Kosovo Liberation Army began its fight for independence against Milosevic's crackdown in that region. Ironically, ethnic Albanians enjoyed far more autonomy when Yugoslavia was under Communist rule than they did under Milosevic's iron fist. As part of his nationalist campaign for a "greater Serbia," Milosevic has been brutal in suppressing all attempts and independence by the Albanian majority.

After months of careful negotiations, the United Nations managed to broker a cease-fire last October. But that fizzled in January, when Milosevic launched his scorched-earth offensive to wipe out the Albanian resistance, a campaign that's cost hundreds of innocent civilian lives and produced hundreds of thousands of refugees.

The cease-fire broken, NATO and the United States had virtually no choice but to intervene. Had the slaughter continued, a nightmare scenario could have ensued featuring neighboring Macedonia and

Albania joining the battle on behalf of their ethnic cousins. Had Serbia responded by sending its troops into Macedonia, it could have thrown Greece and Turkey into the mix.

Before long, a regional ethnic squabble could sow the seeds of a continent-wide bloodbath with worldwide implications.

Reports from Russia are that thousands of Muscovites have called to volunteer for battle against the NATO forces. Anti-Western sentiment is already deep in Russia, in part because that country is once again groveling to international authorities for money to pay its debts.

Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, scheduled to visit the United States this week, turned around mid-flight when he heard of the NATO plans to bomb. It remains extremely unlikely that Russia would enter the fray on Serbia's behalf — yet the bombing is sure to inflame nationalist sentiment in a country already soured on Western-style reforms.

The questions now remaining are the same ones confronted by policymakers when they sent troops to Bosnia in 1994: How long will the troops remain in Kosovo to keep the peace, and what will happen once they're gone?

More importantly — can there be peace in the Balkans while Milosevic and his plans for "greater Serbia" are still in power?



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Tracing the magic of the silver screen

Charlie Lambert on movies is Jacques Cousteau on the sea. An authority, but one who appreciates both fact and emotion. Cousteau once said, "The greatest resource of the ocean is not material but the boundless spring of inspiration and well-being we gain from her." Ditto, the deep blue world of movies.

When he speaks of the "escape of the dark theater," Charlie, 55, has passion in his voice. The Memphis, Tenn., man is only nine movies shy of a goal he set when he was a lonely teenager.

In 1959, Charlie wrote the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and asked for a list of all the Oscar nominees in the top six categories: best picture, best director, best actress, best actor, best sup-

porting actress, best supporting actor. He was determined to find them, to watch them.

"I thought it would be easy, that eventually I'd see all of them," he says: This was before movies and movie channels on TV, before video stores. This was 40 years ago.

Today, four decades and 1,000 movies later, after traveling all over the country and several times overseas for screenings, there remain nine blanks in the careful records he's kept since he was a child. Copies of some of those nine films may not exist. Yet Charlie persists.

It started so long ago, in the old Bristol Theater in Memphis. Movies were a dime. For 10 pennies you got a double feature, a serial, previews and cartoons. You stayed from 2 to 11, eating popcorn and Holloway's Milk Duds, laughing with friends. (When, as a grown-up, Charlie found "Jungle Raiders" on video, he forced himself to watch the 15 episodes serial-style, one a week for 15 weeks. "It was a hokey thing.")

His most vivid early memories are movie-related. Of seeing in a theater lobby the advertisement for "Singin' in

the Rain." Of watching the uplifting "On Moonlight Bay" with Doris Day.

But the 1954 re-release of "Gone With the Wind" was high tide for Charlie. The Loew's where it played had marble steps that went up into the lobby, then down into comforting darkness. Charlie climbed up and down those steps 12 times in 1954. When he read there was no actual screenplay, he vowed to memorize all the lines and write them down. He still has the notebook where he tried.

The "GWTW" habit, like his Oscar obsession, has lasted. While he was a soldier in Saigon, his informed, passionate letter to a newspaper columnist back home caused MGM to offer him a private showing of the classic any time, anywhere, upon his return. While a law student, Charlie was at a fraternity party at the Peabody Hotel. He heard someone mention that Evelyn Keyes, who played one of Scarlett's sisters, was next door throwing a birthday party for Don Ameche.

"My meeting with Evelyn Keyes lasted all of about 10 seconds. I marched right up to her

and told her how excited I was to meet her, how I loved 'Gone With the Wind.' She said, 'You have no business being here, whatsoever, let me show you to the door.'"

He's seen "GWTW" 108 times, not counting video. He saw it once in Australia, where they ran a trailer explaining the Civil War. His only daughter's name is Tara.

Film historians know Charlie and often help with his search. He's viewed movies in the archives of the Museum of Modern Art, the British Film Institute and the Library of Congress. He first saw his favorite, "All About Eve," on TV.

Lawyer Charlie worked in Washington for 25 years with the Treasury Department. He loves travel and his church and, though retired, still does free-lance legal work. His life is full, and he's not just some movie nut.

But he would give almost anything to see 1934's "The White Parade," nominated for best picture and starring Loretta Young. (It's the most recent of the missing nine.)

And some fine day he may attend the Oscars.



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Clinton pledges to 'defuse a powder keg' but rules out ground troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Saturday the United States and its allies are determined to "defuse a powder keg at the heart of Europe," but military officials questioned whether air power alone could stop Yugoslavia's attacks on its ethnic Albanian minority in Kosovo.

The White House again ruled out the use of American ground troops.

Minutes after the broadcast of Clinton's weekly radio address, a U.S. Navy ship fired two Tomahawk cruise missiles at what a defense official called "targets of opportunity" near Belgrade, touching off the fourth consecutive day of airstrikes.

"Serb troops have continued attacks on unarmed men, women and children — that is all the more reason for us to stay the course," Clinton said. "We must and we will contin-

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—President Clinton

ue until Serbia's leader, Slobodan Milosevic, accepts peace or we have seriously damaged his capacity to make war."

The White House moved to dampen speculation that Yugoslavia's accelerated operations in Kosovo had sparked planning for sending in ground forces.

National Security Council

spokesman David Leavy reaffirmed the administration's stance against sending in U.S. troops.

Clinton's national security team shares the president's judgment "that we can accomplish our objective through air power," he said.

But that conclusion was challenged by the former supreme allied commander in Europe. Now-retired Army Gen. George Joulwan, architect of the U.S. peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, said that it was time to begin precise targeting of Serb personnel in Kosovo and for NATO leaders to develop a strategy for using troops.

"What always happens is the political decision (to use ground troops) always comes late," Joulwan said on CNN.

He said the Clinton administration and NATO should approve "prudent planning for a ground campaign ... so when

that time comes, we're ready."

Authorization from member countries is required for NATO even to begin contingency planning for an offensive ground campaign.

For the Clinton administration, the intensified Serb attacks on the Kosovo's Albanians represented both a political asset and a liability: an asset because Clinton could point to human rights violations as justification for the strikes; a liability because the repression raised questions about the ability of air power to halt "ethnic cleansing."

"In the near term, although we can degrade it, we can affect it, we can reduce his ability to use his security forces to kill civilians, we can't stop it," said a senior Pentagon official who spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity.

From NATO headquarters in Brussels, alliance spokesman

Jamie Shea sought to lower expectations about how much airstrikes could do.

"I'm not pretending to you that we are in a situation to prevent every isolated incident of brutality," Shea said. "It's not possible from the air."

Reports of human rights abuses, of men pulled from homes and taken away, of columns of refugees at Serb gunpoint, continued to flow from Kosovo Saturday, but neither the White House nor NATO could confirm

the details.

Leavy said reconnaissance efforts were under way to verify allegations of fresh Serb aggression against the Kosovars. He said U.S. officials would turn over any evidence of war crimes to the U.N. Tribunal for possible prosecution.

Some 12,000 NATO ground troops, are in Macedonia training for entry into Kosovo as part of a peace settlement, but not as an offensive force intended to do battle.

Social Security reform may not happen soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans last week pushed through Congress a budget blueprint that would set aside for Social Security the bulk of coming government surpluses, such as President Clinton wants.

But lawmakers are no closer to agreement on an overall plan to strengthen the nation's retirement system. Some even are doubting that Republicans and Democrats can reach agreement this year.

"I'd say there's less than a 50 percent chance," said Rep. Nick Smith of Michigan, a leading Republican advocate of Social Security reform.

Clinton and congressional Republicans generally agree that the portion of government surpluses that comes from Social Security taxes from workers' paychecks — rather than from income taxes — should not fund other programs or tax cuts.

Both also propose the money could go toward paying down

the government's public debt.

That is a good start, say prominent economists including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Paying down the debt to private bondholders likely would help the economy grow and make it easier for the nation to support increasing numbers of senior citizens.

But Greenspan, at a private meeting with a handful of House members last week, repeated warnings that a difficult choice still looms: whether to devote more money to programs for the elderly in the future, both Social Security and Medicare, or to cut retirement benefits.

"It's got to be somewhat more than taking some of the surplus now and setting it aside," said Smith, who attended the meeting.

Even before they get to such difficult choices, however, Republicans and Democrats already face political tensions over their differences on the first step, what to do with the

surplus.

Among those differences: how much of the surplus immediately would be off-limits and whether to make specific commitments to Social Security and Medicare in conjunction with debt reduction.

Republicans have attacked Clinton for seeking to spend about \$50 billion of the Social Security surplus on other things in his 2000 budget, which includes increases in education and defense spending.

"That's wrong, and this will put a stop to it once and for all," Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., said of the competing GOP budget proposal. It passed the House and Senate on mostly party-line votes Thursday.

The GOP hopes to gain political advantage with that message. The Republican National Committee, testing it in a recent poll, found that most Americans agree "it would be reckless and wrong to spend the money on anything other than Social Security."

Administration officials say, however, the money spent on other things would be made up to Social Security later in the president's 15-year budget plan, when surplus income taxes are expected to become available. In 2000, the budget surplus will come solely from Social Security taxes.

Also, Democrats note that in the long run, Clinton would devote an additional \$700 billion to Medicare from the surpluses expected to come from income taxes.

Many Republican lawmakers instead favor income tax cuts once those income-tax surpluses become available.

"The Republicans want it both ways. They promise big tax cuts, and they say they are keeping money for Social Security and Medicare," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

Further, Democrats say the preliminary GOP budget outline makes no specific financial commitments to Social Security and Medicare.

After daring prosecutors and jurors, Kevorkian has been convicted of murder

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian made a video of himself killing a man and dared prosecutors to charge him. Then he ordered jurors to convict him if they looked at him and saw a murderer.

They did.

Now after participating in what he says are more than 130 suicides over nine years, the 70-year-old crusader for assisted suicide and euthanasia faces the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison.

The jury convicted Kevorkian of second-degree murder Friday in the Sept. 17 death of 52-year-old Thomas Youk, who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease, rejecting Kevorkian's argument that "there are certain acts that by sheer common sense are not crimes."

Prosecutor David Gorcyca said state guidelines call for a minimum of 10 to 25 years. Kevorkian's defense attorney said he would ask for no prison time. Kevorkian was also convicted of delivery of a controlled substance, which has a maximum penalty of seven years in prison.

Kevorkian escaped a first-degree murder conviction, which would have sent him to prison for life without possibility of parole. He told The Oakland Press of Pontiac that the verdict wasn't rational.

"Manslaughter, I could understand how they would arrive at that. But murder? This? They must have been an astonishingly cruel jury," he said. "I got what I wanted — a conviction. Why? That proves how corrupt the society is, and how malevolent are those who run it."

It was the retired pathologist's first murder trial. In four previ-

ous felony trials on assisted suicide charges, his defense relied on evidence of the pain and suffering by people who died with his help. The earlier trials resulted in three acquittals and one mistrial.

This time, that defense wasn't allowed.

And this time, prosecutors had the tape that Kevorkian gave to CBS's "60 Minutes" of himself injecting Youk with a fatal dose of drugs. In past cases, Kevorkian has said his clients used his homemade devices to control the carbon monoxide or intravenous chemicals that killed them.

Kevorkian baited the prosecutors on "60 minutes."

"I've got to force them to act," he said. "They must charge me. Because if they do not, that means they don't think it was a crime."

No, they didn't, said prosecutor John Skrzynski. "If Jack Kevorkian had not videotaped this, no one would have ever known it happened," he said after the verdict.

"Dr. Kevorkian has even begged and sometimes taunted me into prosecuting him," Gorcyca said. "Today a jury of his peers granted him his ultimate wish."

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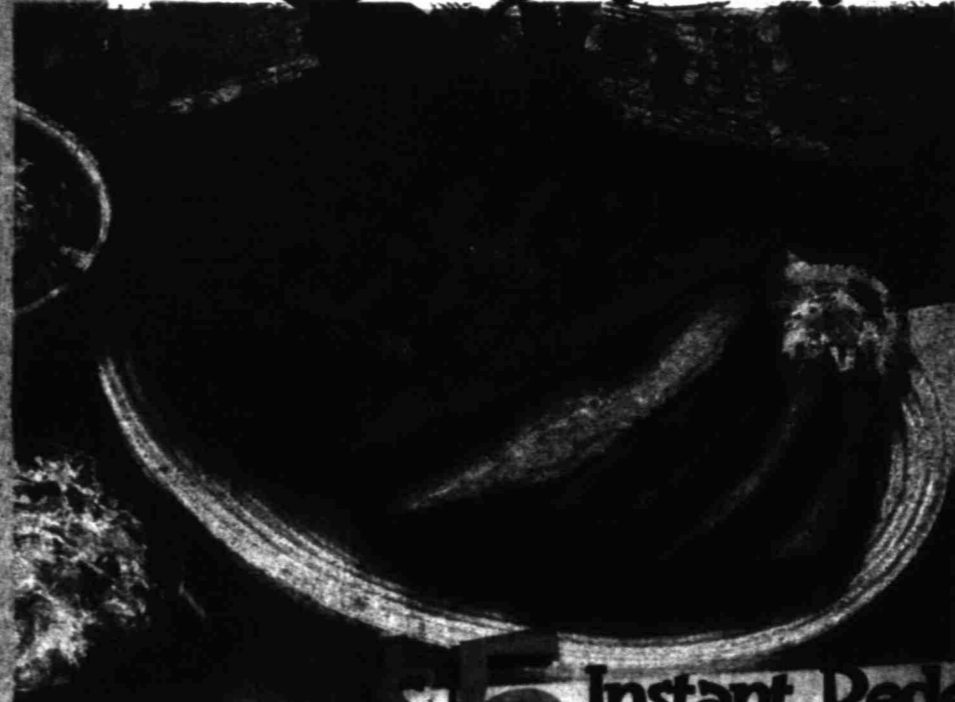
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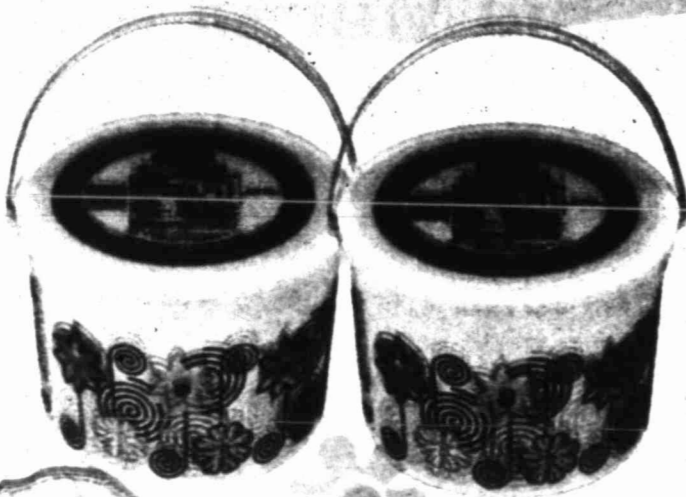
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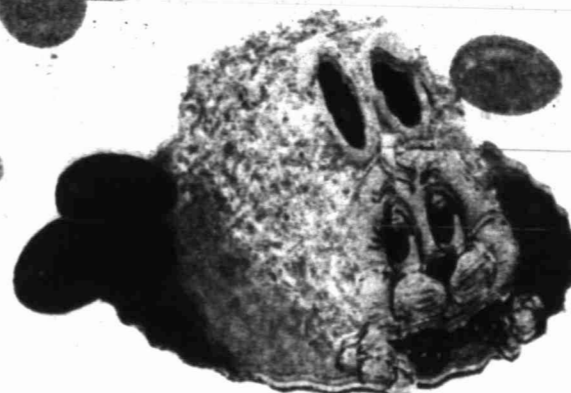
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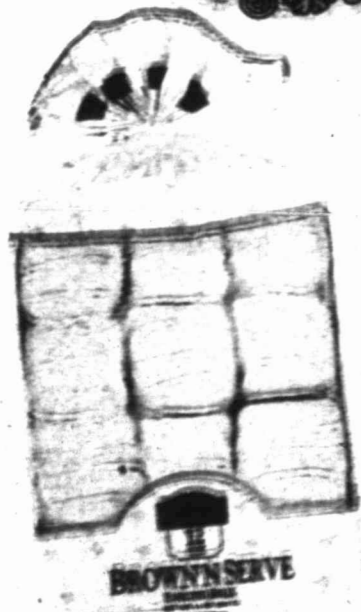
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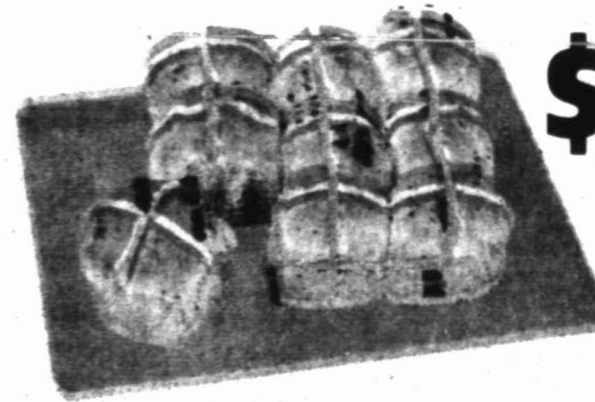
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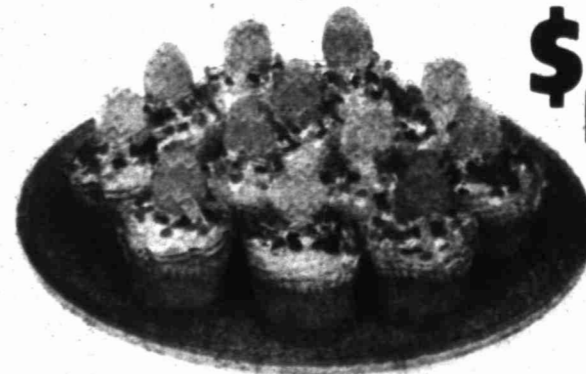
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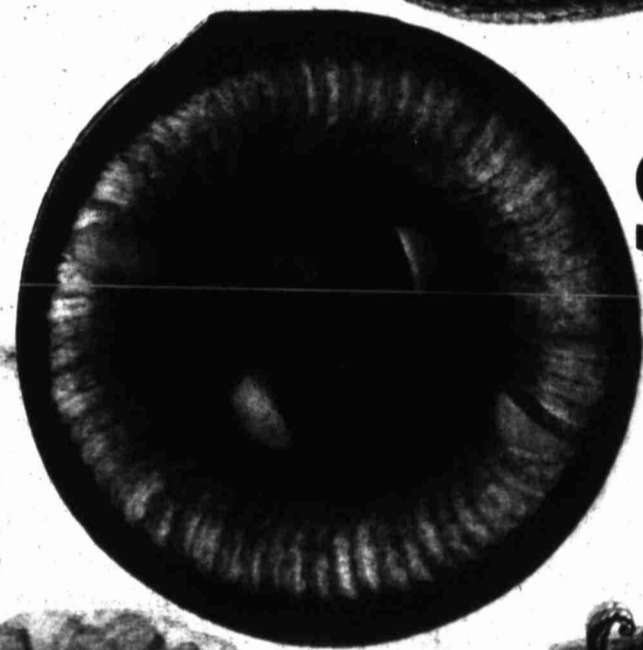
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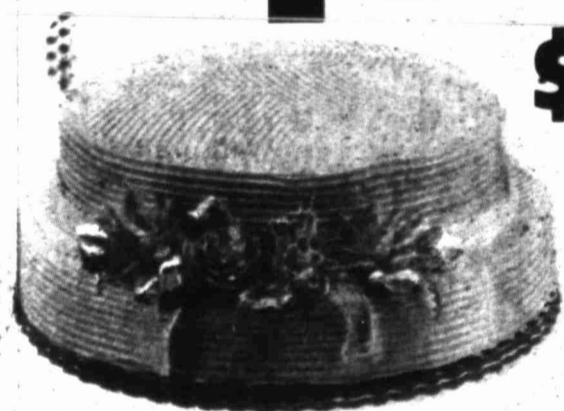


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In Methodist Church trial, jury suspends minister for blessing same-sex ceremony

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. (AP) — A Methodist minister suspended for blessing the "holy union" of two men says he would rather give up his pastorate than adhere to his church's ban on same-sex ceremonies.

The church trial of the Rev. Gregory Dell, who was found guilty of breaking church law late Friday, is the first test of the United Methodist Church's ban.

After deliberating about 20 hours in the trial's penalty phase, a jury of 13 fellow pastors from the church's Northern Illinois Conference ordered Dell suspended as of July 5.

The suspension is effective until Dell signs a statement saying he will comply with church law or until the law is reversed.

"I will never sign such a statement," Dell said after the penalty was read.

Dell, who has a 30-year career with the church, remains ordained but will not be able to perform any of his duties as a pastor during his indefinite suspension.

"The church has made a statement today, but it is not the final word," Dell said, standing with his wife, Jade, outside the suburban church where the trial was held.

Church officials settled on the date of his suspension to accommodate the wedding of a heterosexual couple Dell had scheduled for July 3.

Bishop C. Joseph Sprague, head of the Northern Illinois Conference, said he brought the charges against Dell grudgingly and didn't expect such a harsh penalty.

"I have an idea that God isn't smiling tonight," Sprague said.

Watchers on both sides of the emotional debate joined in a hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," after the penalty was announced.

Earlier in the day, the jury had voted 10-3 to find Dell guilty of disobedience for dis-

regarding church law. The vote on the penalty was not released.

Dell, 53, had asked for a censure, testifying that he was faced with a dilemma. On one hand, he said the church has told him "to minister to all people."

"And then I had this rule," Dell said of the same-sex ban, which was implemented in August — one month before he presided over a ceremony for Karl Reinhardt and Keith Eccarius, an eight-year member of the Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago.

Dell said he does not believe he was guilty of disobedience.

"On the contrary, I felt that the only way I could be obedient was to conduct that service," Dell said.

During closing arguments, the Rev. Larry Pickens, Dell's defense counsel, urged the jury to consider Dell's ministry as a whole and consider that a third of his congregation's members are gay or lesbian.

But the Rev. Stephen C. Williams, the church's prosecutor, called Dell's actions destructive.

"I want to show compassion. But I also want to honor my ordination vow. If Greg would promise me that he would not violate our holy covenant again... I would be the first to say, 'Let's go home,'" Williams said. "But he will not."

Dell attended Duke University's Divinity School with the Rev. Jimmy Creech, a Methodist minister whose 1998 trial in Nebraska caused church officials to codify a "social principle" that had only advised against blessing same-sex unions. Creech was not defrocked but is on voluntary leave from the Methodist church.

Charges also were filed Tuesday against 69 Methodist ministers who gathered at a Sacramento, Calif., church in January to bless the union of a lesbian couple.

Ex-con Karr held without bond after firearms arrest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A second ex-convict has been ordered held in Michigan on a federal weapons count as investigators try to determine whether he and a similarly charged former prisonmate had any role in the 1995 disappearance of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

Gary P. Karr, 50, of Novi, Mich., was arrested after FBI agents and police searched his suburban Detroit apartment Wednesday and found two loaded handguns, court papers allege.

Authorities searched David Waters' apartment in Austin and arrested him after finding the 119 rounds of ammunition.

Both men, who for eight months in the mid-1980s were inmates at the same minimum-security prison in Vienna, Ill., were charged this week under a federal statute barring felons from possessing ammunition or firearms.

Karr on Friday was ordered detained in Detroit. Waters in

Austin. Karr served more than 20 years in Illinois prisons after a 1974 crime spree that included rape, kidnapping and armed robbery.

He left prison in May 1995, four months before the disappearance from San Antonio of O'Hair — the founder of American Atheists Inc. — as well as her son Jon Garth Murray, and daughter, Robin Murray O'Hair. The three vanished along with \$500,000 in gold.

Waters once was O'Hair's office manager in Austin and was convicted in 1995 of theft in his stealing \$54,000 from the O'Hair organizations.

About the same time of the O'Hairs' disappearance, a Florida man, Danny Fry, vanished after spending September 1995 with his friend Waters in San Antonio. Fry's fate was not known until January of this year, when DNA testing proved that a nude, headless and handless body found Oct. 2, 1995.

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Ford recalls 945,000 trucks, Mustangs

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Nearly 1 million Ford Motor Co. cars and trucks are being recalled to replace potentially defective cruise-control cables that could cause the accelerator to stick.

The recall, announced Friday, involves 1998 and 1999 models equipped with cruise control. The 945,000 vehicles include the 1998 and 1999 Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer sport utility vehicles, Ford Ranger pickup, Mustang sport coupe, and 1999 Super Duty F-series pickup and chassis-cab.

Ford does not expect to have all the cruise-control cables it needs to replace the defective ones before mid-May.

Until then, Ford is warning owners not to use their cruise-control system; dealers will disable the system at no charge.

Ford said that in some of the vehicles the cruise-control cable could interfere with a pulley

and prevent the accelerator from returning to idle when the cruise control is disengaged.

As a result, they said, the car could continue to move at the set speed.

Ford said there have been no reports of that happening. The problem was discovered by Ford engineers during a regular review, spokeswoman Karen Shaughnessy said.

Owners of the affected vehicles will be notified by mail starting Monday. Customers also can call Ford at 800-392-3673 to find out whether their vehicle is subject to the recall; callers will be asked for the vehicle identification number, which can typically be found on the registration, insurance certificate or the door pillar.

The same information also can be obtained at a new Ford Web site: www.recall.ford.com.

Ford did not reveal how much it expects the recall to cost.

FBI: body found near Yosemite is missing teen

SONORA, Calif. (AP) — They thought they were prepared for the worst.

Yet when the families of three missing tourists learned that one of the women's bodies was discovered near Yosemite National Park, news was no less painful to bear.

Authorities on Friday said the body found near a reservoir west of Yosemite was that of 15-year-old Julie Sund, and that the second body found last week in the trunk of their torched rental car likely was her friend, Silvina Pelosso.

"We were prepared to hear this news, but we were not ready when we heard it. My feelings at this time are as my mother's," said Raquel Pelosso, Silvina's mother, on Friday night.

Julie, her mother Carole Sund, 42, and Silvina, a 16-year-old exchange student from Cordoba, Argentina, all disappeared six weeks ago while on a sightseeing trip. Mrs. Sund's

body was identified as one of two corpses were found in the trunk of their torched rental car in remote Sierra Village.

"We will bring all available resources to bear to solve this horrible crime," said FBI agent James Maddock. "We are all committed to solving this crime and bringing those responsible to justice."

He would not comment on how Julie or the other sightseers died or what led investigators to her body.

After Julie's body was identified, family members recounted joyful stories about the young woman, a violinist and cheer-leading squad member who was preparing to go to college.

"She's just a really sweet girl and typical teen-ager. I'm going to miss her so much," said Carole Carrington, Julie's grandmother, choking back tears at a press conference at her Modesto hotel. Flags there were flying at half mast.

Mrs. Sund, Julie and Silvina were last seen alive Feb. 15 just outside Yosemite, eating hamburgers at the Cedar Lodge restaurant in El Portal.

Julie's body was found on a steep, grassy hill that drops into Don Pedro Lake reservoir, about an hour from where their torched car was found.

It also is on one of the most direct routes to Modesto, where Mrs. Sund's billfold was located.

Maddock said investigators still have not been able to move the timeline past when the women were last seen at the Cedar Lodge restaurant.

Dental records were used to identify Mrs. Sund and her daughter.

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IN BRIEF

Rains finish track meet, postpone 5-4A golf start

Big Spring's April McGee managed a leap of 16 feet, 7 inches to finish fourth in the long jump competition of the All-American City Classic track meet at Abilene Christian University's Elmer Gray Stadium.

Heavy rains washed out Saturday's schedule, forcing cancellation of the meet.

The Abilene meet was not the only sports event cancelled or postponed by the weather Saturday.

The opening round of the District 5-4A boys' golf tournament, scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club was washed out by rain. That round has been rescheduled for Monday.

The opening round of the District 5-4A girls' golf tournament was also postponed due to rain. The round to be played on the Western Texas College course in Snyder has been rescheduled for April 5.

Lady Hawks post sweeps over weekend opposition

Howard College's Lady Hawks had literally no problem at all sweeping a pair of softball doubleheaders over Ranger College and Howard Payne during the weekend.

Lady Hawks pitching ace Maria Lopez was called on to do double duty with freshman Brandy Smith sidelined with a sore shoulder, but the sophomore all-American responded with four impressive performances that improved her record to 18-5 on the season.

In Friday's sweep of Ranger, Lopes struck out 11 in the opener and fanned 10 more in the nightcap as the Lady Hawks posted identical 8-1 wins.

Diana Julian led the way offensively with a 4-for-4 showing at the plate, while Carlee Ledford was 3-for-4 and Josie Rosovich was 2-for-4.

Lopez was even more dominant in Saturday's opener with Howard Payne, as she tossed a perfect game, striking out 14 in the Lady Hawks' 11-0 win.

In the second game, a 12-0 Howard win, Lopez struck out five and allowed one hit.

She also finished the day 5-for-8 at the plate, driving in three runs.

Others with multiple hit performances were Teresa Johnson, Honey Belaw, Christy Shaffer, Julian and Ricka McKee.

Now 30-10 on the season, the Lady Hawks are tentatively scheduled to host Howard Payne in a 10 a.m. Tuesday doubleheader at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Hawks post 14-0 shutout win over Frank Phillips

Howard College's Hawks gave no quarter Friday as they romped to a 14-0 conference baseball win over Frank Phillips' Plainsmen.

With the win, the Hawks improved their season to 29-7 overall and 10-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) play.

Sophomore Brandon Claussen went the distance in chalking up the win, striking out eight batters.

The Hawks pounded out 16 hits, paced by the offensive production of third baseman Drew Topham, who went 3-for-3 at the plate including a 3-run homer in the first inning.

Sophomore shortstop Shane Webb also had two key hits.

No reports were available concerning the Hawks doubleheader set for Saturday in Borger.

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5:30 p.m. — New York Knicks at Los Angeles Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.
GOLF
2 p.m. — PGA The Players Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.
3 p.m. — LPGA Dinah Shore Classic, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.

Lady Steers take wild 8-6 comeback win over Snyder

HERALD Staff Report

SNYDER — Big Spring's Lady Steers found it anything but easy, but managed to take an 8-6 win over Snyder's Lady Tigers in a District 5-4A softball game Friday evening.

With the win, the Lady Steers improved to 19-8 overall and evened their district record to 2-2 going into Tuesday's homestand against the league-leading Andrews Lady Mustangs.

"They (Lady Tigers) came back and made it interesting," Big Spring head coach Dan Arista said with a sigh of relief after watching his team score three runs in the top of the seventh inning to finally take control of the saw affair.

"The big key was that we cut down on

the errors and gave ourselves a chance to win the game," he added, noting that the Lady Steers went into Friday's game after having lost games to Fort Stockton's Prowlers and Lake View's Maidens that they should have won. "As a result, it was a great game ... and an exciting one for our kids."

The Lady Steers jumped out early with two runs in the top of the first inning when shortstop Amy Jackson drew a walk and pitcher Jessica Canales singled, setting the stage for Cecily Paradez to reach base on an error.

The Snyder error allowed Jackson to score and Canales scored moments later on a passed ball.

The Lady Steers were denied a second run in the inning when Marino was thrown out at the plate on the play.

Big Spring came right back in the second as Leticia Hernandez, Renee Sheen

and Kaci Aciri opened the frame with three straight singles. Lindsey Marino then singled in Hernandez to deadlock the score at 3-3.

While the Lady Tigers managed to avoid any more damage in the second, the Lady Steers took the lead in the top of the third when two out, Teri Denton fouled off six straight pitches before sending a rocket out of the park in center field for a 4-3 Big Spring lead.

Snyder deadlocked the game in the fourth inning with a single run, but Big Spring responded with a run in the sixth when Jackson ripped a two-out single to score Sheen.

The Lady Steers were denied a second run in the inning when Marino was thrown out at the plate on the play.

Big Spring's lead lasted only a short time, however, as Canales gave up three

straight singles to load the bases with nobody out in the bottom of the inning.

Arista called on Aciri to relieve and immediately gave up a run scoring single to tie the game. Snyder then took the lead on a passed ball.

The Lady Steers avoided any more damage with spectacular outfield plays by Hernandez and Canales.

In the top of the seventh, Canales led off by reaching base on an error and moved to third when first baseman Juanita Valdez laid down a bunt the Lady Tigers couldn't handle.

Canales tied the game by scoring on a passed ball and Paradez slapped a single to again put runners at the corners.

Denton provided the game-winner with a sacrifice fly that scored Valdez and Hernandez followed that with an RBI single for insurance.

'Dogs explode for 11-3 win

Stage now set for Tuesday's big showdown with Tahoka

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Steven Henry and Delvin White blasted back-to-back home runs that broke open a 3-3, third-inning deadlock and catapulted Coahoma's Bulldogs to an 11-3 win over Hale Center's Owls in District 3-2A baseball action Friday.

The consecutive solo shots made Bulldogs starter Brandon Hancock a winner, since he was Coahoma's pitcher of record, even though Henry had replaced him in the lineup just before lighting up the scoreboard.

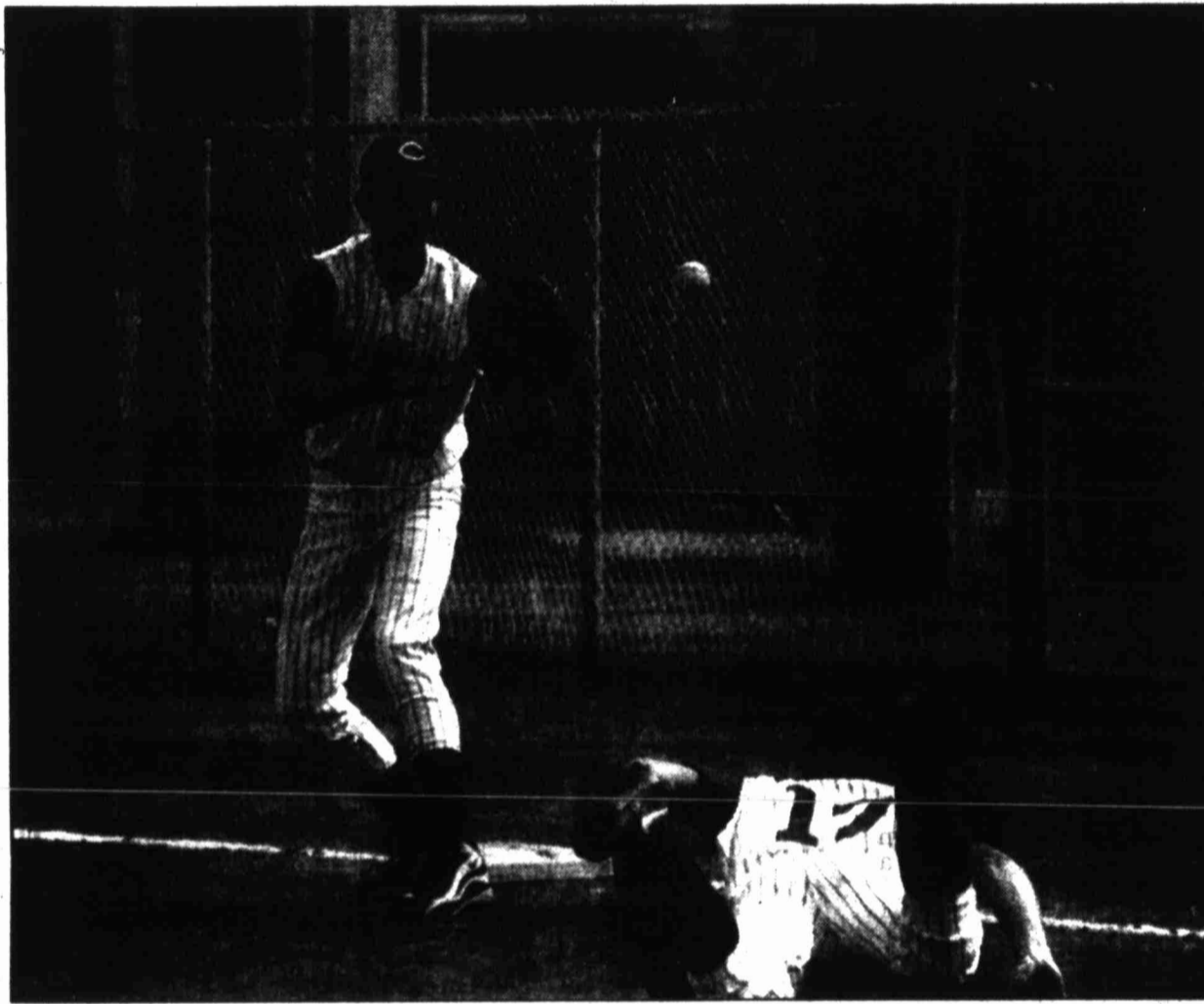
Hancock was relieved by Aaron Ovalle, who pitched two scoreless innings of relief to set the stage for White to come on as the closer.

Although the final score was somewhat lopsided, the Bulldogs were forced to come from behind after the Owls turned three hits and two Coahoma errors into a quick 2-0 lead.

Hale Center added another run in the top of the second, again coming up with three hits.

Hancock's teammates took him off the spot in the bottom of the second inning when they staged a three-run rally to tie the game.

Ovalle, who started behind the plate, led off with a single to left and stole second base. Then, with two out, second baseman Walt Bordelon drew a walk and left fielder Mario



Coahoma's Cody Teeler (17) hits the ground after making a diving throw to first baseman Luke Bowlin (15) during the Bulldogs' doubleheader split with the Midland junior varsity on March 10. The Bulldogs took an 11-3 win over Hale Center in district play Friday afternoon, setting up a showdown for the District 3-2A lead with Tahoka's Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Garcia followed that with an RBI double to left.

Garcia's older brother, Vincent, doubled up the middle a couple of minutes later to drive in two more runs.

Hancock retired the Owls in order in the third and technically left the mound with a 5-3 lead after Henry and White led off the Bulldogs' half of the inning with their home runs to left.

Hale Center would manage just one more hit, and that would not come until their seventh when shortstop Carlos Rivas drilled a full-count fast-ball from White to left.

The 'Dogs made it a 7-3 Coahoma lead in the bottom of the fourth inning with the Garcia brothers again playing a pivotal role. Mario got things started with a one out single

and swiped second before scoring when Vincent Garcia singled to right center.

Vincent would follow suit, stealing second and scoring a few minutes later on a two-out infield single by White.

With Ovalle and White cruising on the mound, it was simply a matter of how bad the final margin would be, and the

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Lorraine no match for high-powered Bulldogettes

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It was simply no contest. Lorraine's Lady Bulldogs were no match for the defending Class 2A state champion Coahoma Bulldogettes during their District 2-2A softball game Friday afternoon.

The Bulldogettes, now 18-2 overall, improved to 4-0 in district play with a 23-0 win that lasted just 2 1/2 innings before ending on the 17-run, three-inning mercy rule.

The only real interest created by Lorraine came in the top of the first inning when shortstop Heather Lucas and pitcher Andi

Chavez managed to draw walks off of Coahoma's sophomore ace Amber Bingham.

That suspense lasted only long enough for a passed ball to move both runners into scoring position, but a few seconds later, Bulldogette catcher Kortney Kemper picked Lucas off of third and Bingham squelched the mini-rally by striking out Lorraine's Jennifer McDaniels.

It would be almost an hour before Bingham would have to stride back into the pitcher's circle, as the Bulldogettes pounded out 16 hits, drew two walks and turned 10 Lorraine errors into a nightmarishly long at bat.

In the process, the Bulldogettes batted through their order three times, pounded

out five doubles and a home run and took a 22-0 lead.

Coahoma was so prolific offensively that even the scoreboard operator had trouble keeping track of just how many runs the Bulldogettes had scored.

"It's kind of embarrassing," Bulldogettes first-year coach Robert Royer said following the game that lasted little more than an hour. "This doesn't really help anyone. It doesn't do anything good for them in trying to build their program and doesn't do anything to really get us ready for the playoffs."

The game was so one-sided in fact, that even faithful Coahoma fans indicated that

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Bulldogettes in uncomfortable position of dominating district

It may seem strange that someone might pity Robert Royer and his Coahoma Bulldogettes, but there are some in softball circles that do.

Feel sorry for the Bulldogettes?

Why?

Isn't this virtually the same team, save for three starters, that took the Class 2A state championship a year ago? Didn't Coahoma fill those three positions and never miss a beat? And aren't the Bulldogettes possessed of two sophomore pitchers, Amber Bingham and Kenni Kay Buchanan, who not only pitched their two state tournament victories a year ago but also possess earned run averages of .011

and .029?

The answer to those three questions is yes.

Why, you may ask, could anyone be feeling sorry for Coahoma?

That answer is somewhat obvious, really. All one really needs to do is look at the Bulldogettes' 23-0 win over Lorraine's Lady Bulldogs in a District 2-2A game on Friday.

Simply put, there's literally no competition for the Bulldogettes anywhere in their district.

Coahoma needed bat just once to score all the runs it would need and then some to end the game on the 17-run, three-inning mercy rule.

It's almost embarrassing. What's more, such outings do nothing to make the Bulldogettes improve their game.

"That's the most frustrating part of it all," Royer said as he bagged up equipment following the more than lopsided

win. "You're embarrassed for your opponent and you get a little angry that there's no competition — nobody to force you to play better than you do right now."

There is competition, however. It's out there and it's waiting ... getting better every week ... biding its time until the playoffs begin.

"That's why you have to be concerned about games like we played today," Royer noted.

"We come out and nobody in our district gives us more than three innings of play," he explained. "But people like Hawley, Eula and Krum ... they're out there playing in the same district and making one another better every time they walk on the field."

While the Bulldogettes can find competition from Class 5A and Class 4A teams in the region, Royer is hamstrung to some extent by University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules that

limit the total number of games a team can play.

That total has to include district games, whether or not you're getting any competition from the schools which inhabit the circuit.

Some have suggested that Royer ask UIL officials for a ruling on whether or not the Bulldogettes' three-inning blitzes of 2-2A opposition are considered games, since the rule books say a game is not official until it's lasted five innings.

If those easy walkovers weren't considered official games, then Royer would be free to add games against better games to his schedule.

Unfortunately, it's this corner's bet that the UIL isn't about to rule that any District 2-2A game — whether three innings long or seven — is not an official game.

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SPORTS EXTRAS

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned C Mandy Romero and C Joe Desposito to their minor-league camp. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Sent LHP Alvin Morman outright to Omaha of the PCL. Released RHP Tim Scott. Assigned RHP Dan Reichert and C Henry Mercedes to their minor-league camp. Placed OF Jeremy Gambi on the 15-day disabled list. SEATTLE MARINERS—Released INF Randy Johnson, RHP Rafael Batista, LHP Albert Derenches, RHP Jose Gonzalez, RHP Orrin Kowahara, LHP Dallas Mahan, LHP Matt Masami, RHP Kristofer Totten, OF Arion French, INF David Dolocapelle, INF Chris Deane, INF Cip Garcia, INF Domingo Pacheco and INF Felix Rosario. Announced the retirement of OF Steve Wright, C Matt Thompson and INF Hubert Anier. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Reassigned OF Billy Ashley to their minor-league camp. Placed RHP Corey Lidle on the 60-day disabled list. TEXAS RANGERS—Placed OF Mike Samms on the 15-day disabled list. NATIONAL LEAGUE LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Traded C Tim Laker to the Pittsburgh Pirates for a player to be named. MONTREAL EXPOS—Optioned LB Ryan McGee and 2B Trace Coaklette to Ottawa of the International League. Sent LHP Roberto Duran outright to Ottawa. NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Hideo Nomo on unconditional waivers. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Michele Anderson vice president-community relations, Maureen Carson vice president-special counsel, Kris Mitchell vice president-government relations, and Enrique Morones vice president-hospital and international marketing. INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS—Re-signed RHP Todd Williams. Frontier League COOK COUNTY CHEEATHS—Signed C James Dallo. LONDON WEREWOLVES—Signed RHP Brett Gray. Northwest League BRANERO MIGHTY GULLS—Signed SS Mike Rouse. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA—Suspended Phoenix Suns G Rex Chapman for one game and fined him \$5,000 for making physical contact with referee Scott Foster in a March 25 game. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G James Robinson to a 10-day contract. Waived F Brian Evans. SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Activated C Jeter McCoy from the injured list. Placed F Don MacLean on the injured list. United States Basketball League TAMPA BAY WINDJAMMERS—Named Brett Vick as president and Darren Morningstar coach. FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed LB Rob Franklin to a four-year contract. CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed OT Clarence Jones and DE Vernon Drougout. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DL John Jurkovic and PK Phil Dawson. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed TE Lonnie Johnson to a two-year contract. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB Sammie Burroughs to a one-year contract. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Canceled their contract offer to RB Jerold Moore. Signed DT Jeff Zgonica and WR Kevin Kirk. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Arena Football League ALBANY FIREBRANDS—Traded OL DL Leon Workman to Nashville for WRDB George Harris. FLORIDA BOBCATS—Waived FB-LB Basil Proctor. GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE—Signed FB-LB Chris Ryan. Acquired QB Carlos Gary from New England for future considerations. HOUSTON THUNDERBOLTS—Signed DS James Williams. IOWA BARNSTORMERS—Traded QB Charles Pallen to New Jersey for future considerations. Signed FB-LB Vernan Jackson and WRDB Geoff Turner. MILWAUKEE MUSTANGS—Recalled OL DL Ray Forsythe from waivers. NASHVILLE KATS—Activated FB-LB Anthony Harris; QB-DL Hugh Hunter and WR-LB Jeff Russell. ORLANDO PREDATORS—Waived WRDB Robert Gordon. HOCKEY National Hockey League CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled D Lee Storchman from Saint John of the AHL. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Named Kevin Gilmore assistant general manager. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled LW Martin Sonnenberg and C Ryan Sawaya from Syracuse of the AHL. American Hockey League FREDERICTON CAPADRIANS—Added G Sammy Nasreddine to the roster. HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Added RW David Mattos to the roster. HERSCHEY BEARS—Added D Sami Helenius to the roster. NEW HAVEN BEASTS—Added C Patrick Miesch and C Ian MacNeil to the roster. PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Added RW Roger Maxwell to the roster. WESTERLY WARRIORS—Recalled RW D'Wayne Hancock from Peoria of the ECHL. East Coast Hockey League BIRMINGHAM SOVIETS—Waived G Greg Drever. Placed G Petr Nedelko to the roster. HAMILTON ROAD ADMIRALS—Added D Jose Convo to the roster. Placed RW Jeff Corbett on the 10-day injured reserve. JACKSONVILLE LIZARD KINGS—Added J Scott Page to the roster. LANSING ICEGATORS—Added LW Mike Fregard to the roster. 1 p.m. MISSISSIPPI SEA WOLVES—Placed LW Vasha Ivdomansky on the 10-day

NBA STANDINGS

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Friday, March 26 Fort Worth 5, El Paso 3, Fort Worth wins series 2-1. Second Round (Best-of-5) EASTERN BRACKET Shreveport vs. Monroe Saturday, March 28 Monroe at Shreveport Tuesday, March 30 Monroe at Shreveport Thursday, April 1 Shreveport at Monroe Friday, April 2 Shreveport at Monroe, if necessary Saturday, April 3 Monroe at Shreveport, if necessary Corpus Christi vs. Lige Charles Saturday, March 27 Lake Charles at Corpus Christi Monday, March 29 Lake Charles at Corpus Christi Thursday, April 1 Corpus Christi at Lake Charles Saturday, April 3 Corpus Christi at Lake Charles, if necessary Sunday, April 4 Lake Charles at Corpus Christi, if necessary WESTERN BRACKET Abilene vs. Fort Worth Saturday, March 27 Fort Worth at Abilene Sunday, March 28 Fort Worth at Abilene Monday, March 29 Abilene at Fort Worth, if necessary Tuesday, March 30 Fort Worth at Abilene, if necessary Wednesday, April 1 Fort Worth at Abilene, if necessary Thursday, April 2 Fort Worth at Abilene, if necessary Friday, April 3 Fort Worth at Abilene, if necessary Saturday, April 4 Fort Worth at Abilene, if necessary Waco vs. San Angelo Sunday, March 28 Waco at San Angelo Tuesday, March 30 San Angelo at Waco Thursday, April 1 Waco at San Angelo Friday, April 2 Waco at San Angelo, if necessary Saturday, April 3 San Angelo at Waco, if necessary Sunday, April 4 San Angelo at Waco, if necessary

MLB EXHIBITIONS

Saturday's Games Late Games Not Included Baltimore 4, New York Mets 3 Toronto 8, Detroit 7, 10 innings Boston 4, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings Texas 10, Minnesota 5 Atlanta 6, Kansas City 1 Cleveland 8, Houston 5 Philadelphia 11, N.Y. Yankees 10 Los Angeles 1, St. Louis 0 Philadelphia 8, Toronto 6 Pittsburgh 11, Cincinnati 5 Seattle 1, Anaheim 10 Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz. Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix San Francisco (5) vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz. Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz. San Francisco (15) vs. San Diego (15) at Yuma, Ariz. Today's Games Baltimore vs. Cuba at Havana, Noon Toronto vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Houston vs. Kansas City at Hanes City, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Philadelphia vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Pittsburgh vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Minnesota vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Florida vs. Montreal at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Atlanta vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m. St. Louis vs. New York Mets at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Tampa Bay vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:15 p.m. Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m. San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m. Anaheim vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m. Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m. Arizona vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

NCAA-MEN

THE FINAL FOUR At Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla. National Semifinals Saturday, March 27 Ohio State 64, Connecticut 58 Duke (36-1) vs. Michigan State (33-4) late Saturday National Championship Monday, March 29 Michigan State 77, Duke 73 Saturday, March 28 Duke (29-6) vs. Purdue (33-1), 8 p.m.

NCAA-WOMEN

THE FINAL FOUR At San Jose Arena, San Jose, Calif. National Semifinals Friday, March 26 Duke 81, Georgia 69 Purdue 77, Louisiana Tech 63 Saturday, March 27 Duke (29-6) vs. Purdue (33-1), 8 p.m.

WPHL PLAYOFFS

First Round (Best-of-3) EASTERN BRACKET Central Texas vs. Lake Charles Tuesday, March 23 Lake Charles 5, Central Texas 1 Thursday, March 25 Lake Charles 4, Central Texas 0, series tied 2-0 Texas A&M Commerce—Named Joe Cauthen defensive coordinator, Curtis Luper secondary coach, and Rich Lawrence offensive line coach. WAKE FOREST—Announced the resignation of Lew Gerrard, women's tennis coach. MONTANA—Named Chad Gemmer offensive line coach. MONTANA STATE NORTHERN—Named Reece Gilko men's assistant basketball coach. SAINT LOUIS—Named Lorenzo Romar men's basketball coach. SAN DIEGO STATE—Named Steve Fisher men's basketball coach and signed him to a six-year contract. TEXAS A&M COMMERCE—Named Joe Cauthen defensive coordinator, Curtis Luper secondary coach, and Rich Lawrence offensive line coach. WAKE FOREST—Announced the resignation of Lew Gerrard, women's tennis coach.

NHL

Saturday's Games Late Games Not Included Buffalo 3, Pittsburgh 1 Chicago 4, New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 1 Boston 4, Toronto (n) Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders (n) Montreal 1, Vancouver (n) Calgary 1, Phoenix (n) Today's Games Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 11 a.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina, 12:30 p.m. San Jose at Edmonton, 3 p.m. Philadelphia at Detroit, 2 p.m. St. Louis at Chicago, 2 p.m.

Former teammates to meet in NCAA women's finale

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Purdue plays smart basketball, and so does Duke. Purdue keeps its composure when things get tight, ditto for Duke. Teamwork? There's plenty of that to go around, too. The final game in the women's basketball season has come down to a pair of remarkably similar teams meeting in the NCAA championship game Sunday night. That should come as no surprise because the players who make up the heart and soul of both teams all started in the same place. Top-ranked Purdue rode the spectacular play of Ukari Figgs and the steady contributions of Stephanie White-McCarty to a 77-63 victory over Louisiana Tech in one semifinal Friday night. Nicole Erickson and Michele VanGorp, who once played at Purdue with Figgs and White-McCarty, led the way as Duke advanced with an 81-69 victory over Georgia.

But that didn't surprise—the Blue Devils, who shot 51 percent and defused Georgia's explosive twins, Kelly and Coco Miller, with solid defense. "I don't think we had an emotional letdown at all," Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos said. "I think the players were ready to play. We were very focused. I didn't feel worried." Duke built a 15-point lead early in the second half and used a late 16-3 run to rebuild its advantage after Georgia pulled within six. They also set a national semifinal record by making nine of 15 3-point shots. "We didn't have a very good effect defensively," Georgia coach Andy Landers said. "They shoot the ball terrifically from the 3-point line and as we spread ourselves all around the perimeter, we leave ourselves vulnerable inside." Coco Miller led Georgia (27-7) with 18 points, and Tawana McDonald added 14. Kelly

Miller, who scored 33 points in the regional final against Iowa State, scored just 13. Figgs scored 18 points in a sensational first half — 14 in the opening 11 minutes — and finished with 24 as Purdue (33-1) won its 31st straight game. The Boilmakers used runs of 13-2 and 12-2 in building a 15-point lead in the first half and answered with a 12-0 burst after Louisiana Tech (20-3) pulled within three in the second half. "We always keep our composure," Figgs said. "They made a run at us, but we weren't really rattled." White-McCarty finished strong to get 17 points after a 1-for-7 opening half and Katie Douglas scored 15. The Boilmakers committed only 11 turnovers against a team that averaged forcing 25 per game. "I think we went on adrenaline in the second half," Douglas said. "We really wanted this game."

Predictably, both sides were reluctant to wade into the issue of former teammates meeting in the biggest game of the season. "We are just going to approach it like any other game," White-McCarty said. "We are playing Duke. We are not playing just against those two players. We are playing the whole team." Erickson and VanGorp transferred to Duke following the dismissal of Lin Dunn as Purdue's coach in 1996. Like their former teammates, they have a chance to take their school to its first national championship. "I don't have any hard feelings for Purdue," VanGorp said. "Everyone wants to beat this dead horse. I feel happy for Stephanie, I feel happy for Ukari. It's exciting. I'm not going to fuel the fire. There's no fire there to fuel."

Both teams played with plenty of fire Friday night. Erickson scored 22 points and VanGorp 20 as Duke (29-6) followed its stunning upset of three-time defending national champion Tennessee with an outstanding effort against Georgia.

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LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

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STANDINGS-Rainbow Brtte 130-86, Pack-Sender 130-86, Big Spring Music 124-92, Cline Construction 119-99, Neighbors Auto Sales 108-100, Barber Glass & Mirror 105-103, Day & Day Builders 104-103, Something Else 104-104, Green House Photography 104-104, Wynns Winners 102-106, Rocky's 95-112, Karen Bearden 94-114, Mis-Haps 90-118, A&B Farms 88-120, Carlos 79-123.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Strike Force 2-6, Killer B's 6-2, Looney Toons 2-6, Santa Fe Sandwiches 6-2, The Four of Us 4-4, Bob's Custom Woodworking 4-4, Professional Health Care 8-0, For 1 8-0, hi sc team game Killer B's 7:40, Santa Fe Sandwiches 7:26, 4 For 1 7:25, hi sc team series 4 For 1 21:36, Killer B's 20:15, Santa Fe Sandwiches 20:07, hi sc game ABC Tony Shankles, Donald Robertson 2:35, Adrian Brown 2:30, hi sc series ABC Tony Shankles 5:20, Donald Robertson 5:27, Don Ewing 6:19, hi sc game ABC Tony Shankles 2:90, Donald Robertson 2:62, Adrian Brown 2:37, hi sc series ABC Tony Shankles 7:56, Donald Robertson 7:08, Don Ewing 6:25, hi sc game WIBC Peggy Huckabee 2:03, Pam Brown 1:98, Bobbie Chevillie 1:94, hi sc game WIBC Pam Brown 5:21, Peggy Huckabee 5:19, Bobbie Chevillie 4:67, hi sc game WIBC Pam Brown 2:41, Wakenda Dunlap 2:36, Bobbie Chevillie 2:35, hi sc series WIBC Pam Brown 6:00, most over ave game ABC Tony Shankles 5:3, Donald Robertson 4:4, Adrian Brown 3:9, most over ave series ABC Tony Shankles 16:5, Donald Robertson 12:9, Kari Hall 4:4, most over ave game WIBC Pam Brown 5:2, Wakenda Dunlap 4:8, Bobbie Chevillie 4:6, most over ave series WIBC Pam Brown 8:3, Monette Rowden 4:2, Wakenda Dunlap 2:8.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Petty Farms over Guys Restaurant 6-2, Misfits over Health Food Store 6-2, Hair Designs by Randy over Perco Care Care 5-3, Kuykendall over Bow-A-Rama 6-2, VFW over Guys Restaurant 6-2, Series Bernadine Sealy 5:55, Gwen Smith 5:18, hi sc game Jett Moore 2:14, Bernadine Sealy 2:04, hi sc team series VFW 18:19, Hair Designs by Randy 18:19, VFW 18:19, Hair Designs by Randy 6:52, hi sc game Jett Moore 6:49, Bernadine Sealy 6:18, hi sc game Jett Moore 2:66, Hair Designs by Randy 2:66, Bow-A-Rama 2:58, Kuykendall 2:58, hi sc game Kuykendall 8:35, Misfits 8:29.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Hair Designs by Randy 145-71, VFW 138-78, Petty Farms 131-87, Bow-A-Rama 109-107, Kuykendall 105-109, Perco Care 103-113, Guys Restaurant 103-113, Health Food Store 85-131, Misfits 82-134, Dixie Chicks 79-137.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Hair Designs by Randy over Guys Restaurant 6-2, VFW over Petty Farms 6-2, Dixie Chicks over Bow-A-Rama 4-4, Misfits over Kuykendall 6-2, Perco Care over Health Food Store 6-2, VFW over Guys Restaurant 6-2, Series Bernadine Sealy 6:02, Vella Campbell 5:88, hi sc game Bernadine Sealy 2:22, Brenda L. McColl 2:44, Perco Care over Health Food Store 6:2, VFW 6:74, Hair Designs by Randy 6:69, hi sc game Donna Brown 6:66, Jean Ringner 6:27, hi sc game Mary Mulkey 2:43, Donna Brown 2:42, hi sc team series VFW 18:19, Hair Designs by Randy 18:19, VFW 18:19, Hair Designs by Randy 6:52, hi sc game Jett Moore 6:49, Bernadine Sealy 6:18, hi sc game Jett Moore 2:66, Hair Designs by Randy 2:66, Bow-A-Rama 2:58, Kuykendall 2:58, hi sc game Kuykendall 8:35, Misfits 8:29.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Hair Designs by Randy 151-73, VFW 144-80, Petty Farms 133-93, Bow-A-Rama 113-111, Perco Care 109-115, Kuykendall 109-113, Guys Restaurant 105-119, Health Food Store 87-137, Misfits 86-138, Dixie Chicks 83-141.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Team eight over Team two 6-2, Team three over Team ten 6-2, Team seven tied Team nine 4-4, Team four over Team six 6-2, Team five 6-2, hi sc team series Team nine 19:73, Team seven 18:91, Team four 18:89, hi sc game Team four 7:52, Team nine 7:03, Team six 6:89, hi sc series men Rick Hill 6:10, John Jackson 6:05, Abraham Yanez 5:85, hi sc game women John Jackson 2:44, Rick Hill 2:24, Abraham Yanez 2:20, hi sc series women Lavonne Brumley 5:03, Brenda McCright 4:54, Jan Graham 4:51, hi sc game women Lavonne Brumley 1:96, Jan Graham 1:89, Lannis Wallace 1:74, hi sc team series Team nine 23:66, Team four 23:60, Team one 23:43, hi sc game Team four 9:09, Team three 8:38, Team nine 8:34, hi sc series men Rick Hill 6:82, Abraham Yanez 6:57, Manuel Gutierrez 6:53, hi sc game men Rick Hill 2:48, hi sc series women Lavonne Brumley 5:90, Tracey Lindsey 5:89, Rosaleen Hector 5:89, hi sc game women Jan Graham 2:34, Barbara Miller 2:30, Lavonne Brumley 2:25.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Team seven tied Team five 4-4, Team four over Team two 8-0, Team eight over Team one 6-2, Team three tied Team nine 4-4, Team six over Team ten 8-0, hi sc team series Team four 21:42, Team six 20:66, Team ten 19:00, hi sc game Team four 7:48, Team four 7:33, Team seven 6:59, hi sc series men Manuel Gutierrez 6:71, John Jackson 5:68, Randy Robertson 5:62, hi sc game men John Jackson 2:27, Manuel Gutierrez 2:21, Randy Robertson 2:10, hi sc series women Jan Graham 5:70, Vicki Evans 5:01, Karen Albano 4:79, hi sc game women Jan Graham 2:09, Vicki Evans 2:07, Irene Yanez 1:88, hi sc team series Team four 26:13, Team six 24:35, Team eight 23:41, hi sc game Team four 8:90, Team six 8:71, Team one 8:32, hi sc series men Manuel Gutierrez 7:09, Randy Robertson 6:28, Jeremy Samora 6:19, hi sc game

Texas Motor Speedway hopes third time really is a charm

FORT WORTH (AP) — They've tried and tried and tried again. This time, Texas Motor Speedway appears finally ready to host a Winston Cup race with attention focused on what happens on the track instead of on the track itself.

NASCAR

There were high hopes for the gargantuan \$130 million facility when it opened with the Interstate Batteries 500 in 1997, only to have drivers complain all week about tight turns with rough exits. Speedway officials said drivers were overreacting to a track that was difficult, not dangerous. Then a wreck on the first turn of the first lap set the tone for a crash-filled, caution-slowed race won by Jeff Burton. More than \$517,000 was spent touching up the track, but drivers weren't convinced the changes had made a difference when they arrived for last year's Texas 500. Then up sprang another, more bizarre

problem: a wet track on a perfectly sunny afternoon. It happened Friday and Saturday, forcing qualifying to be delayed and some practices to be canceled. Track officials insisted everything would be fine on race day and even wore T-shirts that said "Shut Up and Drive!" Drivers didn't like that attitude and continued grumbling about the track, especially after a huge early wreck took 10 drivers out of contention, including Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt. The track at least stayed dry as Mark Martin cruised to victory. The next day, track owner Bruton Smith announced plans to tear up the surface and start over. About \$4 million went

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Big Spring's Mitchell wins 100 at rain-plagued meet in Dallas

HERALD Staff Report

DALLAS — Cold, rainy conditions plagued Big Spring's Steers and the rest of the field Saturday during the Dallas Jesuit-Shearer Relays.

The Steers' only first-place finish of the meet came in the 100 meters where senior Tory Mitchell posted a clocking of 10.35 in the finals.

With temperatures dropping and Mitchell being bothered by muscle tightness, Steers coach Randy Britton chose not to enter his state and national champion in the 200 meters.

Doug White provided a second-place finish for the Steers in the 400 meters when he was clocked at 50.1 seconds.

Mike Martinez finished fifth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 10:32.0, while Rolando Ladesma was sixth in the 800 meters.

Big Spring's 400-meter relay foursome of White, Jason Woodruff, Colby Ford and Mitchell finished sixth with a 42.7-second clocking, well off Lancaster's first-place time of 41.3.

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Bulldogs saved their best inning for last.

After having left the bases loaded without scoring in the fifth, the Bulldogs made sure White had all the insurance he'd need.

Hancock, who returned to the lineup after Ovalle went back to his catching duties, got things started with a single to left and moved to second when White reached base on an Owls error.

Ovalle kept the pressure on by drawing a walk and desig-

nated hitter Cody Teeler delivered an RBI single to left. Hale Center's Jacob Solis mishandled the ball, allowing White to score on the play.

Reserve first baseman Blake Nichols managed to reach base on another Hale Center error that scored Ovalle.

Travis McMillan added the final RBI of the day when he singled to left, scoring Nichols. The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 9-6 overall and left them with a perfect 4-0 district slate going into Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. showdown in Tahoka.

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there was no real reason for them to attend any more of the Bulldogettes' games until the playoffs do arrive.

When Bingham returned to the so-called mound, she retired the Lorraine in order.

The Bulldogettes added another unearned run in the second when sophomore left fielder Brandie Hart circled the bases on a pair of errors charged to McDaniels and Lorraine left fielder Amy Galvan.

Bingham, who'd entered the game with an ERA of 0.11, did nothing to hurt her statistics, closing out the game with a couple of strikeouts.

Offensively, every Bulldogettes starter got in on the act.

In fact, only shortstop Misty Baker failed to produce a hit.

Baker did score three runs, however, after reaching base on errors every time she stepped to the plate.

Hart provided the biggest power showing for Coahoma, belting a three-run homer and adding a double in two of her three trips to the plate during the first inning. She walked her second time up.

Seniors Cassie Tindol and Kelli Buchanan added 2-for-2 performances, each coming up with a double.

Kenni Kay Buchanan added a 3-for-3 showing and drove in three runs, while third baseman Erin Stovall was 3-for-4 and Kemper added a 2-for-4 performance that produced three RBIs as well.

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the first half, scrambled to do it again. But after Penn hit 2-of-3 free throws, Hamilton blocked Penn's 3-point shot. Redd missed a 3-pointer, and Penn threw up a desperation airball as the Huskies maintained a 63-58 lead with 25 seconds left.

The Huskies lost in a regional final in 1990, 1995 and 1998 and have never gotten this far in the NCAA tournament. One of the toughest teams Calhoun has had in his 14 years at UConn seems determined to forget the ghosts of Christian Laettner,

North Carolina, UCLA and Mississippi State, all recent postseason enemies.

UConn led 51-41 with 11:48 left on a layup by Rashamel Jones off an alley-oop pass from El-Amin. It followed a wild miss by Penn, who forced a driving layup on one of the rare occasions when Moore gave him just the slightest bit of room.

Ohio State cut it to 59-55 on a free throw by Penn with 2:53 left. But the Buckeyes, whose 27-9 record is one of the biggest turnarounds in the sport's history, were crushed by Hamilton's jumper.

El-Amin, the heart and soul of the Huskies, ran to halfcourt and leaped into the arms of Jones as Calhoun motioned for them to calm down.

Ohio State put an emphatic stamp on the first half with two blocks and some trash talk in the final seconds. Ken Johnson swatted Edmund Saunders with 1.1 seconds left, and Hamilton forced up a shot on the inbounds play and was blocked by Jason Singleton as the Huskies led 36-35 at halftime.

Using their frantic defense to run out on fastbreaks, the Huskies stunned Ohio State

with a dizzying 14-3 run to take a 32-22 lead with 7:19 left in the half. Hamilton had nine points during the sprint, but the most sensational play came from El-Amin.

After stealing the ball, El-Amin pushed it ahead and split two defenders near halfcourt. As he approached the foul line, he whipped a laser-like pass behind his back to Kevin Freeman for a layup and three-point play.

The Buckeyes went 31/2 minutes without a point after Penn hit his second straight 3-point-

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It's a "Catch 22" situation and there is simply no solution other than making sure the Bulldogettes make the most of their non-district schedule.

Speaking of competition and the supposed lack of same, it appears as if Big Spring sprinting star Tory Mitchell may not be having to travel to Dallas or Austin for a real challenge this year.

San Angelo Lake View's Saidric Williams created something of a stir Friday with impressive times in the 100 meters and 200 meters prelim heats at the 41st Annual San Angelo Relays.

The Chiefs' junior speedster posted one of the nation's best times in the 100 during his heat win with a 10.22-second clocking. He followed that with a 22.02 time in his heat of the 200.

While Williams' times don't

surpass Mitchell's times this season, they give rise to hopes that the District 5-4A meet set for April 16 at Blankenship Field will provide local fans with a chance to see Mitchell at close to his very best.

To his credit, Williams wasn't making any brash statements about challenging Big Spring's national champion following his Friday performances that included winning the long jump competition with a leap of 22 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

"That would be tough," Williams said when asked if he felt it was possible to challenge the defending district, state and national champ in a couple of weeks. "He (Mitchell) makes me work harder in practice, though, trying to get better."

That's what we're all hoping for.

John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald. His column appears on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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into a new drainage system and other track modifications.

Although early reviews have been very positive, speedway general manager Eddie Gossage and staff are taking a contrite, wait-and-see approach.

"I think all you're probably going to get from us is, 'We hope they like it,'" Gossage said. "We're going to let the racetrack talk for itself and let the drivers be the voice."

"But I think the proof is in the effort. We addressed what they asked us to address. I know there is universal appreciation for us stepping up and doing this so quickly last year."

Gossage didn't really want to make all the changes. He liked having a hard-to-navigate final turn because he thought it could give the track its identity, a unique challenge drivers would have to conquer to be a champion in Texas. He likened

it to the warped floor at Boston Garden that gave the Celtics an advantage because they knew how to take advantage of certain spots on the parquet.

"That was an argument that we made, and the drivers said they didn't want it," Gossage said. "All I know is the drivers weren't happy, and they are the voice of the sport to the fans. So, in turn, we want the fans to be happy and the only way to make them feel real good about the racetrack is to please the drivers."

But Gossage is warning drivers to be careful about getting what they wished for because it has made the track faster. The problems with the track itself have overshadowed the fact that the speedway has otherwise been a tremendous success.

The first two Winston Cup races were among the best attended events of each season with around 190,000 fans, help-

ing make Texas one of the top paydays on the circuit. Television ratings also have been strong — locally, only Dallas Cowboys games do better among area sports events.

"We knew we'd have success, but we thought we'd have to work our way up to it," Gossage said. "We've set records every time we've opened the gates out here. It's just unbelievable."

Today's race will boast even more fans and a larger payday. About 17,000 temporary seats have been brought in and several thousand permanent seats have been added, hiking crowd estimates to around 220,000.

Some of the money generated by the extra seats will be going to the drivers through a purse of more than \$4 million, third only to the Daytona 500 and the Brickyard 400.

Despite all the track has going for it, there is one huge thing it doesn't have — a second Winston Cup date.

Gossage is quick to point out this date was inherited when parent company Speedway Motorsports bought a track in North Wilksboro, N.C.

"NASCAR has yet to give Texas Motor Speedway and its fans a date," he said. "We're still waiting for them to do what they did in California, Las Vegas, Homestead, Phoenix and New Hampshire in recent years."

Gossage said he doesn't think Texas must host a race without an overriding controversy about the track to convince NASCAR it's worthy of another race. But he knows it wouldn't hurt.

"I'd really rather the battle on the speedway be the issue," he said. "What I'd like to be an issue is for this driver to say that driver tried to run him into the fence as they came off turn 4 for the checkered flag."

"Those are the kinds of controversies I like."

Tenants and Landowners will SHARE Boll Weevil Assessment

There apparently has been some confusion about how the assessment for the proposed Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Program will be collected in a landlord/tenant situation.

The total assessment or \$6 per land acre for dryland cotton and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton will be shared by the landlord and the tenant based on their crop share agreement.

In the common situation in which the producer has a 75 percent crop share and the landowner 25 percent, the assessment will be divided according to the following examples:

	Dryland	Irrigated
Landowner's share (25 percent)	\$1.50	\$3.00
Tenant's share (75 percent)	\$4.50	\$9.00

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Change can be healthy

SMMC updates appearance, equipment and aims for a new attitude

At Scenic Mountain Medical Center, staff and administration believe they've reached a turning point. Several renovation projects and redesign plans have been completed, and changes in the works for at least five years are now nearly finished.

"We've reached the point," said interim CEO Loren Chandler, "where we're just putting the exclamation point at the end. The staff is really excited, and we all feel we have something to be proud of."

That pride is focused around newly decorated patient rooms, a change in staffing procedures and new equipment, among other alterations.

"For the staff, this is someplace they can be proud to work," Chandler said.

Many of the ideas, explained Amber Rich, director of business development and human resources, came from patients themselves.

"We keep the surveys going all the time," she said. "That's one place we get ideas on how to improve."

One change, for example, was updating the wallpaper, blinds, fixtures and artwork decorating patient rooms.

"We found their room was one thing patients consistently rated low," Rich said. "And it's true, the rooms take a lot of wear."

When it came time to look at more effective ways to use nursing staff, administrators turned to the nurses themselves, forming a committee to design a new plan. That's where "team nursing" came in.

It's not a new concept, but it hasn't been used at the hospital for a long time. It means several nurses, an RN, LVN and aide, for example, work together. Every day, the nurses write the name of each patient's team members on a wipe-off board in the room.

That employee committee also came up with some changes to the visitors policy that, although in place for years, had not been enforced. Now, visitors are asked to stop by during certain hours and limit their calls to before 9 p.m. Nurses hope that way, patients can get the rest they need.

Among new equipment recently added to the hospital is a spiral CT scanner, which takes a picture, somewhat like an X-ray, of the patient's affected areas.

"This is state of the art, the only one in town," said Chandler. CT stands for "computed tomography," and this is the up-to-date version of the old CAT scan. Registered technician Tommie Gressett, assistant director of radiology for the hospital, is the first CT tech in Big Spring.

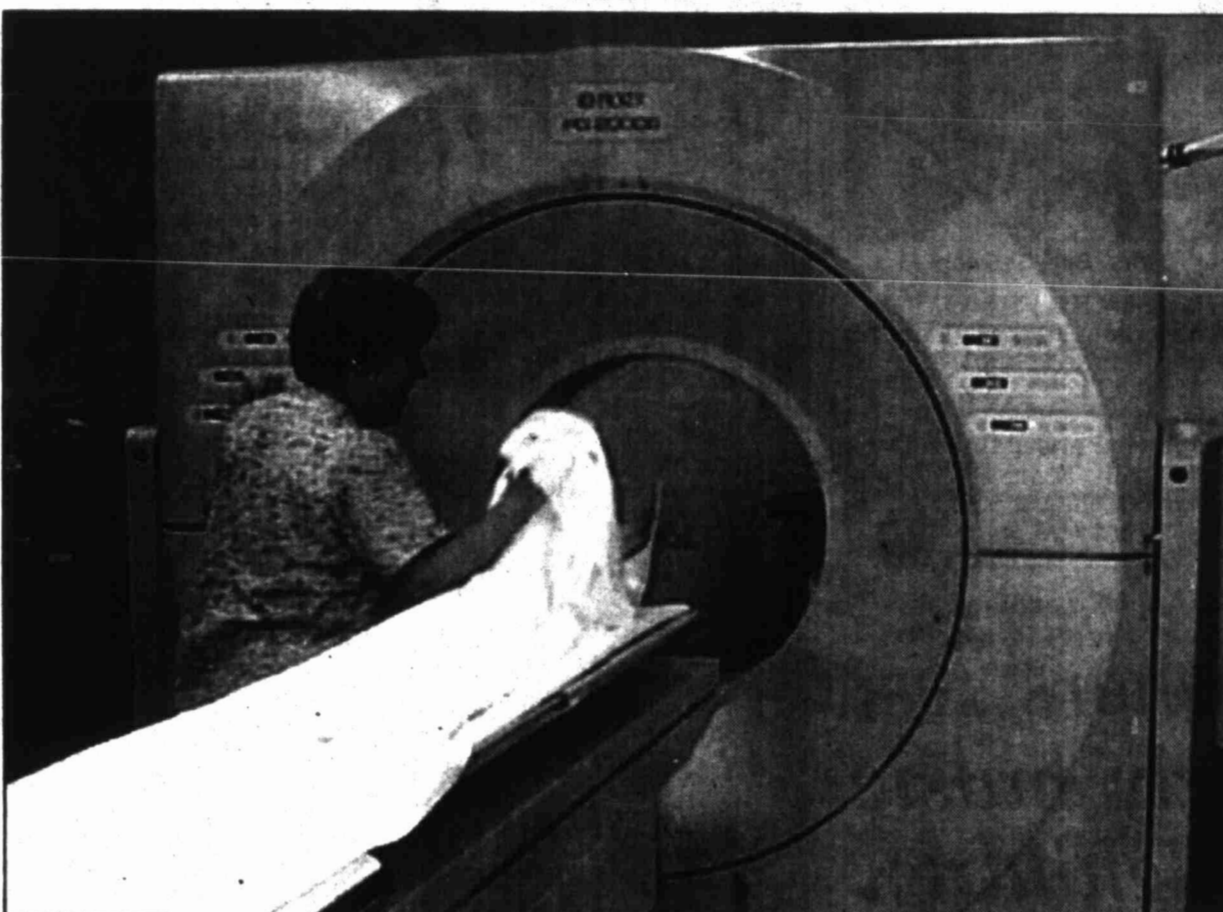
Along with the scanner came a laser camera, which allows the picture to be developed and ready for the doctor to examine in minutes.

Other changes include the new mural and waiting area for the intensive care unit. Staff also changed the way they organize the units, grouping certain types of patients together, for example.

After recruiting new doctors in various specialties — family practice, internal medicine and pulmonology among them — the hospital is working on ways to make sure they stay here.

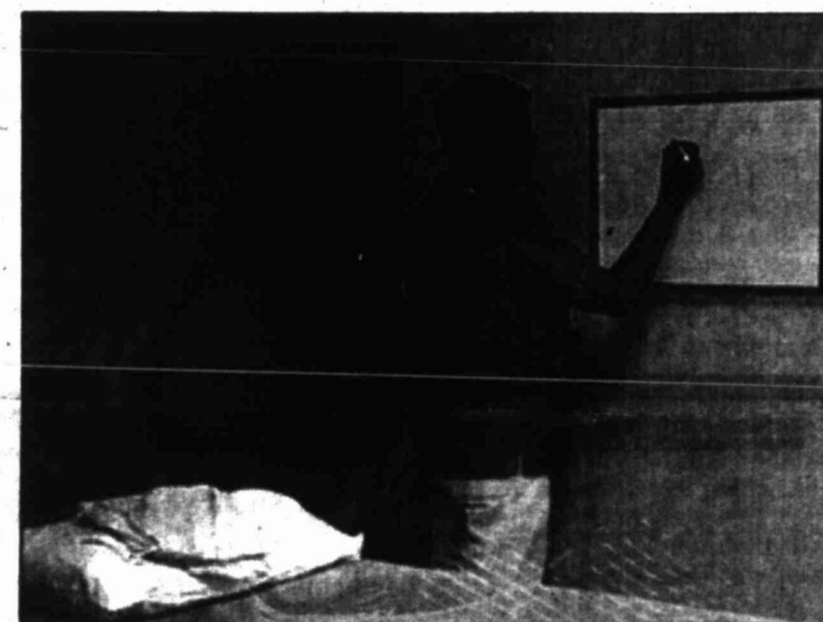
And the future may bring the possibility of more treatment options available in Big Spring — possibly even heart surgery, dialysis or radiation therapy for cancer sufferers, Chandler said.

"I don't want to put the hospital in a box," he said. "I think anything's possible. We are now at a point where we can ... do a



At left, Tommie Gressett, assistant director of radiology at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, works with the new spiral CT scanner, state-of-the-art equipment recently purchased by the hospital. Below, left, Edward Welch, LVN, writes the name of today's nursing "team" on the board in a patient's room. Below, right, Chrissy Lopez, LVN, left, and Angee James, CNA, work on a team for patient care. New equipment, nursing teams and other changes at the hospital are aimed at providing better service to patients.

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen



lot of different things. We're going to listen to the community and take it from there."

For more information about Scenic Mountain Medical Center's recent changes, see their website, www.smmccares.com.



Putting people to sleep has made her job interesting for 50 years

When Mary Alice Anderson first took a job at Malone Hogan Clinic, she never intended to stay long.

But Anderson, who will retire at the end of this month, obviously did — she has worked there for close to 50 years. Anderson, now in her 70s, is part of a team of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who work for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"I started by accident," explained Anderson, who was working in Brownwood in 1949. Since her parents had moved to Artesia, N.M., and her mother was ill, she decided to move closer to them.

"Big Spring was about halfway," Anderson recalled. "And it so happened they did have a job open. I thought 'I'll just be here a little while and then move on.'"

Anderson took an interest in anesthesiology during nursing school in El Paso. She was able to work with a doctor in that field, and even saw the first dose of sodium pentothal given to a patient there. Unfortunately, the young patient never woke up, and Anderson learned later than much more work had to be done to insure the safe use of that drug.

But Anderson found the field fascinating, and said she still does.

"It's a lot of fun to do," she said. "No two cases are ever exactly alike. It's always interesting, never boring."

She compares the field 50 years ago to today as being "like the Model A to present-day cars."

Early on, there were no monitors for the patient. He or she was just observed, and usually patients were allowed to get "a little blue," signaling a lack of oxygen, Anderson said.

Today, however, anesthetists rely on knowing the percentage of oxygen in the patient's blood. No one is allowed to turn blue.



Mary Alice Anderson works with a gas machine at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She's been working as a nurse anesthetist there for close to 50 years.

"That's probably the number one thing," Anderson said. "Now, we keep the (oxygen percentage) at 96 or above."

With an average caseload of about 500 per year, Anderson could have put the entire city of Big Spring — more than 24,000 — "to sleep" during her career. She has worked on all types of surgical procedures — orthopedic to obstetrics, on newborn infants to senior citizens.

That's another thing that has changed greatly in her five decades in the field, Anderson said: surgeries are routinely done today on people who wouldn't have been considered candidates years ago. Elderly patients and those with already-severe health problems can now be operated on safely thanks to new techniques and available drugs.

In all, it's been a great career, and Anderson can't say she would have ever considered anything else. Her colleagues agree that she made the right choice.

"Mary Alice has got one of those old-time work ethics," said Dr. Robert Hayes. "She comes to work all the time, she's conscientious, and a great asset to our community."

Bonnie McKenzie, director of anesthesia for Malone Hogan, which provides all anesthesia for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, had similar praise. She said Anderson has managed to stay current for 50 years in a field that encompasses all aspects of medicine.

"You've got to know a little bit about everything," McKenzie said.

After her last day at work at the end of the month, Anderson plans to go to Atlanta for a while to visit her son. Her daughter, Ellen Phillips, lives in Big Spring.

Her friends and co-workers will honor Anderson with a reception Wednesday at Big Spring Country Club from 5-7 p.m.

Story of true love, patriotism transcends stereotypes of today

"The Last Valentine." James Michael Pratt. St. Martin's Paperbacks. New York, New York. February, 1999. 302 pages. \$6.99.

Television newsmagazine reporter Susan Allison is looking to do a story about an unusual and true love that has lasted through the years. She becomes acquainted with Neil Thomas, Jr. who believes he might have just what she is looking for. His parents had been married little more than a year when his pilot father was

called into the action of World War II; his departure was Valentine's Day, 1944.

The couple was obviously deeply in love, and Neil Sr.'s leaving was made even more difficult because of the baby his wife was expecting. As the troop transport train is pulling out, each promised eternal love to the other, with the pilot's added promise to return to his beautiful bride.

The story moves to early February 1998 and both of Neil's parents have died. He is

cleaning out their house, going through the many mementos and things that have accumulated through the years.

Neil, Jr. finds it difficult, but with the death of his wife with



PAT WILLIAMS

in the last few years, he thinks it best to part with the house in which he was raised and one that holds memories of so much love and care. It is to this house that Susan comes to interview the young Neil and hear the story he is ready to tell.

James Michael Pratt's book is meant to be a love story, but in addition, he obviously wants to share his idea of the significance of love and devotion that transcends the shallow definition accepted today. Pratt had

done extensive research about the historical facts of World War II, and weaves much of it into his narrative.

"The Last Valentine" is cleverly told through letters written by Thomas, Sr. while he is away from his family; he tells not only of his deep emotional feelings for them, but also the growth of his faith in God. He tells of a devotion to country and duty that is rarely expressed today.

The alternating of times within the story from 1944 to the

present is sometimes confusing to the reader, but it doesn't detract from Pratt's powerful message.

This story is refreshing in the patriotism, morality, and personal devotion shown by the characters.

It truly is a "tear jerker," but worth a box of tissues for the good feelings it leaves behind.

RATING: (***) three out of four = A Valentine better than candy!

Pat Williams reviews paperback books for the Herald.

WEDDINGS

Thompson-Sellman

Jennisa Thompson of Coahoma, and Billy Sellman of Brady, were united in marriage on March 20, 1999, at Salem Baptist Church in Coahoma with Ben Deel officiating.

She is the daughter of Julie Thompson of Coahoma.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sellman of Brady.

Instrumentalist was Donna Merrick.

Given in marriage by Randy Lowe, the bride wore a white satin gown with a beaded bodice and small buttons up the back.

She carried a bouquet of white lilies and English ivy.

Maid of honor was Sandy Logston, and Jennifer Thompson was the bridesmaid.

Brian Owens served as best man, and John Paul Nickles was the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The cake was a horse-shoe cake with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1998 graduate



Mrs. Billy Sellman

of Coahoma High School.

The groom is a graduate of Brady High School and is employed by AAT Cattle Company.

Following a wedding trip to Cloud Croft, N.M., the couple will make their home in Big Lake.

GETTING ENGAGED



Amy Weaver and Jeff Gearhart will exchange wedding vows on May 10, 1999, at the Watson Building in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Buddy and Carla Weaver of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Pete and Imogene Allen also of Big Spring.

He is the son of Loren and Dianna Gearhart of Farmington, N.M.



Brandi Borchardt and Keith Fontana, both of Big Spring, will unite in marriage on June 5, 1999, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Debra Borchardt, Big Spring.

He is the son of Vicky Fontana of Big Spring, and Ray Fontana of Beach Springs.

Kay Garrett, Coahoma, and Ronald Lucas, Big Spring, will be united in marriage on April 30, 1999, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Cotton officiating.

She is the daughter of the late Bill and Deane Garrett.

He is the son of the late David Jack and Jackie Lucas.

IN THE MILITARY

Brent Sisson, son of Neal and Christy Sisson of Stanton, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on March 16.

Sisson will graduate from Big Spring High School in May and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on June 9.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the special purpose vehicle and equipment maintenance career field.

In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an Associate's Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending Basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Army Pvt. Jason D. Canales has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

Canales, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic, is the son of Jo Ellen Canales of Big Spring.

He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Cpl. Ross Norton, son of Russell and Doris L. Norton of Big Spring, recently completed a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP), with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, home based in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The 1995 graduate of Garden City High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

Custody battle has Howdy Doody subject of tug-of-war

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Howdy Doody, the freckle-faced puppet that entertained millions of American children in the 1950s, is in the middle of a custody battle.

A Detroit museum and the family of a Connecticut puppeteer who used to pull the marionette's strings are in a legal tug-of-war for the original redheaded doll in cowboy boots.

Howdy is sitting in a safe deposit box in Connecticut while the case plays out in federal court in Hartford.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, which has one of the largest collections of historically significant puppets in North America, is accusing Rufus Rose's three sons of purloining the puppet.

The museum claims in its lawsuit that Rose and "Buffalo Bob" Smith, the host of "The Howdy Doody Show," agreed years ago to donate the original 27-inch-tall wooden puppet to the museum.

"Howdy Doody is one of the most significant TV icons from the '50s and '60s. The original puppet would have great historical significance, both in terms of television history and for a collection of puppets," said Stuart D. Rosen, an attorney for the museum.

The Rose family claims that the puppeteer did think about leaving the doll to the museum but was not legally obligated to do so and ultimately chose not to do it in his will.

From 1947 to 1960, NBC aired more than 2,500 live episodes of the show. Buffalo Bob, Howdy, Clarabell the mute clown and other characters from Doodyville, U.S.A., were a regular part of the lives of millions of baby boomers. Buffalo Bob would shout, "Say, kids, what time is it?" and the Peanut

Gallery — the kiddie studio audience — would scream: "It's Howdy Doody time!"

Rose and his wife, Margaret, created the original Howdy Doody puppet and replicas of it at their design studio in Waterford. Copies of Howdy — without the strings — were taken on the road for public appearances, and one of those was bequeathed in 1980 to the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1970, Buffalo Bob wanted to hit the road again, visiting college campuses and military bases to make a living. In a letter to Buffalo Bob, Rose said he would lend him "the one and only original Howdy," but there was a catch.

"NBC conveyed ownership of all the Howdy Doody marionettes to me with the provisions that I not use them in any commercial manner as the characters from the 'Howdy Doody Show,' and that Howdy himself eventually be placed in the care of The Detroit Institute of the Arts," Rose wrote. "I hand Howdy on to you with this mutual understanding and responsibility."

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TWU researchers test effects of early music education on children

DENTON (AP) — As a 5-year-old girl named Sean sat with a yellow, electrode-studded cap on her head and tapped out the rhythm of an Irish folk song, a computer adjacent to her showed a rainbow-colored map of her brain activity. The map looked more like a computer game than serious scientific research.

But Texas Woman's University researchers working with Sean and 30 other young children are serious. Where do their hypotheses come from? "This is your brain as a young child, they say. And this is your brain on music, they follow."

John Flohr from TWU's department of performing arts program in music, Daniel Miller from the department of psychology and philosophy and Harry Meeuwisen and Ron French in kinesiology are working together to test the effects of early music education on the brains of young children.

Funded by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the team is post-testing the 30 4- and 5-year olds to discover the effects of seven months of music education on their brain functioning and behavioral development.

Those 30 children will be compared with a control group of the same size which did not receive musical instruction.

The TWU researchers are in hot pursuit of important answers which, if discovered, could yield substantial changes in curriculum development, legislation and funding for children in early education across the country. And that's not to mention potentially widespread sociological shifts in the way we view youngsters and their mental, emotional and cognitive development as it relates to the arts. But the scientists are not armed with answers just yet.

"The hard questions are not even close to being answered, but we're making some progress," Flohr said in a recent

interview at the TWU Child Development Center.

In the past few years, newspapers and news magazines such as Newsweek have enthusiastically reported on research done at the University of California at Irvine which suggested that music instruction improved the spatial abilities of children.

The term "Mozart Effect" was coined to refer to the idea that, in effect, Mozart makes kids smarter. Capitalizing on the delicious implications of that idea, Sony released a CD called "Mozart Can Make You Smarter."

It sounded simple and very, very enticing: If you want your children to grow up intelligent, well-adjusted and happy, feed them a steady diet of classical music starting when they're infants.

It is tempting, of course, to believe that good early parenting consists merely of popping the daily Mozart pill, so to speak. But Flohr said the conclusions often made by popular media about the effects of early childhood music education are severely simplified and premature.

What has been discovered so far, he said, are indications that children who learn music while they're young have a better chance of reaching their hard-wired potential for musical development.

Other types of cognitive development improvement due to exposure to music appear to be likely, but those have not yet been determined in scope or in type.

The experiment at TWU is Miller and Flohr's third together since 1992. At that time, Miller was working on research called the Minds Project, which examined the effects of early exposure to various stimuli on young children's brain activity. Flohr said he convinced Miller to include a music component to that research, and the fun began.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers recently welcomed by Joy Fortenberry, of the Newcomer Greeting Service, were:

Tonia Brown, son Alfred and daughters DeShawna, Monay and CeLeBritie, Odessa. She is employed by Reliable Life Ins. Co.

Mike and Lajuan Bailey and daughter Leslie, Breckenridge. He is employed by Oryx Energy Co.

Adam and Lupe Rangel and daughters Adrianna, Lisa Beth and Sara, Midland. He works for Nicheleson Landscaping.

James Caywood, Houston. He works for Price Construction. Jeanette Alexander, Mesquite. She does management human resource work.

Lillian Alexander, Mesquite. She is retired from financial institutional work.

Lucy Valdez and sons Anthony, Rene and George, Lubbock.

Billy Robinson, Fort Worth. He works for Walmart.

Caren Carruth, daughter Kristen and son Brandon, Odessa. She is employed by Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

Soe and Myint Win and daughter Alyson, New York City, N.Y. They are both physicians at the VA Medical Center.

Pat Cordrey, West Plains, Mo. She is a retired bookkeeper.

James and Angele Carter and son, Anthony, Marion, Ind. He is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Billy and Cheryl Darst, Dallas.

He is a car mechanic and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Managed Services.

ODDS-N-ENDS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — One of Gov. Jesse Ventura's bodyguards took the hit for his boss: A banana cream pie smack in the back of the head.

City and state officials weren't laughing.

"It appears to be a prank, albeit not a very funny one," said Ventura spokesman John Wodele.

"We are taking it very seriously. It is an assault."

The pie was thrown as Ventura, who was meeting with a neighborhood group Thursday night, walked past a group of protesters who were behind a police line. They were protesting Ventura's budget plan, which would cut funding for the arts and nonprofit organizations.

The bodyguard took the brunt of the pie, though some hit Ventura on the left arm.

Police and the governor's staff were attempting to determine who threw the pie, Wodele said.

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TUESDAY-Spaghetti or chicken patty, green beans, tossed salad, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, peach cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

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MONDAY-Corndog (charbroiled meatballs), potato wedges, pineapple tidbits, sliced peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers (chicken salad on lettuce), mashed potatoes, w/gravy, english peas, pear halves, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande (chef salad), corn, jello w/fruit, apple milk.

THURSDAY-Teriyaki chicken, seasoned herbed rice, black-eyed peas, Easter Treat, roll, milk.

FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

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MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-BBQ beef on bun (burritos), fries, pickle spears, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti (toasted cheese sandwiches), peas, bread, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked ham (corndogs), potato, glazed carrots, pickle spears, bread, milk.

FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Hot dogs w/mustard, french fries, pork & beans, cake milk.

TUESDAY-Pigs on the blanket, sliced potatoes, ranch style beans, cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad, cornbread, pinto beans, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello milk.

FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL.

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Fish, rotini/cheese, broccoli, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Meat & cheese sandwiches, chips, veggies, apple, milk.

THURSDAY-Spaghetti/meat, green beans, salad, garlic bread, milk.

FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Fish, macaroni and cheese, english peas, hush puppies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Frito pie, ranch style beans, salad, cheese and crackers, cookies and fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, chips, salad, Rice Krispie bars, fruit, milk.

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"Tiny" Lab mix black male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Bell" Blue Heeler mix, grey/black and tan female, 1 year old, spayed.

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BEST SELLERS

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLING BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Testament" by John Grisham (Doubleday)

2. "Vittorio the Vampire" by Anne Rice (Knopf)

3. "Tara Road" by Maeve Binchy (Delacorte)

4. "Single & Single" by John Le Carre (Scribner)

5. "River's End" by Nora Roberts (Putnam)

6. "Hush Money" by Robert B. Parker (Putnam)

7. "Ashes to Ashes" by Tami Hoag (Bantam)

8. "Vector" by Robin Cook (Putnam)

9. "Apollyon" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins (Tyndale House)

10. "A Sudden Change of Heart" by Barbara Taylor Bradford (Doubleday)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "All Too Human" by George Stephanopoulos (Little, Brown)

2. "The Courage to Be Rich" by Suze Orman (Riverhead)

3. "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)

4. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)

5. "Monica's Story" by Andrew Morton (St. Martin's)

6. "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town" by Lawrence Sanders (HarperCollins)

7. "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom" by Suze Orman (Crown)

8. "The Art of Happiness" by the Dalai Lama and Howard Cutler (Riverhead)

9. "Sugar Busters!" by Steward, Bethea, Andrews, Balart (Ballantine)

10. "Reaching to Heaven" by James Van Praagh (Dutton)

Neighborhoods threaten to secede from Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — From the Pacific Coast to the inland valley, entire neighborhoods are talking about seceding from Los Angeles and creating new cities across Southern California.

"L.A. is just too big," said Kathy Guerra, who works at a gardening shop in Sherman Oaks.

This week, Sherman Oaks and other parts of the San Fernando Valley took a crucial step that could put secession on the ballot in 2002. Similar movements are afoot in other communities.

Altogether, they make up as much as 60 percent of the city's population of 3.6 million.

Secession proponents say that Los Angeles — which is the nation's second-largest city in population and occupies more area than any other U.S. community, with 467 square miles — is too unwieldy to govern and that smaller governments would be more efficient, more responsive and perhaps less costly, meaning taxes could be lower.

Opponents of secession fear such a move would only create more bureaucracy, hurt the poor and minorities by dividing voting blocs and diminish the clout Los Angeles needs to land federal aid and conventions.

If the three largest communities seceded, Los Angeles would remain racially and economically mixed. Within its borders would be the downtown skyline recognizable in such TV shows as "L.A. Law," the tourist attractions of Hollywood, the poor black and Hispanic neighborhoods of South Central and Watts, and largely Hispanic East Los Angeles.

The city's best-known industries — entertainment and technology — are already largely in the suburbs.

The seceding communities would take away vast residential areas as well as many small businesses. West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley

are about 40 percent minority, and San Pedro is 80 percent. All three are mixed economically.

Mayor Richard Riordan has warned that secession would reduce the kind of pull that enabled Los Angeles to secure \$10 billion in aid after the 1994 earthquake in the San Fernando Valley. He has also said that the move would "dilute a level of Los Angeles' diversity, which is what has made us a great city."

A vote in June on a proposed revision of Los Angeles' 74-year-old charter could blunt the secession drive and keep the city together.

For the past two years, commissions have worked to revise a Progressive-era charter written for a small, predominantly white town into one that can meet the needs of a diverse, international city. Among other things, the new charter would create neighborhood councils and decentralize decisions on planning and zoning.

"There is enough in the charter that says: 'We do hear you

and Los Angeles is not too big to govern. You do not have to break it up," said H. Eric Schockman, a professor of political science at the University of Southern California and a participant in the charter revision effort.

Some secessionists say the proposed new charter doesn't adequately address their demands.

Proponents of secession say their local needs are neglected. In the San Fernando Valley, for instance, advocates complain that all of the city's commuter rail lines are outside the Valley and their libraries are neglected. They want to decide how their tax money is spent.

"Los Angeles is coming to terms with the fact that it is too large and better off divided into two smaller, more manageable units," said Jeff Brain, president of Valley VOTE, which is pushing for the San Fernando Valley to secede and become a city in its own right of 1.2 million people.

Correction Notice

In our March 28th ad, we advertised a Compaq Palm-Size PC (Aero2130) and Konami's NBA in the Zone '99 game for PlayStation. Due to manufacturing delays, these items are currently unavailable. However, we will be offering rainchecks for both items.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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Jack Logan Prorise, boy, March 25, 1999, 11:47 a.m., seven pounds 6 1/2 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Kenneth and Stacy Prorise, Vealmoor.

Isreal Matthew Enriquez, boy, March 23, 1999, 9:34 a.m., six pounds three ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; mother is Amanda Enriquez.

Grandmother is Sandra Lozano, Big Spring.

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Grandparents are Pete and Minnie Jimenez of Colorado City, and Richard and Liles Acuna of Odessa.

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Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Lucas of Corpus Christi.

Angelica Raquel Mojica, girl, March 19, 1999, 8:47 a.m., six pounds 11 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Abilene Gonzales and Israel Mojica.

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Alexandra Dawn Hill, girl, March 15, 1999, 11:24 a.m., six pounds six ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Michael and Tabatha Hill.

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Bank regulators back off big brother 'Know Your Customer' regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bowing to a public outcry over privacy concerns, bank regulators have scrapped proposed anti-money laundering rules that would have tracked the transaction patterns of bank customers.

The "Know Your Customer" rules were put out for public comment in December by four federal banking agencies. Since then, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. alone has received some 225,000 e-mail messages and letters, nearly all opposing the rules.

Privacy advocates, conservative groups, ordinary people

and the nation's bankers have complained that the rules would turn every bank teller into a spy for a "Big Brother" government.

They maintained the rules were unconstitutional and would violate prohibitions against unreasonable search and seizure.

Early this month, the Senate joined the deluge of criticism, voting 88-0 to express support for a measure directing the regulators to drop the proposals.

In a statement issued last week after agency officials voted at open meetings, the four agencies said they had received

"an unprecedented number" of comments protesting the proposal on privacy grounds.

The regulations would have required banks to verify their customers' identities, know where their money comes from and determine their normal pattern of transactions. The current regulations for banks to report any "suspicious" transactions to law enforcement authorities would have been expanded.

Lawmakers and bankers reacted swiftly and positively to the regulators' action. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, for exam-

ple, said he was "glad to know that there are regulators who will listen to real people and walk away from a bad idea."

Donald Ogilvie, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association, said the rules would have put banks "in the untenable position of invading their customers' privacy and potentially could have eroded public confidence in the banking industry."

The regulators' decision to withdraw the proposal "does not diminish in any manner our long-standing support" for other federal laws designed to fight money laundering, the agen-

cies' statement said.

The statement was issued by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of Thrift Supervision and the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which oversees nationally chartered banks.

Money launderers should not be encouraged because the "Know Your Customer" rules are being scrapped, a senior Treasury Department official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the department is still engaged in "vigorous enforcement" of existing rules prohibiting

money laundering.

The proposed rules were designed to combat money laundering techniques used by drug traffickers and other criminals to hide illegal profits.

Money laundering, which is a major concern of law enforcement officials, reached an estimated \$30 billion in this country last year.

Laundering includes the use of wire transfers and bank drafts as well as "smurfing," the practice of breaking down transactions into smaller amounts that do not have to be reported under the Bank Secrecy Act.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dallas and Phoenix are the latest test markets for the 16-ounce plastic beer bottle.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. is selling Budweiser and Bud Light beer in another test campaign following a similar test last summer in New York. The new packaging — an alternative to the traditional aluminum can or glass bottle — is being sold primarily in convenience markets.

Miller Brewing Co., the nation's No. 2 brewer, has been selling beer in plastic bottles in similar market tests since October.

Dan Hoffman, director of Budweiser marketing, said last year's test in New York showed that consumers preferred plastic bottles at places like beaches and pools, where glass is prohibited.

"We will determine the long-term recycling viability of the bottle," as part of the Dallas and Phoenix tests, Hoffman said.

The plastic bottles being used by both Anheuser-Busch and Miller are resealable. Both use a three-layered, recyclable plastic that prevents absorption of oxygen, which would affect freshness.

Miller spokesman Scott Bussen the plastic containers were getting a good reception from retailers and buyers.

Miller is selling Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft and Icehouse in plastic 16-ounce, 20-ounce and 1-liter bottles. Testing has been expanded to seven cities, Bussen said.

Bussen said the plastic bottles are no cheaper to make than glass bottles. Beer has been available in plastic bottles in Europe and Australia for years.

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States plunged by 24 on Friday to an all-time record low of 502.

Of the rigs running nationwide this week, 111 were exploring for oil and 391 for gas, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported. During the same week last year, 890 U.S. rigs were operating.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom, but has set record lows in seven of the last 10 weeks.

Despite recent gains, weak oil and gas prices over the past few months are to blame for the lack of drilling activity.

Baker Hughes says there probably are fewer domestic rigs now than at any time since industry's emerging days of the early 1900s.

State Rep. David Counts (right) presents the Ag Producer of the Year Award to Howard County Hereford producer Leland Wallace. At left is Chuck Williams, president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and Marie Wallace, Leland's wife of 58-plus years.



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Fina

Total/Fina merger moves past final European hurdle

HERALD Staff Report

The merger between France oil giant Total SA and Belgium's Petrofina SA — parent company of Dallas-based Fina Inc. — appears to be well on the way toward completion, it was announced Friday.

"We got word today that the European Commission has approved the merger. That's the last government hurdle they had to get approved," said Steve Weber, refinery manager of the Big Spring Fina Plant.

The acquisition will form Total Fina, the fifth largest oil company in the world.

"I would think that formal

offerings for the stock will begin in the next week or so and look for the merger to be completed in mid-summer, probably late June or early July," Weber said.

Locally, Weber is not anticipating any changes, other than some signs with the new name. "They are a French company so there may be a little influence from Belgium," he said. "But I don't see any other changes coming."

The deal to create Total Fina is based on a stock swap that gives Total control of 41 percent of Petrofina, Belgium's

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'How's my driving?' Do those stickers work?

WASHINGTON (AP) — "How's My Driving?" stickers were once the butt of jokes, considered "Big Brother" on the road.

Today, the decals are affixed to hundreds of thousands of 18-wheelers and other commercial vehicles rolling across America. And rising cell phone use has resulted in an increase in calls to phone numbers displayed on the vehicles — and the occasional firing of an unsafe driver.

A decade old, "How's My Driving?" gets mixed reviews.

"I'm not scared of answering to safety," said Dan Hallford, a trucker from Montgomery, Ala., who thinks they're a good idea.

But Wallace Harris, a driver from Vernon, Ala., doesn't think they make the roads any safer.

"You get too many people getting mad at truckers and just calling in," Harris said. "People will call in and I will have no way to defend myself."

Some companies answer their own complaint calls from motorists. Others hire firms like FleetSafe or DriverCheck,

TRUCK SAFETY FACTS

Some safety facts about large trucks, according to 1997 data, the most recent available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- One of eight traffic fatalities resulted from a collision involving a large truck.
- 444,000 large trucks were involved in traffic crashes in America.
- 5,355 people died and 133,000 others were injured in those crashes.
- Of those killed in crashes, 13 percent were in the trucks; 78 percent were in other vehicles; the rest were not in any vehicle.

both in Atlanta, Safety Alert Network in Metairie, La., and DriversAlert in Boca Raton, Fla., to collect the comments and compile incident reports.

Convinced they make drivers more safety-conscious, some insurance companies offer discounted premiums to fleets whose trucks carry the decals.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. pays for monitoring 30,000 commercial vehicles operated by companies it insures, says Paul Farrell, loss control manager.

And it pays off, he said. "Fleets that use the program have 20 percent fewer accidents."

Still, skepticism surrounds "How's My Driving?" programs.

"The drivers say 'Isn't this Big Brother watching me?'" Farrell said. "The general public — they may be a little bit wary of giving their name and phone number. That information is protected, but if somebody's not clued in to how the whole system works, they might

feel like, 'Gee, is there going to be a nasty, crazy driver knocking on my door tomorrow?'"

That misconception didn't dissuade David Reiner from grabbing a cell phone in his pickup truck and calling a toll-free "How's My Driving?" number on the back of a delivery van that braked suddenly on a busy road in Southern California.

Reiner says the van driver glared at him in his rearview mirror, then stomped on his brakes again — and again — and again.

"I don't know what I did to make him angry — but he kept slamming his brakes in front of me. It almost seemed like he was trying to get me to rear-end him," Reiner of Arleta, Calif., told a representative of FleetSafe.

FleetSafe could not disclose what, if anything, happened to the van driver. But to help validate complaints, the company asks motorists detailed questions about the incident being reported.

FleetSafe's call center asked Reiner: What type of vehicle was it? ("A white van.") Was

the weather clear and dry? ("A little cloudy.") Was traffic light or heavy? ("Moderate.") His complaint then was faxed to the delivery company, which would decide whether to discipline the driver.

Still, safety directors at some trucking companies worry the decals give motorists a venue to vent frustration.

Bored drivers sometimes call in petty complaints, says Donna Eastman, safety director for LaValle Transportation Inc., of Potsdam, N.Y., which has 50 trucks displaying the company's phone number.

"If a truck passes their car and it's raining and they get their windshield all yucked up, people will call and say 'Well, he was really speeding,'" Ms. Eastman said. "Sometimes you get somebody who has a grudge against a driver and are just calling to get them in trouble."

That's the exception, not the rule, says Ken Rees, national sales manager for DriverCheck. He says trucking companies tell him that only a handful of complaints are false, vindictive or invalid.

Tomato glut hurts growers, but doesn't lower store prices

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Florida's tomato growers and their employees are taking a beating in the industry, hurt by competition from Mexico and an abundant harvest that makes the fruit a money-losing venture.

But even as growers receive less and less money for their crops, most large supermarkets aren't lowering prices to consumers, a situation that may soon get scrutiny from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A primary bone of contention for farmers is the North American Free Trade Agreement, which opened the market to cheap tomatoes from Mexico.

Florida supplied 65 percent of the tomatoes consumed in the United States before NAFTA, compared with Mexico's 35 percent market share, said Skip Jonas of the Florida Tomato Committee, a growers group. Now, Florida supplies only about 35 percent of tomatoes

sold in supermarkets, with 65 percent coming from Mexico.

"Every year I see farmers going broke or quit. Every year," said Robert Borek, a second-generation farmer from Homestead, near Miami, who is contemplating getting rid of his 250 acres of tomatoes.

Borek's tomato crop used to account for half the income on his 1,500 acre farm. "My only two choices are to quit or to stay in this thing till I go bankrupt."

Farmers say the flood of cheap fruit from Mexico was exacerbated by this year's favorable growing weather.

"The growing in both Florida and in Mexico has been ideal this year. We've just had too many tomatoes," said Jonas. "It has occurred in the past, but way back. It's just very unusual."

As of Wednesday, the average price paid to farmers was 22 cents a pound, down from 28 cents last week, said Bob

Blankenship, an economics researcher for the state agriculture commissioner.

The Florida Tomato Committee estimates that 28 cents to 32 cents per pound is the break-even point.

NAFTA hasn't helped, Florida's tomato growers say. Cheap land and abundant water, in addition to growers who don't have to pay for Social Security, worker's compensa-

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Questions and answers about boll weevil eradication proposal

I wanted to take this opportunity to review the basic information concerning the boll weevil eradication effort for the Permian Basin Zone. First I would like to answer some questions that are frequently asked by landowners and producers.

Do you have to pay an assessment if you do not plant and grow a cotton crop?



DAVID KIGHT

No, also in years two through four of the program there will be an option to plow out a crop; by a certain date with little or no assessment.

How long does the boll weevil eradication process last?

The maximum length of the program is three years. The program may take less if weevil numbers are low, if cotton acreage is lower or if we have a very cold winter.

Who runs the boll weevil eradication program if it is approved by two-thirds of the eligible voters?

Each zone has a grower steering committee that offers input on the way the program for that zone is

designed.

How much is the proposed annual assessment?

The annual assessment for dryland cotton is \$6.00 per acre and \$12.00 per acre for irrigated cotton. The proposed budget is the maximum amount of cost, or a worst case scenario.

The Permian Basin zone is made up of Ector, Midland, Howard, Martin, Borden and Dawson counties. Ballots were mailed on March 18. You will be asked to vote on three issues, establishing the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, an annual assessment within the zone not to exceed \$6.00/\$12.00 per acre and on a board

member to represent the zone on the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board.

The main thing to consider is what will make you money. Remember that at 50 cents per pound, it will only take two bolls per foot to more than pay for the assessment. Seventy five million dollars of state aid is being earmarked for this program. These funds more than likely will not be available in the future. Eradication of the boll weevil will translate into \$6.5 million to \$7 million additional just for Howard County. That is approximately \$36 million dollars for the county when the rollover effect is con-

sidered.

Five years ago Georgia and Alabama grew very little cotton because of the boll weevil. Today, because of eradication, they grow a tremendous amount of cotton. They do this at a breakeven price of approximately 43 cents per pound. If we do not eradicate the boll weevil we cannot be competitive on the world market and we do not have any other crop we can grow that will generate the cash flow needed to meet debt.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. His office is in the basement of the Courthouse and his phone number is 264-2236.)

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tion, or unemployment makes the playing field level.

In 1996, Florida tied antidumping duties against Mexico's prices with an average set a floor price of Mexican and U.S. \$5.25 for a 25-pound canteen of tomatoes. In 1997, the price made a profit of \$1.52 a pound. Furthermore, the amount of Mexico can export to the U.S. is limited.

Florida officials told the U.S. Department of Commerce is whether Mexico is selling cheap tomatoes in the market. A spokesman for the department who identified said that is not investigating the issue to monitor for unfair trade practices.

Calls to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's State of Sinaloa weren't returned. Sinaloa is the leading producing region in Mexico.

Despite the situation, market prices for tomatoes are stable or even rising.

In Florida, for example, retail price went to \$1.52 a pound. "We're puzzled over what's happening," he said.

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In 1996, Florida growers settled antidumping lawsuits challenging Mexico's low tomato prices with an agreement that set a floor price for both Mexican and U.S. growers of \$5.25 for a 25-pound box, or 21 cents a pound — not enough to make a profit.

Furthermore, there is no limit on the amount of tomatoes Mexico can export to the United States.

Florida officials have been told the U.S. Department of Commerce is investigating whether Mexico is again dumping cheap tomatoes in the U.S. market. A spokesman for the department who declined to be identified said the department is not investigating, but continues to monitor for dumping.

Calls to the Confederation of Agricultural Associations of the State of Sinaloa in Mexico weren't returned Thursday. Sinaloa is the largest tomato producing region in Mexico.

Despite the situation, supermarket prices for tomatoes are stable or even higher, said Blankenship.

In Florida, for instance, the retail price went up from \$1.48 to \$1.52 a pound last week. "We're puzzled why that would be happening," he said.

Congressional representatives have asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to step in. Annette Clauson, an economist with the department, said Thursday it is considering whether to open an investigation.

Mickey Clerc, a spokesman for the big southern supermarket chain Winn-Dixie Stores Inc., sought to explain the disparity. "There are a lot of steps in between the field and the product packaged and offered for sale in the supermarket. Our objective is to be competitively priced."

Part of the problem is that large supermarket chains are buying each other out, Blankenship, the state economist, suggested.

"There are fewer buyers because of consolidation. There's less competition, and that's one of the overall things when you're looking at what impact this may be having not only on fruits and vegetables ... but all grocery items."

While consumers aren't seeing lower prices, they do get one perk from the current oversupply: higher quality.

Florida farmers for the last three to four weeks have harvested only the best quality tomatoes, an effort that artificially limits supply.

Borek estimated that about 60 percent of his crop would be harvested, with the rest left to rot on the vines.

Southwestern Bell suffers pair of setbacks with PUC

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell has agreed to let state 911 officials test a new emergency database provided by a competitor.

The agreement means Texas can continue plans to track emergency calls from wireless phones.

"We're happy because we'll be able to proceed with the pilot project," said Carey Spence, deputy director of the state 911 system.

State authorities chose SCC Communications over Southwestern Bell to provide a new 911 database, but ran into opposition from Bell in its implementation.

When SCC Communications tried to test the system in Houston, Bell officials refused to link the database, saying it might jeopardize the phone network.

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Petrofina employs 14,700 people worldwide, and is one of Belgium's largest industrial companies. Officials said employment totals are expected to remain largely unchanged, with 69,100 people working for the new group.

"It's good for the company. Larger companies can compete better. There are still a lot of things that have to happen, but we're feeling pretty good about it right now," Weber said.

work. State 911 authorities complained to the Public Utility Commission that Bell officials were delaying life-saving improvements to the network.

Both sides went to mediation and agreed to do the test.

Southwestern Bell officials now say they don't expect the pilot project to jeopardize the phone network because initial technical problems have been resolved in negotiations.

"The purpose of the pilot is to be sure all systems work together," said Ron Huelsing, Bell's product manager for public safety.

If SCC's database — which includes a list of phone customers' names, addresses and phone numbers — works with Bell's network, then 911 districts around the state would

have a choice. They could continue to use Southwestern Bell's database services or hire SCC Communications.

"Competition will bring products and services to the public-safety community," said Steve Meer, SCC's chief technology officer. "Rather than public-safety agencies dealing with 10

different telephone companies to see if the customer information is correct, we provide that to them."

The new database would be used in the state's plan for wireless phone customers to have the same 911 protections as those provided for wired phones.

SWBTC customers can choose another carrier

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission ordered Southwestern Bell on Thursday to allow its customers to choose another company to connect local toll calls.

Toll calls are those that are too long to be local but not long enough to be long distance. "This will bring competition to one segment of long-distance calling that has remained a monopoly until now," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood.

The PUC order affects local toll calls which Southwestern Bell automatically connects now. For example, they would include calls from Austin to Bastrop or Smithville, from Bay City to Houston, from Dallas to Greenville or Midland to Marfa.

As of May 7, telephone customers will be able to shop around for another phone company to connect those calls as they can with long distance. "Now virtually all long-dis-

tance calls in Texas can be provided by a number of competing telecommunications companies," said PUC Commissioner Brett Perlman.

The order doesn't affect regular local phone service. The PUC's decision comes as Southwestern Bell, Texas' largest local phone company, tries to satisfy state regulations so it can begin offering long-distance service.

"Southwestern Bell is still of the firm belief that long-distance companies should not be able to offer local toll calling service until Southwestern Bell is allowed to offer full long-distance service," said company spokesman Bill Maddox. "That is only fair."

Southwestern Bell argued that an order like the one issued Thursday would violate state law, but the Federal Communications Commission recently ruled otherwise.

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HOWARD COUNTY CLERK:

MARRIAGE LICENSES:

Glyn Arvin Sullivan, 74, and Ann Demicho Moore, 78

Cecil Clyde Gunnels, 50, and Ruby Nell Brooks, 43

Brandon Leon Ramey, 19, and Alexa Dawn Mask, 18

Joshua Richard Leib, 29, and Nancy

Marva Ann Edwards, 57, and Jimmy

Randell Sherrod, 53

COURT RECORDS:

Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Toby Cerda, John Nolting, Christopher Jeff, David Humphrey, Frank Hernandez

Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Paul Clark Maxwell \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Cecilia Mendez \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Jon Thomas Durham \$300 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment DWI: Pancho M. Hernandez (2nd offense) \$750 fine and 365 days in jail, William Melvin Brantley \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Ruben Fuentes \$2500 fine and 365 days in jail, Charles Ray Smith \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Ester Dawn Edmondson \$200 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment evading arrest/vehicle: Randal Wayne Johnson \$500 fine and 30 days in jail

Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Timothy Joseph Major, Cody Lee Harrington, Jamie Rae Smith, Luis Rios, Jr.

Order of dismissal: Robert Saiz, William Eugene Bargfeldt

DEEDS:

WARRANTY DEEDS: grantor: Geoffrey Knox Chadd grantee: Gary S. and Sylvia McCoy property: the west 8' of lot 3, all of lot 4 and the east 12' of lot 5, blk. 3, Edwards Heights Addition filed: March 15, 1999

grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. grantee: HUD property: lot 24, blk. 26, Monticello Addition filed: March 15, 1999

grantor: Thelma E. Roberts f/k/a Thelma E. Howze grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: lot 9, blk. 6, Cole & Strayhorn Addition filed: March 15, 1999

grantor: Rick Nelson and Rhonda Nelson grantee: Myrtle Banks property: the west 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 26, Saunders Addition filed: March 15, 1999

DEED WITHOUT WARRANTY:

grantor: Jeffery Stewart Mitchel and Neva Dale Eastes grantee: William G. Mitchel property: 1- tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 32, blk. 30, 2- tract of land out of Heinrich-Wisner Survey No. 85 Abstract No. 1386 filed: March 15, 1999

WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN:

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum grantee: Mark Maas property: lot 9, blk. 6, Cole & Strayhorn Addition filed: March 15, 1999

grantor: Ray Davidson and Mildred J. Davidson grantee: James A. and Sandra A. Payne property: all of lot 14, blk. 15, Monticello Addition filed: March 16, 1999

118TH DISTRICT COURT:

FILINGS: INJURIES & DAMAGES: Orvan Keith Nutting and wife Kathryn Suzzan Nutting vs. Steve Jeter and wife Carol Ann Jeter, Jeter Builders, Dan Jeter and Southwest Builders

FAMILY:

Christi Oliva vs. Jesse Oliva

Angela Marie Leaton vs. Gene Hernandez Angela Jeannett Diaz vs. Jesse Ray Martin Roger Rodriguez vs. Bonnie Grett Christina L. McDonald vs. Mark Wayne McDonald

DIVORCE: Paul Gregory Johnson vs. Mary Ann Johnson Kenna Madlyn Scott vs. Edmund Tolen Scott Lisa Cantu vs. Jim Cantu Rosemary Hernandez vs. Frank Hernandez Amanda Kay Garza vs. Torrence Lee

Garza Shellee Grantham vs. Terry Grantham Molly Magee vs. James F. Magee Jennifer Bakley vs. Ronnie Bakley

ACCOUNTS, NOTES & CONTRACTS: Provident National Bank vs. Mark A. Doty Citizen's Federal Credit Union vs. Cleopatra Mancha Prescription Services, Inc. vs. Hasmark Corp, d/b/a Big Spring Care Center and Harold L. Stewart

INJURIES & DAMAGES WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE:

Amalia Larez vs. Manuel Martinez

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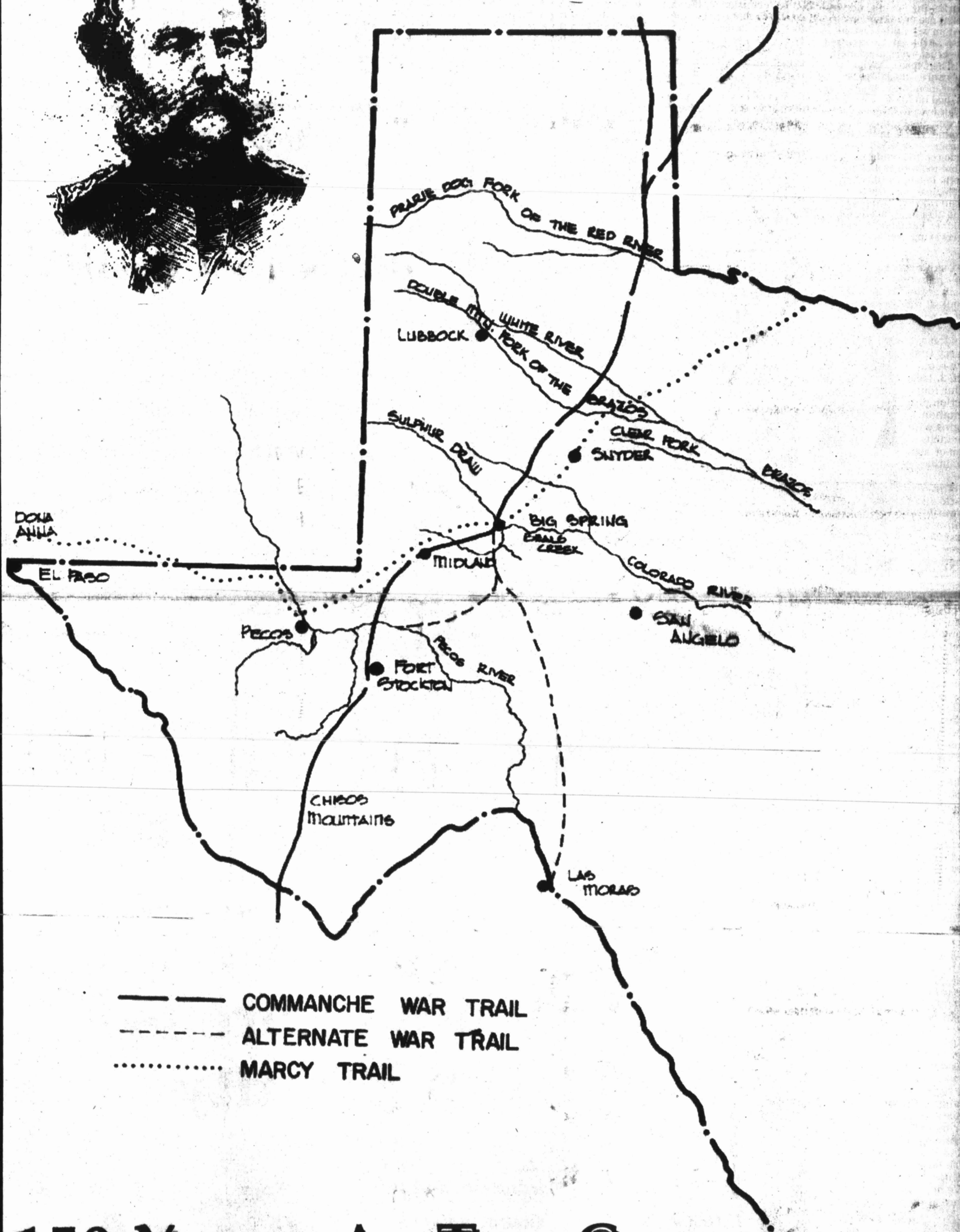
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Sunday, March 28, 1999

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The historic 'big spring of the Colorado' River is born

Most areas of the earth have their being and their character shaped by the topography and the geology. Man, being dependent upon the earth, has been coagulated into settlements and societies by its quirks. Big Spring and West Texas are no exceptions.

At an age in the distant past, as the earth convulsed, one crust overriding another, The Chisos, Davis, Delaware, Guadalupe and other mountain ranges were pushed up to the west. The lower area to the east became the Permian Sea, around which, in tropical marshes, ranged the prehistoric reptiles, and finally the sabre-tooth tiger and mammoth. Relentless through geological ages, the sea basin filled in, trapping the monsters in unimaginable volume, but more importantly covering over vast

deposits of marine life. Pressure and heat converted these organisms into hydrocarbons, which we know as oil and gas. Eventually this vast bowl, called the Permian Basin, filled completely, pushing the Permian Sea into oblivion.

Big Spring lay on the eastern tip of that bowl at the foot of the escarpment which marks the beginning of the great Edwards Plateau extending 300 miles to the south. To the north rose the Cap Rock, which in other sectors more vividly and dramatically defined the beginning of the sandy, fertile Llano Estacado-The Staked Plains. Between them snaked a tributary of the Colorado River. Called Sulphur Draw or (from Big Spring east to the river) Beals Creek.

Limestone and conglomerate, and soft formations at the foot of the Edwards

escarpment leached out into a small bowl, which in time filled with fine white sand (the Trinity) that had little feeder strings spidering to the west and southeast. These sands became saturated with good, crystal-clear water. In time, the stone bowl or sump cracked on the east side, spilling water from the formation through the fracture. This became the historic "big spring of the Colorado."

As animals had been for eons, man was drawn by water to this oasis in a forbidding wilderness. Nature's quirk had destined that this spot would play an important part in the history of the area.

The same geological circumstances which created the conditions for the big spring also inflicted upon western Texas a capricious and stern climate. This was reflected in the nature of the

soul and the character of the people. The spine of the Rocky Mountains through the heart of New Mexico effectively blocked out moisture from the Pacific, and yet far enough away from the Plains and Trans-Pecos region that the barrier did not trigger rain. Consequently, the area (west of the 100th meridian) was and is semi-arid, and by some accounts, is an extension of the northern edge of the great Chihuahuan Desert.

It has been noted that from El Paso east, one can add about an inch of annual precipitation for every 20 miles of distance. This fits the pattern of Howard County Well, for its annual rainfall approximates 18 1/2 inches. How then, could this sector support the numberless bison and later cattle which feasted on a sea of grass, and much later, a successful farming economy? The answer lies in the fact the approximately 70 per cent of the years rainfall occurs

within the growing season, and on the average most of that comes just before time for planting and then when grain or cotton are maturing.

The region, in historic times at least, has been subject to extremes in weather. There have been winters with great blizzards and sub-zero temperatures. Hardly a summer passes but there are temperatures of 100 plus degrees. There have been

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TO OUR READERS:

We present to you "150 Years at the Crossroads," a look at the Crossroads Area as it has developed since Capt.

Randolph Marcy first saw it on Oct. 3, 1849.

Our four-section presentation begins with the inclusion of text from the book

"Gettin' Started - Howard County's First 25 Years," by longtime resident and historian Joe Pickle.

For more than 44 years, Mr. Joe, as many know him, served first as a reporter and finally as the editor of the Herald. Upon his retirement in 1975, he became associated with the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Mr. Joe now lives in Austin, but there will be no one who can ever take his place or fill his shoes when it comes to knowledge of the history of our community.

"150 Years at the Crossroads" moves through Mr. Joe's research and writings as Big Spring and the Crossroads Area grew into what was at the time, the largest city in West Texas.

From the possibility that Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca drank from the spring to Marcy's documented viewing of the waters to the coming of the railroad and through the S.E.J. Cox "oil boom" of the early 1920s, you'll get a chance to look back into our community's history.

And as we head toward a new century, you'll have the opportunity to read of changing technologies at places such as the Big Spring Refinery and new technologies, such as the Wind Power Project of York Research and Texas Utilities.

We hope you enjoy "150 Years at the Crossroads."

JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

On the cover ... Big Spring was at the crossroads of the Indian war trails, Marcy's trail and the settler's trails when Capt. Randolph B. Marcy discovered the historic "big spring of the Colorado" 150 years ago, just as it is today.



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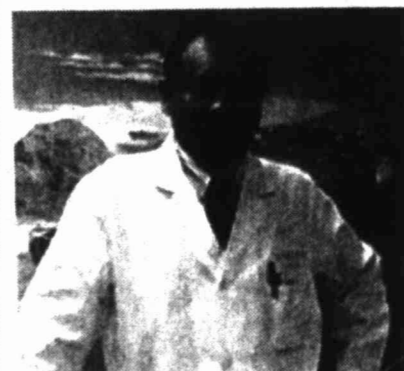
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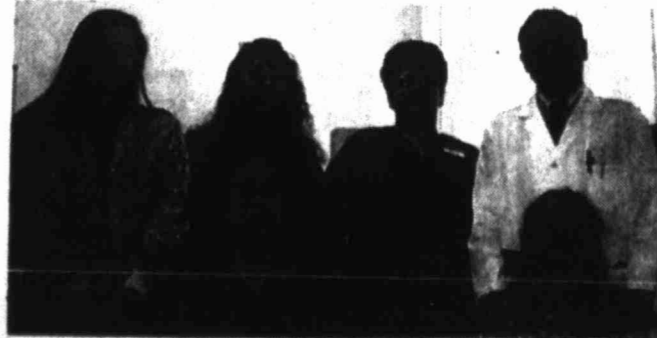
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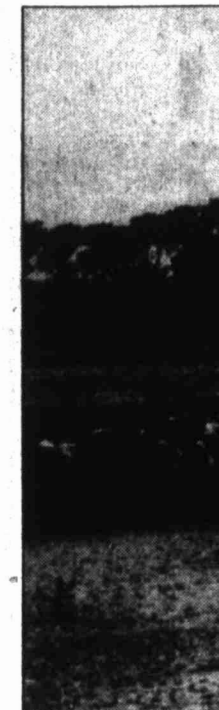
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Cattlemen early Spring prior to severe droughts

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Cattlemen early learned that they had to adapt to the country, otherwise they would be broken by it. During the first quarter of century for Howard County there were at least two, and possibly three, severe droughts. One of these occurred in 1886-87 and the other in 1897-98.

No continuing rainfall records were kept in Big Spring prior to 1900 when B. Reagan, then the school superintendent and later a prominent merchant-banker, took on the task of daily observations as a volunteer

service. He did not have long to wait for extremes to interrupt the normal. Whereas, one of the most familiar photographs of the village of Big Spring was that of an awesome sandstorm rolling its wall of dirt toward town, soon pictures of a flooded railroad yard and downtown took its place.

The flood peaked in July 1902 and backed water on Parker (Main) Street almost to Second. All of Front (North First), and part of Howard (North Second) and Houston (North Third) were inundated. Foot and wagon bridges floated away, some being retrieved by T&P switch engines, whose crews "lassoed" the structures with cable and towed them back to their approximate locations for anchoring. Soon water rose to the point that it reached the engine fireboxes, immobilizing the locomotives. Telegraph lines washed out, together with stretches of track. The town was isolated.

The vagaries of weather notwithstanding, the country

generally supplied ample grass and stock water for ranching, and the sandy loam above the the Caprock soaked rainfall like a sponge so that cotton could survive because its long taproots went down to the subsoil reserves.

Ranchers and farmers alike cursed the region when blistering droughts moved i. It was, they said, the only place in the world where rain could be pouring in the morning and sand blowing in the evening. Yet nothing could persuade them to move. Rather, they used a grim humor to see themselves through these periods. They had learned that even in the driest of times parched soil drinking rain early in the day seemed almost to have a tinge of green by nightfall. Within days the land would be verdant and lovely.

"This country," observed an old timer in a profound characterization of the area, "can promise less and deliver more than anywhere on earth."

Capt. Randolph B. Marcy was first to chronicle his visit to historic spring

None can say who was the first being to come upon the big springs which later were to give the town its name. Perhaps it was some prehistoric creature around 12,500 B.C. slaking his thirst as he stalked wild game and hunted with pointed sticks and crude stone points; perhaps he was a primitive Indian instinctively marking his trails as he followed the bison for his food, clothing and shelter.

What seems fairly clear is that Capt. Randolph B. Marcy was the first to chronicle definitely his visit to the spring on October 3, 1849, as he sought to blaze a leg on a transcontinental trail. Within a few years several others, notable Army officers, were to add their recollections of the strategic spot.

Marcy's description began: "Leaving the Salt Lake this morning, our bearing was N. 71 E for eight miles, where we reached the border of the high plain. Here we could see the low bluffs in the direction we were marching, near which our guide informed us we could find a spring of water. Fourteen and a half miles of travel over a beautiful road brought us to the spring which we found flowing from a deep chasm in the limestone rocks into an immense reservoir some 50 feet in depth. (1)

"This appears to have been a favorite place of resort for the Comanches, as there are remains of lodges in every direction; indeed our Comanche guide tells us that he has often been here and that there was a battle between the Pawnees and Comanches in which his brother was killed. He also

informs me that there is a good wagon route from here to the Rio Pecos, striking some 70 miles lower down than where we crossed, keeping entirely to the south of the Llano Estacado and crossing the head branches of the Colorado (Conchos). The mesquite trees are becoming larger as we descend from this high plain, and the soil better, several fossil shells of the muscle species were found here."

Before the end of the year, on December 21, 1849, Lt. Nathaniel Michler, reversing the route blazed by Marcy, came down from the Double Mountains crossed the head of the Colorado, came to the big spring and recorded:

"These springs are very large, and a considerable quantity of water is obtained from them. They cover a space of about 20 feet (yards?) square, and in some places the water is 15 feet deep by measurement. They are walled in by a ledge of high rocks forming a concave surface within with the basin of the spring lie. The water is impregnated with lime, and it is cool, fresh and perfectly clear. It is carried away in a bold, running stream, which in a short distance, sinks below the surface...High mounts of hill surround the springs. The soil is chiefly sand; the grass is poor; no timber, but

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no timber, but young mesquite and cedar, some scrubby elms border the stream. This spot has been a favorite camping ground of Indians; numerous large, well-beaten trails lead from it in different directions."

There is some speculation that Capt. Charles Griffin, leading a group from Paris (Texas), in June 1849 had explored the territory from North Texas over roughly the same route traveled by Captain Marcy several months later. Nowhere does a clear description of the spring appear, if, indeed, the spring was visited.

Capt. Charles L. Taplin wrote in his journal of Sunday and Monday, March 26 and 27, 1854, when he camped in Sulphur Draw: "About half a mile above this point is a deep chasm spoken of by Captain Marcy as the 'Big Spring of the Colorado.' Near them are whole ledges of petrified oyster shell.... The spring is at least 15 to 20 feet deep and 20 yards wide. We have not lately come upon any Indians."

Captain John Pope, who had dispatched Captain Taplin from his command on the Pecos and subsequently passed through the sandhills to Mustang Spring, from where the combined command proceeded to the big spring, entered into his daily log: "Camp 31, Friday, March 31, 1854. Left camp at five minutes to seven o'clock a.m. and moved in the direction of the Big Spring over a rolling prairie. On our route there is a great quantity of mesquite, which became particularly abundant as we approached the big spring. These springs, surrounded by masses of limestone rock, are situated in a basin or reservoir of some geological



character about 60 feet wide and to all appearance 30 feet deep. The water is excellent. On exploring the rock eminence of the vicinity, we found quantities of muscle species embedded in the rock. It is one of the best camps we have stopped at."

Among the more famous Army personalities to visit the spring was Col. Robert E. Lee, who, within half a dozen years was to be cast in the role of commander in chief of the Confederate forces. In April 1856, he had arrived to command four companies of the Second Cavalry at Camp Cooper on the Clear Fork of the Brazos. The West Texas area was foreign to his Virginia background, and he described it forlornly as a "desert of dullness." On July 4, 1856, he was situated under a blanket, suspended from four poles, to serve as a fly to provide shade, when Captain Earl Van Dorn reported that he had killed two (Indian) warriors and had captured a squaw who had camped recently at the big spring while returning from a raid into Mexico.

"Lee decided to head back to the Big Spring in hope of intercepting other bands. He sent the wagon train and sick men south to Fort Chadbourne and marched

directly for the spring himself. He found no Indians there, though signs of the raiders from Mexico were abundant. He sent Van Dorn and Captain Theodore O'Hare south to Fort Concho. Lee turned east to scout out the Colorado Valley."

For a score of years most of the visitors to the springs continued to be Indians or Army personnel. The latter slackened during the Civil War period, but afterwards returned to resume their mission of pushing back the

red man. Lt. Col. William Shafter was among those familiar with the springs, having come to the spring on one of his swings in 1875 after penetrating the Plains to the Lubbock area. Then he veered south past Tahoka Lakes, the head of the Colorado in Borden County, down to Sulphur Springs and the Big Spring where Captain Baldwin had been ordered ahead to establish camp. Another was Col. Ranald Slidell MacKenzie, whose cynical, pragmatic and often brutal approach to

the Indian problem convinced the Comanches that they were being beaten at their own game of merciless marauding and that the inevitable end was taking shape more clearly.

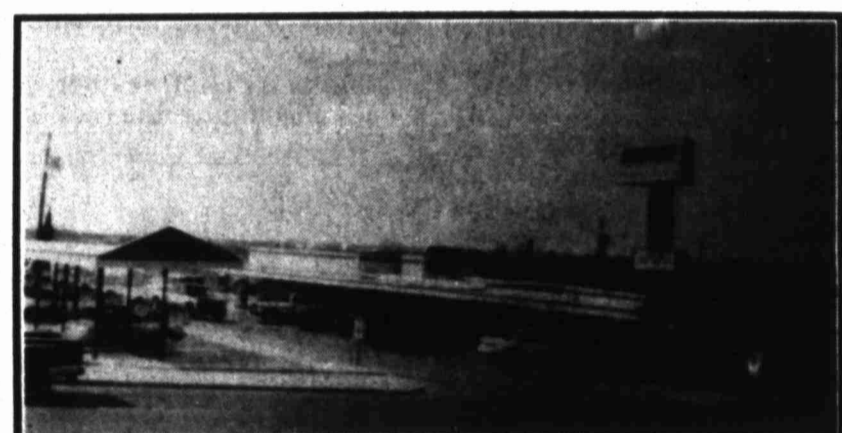
Capt. Nicholas Nolan created excitement when he reached Fort Concho July 4, 1877 with his troop of Negro Cavalry. He was ordered to the Big Spring country, and from the spring on to Mucha Que Peak on July 12, 1877. Just above there, on Bull Creek, he ran into buffalo hunters who were pursuing Indians who had raided them. Captain Nolan took off with them, was lured into the trackless Llano Estacado where his expedition ended in near disaster. The stragglers and deserters trickled to the big spring on their way back to Fort Concho.

Into the no-man's land between the Plains Indians and the frontier forts came

the buffalo hunter. In their quest for profit, the hunters did unintentionally what the Army had accomplished only spasmodically—they vanquished the Comanches by destroying the bison, regarded as the "commissary of the Indian." Behind the hunters came a few "herdsmen", the forerunners of the first rancher-settlers, but it was the buffalo bone hunters who established the first settlement around the spring. There was news that the railroad was soon to push through the area, and again enterprising men were seeking to turn a few dollars from the changing scene. The rattle of buffalo bones being pitched in huge ricks beside the right of way of the approaching railroad became the last echoes of times past when Indians and Army patrols trooped to and from the spring in their migrations and missions.



A Texas State Historical marker marks the location of Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's trail. Marcy's discovery of water in West Texas opened the region to settlement.



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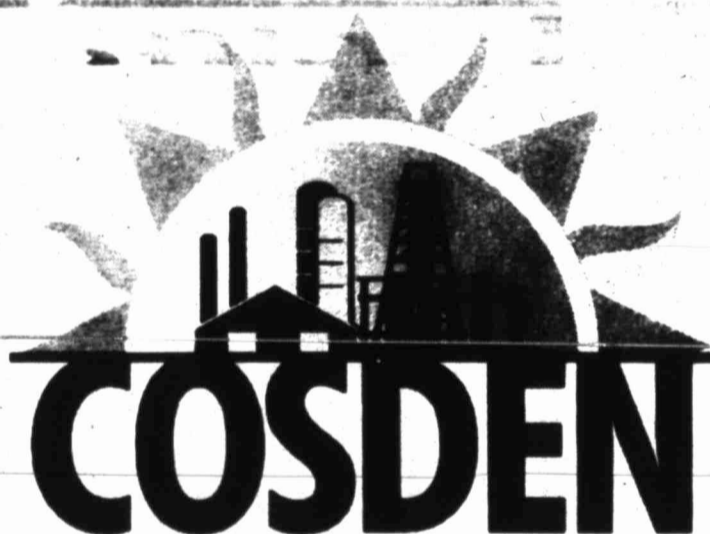
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Cabeza de Vaca may have been first white man to view spring

A Spanish adventurer, Alvar Nunez, more familiarly known as Cabeza de Vaca, may have been the first white man to look upon the "big spring of the Colorado," as Capt. R.B. Marcy described it some 300 years after Nunez's visit.

Shipwrecked, a captive of hostile Indians, and an escapee in an uncharted land over four centuries ago, he may have stopped at the spring and there have been reunited with companions as they sought for find their way back to New Spain.

New Spain (Mexico) had resulted from an expedition by Hernando Cortez, who set out from Cuba in 1519, with 500 men, 30 muskets, a few toy cannons, and 16 horses. A frightened, even terrified, Montezuma capitulated after Cortez landed at Vera Cruz, and thus Cortez took over in his conquest of the new land.

Among the explorers who embarked after that was the Narvaez group which made its way to western Florida. From that point, members set sail in five horsehide boats in an attempt to cross the Gulf and get to Mexico. Instead, the boats were swamped and carried to sea; eventually the passengers were cast upon Malhado (Galveston Island). Included was Nunez, treasurer of the expedition. At first the Spaniards were treated royally, but subsequently they were made slaves. Cabeza de Vaca and most of the survivors were with the Indians for eight years before making good on repeated attempts at escape. In the meantime, Nunez, who had been given the name of Cabeza de Vaca (head of a cow, hence slightly less than mentally normal), had attained quite a reputation as a medicine man through a mixture of incantations, use of Latin chants, and the Christian Cross.

De Vaca persuaded Lope de Oviedo to make a break with him, and the two of them succeeded in getting off Malhado and worked their way southwestward, paralleling the coast. Oviedo, however, got cold feet and turned back, never again to be heard from. When de Vaca came to the Colorado River, he worked his way north and west along its banks, and some 140 miles upstream, near present-day Austin, he came upon a band of Indians. To his great joy, he discovered that some others of the ill-fated group from Florida were alive and with the natives, although as slaves. They were Dorantes and Castillo, together with a back man, Estevancio (Stephen). Indians had put them to work gathering pecans along the river. One source places the time at 1531-32, but it could have been the summer of 1533.

De Vaca and companions began to plot their escape, but when they had not had good opportunity by December, they abandoned the plan until the next summer. In the meantime, the Indians quarreled among themselves, and one faction left, taking with them Castillo.

After eight months, as de Vaca could reckon, the three remaining captives made good their escape, turned southwestward, possibly 75 to 100 miles, before heading north again.

Apparently, when de Vaca, Dorantes and Stephen got away from the Indians (Avarares), they took up with another group (the Arbadaos) and traveled on a course somewhat south by west until they came to a sizable sandhill or escarpment, which fits the description of country between San Antonio and Medina. From here, probably in the summer of 1535, they made their way northward across the Guadalupe River, then the Pedernales. The Llano (by one account they left the

Llano June 3, 1535), the San Saba and came to the Concho. Shortly after crossing it, they separated and de Vaca and Stephen soon intercepted the Colorado River. H.E. Bolton is convinced that they turned westward on the Beals Creek branch, which then apparently was a substantial stream. The terrain and flora of the area matches the description of de Vaca's "mesquite county." Within a few days they came upon a spring, possibly Moss Springs, and then on to the big spring, where de Vaca was reunited with his companion.

C. Hallenback conjectures that the spring was so large that it impressed de Vaca, hence he included it in his chronicle of his journey. Moreover, he had spoken of two springs, one much larger than the other, and the proximity of Moss Spring to the big spring, both contiguous to Beals Creek, lends

credence to Hallenback's view.

From the spring, one train went westward (possibly to what later was known as Mustang Pond) and one southward. The latter had eight well-beaten paths (undoubtedly part of the great Comanche War trail), and it is assumed that the Spaniards naturally would take this route. The river they soon came upon like was the Middle Concho. (10) Upon crossing the Pecos, presumably northwest of Toyah Lake, the group once more turned north along the west bank of the Pecos.

The course was followed to near present Carlsbad, N.M., thence southwest past the Guadalupe, west to Tularosa Creek, and then down it to intercept the Rio Grande well upstream from El Paso. (Part of this route from the Pecos Crossing is remarkably like that of Capt. Marcy from Dona Anna to the big spring.) Not long after, they

came upon a sedentary group of Indians who had squash, beans, and maize. They spoke to the bedraggled Spaniards of a "land of Maize," which de Vaca and companions set out to find. The three made their way to the head of the Sonora Valley where they were welcomed and given 600 deer hearts a Corazones.

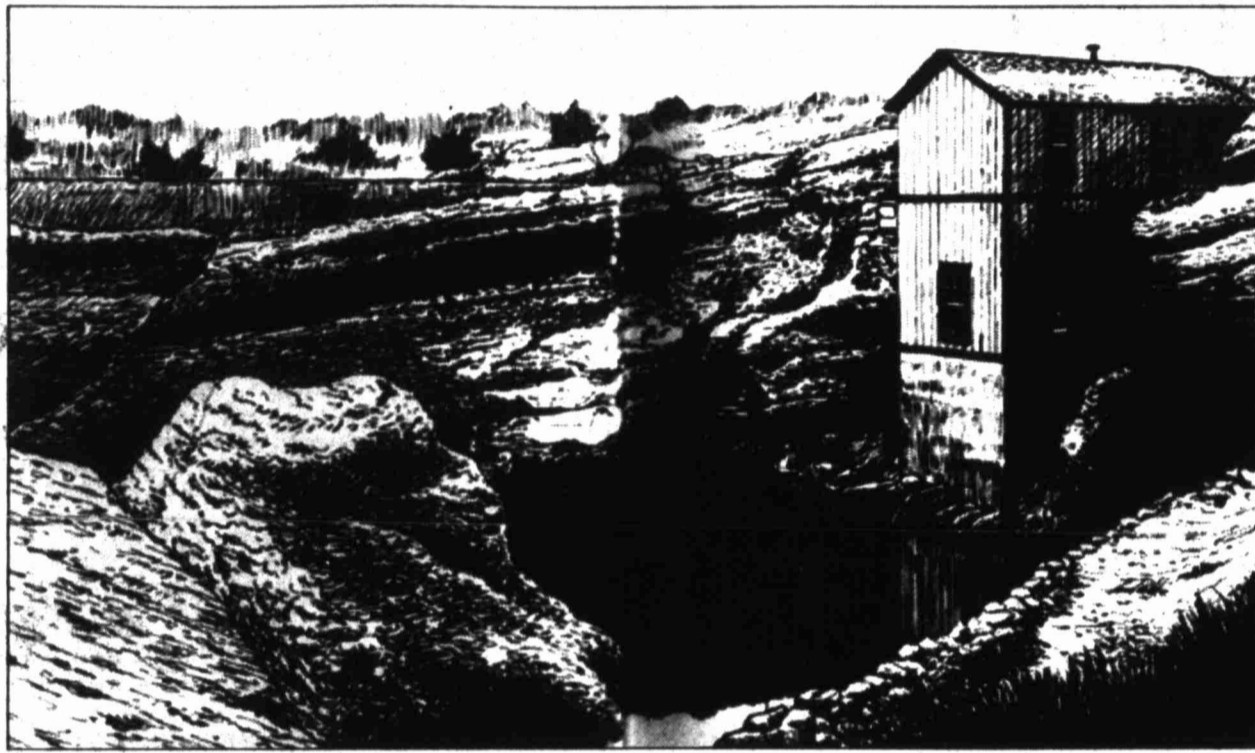
Proceeding, they met with Alcaez, who seem to have treated them harshly, but Mechoir Diaz learned of their presence and dealt with Alcaez for his shabby treatment of the men. Diaz saw to it that they were sent on to Gov. Nuno Diego de Guzman, who ordered that they be given clothes to cover their nakedness, but the long deprived explorers were uncomfortable in their new drapes. As to an offer of beds, they elected instead to sleep on the ground, to which they had become accustomed during their long captivity and flight.

The three were led to Mexico City, arriving there Sunday, July 24, 1536, on the eve of the vesper of St. James. They were introduced to Viceroy Mendoza and to Cortes (Cortez). Dorantes and de Vaca decided to return to their homeland, arriving August 9, 1537, in Lisbon, Portugal with letters of recommendation from Mendoza. Stephen (described variously as black, a Moor, as an "Arab Moor" by Bandelier, and as "moreno," i.e. brown man, by de Guzman who saw him at Sinola in Sonora) elected to stay behind. Because of his recently acquired knowledge of the West Texas area, he was assigned to the Frey Marcos group of the Coronado Expedition in 1539.

Both Dorantes and Stephen had been impressing the Indians with their accoutrements, particularly rattles which they used, with great flourishes and incantations to the spirits. Dorantes had a more elaborate copper rattle with a face inscribed upon it, but Stephen may have been more adept with his embellished gourd rattle. He also may have become arrogant in its use, or even self-victimized by its imagined posers, for the failed to exercise due caution and not long afterwards was killed by Indians who thought he possessed evil powers.

Bolton is confident that Coronado came close to the big spring, may have even

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An early rendering of the historic spring, following construction of a pump house to send water downhill to the railroad yards.

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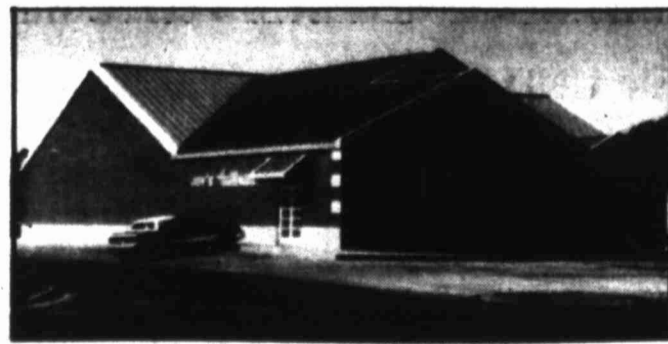
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Comanches were the masters of the region

While it can be said only in general terms that some ancient Indian was the first person to venture up on the "big spring" some centuries ago, there can be little doubt that the masters of the area came to be the Comanches.

When the bold herdsmen and then the cattle barons came later to stake out their empires, these sprawling domains were mere speck compared to the Comancheria, the vast range of these Indians who dominated the country of Eastern Colorado to Western Kansas south of the Arkansas River, to the San Saba and Llano Rivers of Texas. They extended their influence even to Austin and San Antonio and embraced territory in the Big Bend area along the Rio Grande and back to the north into Eastern New Mexico.

There are four major branches of the Comanches, who apparently spun off the Shoshones following a dispute. One legend has it that there was an argument over division of a bear that had been killed; another that two factions almost engaged in fratricide over the accidental death of a lad during an innocent game. It was Quahadi (Quahada, Kuahari, Kwahadi, Quahadas) branch, however that struck terror to other tribes, including the fierce Apaches and Kiowas, among the Mexicans and

The thing which transformed the Quahadi from just another Indian tribe into one of the most feared bands in the Southwest was the horse. Instead of being docile plodders, the Quahadi suddenly swept southward through the Plains, subduing

opposition, staking out borders of their territory so effectively that the Spaniards considered the Comancheria a better defense against English and French forces than an army of soldiers.

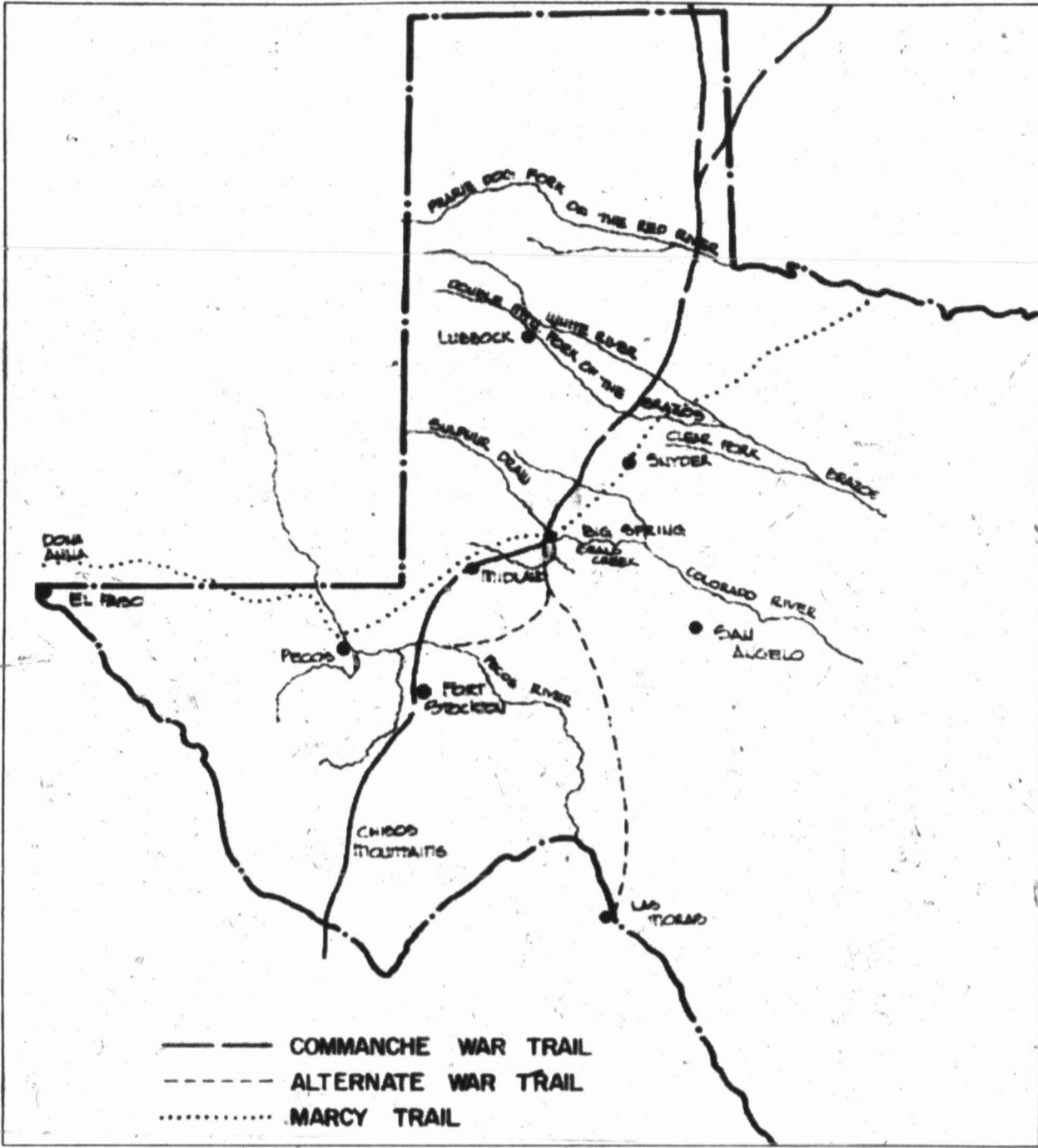
The Quahadi Comanche likely came by his horses through the Pueblo Indians of northern New Mexico, who were assigned as keepers of the horse herds by

don Juan de Onate, a future governor of New Mexico when in 1578 he rode into the Southwest with 7,000 animals, including 300 mares and colts. These Indians began to escape with equine knowledge and horseflesh. This was a natural transition, however, because the Comanches had used dogs to pull their travois (skids) for dragging their possessions.

Logically, the Comanche name for horse was "God dog."

The Comanches admired the wild horses (Mustangs), perhaps even preferred them, but they felt a challenge to steal their mounts. Stealing was easier, and it came to be regarded as a badge of honor for the

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visited it. The adventurer-explorer came upon a blind Indian near baranca northwest of the big spring and from him heard of the exploits of de Vaca, Dorantes and Stephen.

By other accounts, Coronado may have looked for the springs again in 1542. Espiño also was reported to have followed the Comanche War trail from Chihuahua to the Staked

Plains in 1581, in which even he like would have come upon the spring at the foot of the Plains. Father Salas was said to have stopped at the spring on a trip from Santa Fe in 1629, and possibly to have returned to explore the area further in 1632.

These may have been the first white men on the scene. Even so, their descriptions are not totally beyond dispute. The honor of an indisputable documented visit was left to Capt. R.B. Marcy of the United States Army in 1849.

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The world has never seen a more superb horseman, for scouts, frontiersmen and Army men were unanimous and unstinted in their praise of the Comanche horsemanship. Sometimes the braves fashioned crude saddles, a copy of Spanish models out of the New Mexico area, but most of the time the Indian rode bareback. Observers could scarcely believe how the Comanche could use his horse as a shield, leaving only one leg hooked over the neck and visible to the enemy, while propelling an arrow from the bow from underneath the neck of the horse, which was moving at full speed. Besides, it was uncanny how quickly the Indian could restrig his bow for another shot. J. Evetts Haley referred to the Comanches as the "Tartars, the Asiatics of the western world." Homer Thrall called them the "Arabs of the prairies."

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with an enemy.

The Comanches were buffalo eaters-the squaws constantly slicing the carcasses into thin fillets and drying the meat, then packing it into saddle bags. They scorned other tribes as "beef eaters." Yet there were times when the bison, the Indian's commissary, was not to be had, and then the redman ate whatever he could get, even down to horses, finally dogs, grasshoppers, snakes, skunks and lizards-but never fish or fowl. They supplemented their diet with fruits and vegetables, wild berries and prickly pear apple, roots, herbs and even hackberries. Mesquite beans were ground into a flour from which small cakes were made. Some Indians were fond of livers of animals and favored the blood of freshly killed animals. They carried with them mulberry and mesquite roots or other materials for fires, and they never abandoned any of these necessities unless routed unexpectedly from their camping places.

Water was carried in buffalo pouches (stomachs) and when an expected waterhole

turned out to be dry, strict systems of rationing prevailed. Even the noblest braves rode with red eyes and parched, swollen tongues so that the water could be parcelled out to the children.

Naturally, the Quahadi was the most mobile of all the Comanches. Camps were not crammed together, but rather strung along streams, sometimes over a distance of miles. Housing was the tipi or tepee, which consisted of buffalo skins draped in conical fashion over a framework of poles. Other shade came from buffalo hides draped in a fly fashion (from a framework). The tepees were not always covered from bottom to top, for in summer only the upper part might be covered. When breaking camp, the squaws hurried to see which could be the first to disassemble her family's goods, fashion a travois laden with hides, food, water and other supplies and be ready to move out. The braves led on horseback, followed by the squaws and travois, then the children, the smaller ones lashed to tame horses, and others walking, followed by

the pack animals-all usually in single file. The columns stretched out for miles.

Comanche government was loose knit, and while there were great head chiefs most association was through the smaller hands, led by "peace" chiefs, who in turn divided their groups into families. One writer observed that if Jefferson's idea of the best government being the one which governed the least, then the Comanches had reached a state of perfection. Preference for the smaller unit resulted in war parties being from a few dozen to a few hundred, and in latter case only in proportion to the

popularity of the chief in charge. When it came down to actual fighting, the Quahadi broke in small bands. In battle, they did not bother to burden themselves with male prisoners.

The braves armed themselves principally with bows made of osage orange (bois de arc) or some other hardwood. They preferred dogwood for arrow shafts and fashioned their own tips out of flint, although as soon as the white man's influence was felt, they adopted the iron or steel tips. Two other items were, particularly for the Quahadi Comanche-the shield and the lance-the lat-

ter an improvement on the atala. The battleshield was fashioned on a concave frame over which was stretched the toughest buffalo hide with an inch or two of packed hair in between. The lance was a long shaft with stone or steel tip, and which the Comanche could hurl with such force that it drove into the ribcage of a buffalo or pierced an enemy. The bows, strung with buffalo or other animal sinews, were so strong that hunters riding beside a loping buffalo, could drive an arrow well into the quarry's body.

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Howard County's namesake, Volney Howard, never visited region

Volney Erskine Howard never visited Howard County, which the Texas Legislature named for him 22 years after his departure from the state, and 13 years before his death in California at the age of 76.

In his lifetime, Howard left his mark upon three states. He served in various public offices, including the United States Congress, and declined to serve as Texas Attorney general and as a California Supreme Court Justice. He published Mississippi's most influential Democratic newspaper, and he helped shape both the constitution of Texas and California. He was a staunch defender of the law.

This distinguished citizen of three states was born

October 22, 1809, in Oxford County, Maine. After attending Bloomfield Academy, and Waterfield College, Howard went to Mississippi to study law under an uncle, who died while Howard was enroute there. Nevertheless, the young man in 1832, took up study of the law and soon was admitted to the bar at Brandon. So rapid was his rise that he was named to carry the state's electoral vote to Washington, D.C. in 1836. While there, he met and married Catherine Elizabeth Gooch.

Upon his return to Mississippi, he was appointed reporter of the state Supreme Court and published 11 volumes of Howard's Mississippi Reports. He also purchased the Mississippian and made

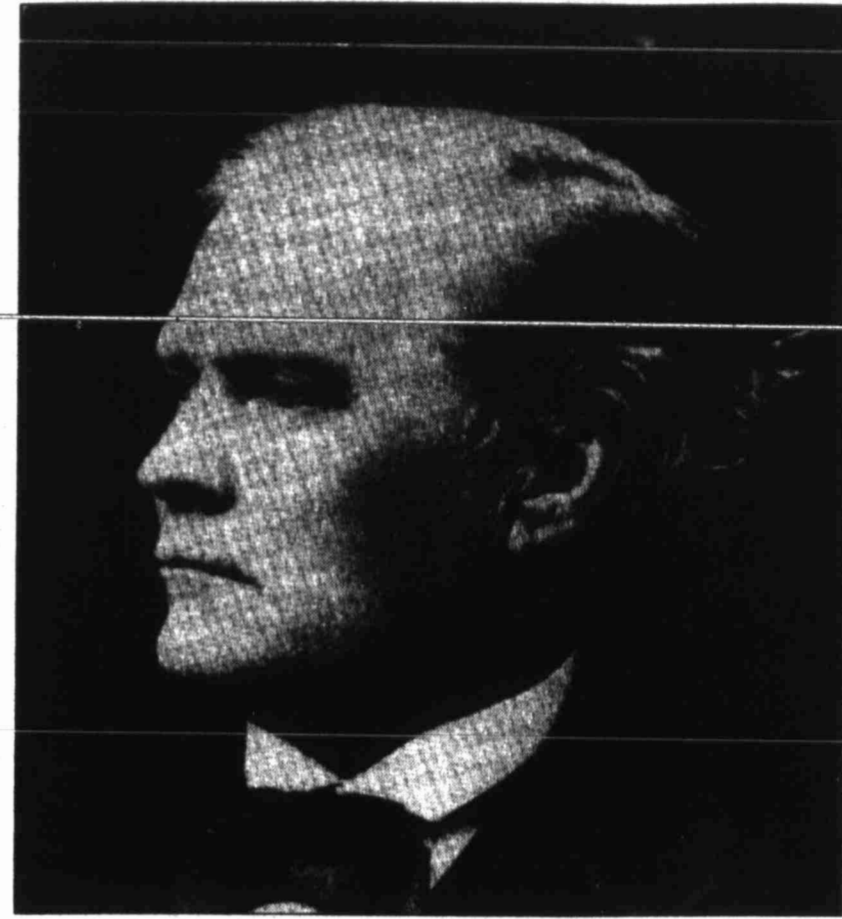
it the leading democratic newspaper in the Southwest. Although in 1840 he ran 1,000 votes ahead of his ticket for Congress, Howard was defeated by his Whig opponent, Gov. Tucker. Always an activist, he fought vigorously and voted against a bill by which the state became the guarantor of the Union Bank, which monopolized Mississippi politics. He predicted that the bank would become insolvent, and that the very people who were pushing the bill would then repudiate the state's obligations to the bank.

He proved an accurate prophet; however, he was so militant in his views that Hiram G. Runnels, president and manager of the bank, challenged Howard to fight a duel. Never one to back

down in the face of moral or physical danger, Howard accepted and was wounded when a bullet struck his ribcage and glanced off.

During a stormy debate, he was chosen by the Democratic party to answer the challenge of Sergeant S. Prentiss in a classic and historic debate at Jackson. Both sides claimed victory, but everyone agreed that Howard had carried his end with matchless skill and ability. However, he was so disgusted by repudiation of the state's guarantee of the Union Bank (although he had opposed it in the beginning) that he left Mississippi for New Orleans only to terminate a brief legal practice there in order to hasten to Texas in December 1844, with the election of James K. Polk as president and the bright prospect of statehood for Texas.

Within a few months after



VOLNEY ERSKINE HOWARD

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The warriors were seemingly without fear, and they matched the ancient Spartans in raw courage and dedication to a tradition of honor to death. R.N. Richardson quoted an account where a young brave fought so valiantly that the Rangers, who had surrounded him, wanted to spare him, but the brave would not be taken—he kept shooting his remaining arrows until he was wounded mortally.



Such were the wandering people who remained the unquestioned rulers and lords of the Plains from the Arkansas to the Rio Grande from about 1650 until midway into the 19th Century. Only the floodgates of white emigrants pushed him back, robbed him of his vital buffalo herds, and literally starved him into submission. The great chiefs Ketumse and Sanaco lamented to Horace Capron, Indian agent who visited them at Camp Johnston on the Concho River near Carlsbad, that even after they had attempted a reservation existence, they were driven off before crops matured, that game had been killed or driven away, and that "we are forced to the most sterile

ground and barren part to starve. We see nothing but extermination for us." The added: "Give us a land we can call our own, where we may bury our people in quiet."

In their golden days the Comanches had coursed off the northern plains into the southern region, following the streams and springs along the eastern escarpment of the Llano Estacado, pushing past Double Mountains, on to Mocha Que (Mushaway) Peak in Borden County, across the Colorado River to Sulphur Springs, near the southern end of Sulphur Draw, and on to the historic "big spring". Here their train forked to the west past Mustang Springs, in central Martin County, and on to the Pecos River for a ford at Horsehead Crossing, on through Persimmon Gap and the Big Bend into northern Mexico to strike terror to the Mexican natives as far south as Durango.

At the "big spring," they also kept to the south to the Conchos, the San Saba and Llano Rivers, where sometimes they strung out miles of camps. There were occasions when they even struck fear into San Antonio. The Kiowas and Apaches likewise took this southern fork of the trail.

After the first decisive battles with the Apaches, Kiowas, Delewares and Lipans, the Comanches had unquestioned reign over the "big spring" country, and all of the Plains. Being the nomads that they were, they never settled in a specific location. Later, when their sun was setting, Capt. R. B. Marcy who had marked the

first immigrant trail across the area, was instructed in 1853, to select a reservation territory. He chose not the "big spring," but rather the better wooded and better watered area around Fort Belknap on the Brazos.

Eventually, although resisting stubbornly, doggedly, proudly and defiantly, the Quahadi were driven back. In 1861, when the chief of various Indian tribes including other Comanches-shaped a treaty with the U. S. Army, the Quahadi alone refused to participate.

With an indomitable spirit, they held on. On June 29, 1876, Black Horse, a Comanche Chief, and his braves killed several horses on the Holloman Ranch, somewhere southeast of the Big Spring area. Seven Texas Rangers from Company B, Frontier Battalion under Capt. June Peak, pursued and came upon the Indians while they were still eating meat from a few of the horses. The Rangers fell upon them, but the Indians stood them off until dark, then fled under the cover of night. Lt. C. R. Ward brought a cavalry troop up from Fort Concho, but the slippery Comanches, estimated at only 20 in number, had disappeared.

In the white man, the fierce Comanche had met his match, not alone in ingenuity, but also in cruelty and pragmatism. The proud and mighty terror of the Plains had been humbled and demeaned, and penned like an animal to his reservation.

For the white man it meant safety for the Comanche it meant sorrow and shame.

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There can be no speculation about the visit of Capt. Marcy to the "big spring" October 3, 1849. His detailed journal and other writings preserved details of his journey and his "discovery" of the spring.

But beyond this, little was known in this area about this remarkable explorer.

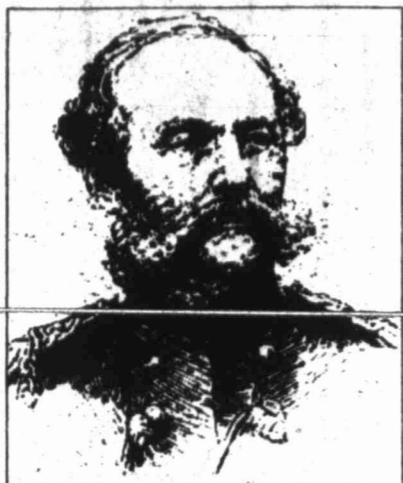
Randolph Barnes Marcy was 16 years old when his father wrote to a congressman requesting an appointment for his son to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"He thinks he shall be pleased with a military life," he wrote.

For 49 years, R. B. Marcy was to follow this career, sometimes with disillusionment, personal sacrifice and disappointment. There were times when he was to doubt the wisdom of soldiering, even to the point of angling for private employment.

Nevertheless, he achieved a record of loyal and distinguished service in the Army.

"He (Marcy) was one of the most important soldier-explorers of the 19th Century," wrote W. Eugene Hollon. "Our heritage, particularly in the Southwest, is immensely richer for his having lived. Too often he



CAPT. RANDOLPH B. MARCY

was rewarded by failure to receive promotion and adequate pay."

In his repeated assignments on the frontier, Marcy was to make many discoveries, among them the "big spring on the Colorado."

This tied down the spring as a key point on the transcontinental route and eventually led to Big Spring becoming a division point on the Texas and Pacific railroad when it pushed westward in 1881.

Marcy was relatively frail and had health problems, but he endured unbelievable privations on the frontier and once led an impossible mission across the Rocky Mountains in the dead of winter. As a result of his exploration, he compiled sev-

eral special reports from his journal Gold Seekers in 1849, Adventures on the Red River, 1854, wrote several books including Life of a Prairie Traveler and Army Life on The Border, and was an important mapper of the West.

He was in demand as a speaker for the American Geological Society and the American Statistical and Geographical Society. The Army drew on his expertise by assigning him to locate several forts and to map the headwaters of river. During his career, he participated in the Mexican War, the Utah ("Mormon War") and Florida Seminole Indian campaigns. Finally, partly due to the high position of his son-in-law, Gen. George B. McClellan, he rose to the rank of brigadier general.

Randolph B. Marcy was born April 12, 1812, at Greenwich, Mass., to Laban Marcy and Fanny Horne Marcy. His father was a lawyer and member of a family that produced several public figures. Randolph stood about six feet high, weighed only 160 pounds, had a strong chin, small neck, broad forehead, high cheek bones, and a mess of back hair. During much of his career he was plagued by

asthmatic attacks and several times he was laid low by severe attacks of dysentery.

His West Point days were not distinguished scholastically, for he ranked in the bottom 15 percent of his class during his first year in 1828, and when he graduated as brevet lieutenant in June 1829, he had attained to the lower one-third of the class.

He was advanced to second lieutenant November 25, 1835, first lieutenant June 1838, and belatedly was made captain May 18, 1846. At that point he was passed over repeatedly, and it was not until August 15, 1859, that he was promoted to rank of major. He became acting inspector general of the Army of the Potomac May 21, 1862, and held rank of colonel from August 9, 1861, until he was made a brigadier general in the volunteer army March 4, 1863. When Gen. George B. McClellan was ousted as Army of the Potomac commander, Marcy's temporary rank was revoked and he returned to that of colonel. Twice he was named inspector general, but twice was not confirmed by the Senate. Then, Gen. U. S. Grant named him a brevet brigadier, and in December 1868, he became a brigadier general in the regular Army, a rank he held at the time of his retirement in 1881.

Part of the hang-up may have been due to a personality conflict with Jefferson Davis, for many years Secretary of War, who was at odds with a kinsman of Randolph, Secretary of State William L. Marcy. Also, Davis seemed to have resented Marcy's appeal to congressmen and to his Army superiors for promotions and for specific assignments. Another factor may have

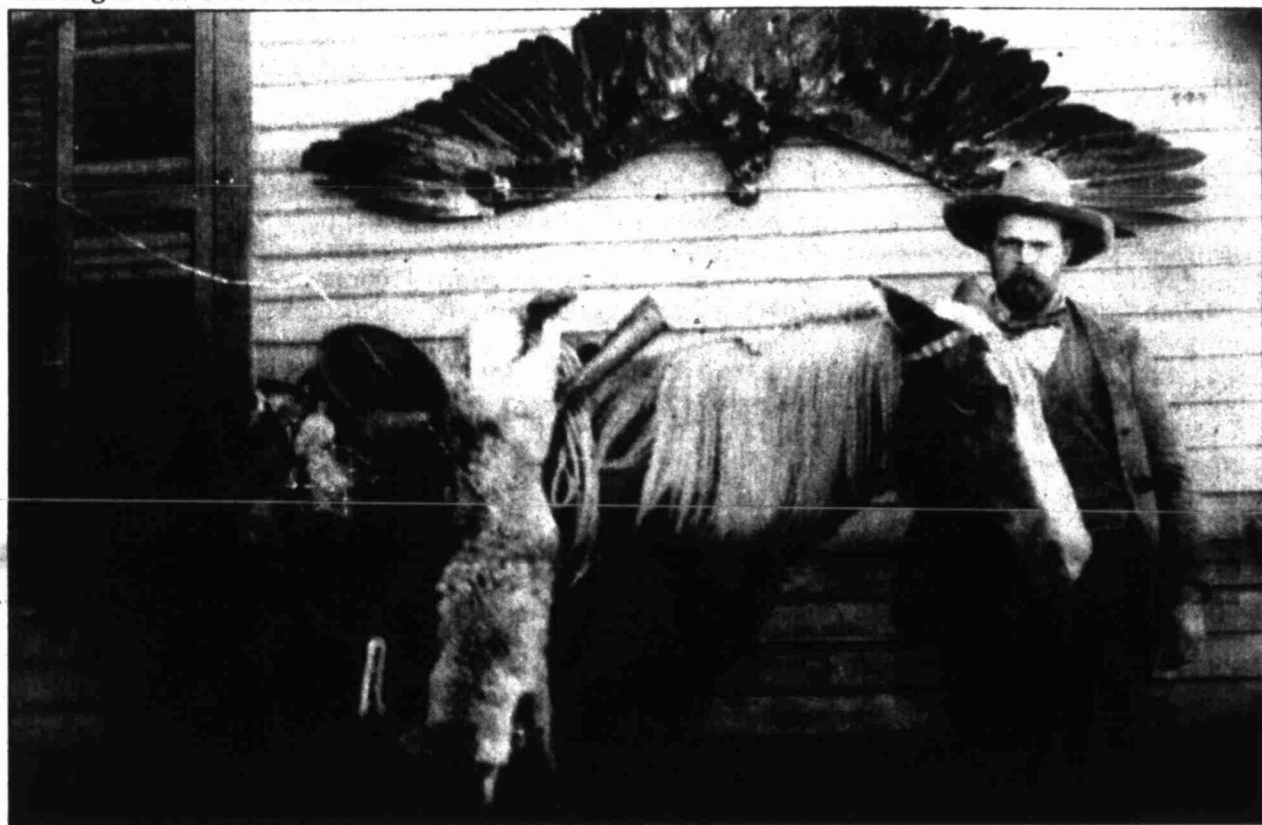
been Marcy's popularity as a speaker on exploration, and his penchant for writing letters to the editor. One on these was diatribe against the savage Indian. Moreover, Marcy was outspoken politically, especially as pertained to Secretary of War Stanton and other high in President Lincoln's administration.

Upon his West Point graduation, Marcy was assigned to the Black Hawk War, but enroute to his station he became ill and stopped in Syracuse, N.Y. Here he met Mary Mann, and when his departure again was delayed by an asthmatic attack, the acquaintanceship ripened into romance, and he married her May 5, 1833. Meantime, he was ordered to Company I 5th Infantry, at Fort Howard, Green Bay,

Wisconsin (Michigan Territory), arriving May 28, 1838. His pay was \$25 a month with four rations per day, and one servant. After their marriage, Mrs. Marcy was able to accompany him. She was an accomplished pianist, and their home became a social center on the frontier. Marcy invested in a tract of raw land when a land office was opened, and this was to prove a modestly wise investment. Their first daughter, Mary Ellen, who later became the wife of Gen. McClellan, was born May 27, 1835.

Marcy's promotion from brevet to second lieutenant brought no increase in pay, but when he was assigned to build roads at Fort

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arrival in Texas, Howard had so impressed fellow San Antonians that he was named a delegate to the first Texas state constitutional convention. He was appointed as the state's attorney general but declined because he had been elected as state senator. He had a prominent role in shaping the Texas constitution in 1845.

Four years later in 1849, the same year in which Capt. R.B. Marcy discovered the "big spring" in the county which came to be named for him, he was elected to Congress to succeed Timothy Pilsbury in the Western District of Texas, defeating highly popular Judge (Three-legged Willie) Williamson. After he had served two terms, in 1854 President Franklin Pierce named him United States Attorney to the Land Commission in California, so he hastened westward. After a few months in this post, he resigned to enter the practice of law in San Francisco.

Soon again he was in the midst of controversy. The celebrated Vigilante Committee had declared martial law in San Francisco in 1856 and virtually ruled the city at the point of a bayonet. Howard, an uncompromising advocate of the supremacy of law, rose in vigorous opposition. When the governor issued a proclamation ordering the Vigilantes to disband, they defied the order, and Howard was named by the governor to command the state militia, which, being an inferior force, was unable to enforce the order.

Howard had incurred so many enemies that he moved to Sacramento in 1858, then on to Los Angeles in 1861. He practiced law there for a decade, served several terms as district attorney, became judge of the Superior Court in 1880, but declined appointment to the California Supreme Court in 1884, due to advancing years. In the meantime, he had participated in the convention which framed the present constitution of the State of California.

When he died 1885, he was lauded by the leading Los Angeles daily newspaper as a "jurist and constitutional lawyer...without equal in this state." The paper recalled that "his celebrated speech in the constitutional convention on the relation of the corporation to the people

was even opponents agree the most masterly speech of the whole convention." (Similarly his address in Congress during the 1850 Compromise resolution had been proclaimed as a masterpiece of logic, pure diction and oratory.) The tribute also referred to his sarcasm and sharp tongue, "especially when his sense of wrong or injustice was aroused." It noted that "this country has produced but few men with a more comprehensive or absorbing mind, and none stored with a wider or more judiciously selected range of literature. He was a statesman in the highest sense. His courageous nature was incapable of fear when he knew and felt he was right." Such was the man whose name Howard County, Texas has the honor to perpetuate.

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Winnebago in 1838, and for the next two years, he was elevated to first lieutenant and was paid \$30 a month. Subsequently, acting as quartermaster of Company K, he received an extra \$10 to \$20 a month. Next he was assigned temporarily to Milwaukee and drew recruiting duty in Hartford, Conn., in August 1840, with a bonus of \$2 per recruit. Later he was to assess this as "the happiest time of my life."

July 1842, brought an assignment to Fort Gratiot, 40 miles northeast of Detroit. But history was in the making in the Southwest, and when President Tyler signed an order annexing Texas March 1, 1845, Marcy was assigned to this new frontier, leaving August 19, 1845, for Corpus Christi, going down the Mississippi via New Orleans. He was made procurement officer.

The excitement of the impending war with Mexico failed to shake his prejudice against the new state, for he found the area "detestable." He crossed into Mexico May 18, 1846, and after two combat engagements at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, he was promoted to captain May 18, 1846, and was sent back East to Harrisburg, Pa., for recruiting duty.

In June 1847, Capt. Marcy was ordered to rejoin his regiment (the 5th Infantry) in Mexico. All but four of the officers in their regiment had been killed in the war, but before Marcy could report, his orders were countermanded due to his ill health. Instead, he was sent August 14, 1848 to Camp Jefferson Davis at East Pasagula, Miss., arriving September 24. On October 21, he left for Little Rock, Ark., then continued on to Fort Smith and Fort Washita

and Fort Towson, six miles north on the Red River, arriving November 6, 1848.

Marcy now was 36 years of age, had led a few small expeditions and stood on the threshold of a career of exploration of the Southwest. Mary Marcy joined him February 11, 1849, with daughter Frances (Fanny), then three years old. Mary Ellen (Nellie), their first child, was in school back East. With his family around him, Capt. Marcy drew the handsome sum of \$35 a month, and purchased two Negro servants. He was recalled to Fort Smith March 20, 1849, but in the interim he had received tentative orders February 2, to lead an expedition to Santa Fe, N.M., and these were confirmed February 14.

Gold had been discovered in California the previous year, and overland routes to the West Coast were limited. Traffic immediately increased through Fort Smith, which was the Seventh Military District headquarters. This was the logical flow from the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers of the movement toward Santa Fe. Congress became interested in an East-West route and authorized \$50,000 for a study. Gen. Matthew Arbuckle, in command at Fort Smith, selected Capt. R.B. Marcy to lead the sweeping survey of a new route.

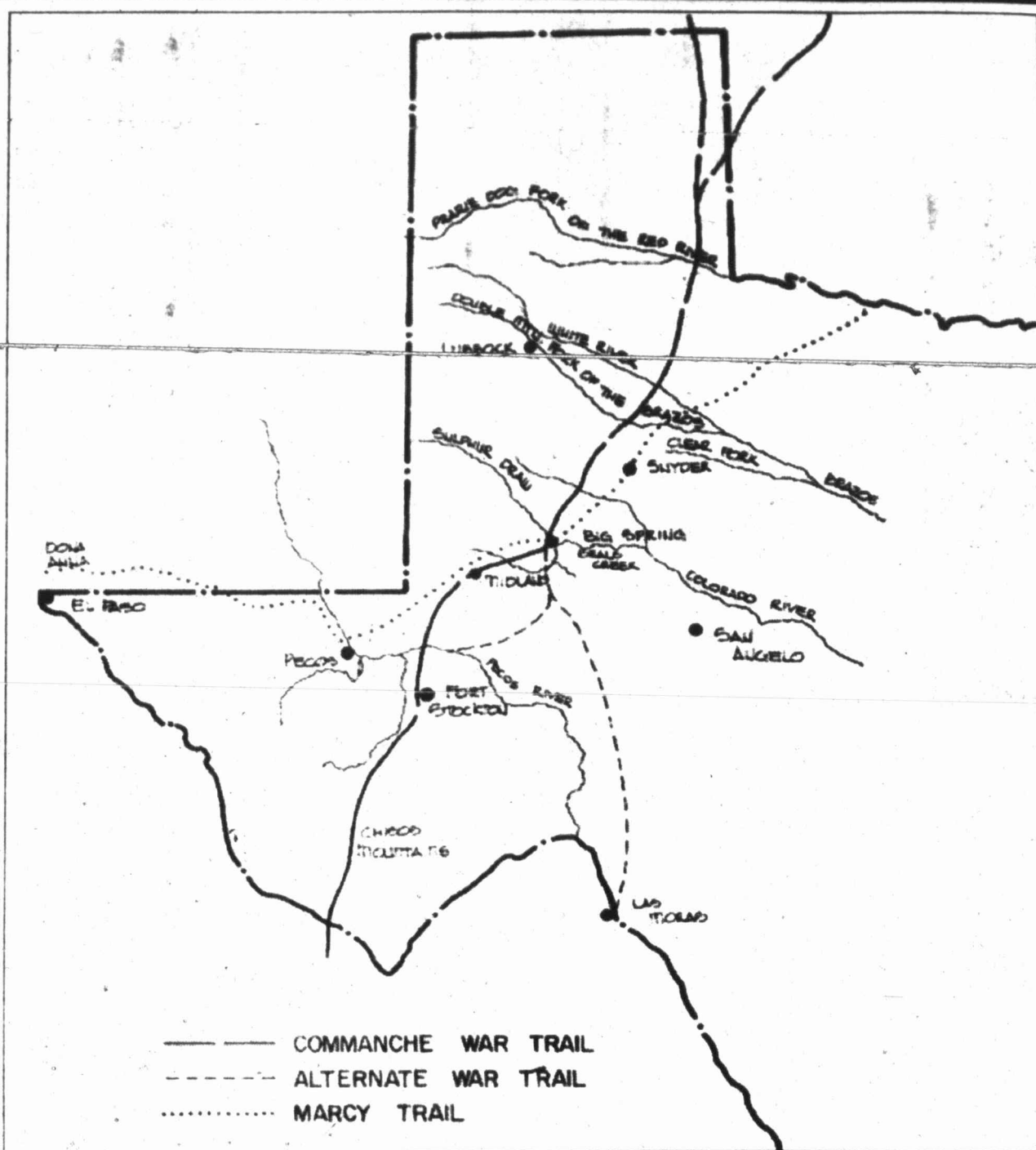
"An escort consisting of one Subaltern and thirty men of the First Regiment will leave Fort Smith, Ark., on the 5th instant (April) for Santa Fe, N.M. for the purpose of protecting our citizens emigrating to our newly acquired territories." The orders read. Capt. Marcy also employed a civilian, Dr. Julian Rogers, to accompany the party on the five-months journey.

Marcy was instructed to "ascertain and establish the best route from this point to

New Mexico and California; to extend protection to such of our citizens as design, leaving here in a few days and traversing your route with such facilities as circumstances may require...to insure them safe and unmolested passage across the prairies; and to conciliate as far as possible the different tribes of Indians who inhabit the region of country through which you will pass to examine the country, survey and measure the road traveled; to keep a correct journal of each day's march, noting distance between good camping places..."

Officers assigned were Lt. J.H. Simpson, topographical engineer; Lt. J. Buford, Lt. Montgomery Pike, Lt. M.P. Harrison (grandson of President Wm. H. Harrison and a brother of future president Benjamin H. Harrison (in 1878), and Lt. J. Updegraff. With them were to be 22 dragoons and 50 infantrymen; 18 supply wagons, beef cattle and extra work stock. Each wagon was to be drawn by six mules or oxen. The party was to pull a six pound-cannon, portable forge, a surveying chain and a viameter (a device geared to the wagon wheel to estimate distance), plus a stock of food, medicine, feed and ammunition.

Marcy commenced his journey April 4, 1849, followed by 479 men, women, and children emigrants traveling in 75 wagons pulled by some 500 mules. He stopped several days at Edwards Trading Post (Holdenville, Okla.) where he wrote to his wife that "There are about 2,000 emigrants upon the road." Having engaged Black Beaver, a Delaware Indian Chief, as his guide and interpreter, Marcy resumed the march May 1, 1849. Well in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) May 7, he issued bullets to his soldiers. May 9, he noted that they "were at the crosstimbres," and June 9,



Marcy's mapping abilities led to his receiving numerous other assignments.

"we are now launched upon the broad Prairies of the West..."

Capt. Marcy was so occupied he became unshaven. Lt. Harrison was otherwise occupied with Mary Conway, daughter of one of the emigrating families and had gained approval to marry her, but only after the family reached California. Another of the families on the trail named one of the twins born enroute Marcy in

honor of the leader. At last, arriving at the base of Llano Estacado, Marcy chronicled his reaction to "this high table land...a land where no man, either savage or civilized, permanently abides... (a land) which always has been and must continue uninhabited forever." (at the completion of his exploration, however, Capt. Marcy said of the Texas sector that "nature...has adorned the

entire face of the country with the luxuriant verdure of different kinds of gramma grass, affording the most nutritious sustenance for animals for grazing large flocks and herds that can be conceived.")

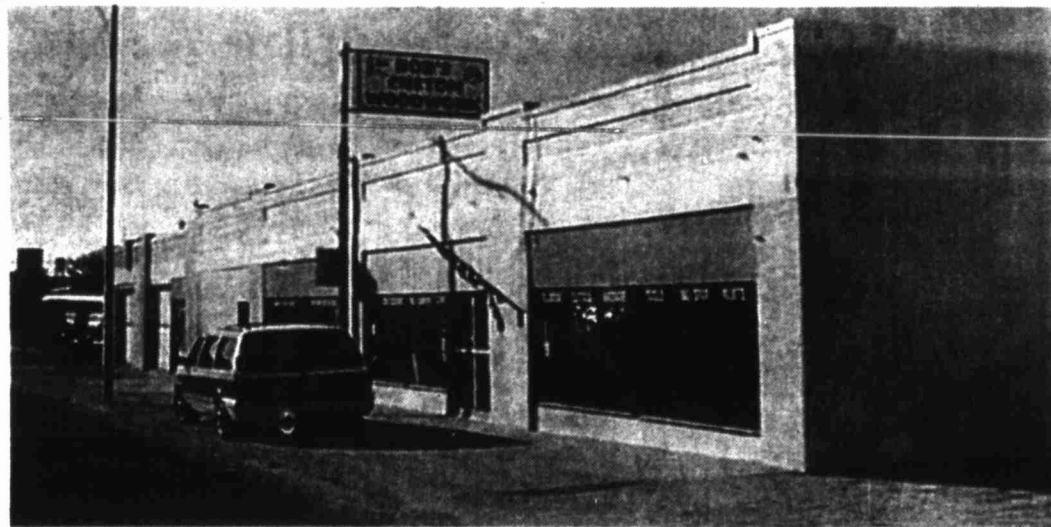
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Santa Fe, having covered 819.5 miles in 85 days (only 65 of them in actual travel). Marcy reflected that it was a good route for a railroad, but Lt. Simpson differed: "The time has not yet come when a railroad can be built over this continent."

Capt. Marcy spent six weeks with his party in Santa Fe in order for the mules to recuperate and supplies to be replenished. He also hired Manuel, a Comanche, as guide because he felt that Manuel could lead him across an uncharted course from his next target—the Rio Grande—back to his home base at Fort Smith. He replaced Lt. Buford with Lt. Delos B. Sackett and departed August 14, 1849 for Dona Anna, 60 miles north to El Paso, reaching that point August 29. Here the California-bound settlers left him, and Marcy turned his men N. 81 degrees to San Agustine Pass in the Organ Mountains, then altered his course southeast to the base of the Huaco Mountains, some 40 miles east of the Organ chain.

From this point he pressed to Guadalupe Mountains, 147 miles east of Dona Anna. His September 11, entry in his journal noted the presence of bear, big horn sheep and black-tail deer. He came upon Delaware Creek, then followed 40 miles to the Pecos River on September 17.

The Pecos "is about 30 yards wide, rapid and deep, with high clay banks," he wrote. This forced him to turn south five days along the river, and although banks now were still 20 feet high, Marcy concluded it was time to turn east. His men cut a ramp down the bank to the water, dismantled a wagon and wedged six empty barrels inside the overturned bed to form a raft. A swimmer took a guide rope across the river and staked it, enabling the party to be ferried across in one day. Embarking north-eastward, he came almost immediately upon a sandy prairie and emerged September 29, after great

effort from a stretch of deep shifting sand (the Sandhills), which, however, did yield several holes with good, clear water. He must have encountered the scars of the Great Comanche War Trail and followed it to a freshly filled playa lake north of present-day Midland and then to Mustang Springs in Martin County on October 2.

The account of Capt. Marcy's discovery of the "big spring of the Colorado," as he once described it, was entered October 3, 1849 "...Fourteen and a half miles of travel over a beautiful road brought us to the spring which we found flowing from a deep chasm in the limestone rocks into an immense reservoir some 50 feet in depth. This appears to have been a favorite place of resort for the Comanches." Marcy's guide also told him about "a good wagon route from here to the Rio Pecos, striking some 70 miles lower down than where we crossed, keeping entirely south of the Llano Estacado..."

Refreshed by the abundance of good water, Marcy's group resisted the temptation to linger and rolled eastward through a timbered valley, then halted October 7, near the Colorado southwest of the site for Snyder while he sought to recover from severe dysentery. He dispatched Lt. Harrison to survey the trail ahead, assuming that the young officer would take a party with him. Instead, Harrison rode out alone. When he did not return late in the evening, Marcy became alarmed and ordered the cannon to be fired in hope Harrison might hear. Early next morning, Marcy sent Black Beaver, Lt. Updegraff and others in search of the lieutenant. Within a mile and a half they picked up Harrison's trail and surmised from other tracks that he had come upon a band of Kiowas. The combined trail turned south, but two miles forward at a ravine they halted in shock as they came upon the scalped body of poor Lt. Harrison. Heartbroken Marcy ordered the remains packed in lime and charcoal for preservation until return to Fort Smith. Ironically, this

tragedy put the spotlight of publicity on the Marcy expedition and propelled the captain upon a career of frontier exploration.

But tremendous difficulty lay ahead. Marcy ordered the journey to resume October 10, and reached the Double Mountain Ford of the Brazos River in present Stonewall County. Here a cold early norther triggered torrential rains, and the soaking cold killed 33 miles in one day. Marcy relayed how a normally dry creek near camp was turned into a raging river. Recouping his forces, he marched on, only to find himself suddenly surrounded by several hundred Comanches, who soon were joined by about 100 Kickapoo braves. Marcy brazened his way through with a dignified confrontation.

By October 22, he reached the Clear Fork of the Brazos, which he followed to the confluence of the Salt Fork and spotted a site which he picked out later for Fort Belknap. Two days additional marching brought him to the Trinity, thence to the Cross Timbers and crossing of the Red River. Mary Marcy, fearing that her husband and his party may have been massacred, according to a rumor, had waited four weeks at Fort Washita, but alas she left three days before he arrived. Marcy pushed to Fort Towson, ending a trip of 85 days, 68 of them in actual travel.

When his journal was published a few months later, a news correspondent called his 2,000-mile circuit "the longest march ever performed by the U.S. Army," and expressed the belief that this (Southern route) will be the principal route to California." Eventually, much of this was to become the east-west (Texas & Pacific) railroad route. More than this, Marcy had corrected many serious errors in early-day maps of the area. Still another by-product of the Dona Anna-Fort Smith exploration was that Marcy picked up a Mexican lad, Juan, "who is bound to us until he reaches age 24."

While Marcy had ample domestic help from Juan and

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two slaves, financial problems were constant, especially with Mary Ellen's schooling costing from \$600 to \$800 a year. Marcy fretted over this when he left Fort Towson July 1, 1850, to establish a post on the Canadian River at a site recommended by Black Beaver (near present Byers, Okla.) which came to be known as Camp Arbuckle. Marcy was keenly disappointed when he was ordered September 10, to halt construction, and when he won a delay, he moved his family there. A Kiowa chief, visiting the captain there, was so impressed by embroidery by Mary Marcy that he offered to swap squaws with Capt. Marcy.

Not long after Marcy was sent, January 9, 1851, to select a post site near the Red River (he picked one at the Washita and Wild Horse confluence near the Arbuckle Mountains), he was assigned to develop a line of forts on the Indian frontier from North Texas to El Paso. While on the east bank of the Brazos, (at what became Fort Belknap), he fell seriously ill. Recovering, he reconnoitered south to Hubbard Creek, Pecan Bayou and the Colorado River before illness struck him again. He returned August 2, to Fort Washita to convalesce. At this point, he was given permission to go to Washington to prepare notes and maps on the areas he had explored. His maps showed for the first time the accurate courses of the Brazos, Colorado, Pecos and Canadian Rivers. With this work completed, he was granted permission to explore the Red River to its source and commenced the expedition March 6, 1852. One of the young officers assigned to him when he

arrived in Fort Washita in April 1852, was Capt. George B. McClellan, second in command. Marcy was impressed by him and saw increasingly in him a prospective son-in-law. The expedition, rated as one of the best organized and best conducted and most successful, departed April 22. Northward on the Canadian, John Bushman was engaged as a scout. Marcy reached the head of South Fork July 1, 1852 and turned west up Tule Canyon.

As a consequence of his exploration he was invited to address the American Geographical Society March 22, 1853. Shortly afterwards, in

his report to the Army, Marcy recommended location of a fort in the Washita Mountains, and in 1869 this was established and became Fort Sill. One spin-off of this exploration was a report that Marcy and his men had been massacred, and so much credence was given this report, first in the Fort Worth Herald, that funeral services were held for him in his hometown of Greenwich Mass.

Marcy freed a Mexican lad held captive by Indians, and this won him some minor popularity. When he arrived

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back at Fort Arbuckle, Capt. McClellan was sent to New Orleans, then to San Antonio, and finally to an explorer had been killed firmly.

The ensuing tour was busy but frustrating. Marcy, after a year in New York writing and reporting, he got a commission in the U.S. Army on November 13, 1851, and assignment to the 2nd Infantry. Instead, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis ordered Marcy to complete his report, which was published in a special issue of the American Geographical Society's journal in Louisiana.

The brought to the attention of George Bancroft, then the American Geographical Society, who asked him to address the group. The new commission carried Marcy's name, which, among other things, raised the question of whether it will become of the Indian who relieve the suffering, shelter the flesh and his bones. He must be able to increase his man's strength...or learn to till the soil."

The Washington Intelligencer, although Marcy's incisive promotion to captain received only one month, four ratings (a servant) and three men, stirred because he had been passed over for promotion, endorsed Gen. Scott, who was Secretary of War, possibly influencing like for Secretary William L. Marcy, the minister's kinsman, because of resignation. Instead, he ordered Marcy to lead a military railroad survey. Marcy steadfastly

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back at Fort Arbuckle, and Capt. McClellan left to go to New Orleans, Indianola and San Antonio, Marcy's fame as an explorer had been established firmly.

The ensuing two years were busy but frustrating for Marcy. After a year in New York writing and editing reports, he got Congressman W. C. Johnson in intercede November 13, 1852, for his assignment to the commissary. Instead, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis urged Marcy to complete his Red River report, which was published in a special release, Exploration of Red River Louisiana.

The brought new fame, and George Bancroft, president of the American Statistical and Geographical Society, invited him to address that worthy group. The New York Times carried Marcy's full text, which, among other things, raised the question: "What will become of the prairie Indian who relies for subsistence, shelter and clothing on the flesh and hides of the buffalo? He must perish...or increase his marauding depredations...or learn to cultivate the soil."

The Washington Intelligencer, also moved by Marcy's incisive report, urged his promotion to major (a captain received only \$50 a month, four rations a day and a servant) and two congressmen, stirred because Marcy had been passed over for promotion, endorsed the idea to Gen. Scott, who bucked it on to Secretary Davis. But Davis, possibly influenced by his dislike for Secretary of State William L. Marcy, the captain's kinsman, and possibly because of resentment of congressional pressure, refused. Instead, he ordered Capt. Marcy to lead a transcontinental railroad survey party. Marcy steadfastly denied to

Davis that he had brought pressure to bear, but it was six more years before he was advanced another rank. Davis also rejected a proposal July 23, 1853, by Marcy that the captain explore the Colorado River headquarters. Finally, Adj. Gen. Samuel Cooper assigned Marcy to locate the first Indian reservation in Texas. Marcy crossed his 1849 trail near Gainesville, pushed past present Haskell, turned back and ran into an Indian party under Ketumsee. However, in the clear fork of the Brazos Valley, he found and surveyed a perfect reservation site.

Once he had picked two square leagues for a Comanche reservation, he began the task in August 1856, of persuading the chiefs to agree. Senaco accepted but Ketumsee wanted to bargain on a "Brazos Indian" site in Young County. This haggling must have annoyed Marcy, for when he returned to New York October 30, he wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Herald in which he was critical of Indians and supported the suggestion of a larger Army on the frontier. He even defended Secretary Davis, but this apparently had no influence on their relations for when he attempted to transfer to the quartermaster corps, even at the loss of his Army rank of captain, he was instead sent back to Texas where he wrote July 13, 1855, from Corpus Christi that the village of 1,500 population was comprised of "lawless scamps" and possessed only half a dozen families "fit to be associated with."

Soon, however, he was returned to New York, leaving before countermanning orders from Jeff Davis could reach him. Nevertheless, he was back in Laredo not long afterwards, and it was at this time he was staggered May 28, 1856, by a letter from Mary Ellen saying she had plans to wed Lt. A. P. Hill (who later was to distinguish himself as a Confederate general).

Marcy made no attempt to conceal his disappointment to his daughter, partly at her choice (for he preferred George McClellan, who had proposed to her) and partly because she was marrying an Army man. So adamant was he that in a July 31, 1856, letter she announced she had capitulated and called off the engagement.

Marcy got a reprieve from his Laredo service by being assigned to a sticky 7 1/2 months courtmartial case at Ringgold Barracks, near Brownsville, where he served with his old friend, Robert E. Lee. Afterwards he was sent to the Florida swamps until Chief Billy Bowlegs surrendered.

Now disillusioned with Army life, Marcy applied with Army life. Marcy applied for a job to George McClellan, who had left the Army to become an Illinois Central railroad vice president. Marcy's state of mind was already flter when he received a letter from Lt. Hill complaining that Mary Marcy had slandered him as a result of his ill-fated engagement to Mary Ellen. At once Marcy wrote his wife, sharply upbraiding her for her meddling and gossiping. Much chastened, she met him in St. Louis while he was enroute July 9, 1857, to Utah where the Mormons threatened to rebel.

Not long after his arrive in teh remote field, the position of the U.S. troops became untenable due to the critical lack of supplies, and Marcy was dispatched Nov. 24, 1857, from Fort Bridger, Wy., over the Rocky Mountains to Fort Massachusetts, 90 miles north of Taos in New Mexico. Guides and Indians alike warned taht this was an impossible mission, but Marcy and his party wallowed doggedly through two feet of snow over the mountains. They made snow tents, lined with pine branches, and built a fire in one corner to protect from bitter winds. Marcy and

his men plodded blindly over the plateau (to Glenwood Springs, Colo.), descended the face of a steep cliff, crossed teh treacherous Gunnison River.

Here things were so bad that an Ute guide refused to take Marcy through Choctopa (Kitch-e-tope - buffalo) Pass. Snow piled up so deep that men had to break trail by lying down on the snow and trampling it in order for pack animals to get through. Even so, from five to eight mules died each day.

Several days short of the summit, rations ran out and Marcy's men subsisted on the carcasses of mules, seasoned with gun powder because salt also had been exhausted. IN a single night, 12 men sustained frozen feet. Marcy's weight plummeted from 170 to 130 pounds. Worst of all, the awful truth dawned on him - he had missed the pass and was lost. A young Mexican, Miguel, insisted he knew the way and was willing to risk his neck on it. Marcy offered him \$500 reward for success, bodily harm for failure. When, 10 days later, they peaked the pass, only three good mules remained from an original string of 65. These and a small party were sent on to Fort Massachusetts for supplies. Eleven days later they returned, and one man, despite orders, gorged himself so that he became fatally ill - the only man to die from the horrendous winter ordeal.

The excruciating march had taken 52 days. A grateful Marcy paid Miguel the \$500 for finding the pass. Next morning, Miguel hit the captain up for \$5 - he had lost his entire fortune at monte!

When Marcy got back with his party (the return still faced the rigor of a sudden snow storm in March 1858), he was proclaimed as "the hero of the Mormon War." McClellan used the opportunity to write Mary Ellen and congratulate her on her father's 85-day, 762 1/2-mile struggle for survival, and this

revived their courtship. Meanwhile, Marcy was named "inspector general of the Utah Army, and when teh Mormons gave in peacefully, Marcy was granted a 60-day leave Aug. 7.

Glowing press reports greeted him when Marcy returned Oct. 26, 1858, to be with Mary Ellen and Mary (Fanny was in school). He was assigned once again to New York to prepare a manuscript of his travels, this one published in October 1859, as The Prairie Traveler, drawing glowing reviews. Earlier, Aug. 15, 1859, at teh age of 47, Marcy finally was promoted to major, his pay increased from \$60 to \$80 a month, and a new assignment in the paymaster department.

When McClellan heard of this and that the Marcys were planning a trip, he invited them to stop at his home in Chicago. There, McClellan proffered his private car on the Illinois Central to the Marcys for their trip on to St. Paul, and they accepted. McClellan himself was busy, for enroute he proposed to Mary Ellen, and she accepted. They were married May 22. Almost immediately, he was made president of the eastern segment of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company, necessitating a move to Cincinnati.

War clouds were gathering, and McClellan organized the Ohio Volunteer Militia, became the commander of the Department of Ohio with the rank of major general. Soon he achieved fame as the "young Napoleon of the West." His star was on the ascendancy, and McClellan asked President Lincoln to name Marcy as his inspector general and chief of staff. Marcy assumed his post May 21, 1861, and when McClellan was named to command the Army of the Potomac, Marcy was promoted to permanent rank of colonel Aug. 9, 1861. Shortly thereafter, he transferred to the volunteer army with rank of brigadier.

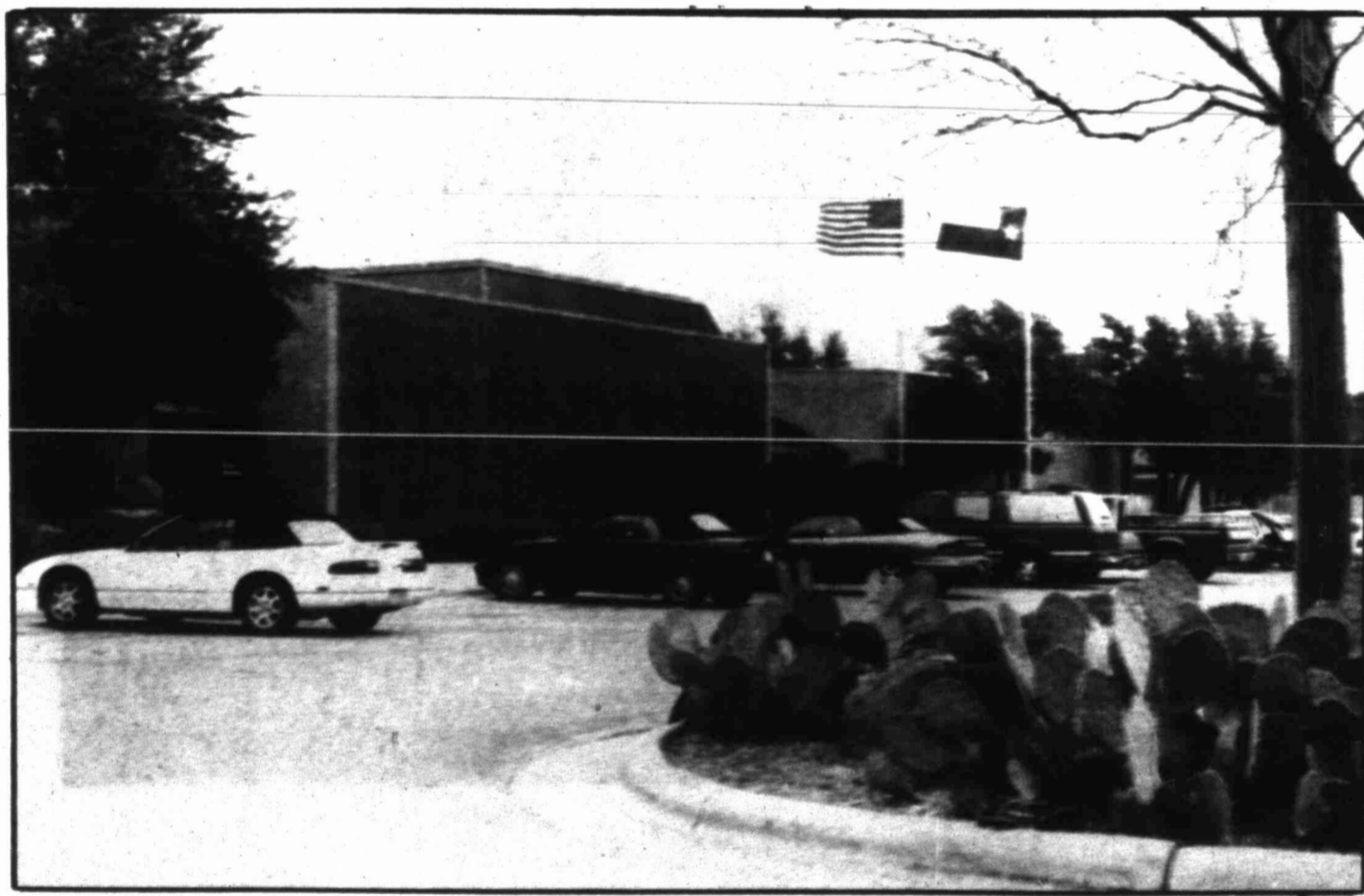
But things went sour. When McClellan was relieved of his Potomac command, Marcy's rank of brigadier was revoked and he was sent as colonel to the Western border. He became embittered at teh administration, especially Secretary of War Stanton. Moreover, McClellan's run at the presidency on the Democratic ticket certainly did not enhance the military fortunes of his father-in-law. Subsequently, Marcy twice was reappointed inspector general, but the Senate did not confirm him. He also was sent to New Orleans after the war. Finally, Gen. U.S. Grant interceded and recommended him in December 1868, as brevet brigadier, and he was confirmed.

Two books, Army Life on the Border, published in 1866, and Border Reminiscences, in 1871, established Marcy as a literary craftsman with careful detail and good humor. Perhaps, feeling his new importance, he was moved to decry publicly the action of radicals in Congress, who thwarted President Andrew Johnson's efforts at reconstruction, and so he found himself moved to various commands.

He and Mary established a permanent home in West Orange, N.J. In December 1868, he achieved permanent rank of brigadier general. There was a decade for him and Mary to enjoy his new position and fame before she died Jan. 27, 1878. That same year McClellan was elected governor of New Jersey, but he died Oct. 29, 1885, of a heart attack.

On Feb. 1, 1881, at age 69, Marcy's request for retiremnt after 49 years of service was granted. He was free to tour the West, where he hunted regularly. After one of these outings, he returned home late in 1886, in a feeble condition and sent for Fanny (Mrs. Edward Clarke) to be with him. On Jan. 22, 1887, the wiry old explorer died peacefully.

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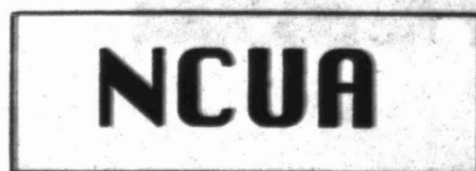
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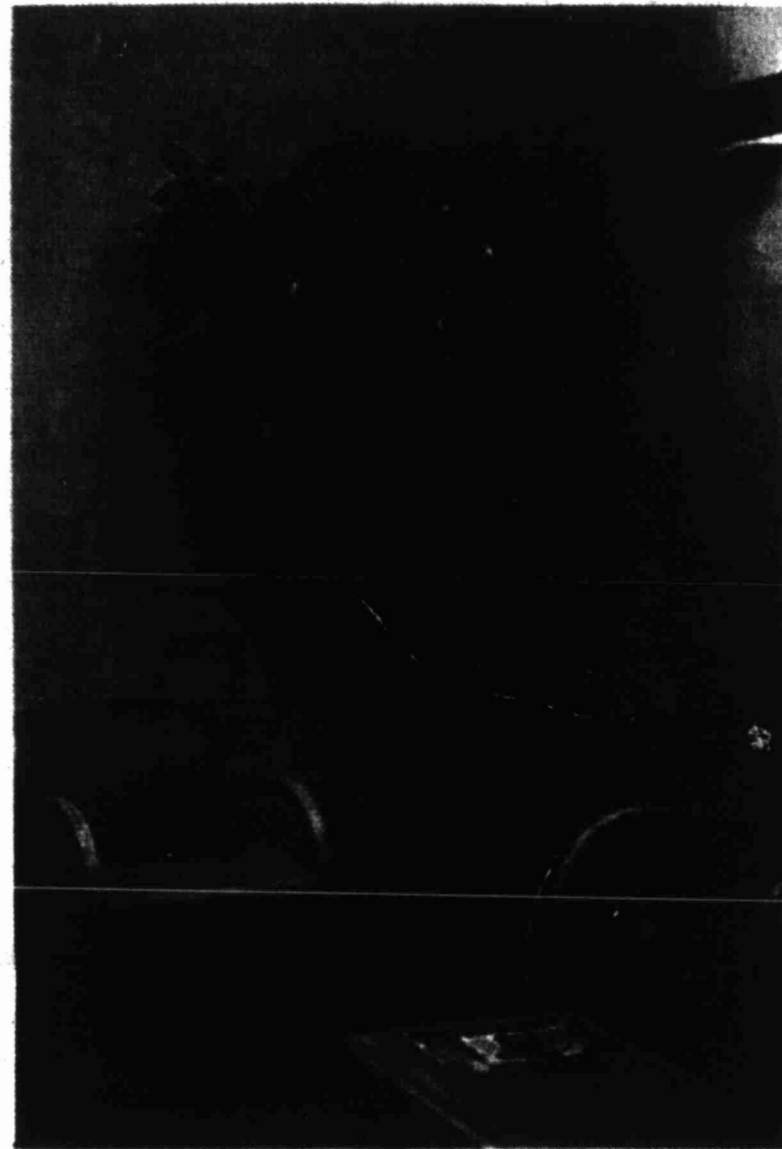
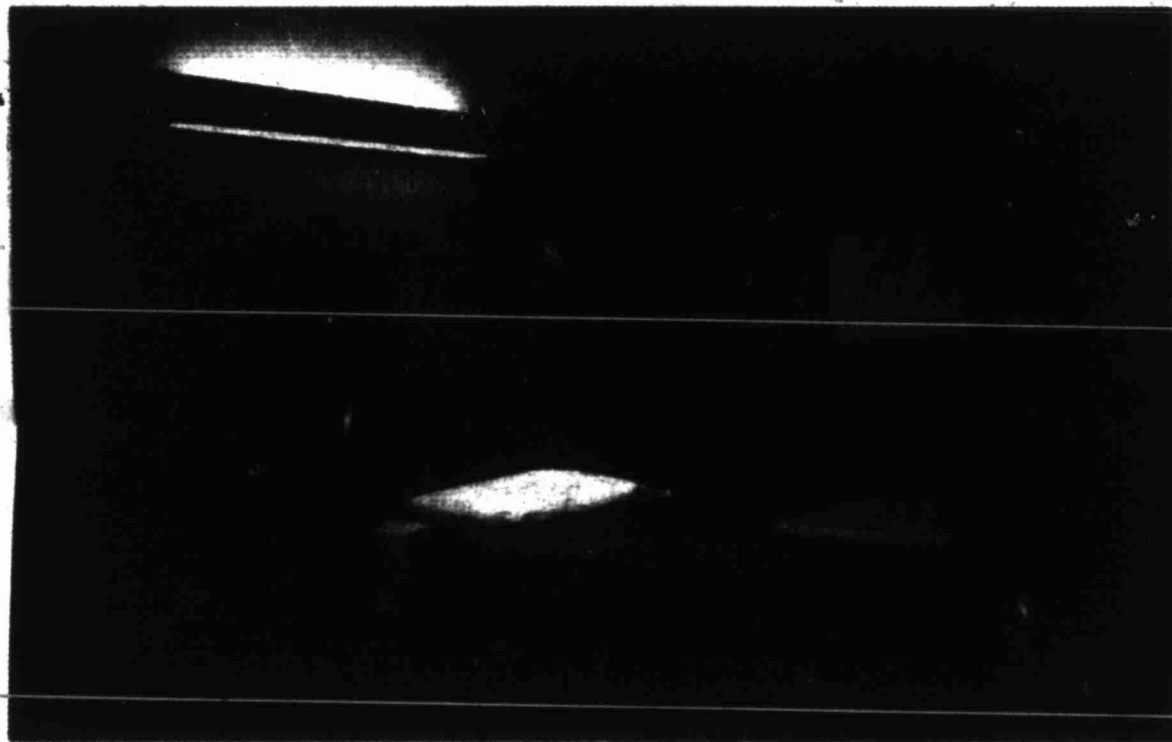
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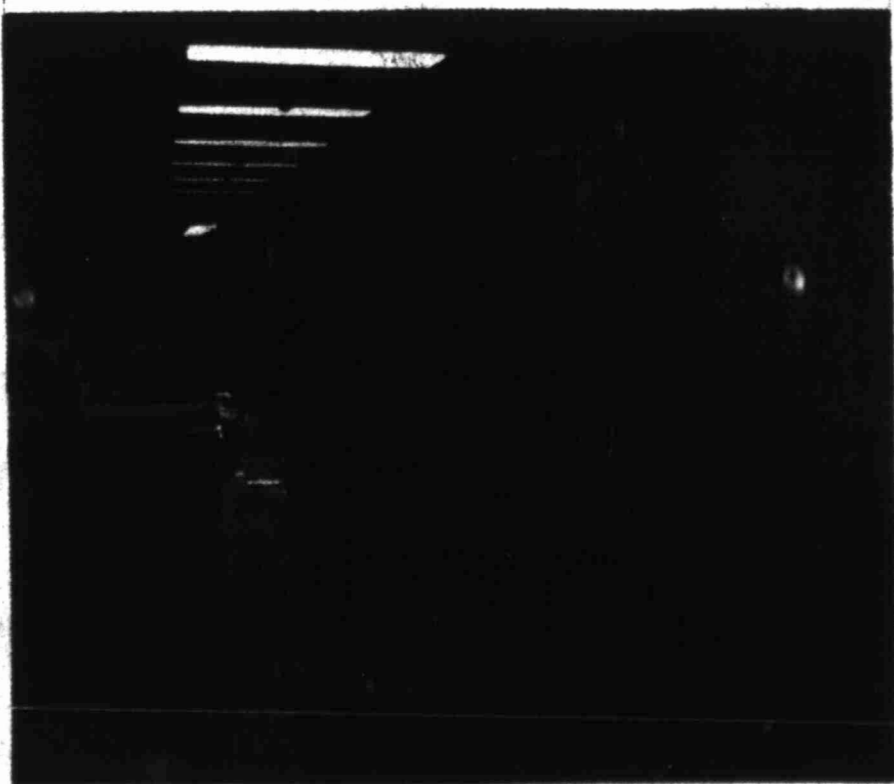
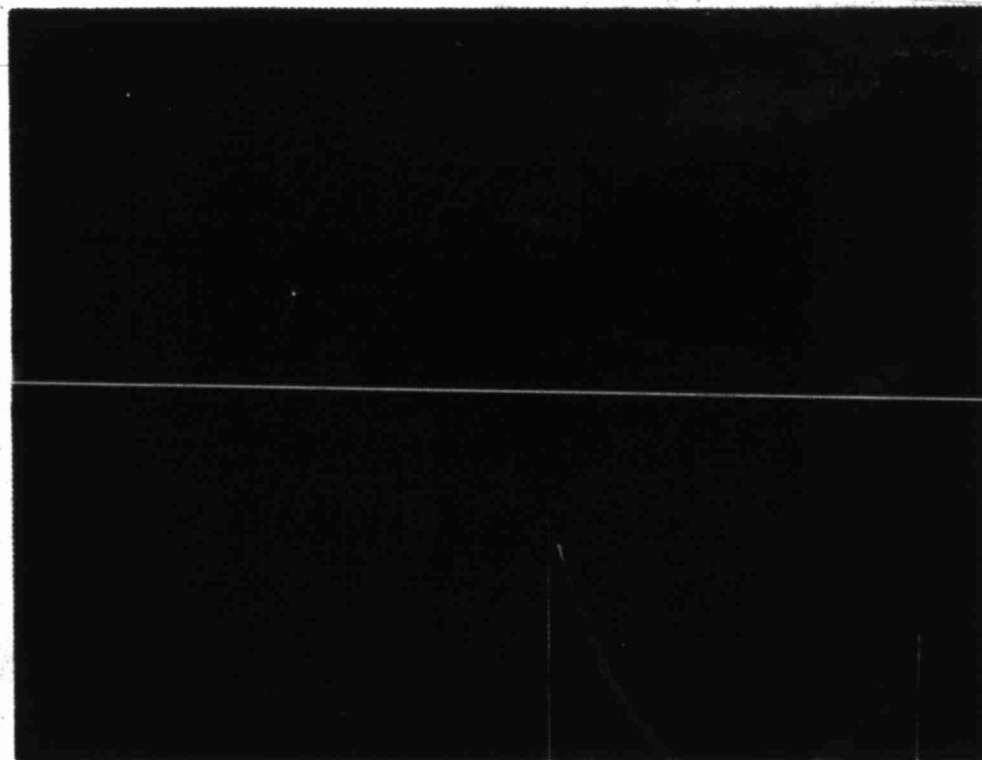
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THE SEVENTH EARL OF AYLESFORD

In 1849, the year in which Capt. R.B. Marcy of the United States Army came upon the historic "big spring" nestled in an escarpment between the Edwards Plateau, the South Plains and the Rolling Plains of western Texas, Joseph Heneage Finch was born in Packington Hall in England.

While he was to become the seventh Earl of Aylesford, none could have imagined that he would depart the leafy surroundings and splendor at Warwickshire for an unpainted lumber home miles from its nearest neighbor on the rugged frontier grasslands northeast of Big Springs.

He lived in and near Big Springs less than two years when the forced flame of his life flickered out, yet he left an indelible mark on the community, which almost from the beginning named a street for him, ironically misspelling it "Aylford."

The incongruity of an English nobleman rooted in a lonely frontier village in the early 1880's led to so many legends about the Earl of Aylesford, Big Spring's most colorful pioneer character, that is it difficult to separate fact from fiction.

Some said he had come to the New World to recoup the family fortunes; some said he wanted to establish an estate here for his daughters; some said it was to assuage a broken heart; and still others, nearer the truth, said he had come to escape a scandal of major proportions back in England.

At any rate, Heneage Finch settled on Big Spring as the locale for his acquisitions of town and ranch property. He



EARL of AYLESFORD

was a well-known resident until he died in January 1885, with his mortal remains being shipped back to his homeland. The memory of his adventures in the wild west, however, lingered for a generation or two.

The seventh Earl of Aylesford was born Joseph Heneage Finch, February 21, 1839, in Packington Hall, the 100-room mansion and ancestral home of the Aylesfords snuggles among the verdance of 16,000 acres in Warwickshire, Kent, England. He was the first son born to Heneage Finch, the sixth Earl of Aylesford, and Jane Wightwick, Knightly of Offchurch, Warwickshire. There were four other sons and a daughter born to the couple. Charles Wightwick was the second eldest son and was to succeed the seventh Earl in 1885. (He had two sons, Heneage Greville, who was named earl-designate, Lord Guernsey, and Charles Daniel.) The two other sons born to the sixth earl and his duchess were Daniel Harry, who was born on June 5, 1859, and died

December 17, 1890; and Clement Edward, who was born on August 26, 1868, and died October 4, 1895. Both were to follow their illustrious brother to the United States and to West Texas. Their youngest brother,

George Cecil Moyie, was stillborn January 8, 1865. The daughter of the family was Anne Francesca Wilhelmine, was married to J. Murry, a member of the British diplomatic service.

There is little record of the seventh earl's boyhood except that he was schooled at Eton and later Oxford University. At age 17, he had attained a height of six feet, and he had earned a reputation as a good horseman and excellent shot. Moreover, he had been selected as a member of the famous body of English archers, the Woodmen of Arden, who for centuries had bent the woodland glade surrounding Packington Hall, holding the rank of captain in the yeoman Cavalry. Heneage Finch as appointed a magistrate and a deputy in County Warwick. He was reputed to be an outstanding polo player, a prize fight and cock fight promoter, and relatively unsuccessful horse breeder.

Although a large and fairly heavy man, he rode as light as a feather. "As a horseman he was the greatest of heavyweights," wrote one of his noble contemporaries. "He was a man who could ride with the hands of a gossamer."

"The Earl," according to an Associated Press story, "succeeded to his titles under unhappy circumstances. His wedding to the beautiful Edith Williams, not of nobility but whose

father, Pers Williams, was for many years a member of Parliament, was set for January 10, 1871, but his father became gravely ill. Realizing that the sixth earl was on his deathbed, the 21-year-old heir, then holding the title of Lord Guernsey, moved up the wedding day by two days. On Sunday, January 8, he and Edith were married in a quick ceremony at London's fashionable St. George Church. The following Tuesday, the original date for the wedding, his father died, and he succeeded to the title.

"Soon after the marriage, the young earl established himself as a court favorite, and as an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales, whose affairs, thirst and extravagances were topics for gossip."

Years later, a writer in the Chicago American was to observe that after his marriage to the "beautiful and

amiable Edith," the Earl, "for a time abandoned his evil associates, but he returned to them again." The account ended: "His death at age 35 was no doubt hastened by the foolish excesses of which he had been guilty. His old companion in vice, the more stolid and plegmatic Albert Edward of Wales, has sobered down in time to insure himself a long life, and while Aylesford sleeps in a dishonored grave, he (Edward) will be king of England."

Queen Victoria had indulged the Prince to the point that Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli once described him as a "thoroughly spoiled child who can't bear being bored."

The Earl had been born to the good life, and he made the most of it. Within a few months after he and Edith were married, they entertained the Prince and

Princess of Wales and a large company at Packington Hall with a party so lavish is attracted considerable attention.

One account noted that the "choicest exotics and the most graceful ferns studded the space on every hand."

Then with a Dickensian ring, it added that "brightness reined supreme, for there were bright faces, bright welcome," and beauty all around. Still another source referred to a 19-course dinner which was served amid decorations "surrounding a miniature Italian lake." Yet another account reported that the servants did not lack for merriment, having in their hall a 36-gallon barrel of beer, mounted on a miniature railroad track.

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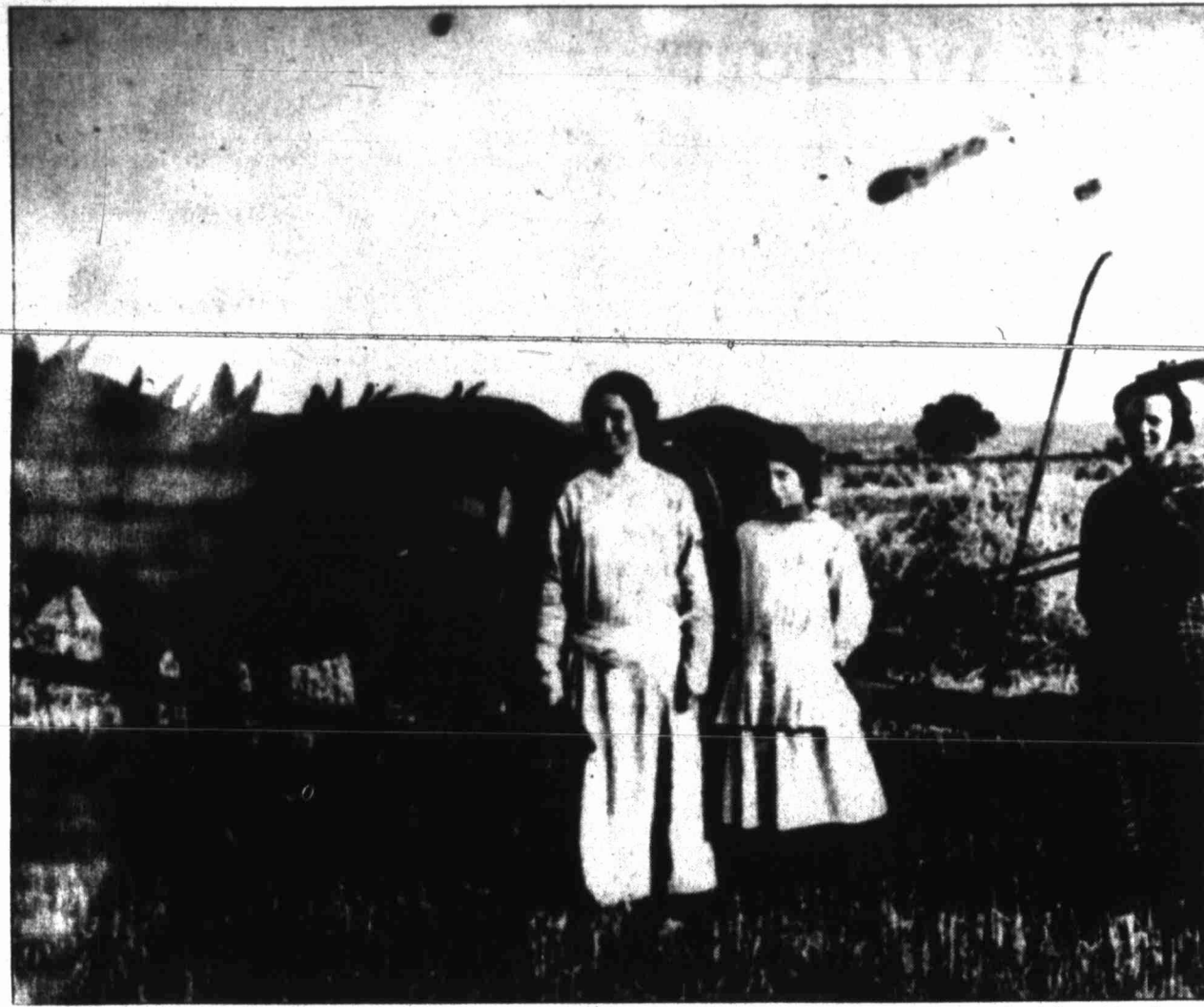
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young Earl; it also may have focused the attention of the Prince upon the vivacious, attractive Edith, for thereafter, he furnished grist for the rumor mills by writing a number of romantic notes to Edith. It may have stopped short of a love affair, for HRH was given to constant flirtations with numerous women. Many, however, were aware of the Prince's correspondence, but if Aylesford knew, he kept a discreet silence and did not let it cool his association with the Prince.

Heads of government puzzled what to do about the Prince. William Gladstone, who also served as prime minister and was Disraeli's rival, thought the Prince should be challenged with maximum exposure and administrative duties, and Disraeli had in mind an assignment in Ireland where the Prince would gain some governmental experience but would be out of sight and out of mind. Instead, the head-strong prince decided upon an hunting trip to India, and this had fateful consequences.

Disraeli looked over the guest list, which included Aylesford; Owen Williams, a brother of Edith, as an aide; also Randolph Churchill and other cronies of the Prince—a far more social than political group. Both Queen Victoria and Disraeli dissented, but the Prince was adamant about the trip. Disraeli attempted a flanking maneuver upon the expedition, seeking to cut down sharply on appropriations for it. One of those who wrote a blistering and critical letter to the London Times criticizing the Prime Minister's move was Randolph Churchill, son of the Duke of Marlborough, also father of Winston Churchill, future prime minister of Britain and saviour of England during World War II. Disraeli managed to wrangle the appropriation by exacting a promise from the Prince that there would be "no lark." When plans for the trip were completed, Randolph decided not to go, possibly for financial reasons, but more particularly because there had been considerable talk that the Prince's affairs had included Jenny Jerome, Randolph's radiant American wife. To continue a close friendship with the Prince in the face of this would have branded him as another Sporting Joe.

Aylesford went in debt for equipment and expense, and in the autumn of 1875, sailed off for India where "for several months the party moved around shooting elephants, tigers, attending gorgeous state banquets."

Enroute, "when the ceremonial tour reached Ceylon, the Earl figured in an incident which caused a stir all the way back to London. The Earl was riding on a box of

the coach in which the Prince was traveling when the coach overturned. The Prince was unhurt, but in the confusion, the Earl was reported to have pointed to the driver and shouted: 'Off with his head!' The escort of native soldiers was stopped from carrying out the execution order, which the Earl protested he never seriously intended."

One historian alluded to the scope of the expedition as having had "1,200 riding elephants; 2,000 coolies; and 10,000 troops as servants and beaters." Another wrote that in Nepal, the ruler put 1,000 riding elephants and 10,000 soldiers at the disposal of the Prince. The Prince's tour was highly successful, not alone for his powers as a hunter, but for his natural liberalism.

Meanwhile, back at Packington Hall, titulating things were going on.

George Charles Blandford, elder brother of Randolph Churchill and heirs to the Marlborough title, moved out of his own home to an Inn near the Aylesford Estate, probably at the invitation of Edith Aylesford. It was not unusual that, after a wife had borne her husband sons (Edith had given Joe only two daughters), the husband would embark upon extra-marital adventures, but Edith seemed to have given it a reverse twist. In English society of that time, however, the "servants, the children, and the press must never know" of the peccadillos. But tracks from Blandford's inn through the snow to Lady Aylesford's window were obvious. The servants did know, the stablemen knew, the villagers knew, and naturally the whole country soon would know.

Blandford had been a prob-

lem to John and the Duchess Marlborough from childhood, and as a lad was expelled from Eton. Later he was known as an incorrigible lady killer. His flighty wife, Anne Abercorn, daughter of Marlborough's predecessor as viceroy of Ireland, was known as "Goosie", a practical joker. She may have been more perceptive than associates believed.

When Blandford once remarked upon "dear Edith Aylesford's pretty dress," Goosie copied it. Later, when she heard Edith Aylesford was expecting a baby, Goosie substituted a baby doll for Blandford's poached egg on his breakfast tray. Blandford lifted the tray lid, "choked and fled." A week later, Goosie's suspicions were confirmed.

"Then on February 1876, Lord Aylesford received a letter from his wife announcing her immediate elopement with Blandford who was ready for her sake to desert his wife and children."

The Earl was thunderstruck, and he told the Prince, who was stirred up inordinately. The Prince declared Blandford to be "the greatest blackguard alive." The least that could be done, he contended, was for Blandford to divorce his wife and marry Edith. Blandford seems to have been disposed to do neither,

and except for his remarks, the Prince wisely took a hands-off position.

"Although he had a crude reputation for racing, gambling and whoring, the noble Earl was obviously very much in love with his wife, Edith. Sporting Joe drank hard and gambled away his money, and was more popular with the men than women. Certainly the way he had with a horse was not his way with a woman.

"Since leaving England, the Earl of Aylesford had written many affectionate humorous letters to his wife, Edith, describing amusing incidents on the tour, and right up to February 15, 1876, these letters start 'My Darling,' and ended 'your most affectionate Joe.'" It was only hours before he received the devastating word from Edith that he had written her "sadly that he had received only five letters in five months." And now Edith was proclaiming hysterically her plans to elope with "Blandford, the father of three children. Sporting Joe, who had been chaffed for being the 'only one that hardly ever has any letters when the bag is opened,' was stunned. He poured out his fury to the Prince, who counseled him to return to England."

On February 28, "Aylesford, on an elephant's back, gloomily departed the

Prince's company on the first stage of a return journey to England where he intended to shoot the naught marquis." Lord Carrington later said that "Joe had left India heartbroken at the disgrace and was determined to shoot and divorce, in that order." Aylesford was not so stirred emotionally but that he managed to bring with him a couple of bear heads as expedition trophies to adorn the walls of Packington Hall.

Back in London and unable to track down Blandford, the Earl openly broadcast the Prince of Wales' statements concerning Blandford and announced that he (Aylesford) was going to sue for divorce. Col. Williams, his brother-in-law, urged him to "call out Blandford" for a duel, but Lord Hartington and Lord Hardwick, his friends, successfully advised him not to do so.

During the six weeks it took from him to reach England, his wrath had mounted. He telegraphed his mother, the Dowager Duchess of Aylesford, "Send for the children and keep them 'til my return. A great misfortune has happened. Am writing by the mail." A few days later Edith wrote her mother-in-law: "Dear

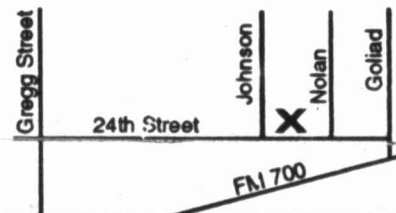
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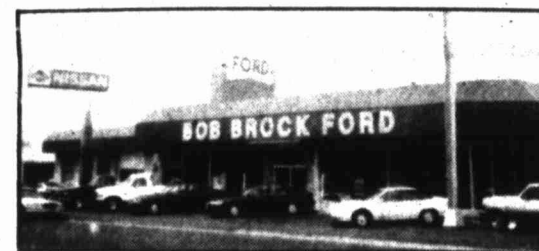
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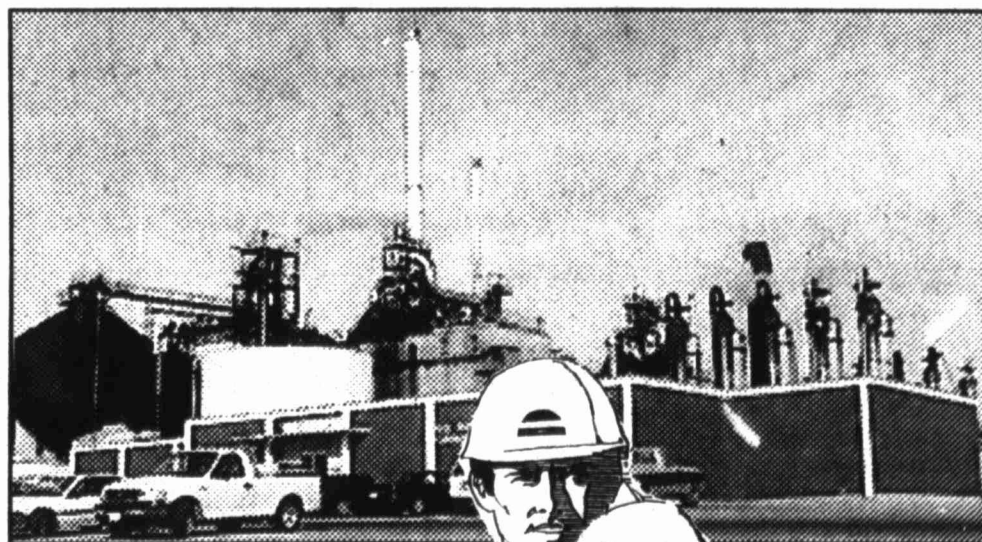


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Lady Aylesford-by the time this letter reaches you, I shall have left my home forever...I do not attempt to say a word in self defense, but you can imagine I must have suffered much before I could have taken such a step, how much it would be impossible to tell you...You do not know, you cannot know, how hard I have tried to win his love, and without success, and I cannot live uncared for. I do not ask you to think unkindly of your son; I know you could not do that, but for God's sake be kind to the children, and do not teach them to hate their wretched mother. Let them think I am dead, it will be the best."

In March 1877, London buzzed with rumors of the affair, but the "big families were determined to prevent the scandal from becoming public." This was not so easy, for just as the Prince had rallied to Aylesford's side, Randolph Churchill entered the affair, not as a mediator, but as a vigorous defender of his brother. This may have reflected his ill-concealed pique at the Prince for rumored intentions to his wife Jenny.

"Lady Aylesford gave Blandford a packet of letters she once received from the Prince. Blandford handed these to Randolph, who declared he would force the Prince to influence Aylesford to drop his divorce. With Lord Alington, who should have known better, he even called on Alexandria, Princess of Wales, to show her the letters and to suggest that she pass the word to the Prince, along with a thinly veiled threat to make them public. Pleased with his gambit, Randolph boasted to Sir

Charles Dilke: "I have the crown of England in my pocket."

He miscalculated sorely. When he wrote the Prince that he possessed the letters, Queen Victoria learned of the incident. She asked the Prince for forward Randolph's letter to her. Although Victoria seems to have not been overly fond of the Prince, she brought the wrath of the crown down on Randolph Churchill and almost ruined his career. He and Jenny were social lepers.

Randolph could not have anticipated the depth of support which Victoria gave the Prince. On April 14, 1877, she dictated a note describing the letters the Prince had written Edith Aylesford as "innocent notes", and she let it be known that she considered their being made public would be regarded as a most serious affair. A pronouncement from the Queen concluded that "her Majesty thinks it quite right that HRH should not interfere in Lord Aylesford's affairs in consequence of this threat." Nevertheless, she suggested that the Prince cool off elsewhere and not return immediately to England.

Lady Edith Aylesford had been obliged to retreat to the country "surrounded by a gaggle of her scolding sisters. (Of the six daughters of Pers Williams, five married into the peerage, and they, as well as their brother, Owen, and possibly brother Frank, remonstrated with her.) Eventually, she went to Paris to bear Blandford's child. In time, Lady Blandford divorced her errant husband, but Blandford decided against marrying Edith. She was banished from court forever and sometime traveled with Blandford, whose son, Spencer, she bore in 1881. Randolph lost discretion



A sand storm blows into Big Spring on Feb. 20, 1884 in this photo taken by Irwin Parks.

with his meddling. In addition to telling the Princess of Wales that he was aware of "peculiar and most grave matters affecting this case," he hinted he was reluctant to let it be known publicly, but added that he had "the means at his disposal to subpoena the Prince's presence in court," a development which "would ensure the HRH would never sit upon the throne of England." More amazing, he added the boast that he would personally flog Aylesford and then take on the Prince and end up in Police Court for the

apallment of the nation. This crude attempt at blackmail had a logical effect. At Cairo, enroute home and in a holding pattern at the Queen's suggestion, the Prince learned of the threats through the Princess. Enraged, he sent Lord Charles Beresford, who ironically had been Randolph's best man, to London to challenge Randolph to a duel at a certain range in northern France. Randolph was in Rotterdam when he received the challenge to duel unless he made an apology. Such

an encounter was unthinkable, and friends prevailed upon him to refuse the challenge, although he could not resist the temptation to taunt the Prince by hinting he had issued the challenge only because he knew that his father, the Prince Consort Albert, had forbade duelling. Victoria may have had a hand in solving the impasse, although she steadfastly supported the Prince. "What a dreadful, disgraceful business," she wrote him. "Poor Aylesford should not have left her. I knew last summer

this was going on. The Williams' are a bad family." She urged Disraeli, who had been a classmate of Aylesford, to attempt a settlement in the matter because of her affection for Lord John and Lady Marlborough. Indeed, Randolph's father influenced him to send a letter of apology to the Prince, who ignored it completely and let it be known that he would not visit in any home or place where Randolph and Jenny were guests. On one

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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: The Governmental Affairs Committee will continue to coordinate with Texas and US organizations to maintain awareness of key issues in the State Legislature and the US Congress. It is important for us to maintain awareness in this area thus providing businesses and individuals in our membership and community information through a format for legislative questions to be addressed.

The Chamber will continue to sponsor public meetings with state and national leaders to keep abreast on current issues facing our community.

The Leadership Big Spring and Jr. Leadership programs will continue to prosper and improve to provide the leaders of tomorrow with knowledge and skills to insure the future of Big Spring. Senior Leadership will provide Senior Citizens knowledge and information on operation of entities in Howard County.

Man and Woman of the Year will uphold its high quality criteria to recognize outstanding citizens for the year. The Chamber will strive to become more involved in the development of Downtown Big Spring.

Associate Programs: Governmental, Transportation, Leadership Big Spring, Jr. Leadership, Senior Leadership, Downtown Development, and Man and Woman of the Year.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: The Membership Development Committee continually strives to reach more businesses throughout Howard County. This year a committee will be formed comprised of current Chamber members who will actively seek new membership. Employees of current corporate members can join the Chamber and participate for a nominal fee.

The Focus, a monthly newsletter, will continue to communicate important chamber issues and events to the membership. A new membership directory will be published around June listing all members of the Chamber, categorized by business type, to be used as an informative and recruiting tool for the businesses of our community.

Associate Programs: Membership, Membership Retention, Publications, Welcome Home Committee.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Public Affairs is keyed at providing the community with programs, business information, and networking through events throughout the year. The Chamber will continue to offer health awareness to citizens by sponsoring the Health Fair. The Chamber will also recognize the agricultural industry by providing support of the Ag Expo and Ag Appreciation Luncheon to offer education and appreciation to our farming community.

Associate Programs: Community Luncheons, Health Fair, Ag Expo, Annual Banquet, Education, and Youth Mentoring Program.

TOURISM: The tourism division's main goal is to increase growth and education of tourism in Big Spring and Howard County. This is accomplished by continuing a marketing plan and supporting local events to attract visitors. Projects for the beginning of the year include the completion of the tourism radio station, a new brochure of Big Spring, and an extensive focus on delivering more conventions and tours to Big Spring.

Tourism will work with the area schools to promote athletic events and will have a Christmas Task Force to bring all of the Christmas activities together in 1999.

Associate Programs: Convention and Visitors Bureau, Cultural Affairs, Sports Committee, and Christmas Task Force.

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occasion, Randolph and Jenny had to leave a castle through a basement door and exit the back way when the presence of the Prince was announced.

The Queen and Lord Chancellor made an attempt at reconciliation by insisting that a second and more contrite and carefully worded note of apology be sent from Randolph to the Prince. Grudgingly, Randolph signed it, but he spoiled the gesture by a postscript that "having already tendered an apology to HRH for the part taken by him in recent events, (the writer) feels that, as a gentleman, he is bound to accept the word of Lord Chancellor for that apology. This stirred the coals of the Prince's anger, and he reiterated his dictum that he would attend no function where the Churchills were invited. Victoria added that "the Queen feels very deeply the pain this matter has caused the Prince of Wales."

On May 12, 1881, Lord Aylesford sent word to the Prince that "in order to avoid great public mischief," he would renounce plans to divorce Edith. The dirty linen already had been aired in Court, but the matter of the Prince's letter was a matter of concern. Possibly through the maneuverings of Disraeli, who sensed the Queen's feelings, Lord Hartington, an elder statesman of such stature that he thrice had declined an invitation to become Prime Minister, went to Rotterdam. He asked if Randolph would give him the letters written by the Prince to Edith, and "authority to make such use of these letters as I think best." Randolph acceded.

"Are these all of the letters?" asked Hartington. Randolph replied, "Yes." Hartington went to the fireplace, cast the letters upon the grate and watched them become ashes. Turning to Randolph, he said, "You are to say what you like and do what you like. I have done what I think is in the best interests of both sides." In time the Prince acknowledged Randolph's apology although he took pains not to accept it per se. The affair was closed, but it was 1884 before the Prince consented to be at an affair with the Churchills present, and 1886 before he again visited the Churchill home. In the meantime, Aylesford had sailed off for America, and Blandford, divorced by his wife, Frances Ann, in 1883, had become the Duke of Marlborough. Still, he declined to make Edith his lady, saying, "Mistress, yes; the future Duchess of Marlborough, never!"

Disraeli, much relieved, sighed that the Aylesford affair had been "almost as troublesome as the great crisis which has arisen in the Balkans."

Troublesome indeed, for the matter had been paraded on the pages of the *London Times*. When Aylesford had returned to London May 11, 1876, he was bent on divorce but calmer heads may have dissuaded him. At any rate, anxious to avoid scandal which the publicity of her (Edith's) infidelity would occasion, and acting on the advice and under pressure of friends, Aylesford was content with living apart from Edith. A deal of separation between them was accordingly executed on May 22, 1877, and under which an annuity of 500 pounds a year for life was secured to Lady Aylesford. "Later on in the same year it came to Lord Aylesford's knowledge that, contrary to her promise, Lady Aylesford had renewed her intimacy with Lord Blandford, and that they were living together in Paris under the assumed name of Spencer, and thereupon he resolved to institute proceedings for divorce."

The petition was filed in December 1877, and came up

in Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division Court in London on January 20, 1878, and an order was entered to proceed. On February 27, however, Mr. C. Bowen arose to ask unexpectedly that the Queen's Proctor, acting by directing of the Attorney General, might be allowed to intervene in the suit on the grounds of collusion between the parties and the suppression of material facts. Sir Henry James, lead counsel for Aylesford, was caught by surprise and asked for time. After the Queen's Proctor filed his pleadings in April, the hearing got underway in July. The matter proved so messy and sensational that Aylesford might have been better off had the case never come to trial.

At first, Mr. C. Russell substituting for Sir Henry James, asked unsuccessfully that the hearing be postponed another week because of fresh "set of particulars of serious character" had come to light. His motion denied, Russell outlined his case, namely that soon after Lord Aylesford left for India, "Lady Aylesford formed a criminal intimacy with Lord Blandford."

James James, house steward for Lord Aylesford, testified that Blandford frequently visited her, reaching the (Packington) Hall at midday "and remained alone with Lady Aylesford until between 10 and 11 o'clock at night. In January 1876, one of the chambermaids made a communication to him, and that about three weeks afterwards, Lady Aylesford left the hall." Depositions of other witnesses in Paris established that Lord Blandford and Lady Aylesford took apartments in Hotel Rivoli in September 1876 (in Paris), and that they lived together as man and wife as Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. With this, he rested the case for Lord Aylesford.

The Queen's Proctor first charged that both Lords Aylesford and Blandford, possibly acting through a man named Levy, were in collusion to make the divorce more legally palatable by having Blandford and Edith go together to Paris. Lady Aylesford's own counsel denied that she had gone to Paris with Blandford by arrangement, in order to furnish grounds for the petition, but he did admit he had furnished Lord Aylesford's attorney with her Paris address simply to be cooperative and to avoid as much scandal as possible.

Unfolding events, however, revealed that the main thrust to be upon Aylesford—not the claim of collusion. Evidence was introduced to show that difficulties in the marriage arose from the "gross mis-

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conduct of Lord Aylesford." Moving to London not long after their marriage, he would dine at home, then go to the theatre or to the "Alhambra, and thence to Cremorne (a notorious place of pleasure), supping there with loose women and forming vulgar acquaintances with them. Upon leaving Cremorne, he would call at his club, where he would remain until 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, returning to his home generally in a state of intoxication." This, continued the pleadings, was a seven-days-a-week pattern.

Then followed a bombshell. Where as, his Lordship's behavior at the Alhambra and Cremorne might be shrugged off as repugnant, the Attorney General injected the legal claim of adultery alleged between Aylesford and Mrs. Charles Dilke, wife of a man of substantial means, and whose residence, Maxstoke Castle, was only a few miles from Packington Hall. In the words of the Attorney General, "Sir Charles was so chagrined by the growing intimacy between his wife and Aylesford that he sought relief in drink and became for a time of unsound mind owing to the intimacies."

In April 1877, Dilke attempted suicide by throwing himself into the Thames at Lambeth, the claim continued, and on August 3, he died by his own hand at Lambeth "whither he had gone with his medical attendant in hope of improvement." "At the very moment of his death," continued the Attorney General, "Mrs. Dilke was in Begnor, where accompanied by Lord Aylesford and a party of friends gathered for the Goodwood Races, she was engaged in riotous living. On the night of her husband's death, said the Proctor, she occupied Lord Aylesford's bed" (although it was not suggested that she shared it with Lord Aylesford). The Attorney General did note that the next morning there were about a dozen wine glasses found on the table in the room. He offered to establish evidence of other intimacies between Lord Aylesford and Mrs. Dilke.

This aroused prompt denials by Aylesford and by Mrs. Dilke. Still, Aylesford was in a precarious position, for the testimony of the coachman of four years, Frederick Gillat, confirmed his lordship's persistent visits to the Alhambra and Cremorne, also "evidence of specific acts of adultery." The testimony was so damning that Aylesford could not deny it under oath. His counsel informed the Court that, in effect, Aylesford was prepared to "leave the case as it stood," rather than wasting the Court's time by proceeding further.

Aylesford did ask, however, that he and Mrs. Dilke be allowed to state under oath that there never had been any adulterous relationship between them. The Court allowed them to go into the (witness) box purely as an indulgence by the Court, but cautioned against testimony on any other aspect of the case. Sir Henry James sought to slip in two letters that Mrs. Dilke had written to her husband just prior to his death, but the Court forbade this.

The Attorney General declared that he surmised that this demurrer of Aylesford amounted to an

admission that "both charges—collusion and adultery—were confessed, and it appeared to him that the duty of the Queen's Proctor was discharged in this case." Sir Henry James immediately denied that Aylesford's

testimony was an admission of collusion, but that "he should leave it where it has fallen."

Mrs. Dilke was incensed. By this stroke, she had been

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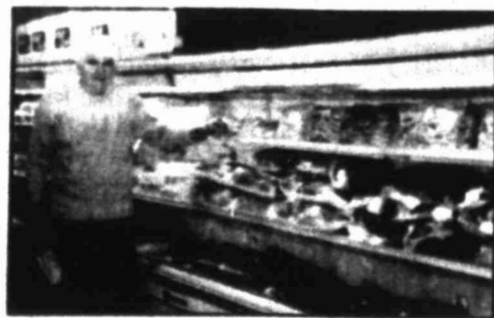
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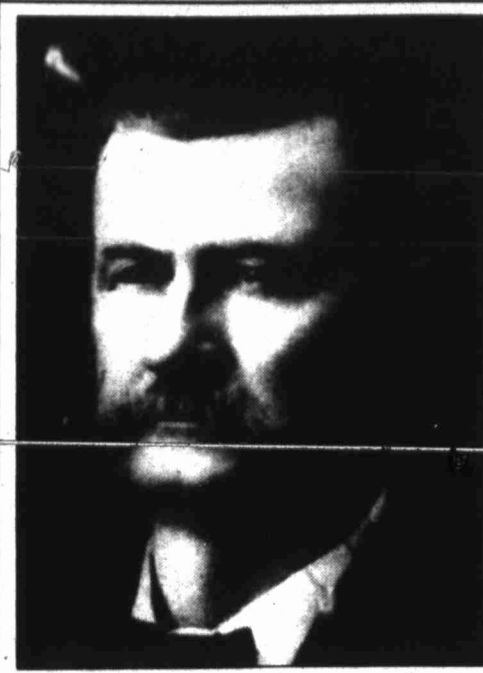
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denied opportunity to present witnesses or otherwise be heard. Her attorneys, Lewis and Lewis, wrote to the London Times on July 4, 1878, that Mrs. Dilke "was no party to any arrangement today by which the petitioner, Lord Aylesford, withdrew from the proceedings, she challenged statements and instituted a criminal prosecution for libel, which resulted in a grand jury true bill." Aylesford's unexpected withdrawal from the case, however, deprived her of a chance to defend her good name. Aylesford's attorney lamely wrote the Times on July 6, that "it is of extreme regret that the public have not had the opportunity of judging between Mrs. Dilke and her accusers. This is no fault of Lord Aylesford, but arises from the state of law. A woman has, in fact, no opportunity of defending herself."

The Court opted virtually for an instructed verdict "that the petitioner has been guilty of collusion with Lord Blandford. There has been evidence offered by the second (collusion) charge (with Blandford, but not with Lady Aylesford).

"Neither you nor I am called upon to pronounce any opinion as to whether Mrs. Dilke and Lord Aylesford have been guilty of adultery..." the Court continued. "I think you should draw on this evidence uncontradicted that Lord Aylesford himself was guilty of adultery, and that would deprive him of the right to relief in this court... (and) there was evidence which might properly be submitted to you to establish the charge of collusion between Lord Aylesford and Lord Blandford."



"Look here, Earl," he (John Birdwell) is reputed to have said, "All that stuff won't go down here. We'll just call you Judge, and in that way, nobody will get hurt."

This was exactly what the jury found. The Court dismissed the petition for divorce and ordered that Aylesford and Blandford pick up the costs of the Queen's Proctor. Aylesford's quest for vindication or pride had exploded in his face. For all Aylesford's close ties with the Prince, he was left in limbo and disgrace; moreover, he was having financial difficulties—nothing entirely new for him. At some point years later, perhaps after he had begun a new life in another land, he wanted to remarry, although to whom is not known.

Now limited to \$50,000 a year, no more than half of what gossips had pegged his income at, and the butt of derisive jokes at home, Sporting Joe set out for New York.

But New York was as far and as different from West Texas as it was from London. How the Earl came to span this second gap is not clear and the the subject of numerous legends and speculations. Reports range from impulse to calculation. One story had it that the Earl chanced to make the acquaintance of a whiskey

drummer, who had overheard him talk about hunting. The drummer supposedly told him the best game was in the newly opened country of western Texas.

More likely is the account that the Earl, meeting with Jay Gould, the famous financier, who had an interest in half a dozen railroads and whose fledgling Texas and Pacific Railway Company had just bisected the virgin country between Fort Worth and El Paso, was instrumental in Aylesford's decision. Gould, who had been over the line, had spent time at the various settlements meeting people, among them John Birdwell, a former Texas Ranger and Indian scout and buffalo fighter who had a saloon at Colorado City. Gould is said to have instructed his land agent, Dr. Ennis, land commissioner for the railroad, to take the Earl in hand for a tour of the line, possibly in late 1881.

At Colorado City, the Earl dismounted from the train coach and announced: "I am looking for John Birdwell." Then, upon meeting Birdwell, he added: "I am Joseph Heneage Finch, Earl of Aylesford, seventh mem-

ber of my illustrious family to bear the title." Birdwell eyed the tall, robust Englishman clad in gray corduroys and wearing a fancy cravat.

reputed to have said, "All that stuff won't go down here. We'll just call you Judge, and in that way, nobody will get hurt." The name stuck. On another occasion when both he and the Earl had been "Warmed" by a few drops, as the nobleman was wont to describe it, Birdwell was reported to have introduced his friend uninhibitedly as "the Lord God Aylesford."

There is yet another legend that the Earl, a regular customer at Birdwell's Lone Wolf Saloon in Colorado City, kept urging him to be the guide for the Earl on a hunting trip. Birdwell demurred that he had a business to keep, whereupon the Earl was supposed to have bought the saloon and told him: "Now John, you have plenty of time to hunt." Birdwell had anticipated the extension of the T&P railroad westward, and he

had set up a saloon under a buffalo skin tent at the historic spring which was destined to give its name to a village which sprang up around the railhead in Sulphur Draw. Business at the spring from construction workers and an occasional cowboy was fairly brisk, so Birdwell moved his residence to Big Springs about the time the spring colony moved down to the rail point.

The Earl did not immediately settle in West Texas, rather he seems to have hunted and traveled extensively. He may even have acquired some holdings in New Mexico territory. In the summer of 1883, likely around the fore part of August, he single Big Springs as headquarters. Northeast of town he had located ranch properties

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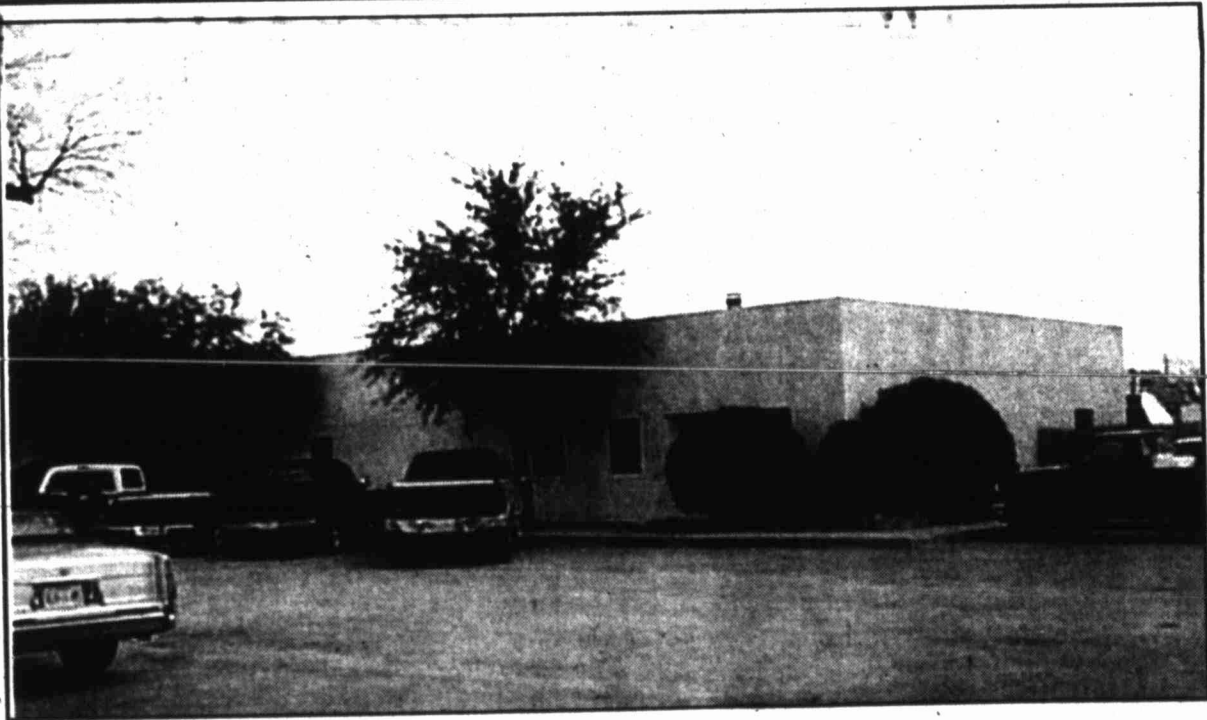


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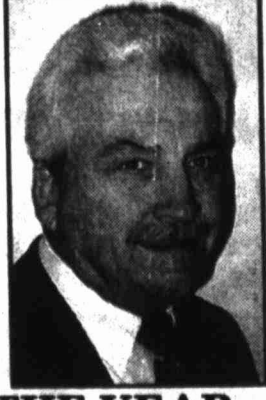
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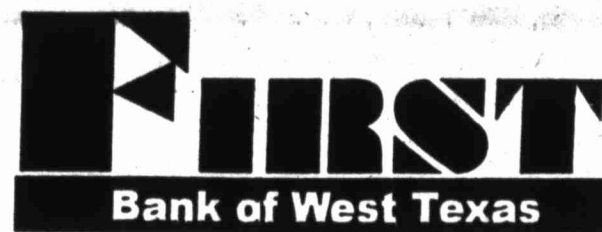
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which seemed to fit his specifications.

It is probable that the Earl had become a fast friend of Mrs. Birdwell as well as her husband. She was a genteel, cultured woman, highly intelligent, and the Earl enjoyed long conversations with her. For a time, the Birdwells lived in a house built by the Earl on a "four acre tract" in the northwest part of town where horses acquired by the Earl were broken and trained for riding and hunting.

When the nobleman did put down his roots, he brought a retinue of servants. Among those in his party were the Rev. Arthur Chichester Burnard, his minister, confidant, and eventually his financial agent; William Benham, his butler or valet; Von Pausen, his butcher. Later, his brothers, Daniel Harry Finch and Clement Edward Finch, the latter known as the "Kid," joined him.

The brothers, while willing to become a part of the adventure with the Earl, evidently had some misgivings, for on March 16 and 17, 1883, they had gone to No. 14 Waterloo Place SW, London to have the Hon. Wm. Arthur Burr, the family attorney, prepare separate wills. Each left the other his possessions, as well as that of Heneage, went to their mother. The Earl never got around to making a will, a circumstance which discounted the theory that he had come to America to establish an estate for his two daughters.

Early accounts also indicate that the Earl brought

along to Big Springs a substantial bit of personal property and equipage, including "English horses, a dozen hound dogs, rifles, shotguns and other hunting paraphernalia in bewildering numbers," according to the Frank X. Tolbert in the *Dallas News* (November 1974). Much of the treasure, although likely less than repeated stories reputed it to be, embraced many of the matched guns the Earl had acquired for his safari to India, as well as his personally commissioned firearms which were destroyed when flames consumed his ranch home, probably late in 1884. There were many wild tales about his lavish investments.

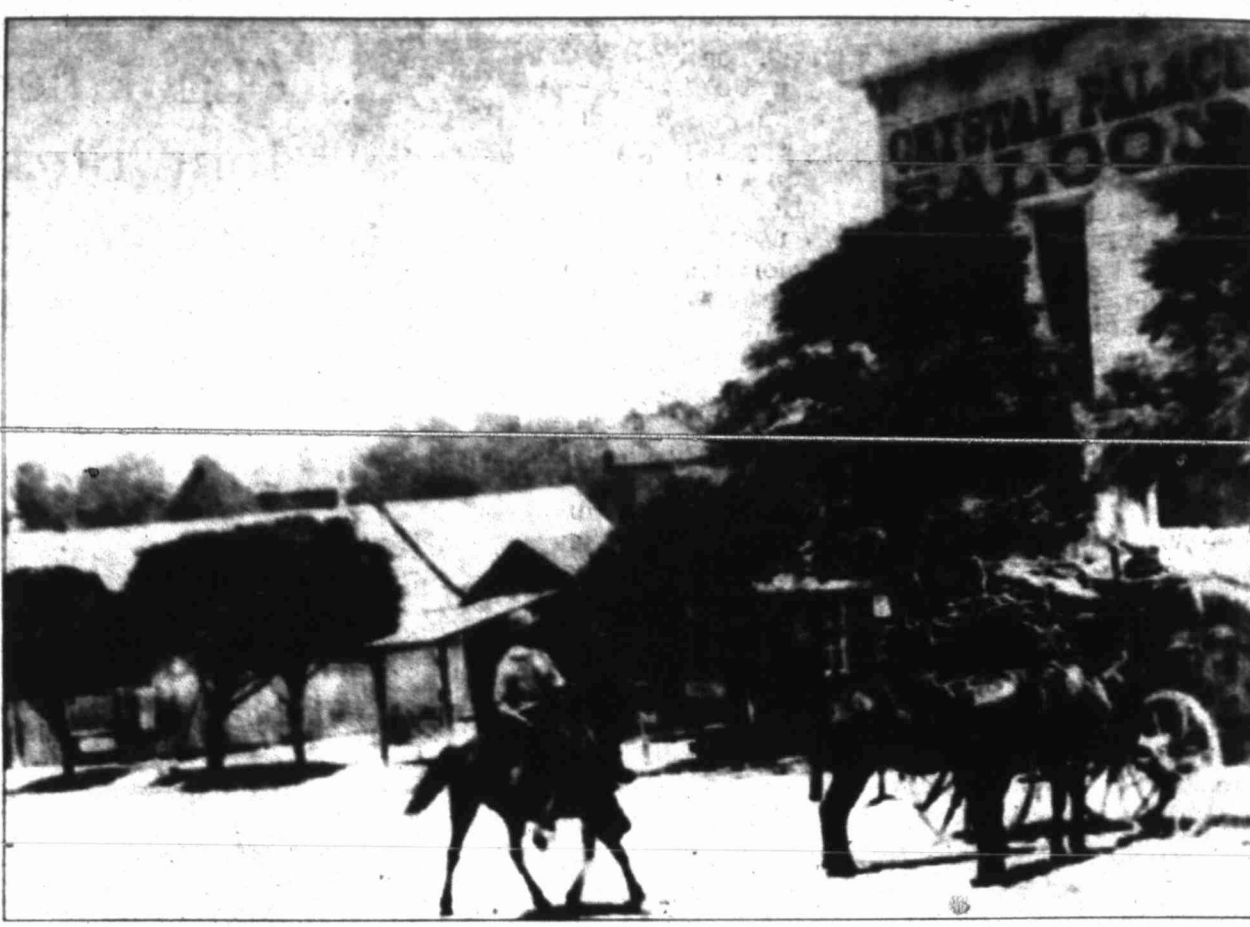
R. M. Hudson, who with co-owner T. G. Andrews, published the struggling newspaper under the masthead of *The Pantagraph*, was invited out from Big Springs to visit in the Earl's ranch home. Also serving as a correspondent for the *Chicago Inter ocean* (newspaper), he wrote that "the walls are covered with rifles, shotguns, derringers, cartridge belts, spurs, game bags." He added that he was impressed by the hallway which ran the length of the house. "Outside," he wrote, "there is a large barn and dog kennels (Aylesford is reputed to have introduced registered bassets in America), and a high barbed (wire) fence to keep the cattle out..." But the most conspicuous thing about the place was "a pile of empty bottles as big as a haystack." Having inspected the pile to ascertain the Earl's taste, Hudson noted that "the consumption of beer has been large, but three-fourths of the pile was empty whiskey bottles, and we came to the conclusion that the Earl preferred to take it straight, and that it is reputation in the community."

The West Texas area then was regarded as a province of the cattlemen, although sheep considerably outnumbered cattle. No one, however ate mutton, and this is what is reputed to have prompted the Earl to build a butcher shop, a stone structure at 121 Main Street and which is acknowledged to be the first permanent (masonry) edifice constructed in the young hamlet. Von Pausen took over the prime responsibility of seeing that the Earl's table was supplied with mutton and other acceptable meats. Deed records show that the Earl owned the lot on which the building was constructed.

Aylesford also was reported to have bought a saloon on an impulse and to have staged a party that went through the night and into the next day with all drinks on the house. A contemporary report later related that the Earl had thrown a merry drink in at the Cattleman's Exchange Saloon at Christmas immediately prior to his death. At that time, however, he had sold the saloon to Henry Raisin and had sequestered it.

On one of his arrivals in town by train, the Earl discovered no preparations had been made to convey his party to the ranch, so they went to the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Third and Runnels Streets. Emma F. Dugan only recently had bought the property from Capt. S. James Lee, who had built L-shaped frame structure with first and second story porches facing on Runnels and Third. Mrs. Dugan regretted she did not have enough accommodations for the party. According to legend, the Earl asked: "How much do you ask for this inn?" Mrs. Dugan named a price and the trade was made for a consideration of \$4,000.

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Romanticists embellished this and other legends to the point that the Earl, having satisfied his thirst at the saloon which he had purchased, and his needs of shelter at the hotel, gave them back to the owners. Not so, English thrift was too much engrained in him, despite extravagances. While he sometimes lost property because he could not pay his debts, he was not guilty of recklessly or impulsively giving it away. There was not, however, a stingy bone in his body as witness the many accounts of his liberality as a host, and particularly in buying drinks. He had the reputation of having the fastest draw in the West when it came to reaching for the check.

Aylesford was no recluse, for although he did not participate prominently in the social affairs of the town, he did accept invitations occasionally. When unable to accept, he responded with elegant notes. His manners were Chesterfieldian, and he appears to have had little contact with the women, with whom he was every inch the gentleman. Frank Tolbert in one of his Dallas News columns, claims "he was given too much bowing before the ladies."

He was much of a man physically, for there were tales that the "Earl took early morning baths, no matter if he had to break the ice on the water." As prodigious a drinker as he may have been (various reports had

him consuming a couple of quarts of beer or ale daily) few recalled having seen him unmistakably drunk. He was especially fond of the cowboys, as they were of him, for in frontier fashion they accepted him without question. They were pleased, if sometimes bewildered, by his refusal to allow anyone else to buy or provide for the drinks. Occasionally he entertained the cowhands around the hunting and round-up campfires with tales of his expedition to India, and of his other hunting exploits. If he had been indiscreet and loquacious in London concerning his tragic domestic affairs with Edith, he seems to have been totally silent concerning the matter in his new surroundings.

Aylesford returned to England in mid 1884. A contemporary newspaper, reporting his death months later, noted that "the Earl of Aylesford visited England a few months ago to make some arrangements to take care of his two, worse-than-motherless children (Hilda and Alexandria) and returning to this country (the USA) he announced that henceforth this would be his home." Another story dated London January 14, 1885, the day after the Earl's unexpected death that "he spent three months in England last year, and signaled his visit by a row at the railway station, during which he had a leg broken, and by the sale of his country estate at Aylesford, near Maldenstone, in Kent. It may be remembered, he saw the Derby run. He had not quite recovered from his accident when he made his departure for Texas."

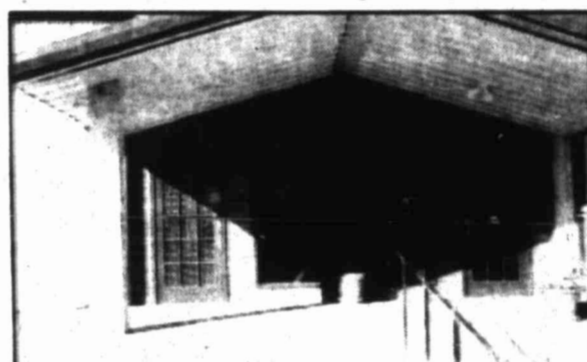
Even, so, he returned to his self-imposed exile in Texas. Much of his old fire seems to have gone out of him, and apparently he grew less active and weaker, and



by December he had abandoned his visits to the ranch and stuck to his quarters in the Cosmopolitan Hotel. He continued to eat heartily and drink copiously. Accounts show that he ordered 25 quarts of whiskey and gin December 28, 1884, on the heels of a Christmas party. Dr. J. C. Utter, who attended him in his last days (earlier Dr. W. F. Standiford had been the Earl's physician), was among those invited to the holiday affair and remembered the Earl as "a most hospitable person." Increasingly Aylesford took to his couch, arousing occasionally to play a few hands of eucher with Daniel, Clement, the Rev. Burnard and others. Dr. Utter

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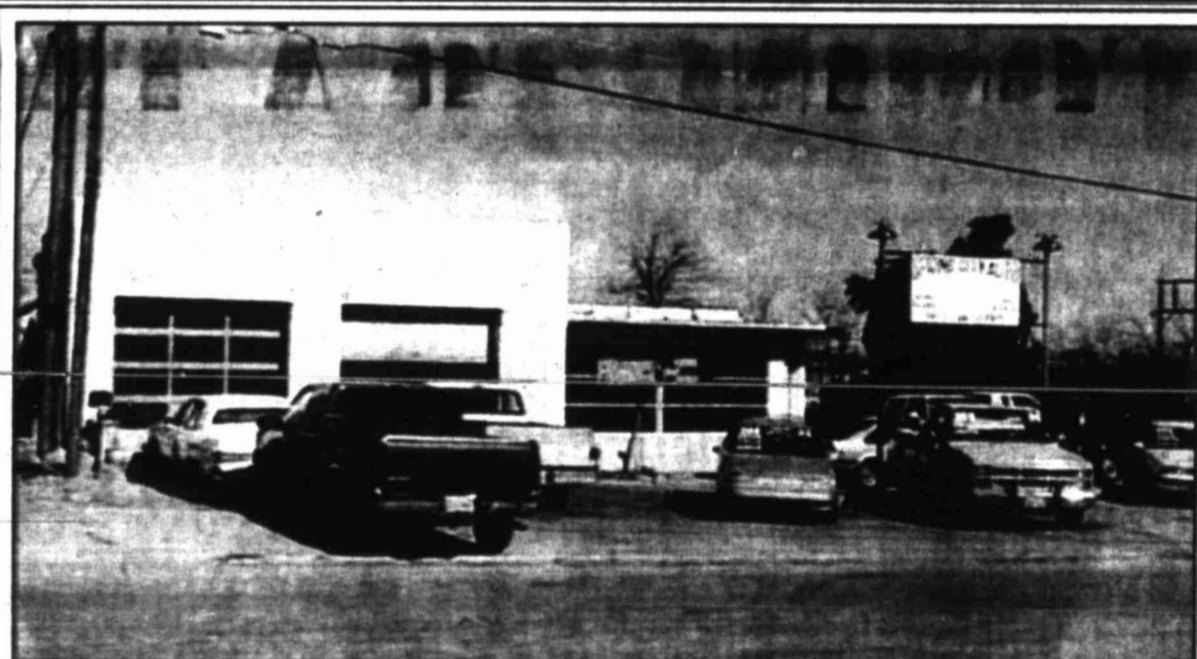
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recalled that on Tuesday, January 13, 1885, the Earl put down his cards, arose from the table and declared: "Goodbye boys."

He turned to his couch, laid down, pulled up the covers, and soon drifted into a peaceful death.

Dr. Utter participated in the embalming of the body, recalling that he removed the intestines, liver and other internals in preparation of the body. The liver, said Dr. Utter, was "hard as a rock."

A cablegram flashed word to England where "the Prince of Wales," according to press reports, "who was a boon companion of Lord Aylesford and sponsor for the younger of his two daughters (Princess Alexandria had stood for her namesake) is said to much affected by the Earl's sudden death."

"The citizens of Big Springs are called upon to mourn the death of one of their number who has an interesting history and whom has revered and held in their high esteem," chronicled the *Big Springs Pantagraph*.

"The Right Honorable Earl of Aylesford (Heneage Finch) the seventh of that title, departed this life on Tuesday, January 13, 1885, at his residence in the Cosmopolitan Hotel after an illness of almost two weeks. ..."

Howard County records give a fairly accurate picture of the Earl's holdings in Big Springs and vicinity. He did buy the hotel, but not at the grossly inflated price as the *El Paso Times* and other news stories indicated. On March 20, 1884, he acquired the hotel from Emma F. Dugan, who had only recently bought it from Capt. S. James Lee, who in turn, had acquired the eastern two-thirds of Lots 5-6, Block 13, Original Townsite, Big Springs, and erected the hotel. Soon after he sold it, he filed for a writ of sequestration claiming that he was afraid Mr. Dugan might move the furnishings out of the county. The suit was dropped when she assured the sheriff that the belongings were intact and would not be moved.

It was then that she sold to D. H. Finch, the Earl's brother, J. A. Monahan, and the Earl for \$1,000 cash, plus \$3,000 in notes, one for \$500 and three others for \$835.33 payable semiannually. That the Earl died there gives substance to the report that he kept a suite of rooms, and indeed, that he did not give it away.

The first purchase the Earl made in Big Spring was Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 29, Original (approximately 403-11 Main) for \$800.69. Probably he erected a house on it. Also, he bought a tract referred to merely as "four acres in northwest Big Springs," and here he built a house where Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell lived and used as a base for breaking and training wild horses. The meat market he acquired is marked today by a historical plaque at 121 Main Street. This was the first masonry building in the

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passed for his grace in entertaining, and on Christmas Day he was the merriest of a large party that partook of the bountiful (bountiful) spread of his table, and yet today he is dead, his worldly life ended, and his spirit passed to the beyond.

"A post mortem was made on Wednesday morning by Dr. Standiford and Dr. Utter. Undertaker E. C. Smith of Dallas came down on Thursday and embalmed the body and placed it in a metal casket for shipment to England. The remains started to England today. In charge of it was Rev. Burnard, who was accompanied by the valet, Williams Benham."

"The Kid" apparently went back to England at this time or soon afterwards, for Clement had lost his big brother and there was little left in the lonesome land for him. Daniel briefly continued his residence in Big Springs, for, if he lacked any of the Earl's addiction to the invigorating wide-open spaces, he had considerable vested interest. He had loaned his elder brother substantial sums of money and was to bail out the Estate to protect his investments.

Bernice Prichard Thacker, whose father worked for the R. M. Bressie group in the earliest days of Howard County, remembered that "Mama said the furniture was beautiful in the Cosmopolitan Hotel; very heavy and ornate, and that came from England. Mama was a small girl when the Earl of Aylesford died there. She told me how she hated to go through the lobby where he lay (in state) in a black coffin waiting to be shipped back to England."

Howard County records give a fairly accurate picture of the Earl's holdings in Big Springs and vicinity.

He did buy the hotel, but not at the grossly inflated price as the *El Paso Times* and other news stories indicated. On March 20, 1884, he acquired the hotel from Emma F. Dugan, who had only recently bought it from Capt. S. James Lee, who in turn, had acquired the eastern two-thirds of Lots 5-6, Block 13, Original Townsite, Big Springs, and erected the hotel. Soon after he sold it, he filed for a writ of sequestration claiming that he was afraid Mr. Dugan might move the furnishings out of the county. The suit was dropped when she assured the sheriff that the belongings were intact and would not be moved.

It was then that she sold to D. H. Finch, the Earl's brother, J. A. Monahan, and the Earl for \$1,000 cash, plus \$3,000 in notes, one for \$500 and three others for \$835.33 payable semiannually. That the Earl died there gives substance to the report that he kept a suite of rooms, and indeed, that he did not give it away.

The first purchase the Earl made in Big Spring was Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 29, Original (approximately 403-11 Main) for \$800.69. Probably he erected a house on it. Also, he bought a tract referred to merely as "four acres in northwest Big Springs," and here he built a house where Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell lived and used as a base for breaking and training wild horses. The meat market he acquired is marked today by a historical plaque at 121 Main Street. This was the first masonry building in the

town and the business was operated by Von Paussen as a meat market, boasting a large marble slab counter and open to the public. The Earl had first called on its wares. Other instruments listed in the Howard County Clerk's office indicate that Aylesford may have owned Lot 3, Block 1, Original (106 Goliad), Lot 4, Block 17, Original (308 Goliad), and Lot 7, Block 11, Original, (211 Gregg Street).

Another legend that "the Earl took a notion that he would like to be proprietor of the main saloon for a few hours" had some substance. "The Earl purchased the resort for \$6,000 and invited everyone in town to drink his fill without cost. All one night and the greater part of the next day, practically every man in town indulged in free liquor that went over the bar, the Earl acting himself as one of the bartenders. When the fun was over, he gave the saloon back to the owner and returned to his ranch." The Earl did buy the Cattleman's Exchange Saloon at 102 Parker (Main), or Lot 3, Block 5, Original. He may have hosted a rollicking party, but he did not return the property to its previous owner. Indeed, a mechanics lien May 4, 1884, shows that the Earl and J. A. Monahan encumbered the property for certain

improvements including a bar, ice box, screen doors, and a whiskey rack, and had a debt of \$146.60.

Aylesford sold the saloon to Henry T. Raisin for \$2,300 on December 17, 1883, and later conveyed it to George Bauer. A file on personal notes left with the County Clerks' office shows that "J. D. Corskaddon sold Lot 3, Block 5, Original

(Cattleman's Exchange Saloon) to H. F. Raisin, who paid for it in money (a check) loaned him by Heneage Finch, for which Raisin gave Finch (the Earl of Aylesford) a note for \$2,300, dated December 17, 1886, without interest. On January 24, 1884, however, Raisin died at Galveston. Aylesford sued Mrs. Raisin, administrator, for the property August 8, 1884, but when the Earl died January 13, 1885, the case was continued and was tried finally in

December 1886, with judgment for Mrs. Raisin. D. H. Finch, who bailed out his brother's estate, conveyed the property to J. A. Peacock under a Deed of Trust and the same was sold by Peacock to pay debts of the Estate. Bauer also purchased from Mary Raisin, who had remarried, all of the Raisin interest in the saloon.

Litigation was nothing new for the Earl, whose credit rating appeared to have been erratic. Buck and Dennis filed a mechanic's and materialmen's lien May 28, 1884, "for payment of \$100 debt due them from the Earl of Aylesford." They had contracted work and materials in digging two wells (4x6x42 feet, and the second 32 feet deep), building one windmill tower and erecting one windmill and putting in three pumps, and cleaning out and

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Aylesford's most impressive purchase were in ranchlands. One story frequently told is that he paid \$10,000 down on a 17,000-acre spread, then lost it when his allowance from England was late in arriving. A similar story said that "Aylesford paid \$40,000 for a herd, range delivery. Later the administrator sold the cattle, realizing only \$750 for them." Howard County records, at least, do not support these stories. On December 7, 1883, Aylesford bought Sections 17, 19 and 25 Block 1, Township 2 North, T&P. These were followed October 13, and October 27, with purchases of Sections 24, 26 and 36, Block 32 2N, T&P, "situated on the waters of Morgan Creek tributary of the Colorado River, about 13 3/4 miles north and 14 1/2 miles east of Big Springs."

It is difficult to ascertain the purchase price for the land, for sometimes Aylesford made payments for warranty deeds or patents for the state, or simply for quitclaim deeds. He paid \$200 to J. T. Cleventer, "a bachelor," for the Section 26 claim; he paid \$1,200 to George O. Clinton of Cook County, Ill. for a quitclaim for "tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances" on Section 24; also \$250 to J. D. Corskadon for a quitclaim on Section 8, Block 32-1S, T&P, where Kentwood Addition to the City of Big Spring now is located.

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The Earl of Aylesford brought a number of aides and servants with him from England, along with his two youngest brothers. Among the group were the Rev. Arthur Chichester Burnard, minister; William Benham, valet; Von Paussen, butcher; Daniel Harry Finch and Clement Edward Finch, brothers.

Block 31-2N, T&P, reserving a 100-foot strip for future right of way (presumably for a cattle trail). Apparently the Earl kept all or most of this property, even though it was encumbered.

Probate Records of Howard County reflect that "by virtue Howard County Court, November 20, 1885, directing the sale of property of the Earl of Aylesford, deceased, e. F. Swinney (cashier of the Colorado National Bank), temporary administrator of said Estate, on January 5, 1886, did at the door of the courthouse thereof for cash to D. H. Finch for the aggregate sum of \$25 (the highest and best bid) did sell the property." As mentioned, Daniel Finch had loaned his brother money to finance many deals, and therefore was

chief creditor.

The same records show that Swinney was ordered by County Judge I. S.

Thurmond "to take possession of any and all money and property, collect all revenues belonging to (Heneage) Finch, conduct any business and look after and take care of livestock and all other property." Swinney took the oath of Administrator January 14, 1885, posted a \$20,000 bond with G. K. Elkins and C. N. Sloan as sureties.

When the inventory was filed, it listed the hotel and a lot at \$2,250, the furniture and furnishings, horses and cows, a couple of wagons, "four acres northwest of town," buggy and harness, all at the estimated total of \$7,577. Twenty claimants were listed, D. H. Finch lead-

reflect that he must have advanced the money to his brother, Heneage. He showed \$1,250 loaned August 22, 1883; then \$5,000 loaned on January 18, 1884; another \$2,500 loaned April 18; then \$3,000 on June 4; and \$2,500 on August 5, 1884. A final entry was \$19,000 on January 18, 1885. There were no credits for repayment. Arthur Burr, the family attorney, affirmed in his affidavit that "when the Earl was last in London (and this must have been in the summer of 1884) he admitted to me personally the accuracy of liability (\$38,350) to Daniel Harry Finch." (The Rev.) Arthur Chichester Burnard, who had been the minister and companion as well as agent of Aylesford during the Texas adventure, added that this was the "balance of money advanced to me (by D. H. Finch) on account of said late Earl at Texas in the

United States of America." The affidavits were signed May 30, 1885.

Then, "Daniel Harry Finch, a bachelor, died in Burgoff Church, County of Warwick, December 17, 1890," and "surviving brother Clement Edward Finch" inherited by will the properties including "real estate in Texas in the probable value of \$6,000," according to the will probated in England March 10, 1891. An Affidavit by A. C. Burnard of Swansea, Wales, England, said the Daniel was 32 years old at the time of his death, and "there is no indebtedness that I know of." (Daniel actually lacked six months of having attained the age of 32.)


Clement Edward Finch died October 14, 1895, at Offchurch Vicarage, Offchurch Bury. "Said

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deceased died a bachelor without father," and was survived by his mother, Countess Jane Wightwick, widow of the sixth Earl, of No. 58, Curzon St., Mayfair, Middlesex, "the natural and lawful mother and the only next of kin or said testator (C. E. Finch)," according to an extract from the Principal Registry of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of her Majesty's High Court of Justice. This also was admitted August 18, 1898, to probate in Howard County, Texas, noting that "property in Howard County, Texas, value of \$5,000 to \$6,000 (consisting of houses and lots in the town of Big Spring, five sections of land in Howard County, Texas," was all free of debt.

For clarification, other kin deeded whatever interest they might have had in the properties to Countess Jane. Signers included the Rt. Hon. Charles Wightwick, the brother just younger than Henage and who at that time held the title as eighth Earl of Aylesford; the Hon. Anna Francesca Wilhelmine Murry; and the Hon. Hilda Joanna Gwendolyn Finch, and the Hon. Alexandria Louise Minna Finch, the unmarried granddaughters of Countess Jane and the daughters of Henage (and Edith).

Not all Aylesford properties were confined to land. The Earl, together with D. H. Finch, J. A. Monahan and George Ward, gave a Deed of Trust and Chattel Mortgage to J. D. Peacock of Colorado, Texas for real estate, "also certain stock of cattle (about 200 head) brand AF on both sides; also certain stock of horses branded AF on shoulder; numbering about 30 head; also four other horse branded DB; one horse branded by to secure the Colorado National Bank in payment of the following sums of money-\$5,000 due upon a promissory note, said sum dated February 28, 1884, payable 90 days after date at 12 percent per annum after maturity, and 10 percent attorney's fees in case of default, to enforce collection of said \$10,338.04 due the said Colorado National Bank, by D. H. Finch on draft drawn by D. H. Finch for \$25,000 on Burr & Co., No. 14 Waterloo Place, London, England on May 28, 1884, payable in 60 days after signed to order of Colorado National Bank, also the further sum of \$1,703.41 due the Colorado National Bank on account of Earl of Aylesford." The instrument was signed by D. H. Finch.

The inventory of the probate of the Estate of the Earl of Aylesford included "one meat market, \$1,800; house and lot near courthouse, \$500; one bay horse (Prince), \$50; one bay horse (Colorado), \$60; two sorrel horse and harness, \$200; one carriage, \$25; one buggy \$50; one yearling heifer \$25; 13

horses at \$45 each, total \$585; one cow (Aldermy), \$75; cow and calf (Jersey), \$50; one wagon, 440; four acres of ground northwest of town of Big Spring and improvements, \$1,200; also, one Aldermy cow \$75; three Texas cows at \$20 each, total \$60; three yearlings at \$10 each, total \$30.

The Finches maintained an interest in the Texas belongings as is attested by a suit filed by C. E. Finch against the Rush Cattle Company a neighboring spread and which operated on some of the land the Earl bought, by which the Estate recovered \$256 plus six percent interest from Rush.

An interesting epilogue to the Earl's acquisition in the Big Springs area came in 1927 with the filing of Case No. 1075 in the District Court of Howard County, a trespass-to-try title action. A. G. Hall, Morah Hall, A. G. Hall Jr., S. H. Hall, and G. T. Hall (Guardian of A. G. Hall Jr.) brought suit against D. H. Finch, Earl of Aylesford, as the person so designated in a deed by Emma F. Dugan, March 20, 1884, to clear the title on the east 94 feet of Lots 5-5, Block 13, Original (the west one-third of these lots had been sold to C. I. Jiskowicz, an early merchant and jeweler).

Still another sequel to Henage Finch's holdings in Texas occurred in the late 1940's. An oil landman, Arch Allington, searching the Deed Records of Howard County, discovered that when Countess Jane Wightwick had conveyed Section 36-32 2 N, T&P to L. T. Deats April 1, 1903, for \$1,120, the deed contained this phrase: "Any minerals on said lands is reserved to the grantor herein." In subsequent conveyances, this reservation apparently was overlooked.

Allington quietly caught a ship for England and purchased the minerals from the Wightwick (Aylesford) heirs, and then sold them to Roy Minear of Midland, who in turn sold fractions to other people.

When Minear asserted his claim upon the surprised H.S. Miller and wife, the then owners, the Millers filed suit alleging that they had been deprived of their property and were entitled to an annual rental of \$1,000 therefore. This brought on another trespass-to-try title suit, H. S. Miller, et al versus Roy A. Minear, Arch Allington, et al, in which the

plaintiff claimed that the reservation applied only to "hard minerals," which might be found on the ground, on the theory that there might have been some speculation about gold in Wildhorse Creek, but there was never any thought about oil or gas production anywhere in West Texas. Hence, the reservation was not applicable to oil and gas or any deep mining operation, the plea continued. After hearing the evidence, Judge Cecil C. Collings instructed the jury to find for the defendants because, in view of the court, there was no ambiguity about the reservation. Motion was filed for a new trial and was overruled.

During the first quarter of a century of Howard County, the name of "Lady Aylesford" was a familiar one on the tax rolls of the county. In 1893, the Howard County Commissioners Court raised the assessed value on the Cosmopolitan Hotel, then heired to C. E. Finch, from \$1,000 to a new figure of \$1,200.90.

During his residence here, the Earl was highly regarded as a surety. When R. W. Morrow had to post official bond as sheriff of Howard County, Aylesford as the Earl frequently signed his name, was one of the sureties.

There were times when individuals were alleged to have taken advantage of the Earl's generous nature and trust. John T. Bartlow (Barlow), "agent and employee of the Earl of Aylesford," was alleged to have embezzled \$250 from his employer. An indictment claimed that Bartlow was said to have received a check January 28, 1884, for \$250 from E. D. Hilliard, and drawn on the Colorado National Bank, on behalf of the Earl and "did fraudulently and feloniously misapply (it) without consent of his employer." The Earl's feelings are evidenced by the fact that he went on Bartlow's bond, along with J. A. Monahan, after the indictment was returned March 13, 1884. On October 8, however, the two filed an affidavit with the court asking to be released from bond, and the Earl again signed simply: "Aylesford." Thomas Volival and J. A. Hodges promptly went on Bartlow's bond for \$500. Nothing ever came of the case.

D. C. Earnest of Edinburg, Texas, recalled how he met with the Earl. "He was a big, fine looking fellow, about six

feet, four inches tall, and about 33 (years). When I came to the door his greeting was:

"I say, Old Top, could you tell me where I might find a good shooting. I have been shooting at that animal you call antelope, but I can't seem to hit them-haven't bagged one yet."

"The Earl had ridden over the RUSH Ranch, which he had bought, about 12 miles from Big Spring. He was dressed in English riding clothes. His saddle was a 'muley'-no horn. As he dismounted, he took from the saddle a flask of whiskey.

"A bit cool this morning, and I'm thinking a few drops of this might not be half bad," he winked. He and Earnest had several "drops," and after breakfast Earnest saddled one of his best horses, got his carbine, and

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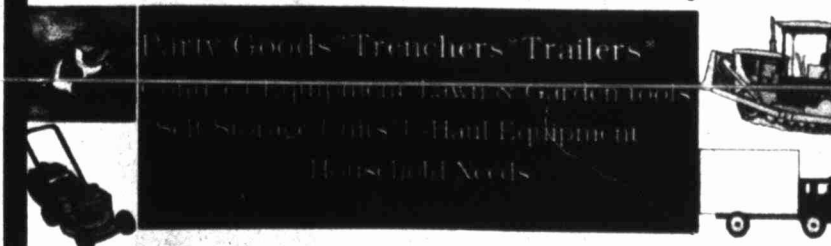
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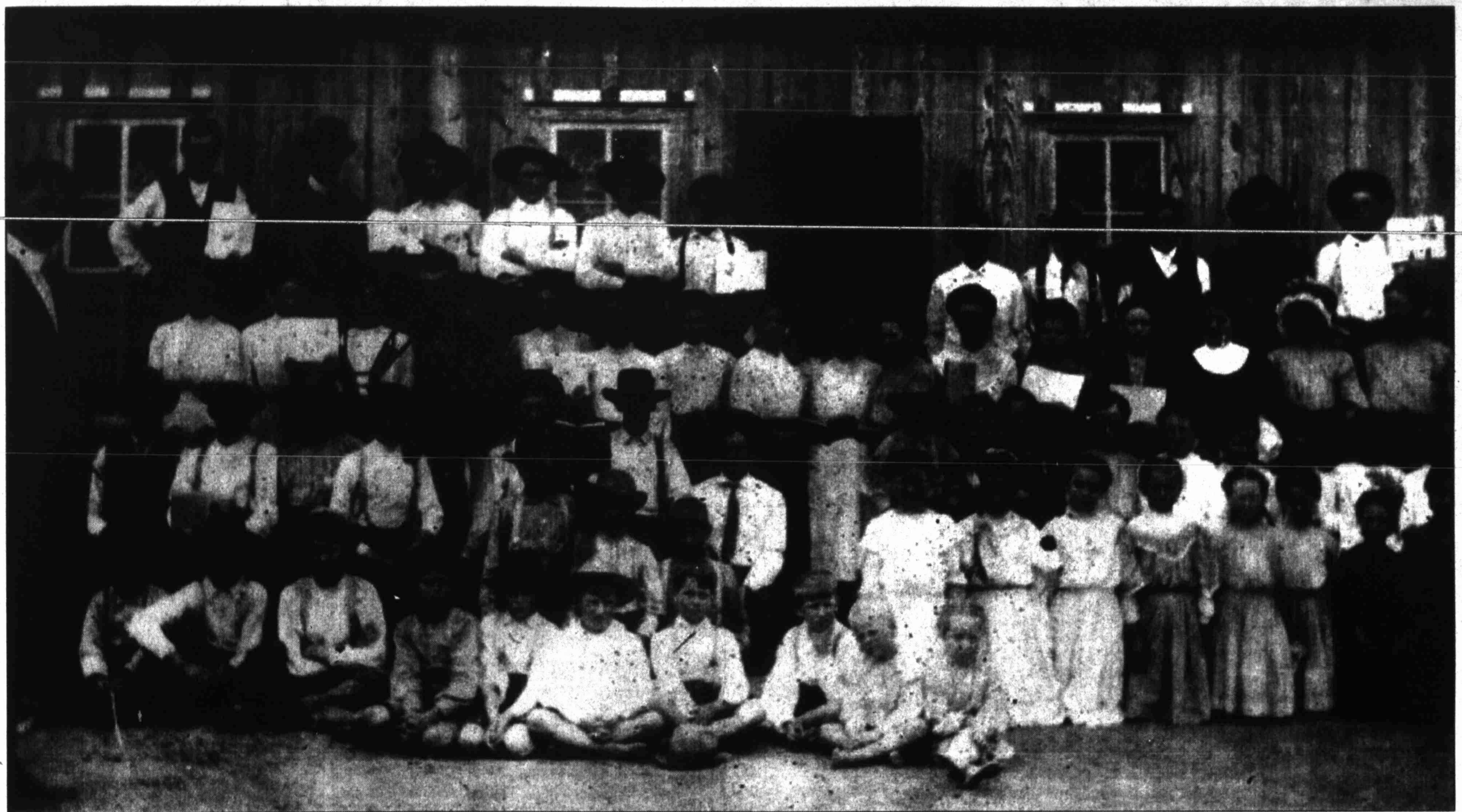
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struck out with the Earl for the divide between Wild Horse and Morgan Creeks. When Earnest spotted a herd of about 200 antelopes, the Earl got so excited he could not be restrained to wait until the animals came within range and began firing

prematurely and without success.

"We had that kind of luck all day," recalled Earnest, "so when night came, I told the Earl to meet me early in the morning and I would guarantee him at least one antelope."

During the night a norther blew in, and by morning the snow was coming down fast, but the Earl arrived ahead of schedule, announcing: "Fine

weather for hunting, eh?"

While the Earl warmed by the fire, Earnest went to the creek to draw a bucket of water. There, on the other side of the channel and not 100 yards away, were 20 antelope.

Several head of cattle, which had taken refuge in the bed of the creek, were startled by Earnest's appearance, shied away, causing the antelope, apparently

blinded by the snow to move in still closer. Earnest eased back, and then rushed to the house. By the time he and the Earl had returned, the antelope had reached the bank of the creek. The hunters moved silently into position, Earnest gave the sign and the Earl got three of them. Earnest fired and one fell. "I had never seen such an enthusiastic hunter," Earnest said. The

Earl visited and hunted for several days, and he and Earnest became good friends. Feeling that he knew his cowboy companion well enough, the Earl one day confided: "You know, you have been exceedingly kind to a stranger in your country. I try to be one of your Texas cowboys, but the chaps I've met in Big Springs are disposed to make a lot of fun. They don't

seem inclined to let me be one of them. I'd like your advice."

"Well, you need some advice," replied Earnest as he eyed the nobleman from head to foot. "You bought a ranch, and in the Spring, about three months from now, when the grass is greening, you'll be going to the Roundups and be meet

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ing some of the best men God ever let live. But they'll devil the life out of you. Beat 'em to it! You're in Texas, not London. Hide those English riding boots and clothes. Go down to Colorado, and let Pete Snyder sell you a Stetson. Spend \$5 for a pair of Petmecky spurs. Then let that bow-legged Dutchman, Fred Meyers, make you a pair of real Texas boots. Hide that muley thing you call a saddle and spend \$50 for a Texas Saddle with a California tree, and be sure the saddle has Beef Byer pockets."

Earnest had to explain that the special pockets were covered with black hair, and they had been introduced by Barry Gatewood, a big beef buyer who had ridden to the range to look over a big herd of cattle. Cowboys were much smitten by these fancy pockets on his saddle, and soon they made them a style.

"My word!" mused the Earl. "Most extraordinary!"

About two weeks later, the Earl rode up one morning to Earnest's place. Replendent in his new cowhand costume, he proclaimed: "Old Chap, your orders have been obeyed! Look over my equipment and see what you think." Earnest was impressed. He invited the Earl to ride with him in the first Spring roundup near Morgan Creek about four miles from Flat top Mountain. When the day came, they drove cattle up from Wild Horse Creek territory, while others swept the Morgan Creek basin, and still others the areas covered by the Triangle Ranch on Willow Creek and the Mallett Ranch in Iatan Valley, and other sections of open rangeland. Almost 100



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men were in the saddle from outfits as far as the Clear Fork and the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River to the northeast, the Concho River on the south and the Pecos River on the west.

Bawling calves were milling around trying to find their mothers, and cows gradually left off their lowing and were bedding down at dusk. Earnest turned the Earl to Lump Mooney, who was about the best acquaint-

ed cowboy in the parts. "Meet the Earl of Aylesford from London, England. He's bought the RUSH Ranch, and he's my nearest neighbor. Help him get acquainted."

"Sure," said Mooney. He turned and let out a blood-curdling yell that got the attention of everyone.

"I'm making you acquainted with the Earl of Aylesford from London, England," he announced in his penetrating voice.

"He's bought the RUSH Ranch. Treat him right! He's a neighbor of mine, and I want to keep him in a good humor so I can borrow his tobacco!"

The cowboys did take the Earl to their hearts, and the Earl responded expansively. Later, Mooney ran across Earnest and reported: "You know your friend, the Earl, is a mighty fine fellow. He thinks he is the only one who can buy a drink. He has an idea that by settin' 'em

up to every man in the country he can get rid of all the whiskey."

Mooney shrugged and sighed, and with a twinkle in his eye, added: "But they keep shipping it in from Fort Worth."

Anita Leslie, writing about the "Marlborough House Set," quoted a portion of a story from a Texas cowboy when the Earl had fallen upon hard times and had sunk deeper in to drink. The Judge would open a

bottle of whiskey for any cowboy who dropped in. He doesn't stop at one, neither; I've been to the ranch many a time to stay all night, and woke up in the morning to find the bottles lying around thick as fleas, the boys two deep on floor snorin' like mad buffaloes, and the Judge with a bottle in each hand over in the corner..."

The twilight of the Earl's inglorious career had set in "and after that the dark."



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Settling the Crossroads

'Uncle Bud' Roberts takes his place as first local settler

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The local area's first permanent settler is widely accepted to have been William Travis "Uncle Bud" Roberts.

His descendants still living in the area include Wade Choate, who provided extensive information about Roberts to the history book, "Howard County 1882-1982." It is evident from the stories about him that his life in the area was filled with "firsts."

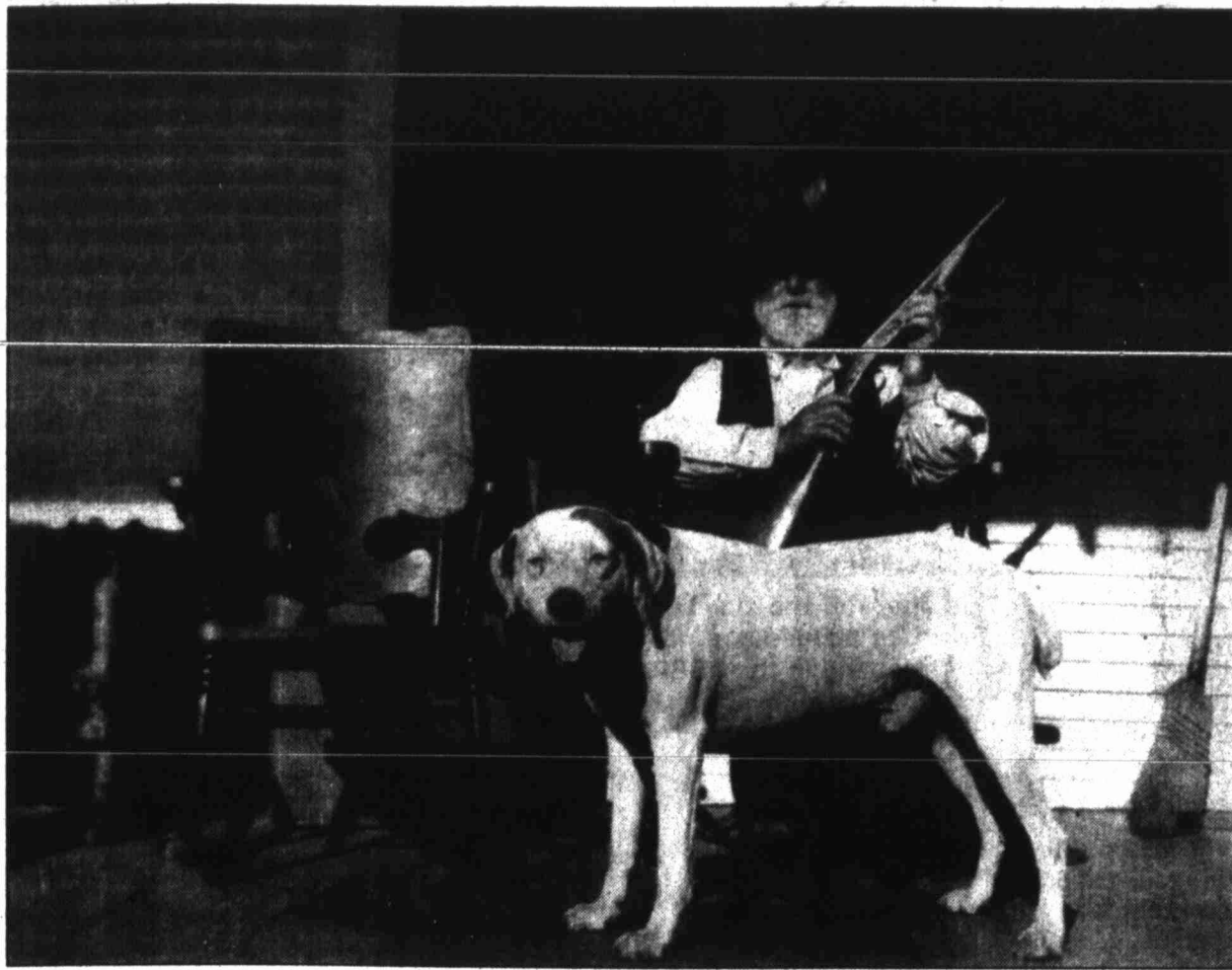
A young cattleman in 1870 when he headed west from his home of Georgetown, Roberts was directed to Moss Springs, about 12 miles southeast of Big Spring, by buffalo hunters. According to another history book, "Howard County in the Making..." he and his wife and children made the spring they found there a home base and determined to stay. But the land was soon purchased by others, and Roberts had to move his family.

He moved up the draw about half a mile and dug a well — the county's first — and set up camp. His family first lived in the wagon and later in a dugout, establishing what would become the Roberts homestead for years to come.

Their first home, and the county's first permanent home, was excavated out of the side of a bank at Moss Creek, with a roof over it to protect them from the weather.

According to the book, "Howard County 1882-1982," the Roberts ranch began with four sections at a cost of \$2.40 an acre. Later he increased the size of his ranch to 12 sections, stocked with Herefords, Longhorns and Morgan horses.

The area was not an easy place to live at times, especially when severe drought struck. In his book, "Gettin' Started," historian Joe Pickle says Roberts managed to "hang on" during the drought of 1886, but was dislodged temporarily later, in 1896, when he drove cattle to Oklahoma (Indian Territory) and left his wife Mary to cling to



William Travis 'Uncle Bud' Roberts, a cattleman, pioneer and animal lover, lived a life filled with "firsts" in the Big Spring area. He bought the first wagon sold in the county, built the first wire fence, and bought the first purchase of goods from the first store.

their holdings on Moss Creek.

The "Howard County" history book says Uncle Bud had only one fight with the Indians in the area, which involved the theft of his coat, hat, boots and gun. Not having any more boots, he had to wear old skins and rags on his feet until he could get to town. Then he had to go to Brownwood to get some more boots, where he bought two pair, saying that for the first time in his life, he had more than one pair.

Roberts bought the first wagon sold in the county, a Mitchell Wagon he paid \$85 for. The money he used was said to be from the sale of buffalo bones.

"Uncle Bud" also built the first wire fence in Howard County, in 1882, the same year the town of Big Spring was organized. The fence was used almost as much to keep other animals out of his area as to keep his animals corralled.

Roberts devoted 63 years to ranching in

Howard County.

He also took up catching some of the wild horses that roamed the area from his home to San Angelo. When he caught them, Uncle Bud would break the herds himself. Some say he had a horse saddled at all times, just in case.

Roberts was also known by many as an animal lover. Heritage Museum curator Angie Way said she has seen many pictures of him — and in all of them he shared the frame with an animal, be it horse, dog or otherwise.

The "first settler" also served on the board of the West Texas Bank, which later came to be called First National Bank. When a store finally opened in town, — the J.W. Fisher Store — he made sure he was first in line and made the community's first purchase of goods locally.

William Travis Roberts died July 16, 1940, at his ranch, at the age of 91.

Coahoma took root a decade after Big Spring

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The city of Coahoma took root just a decade behind Big Spring, according to various local sources.

In historian Joe Pickle's book, "Gettin' Started," he writes that the community was originally located about two miles west of its present location, and named "Signal," after the mountain visible six miles to the south.

Eddy Juan Echols, whose husband, Ray, is a descendant of one of the town's first families, said the name "Coahoma" probably means "red panther." Other accounts give various meanings for the name.

It apparently was named, however, after Coahoma County, Miss., the homeplace of some of the area's first residents, and still an Indian territory. Both the Echols family and the Shive family were among the first to settle the community east of Big Spring, arriving here in the 1880s.

J.W. Shive, grandfather of present Coahoma citizen Wendell Shive, got permission to open the first post office. Mail service forced a move of the town to about a mile east of its present location at the time.

To get community development off to a fast start, Pickle's book says O.B. Hoover bought 80 acres of land in 1904, divided it into town lots and sold them auction-style. Soon a business district was forming, including stores owned by both the Shive and Echols families.

As the highways moved, so did the main area of town, ending with Coahoma being served by U.S. 80, now Interstate 20. Farming was its main industry at this time, and soon the town had several gins.

Its first school was built in 1891, about a mile east and half a mile north of the present site, Pickle wrote. Its first teacher was reputed to be Gertrude McIntyre, daughter of a pioneer Big Spring physician, with enrollment at seven pupils. The following year,

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History restored

Convent project continues, exterior now appears as it looked in 1880s

HERALD Staff Report

You could say it took an act of God to push the good Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy out of Stanton.

Before a tornado destroyed half of the Our Lady of Mercy Convent and Academy in 1938, the convent had been a part of Stanton since the 1880s.

The facility was founded in 1881, when five Carmelite priests and a German Catholic farmer organized a school and a church. Over the years, the convent was operated by the Carmelites, the Sisters of Divine Providence, and later the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

The school was the first of its kind in West Texas, and for a time it was the only such facility between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Brought, that longtime West Texas nemesis, played a direct role in the convent's changing fortunes.

The drought of 1887 forced the Carmelite priests to move, and the convent came under the care of the Sisters of Divine Providence. A few years later, however, a drought forced them to leave Stanton also.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy obtained control of

the convent in 1894. They operated the school and convent until the 1938 tornado destroyed several of the buildings as well as many of the convent's records.

In the more than 50 years it was open, however, hundreds of students were educated at the academy.

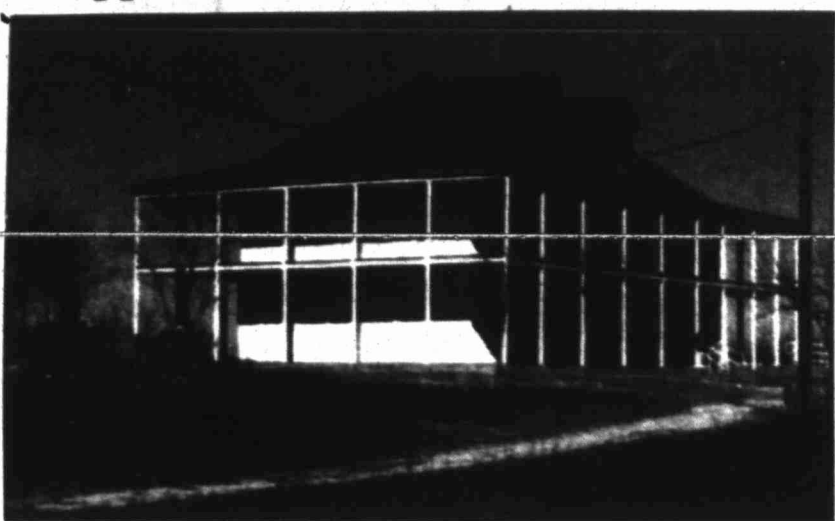
One former student described the facility as "an impressive sight on the vast barren plains of West Texas. Most of the students were boarders."

"They came from many of the neighboring towns - Odessa, Midland, Fort Stockton, Eldorado, Big Spring, Lubbock, San Angelo, Wink and Slaton."

The former student's letter goes on to describe a life of high academic and moral standards, and strict discipline - all for the whopping price of \$35 a month, room, board and tuition included.

While the remaining convent buildings have been vacant for the most part since the 1938 tornado, the facility has remained a point of interest to Stanton residents.

In 1987, the Martin County Jaycees purchased the building and established the restoration foundation, Martin County Convent Inc. has been active in attempts



This photo of the Our Lady of Mercy Convent and Academy shows its appearance now, which has been restored to the way it looked in the 1880s. Martin County Convent Inc. will now work on renovating the inside of the building.

to preserve the convent, with John Kennedy as its chief executive officer.

The group has completed exterior renovations, restoring the convent back to its appearance when the Carmelites occupied it in the 1880s. They are now seeking funds to do the interior, with a \$500,000 estimated cost.

Although they will rely heavily on grants, the group is also seeking local contributions. They may be sent to P.O. Box 1435 in Stanton.

To ask questions, share information or photographs about the convent, call Kennedy at 459-2686.

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enrollment more than doubled, ending at 16.

In 1915, Ray Echols' father graduated from Coahoma School with the first class, but the school was not accredited, and he was forced to continue his education in Alpine.

Echols family members remained on the home place, and the family has lived continuously on Coahoma soil for 140 years. The Shive family, which arrived in the Crossroads community from

Shive, Texas, was made up mostly of farmers and cotton ginner - popular vocations for many others in the early town of Coahoma.

Coahoma Presbyterian Church has a marker in front designating it the longest continuously operating church in the county. J.W. Shive, the postmaster, and R.V. Guthrie are credited with being among founders of that church in January, 1899.

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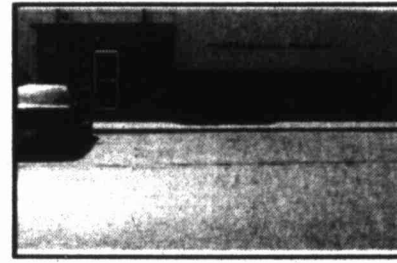
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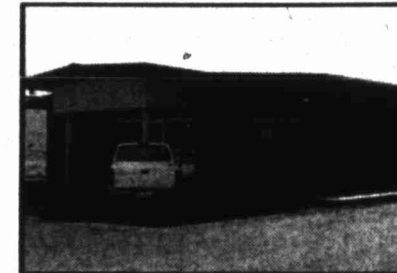
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Forsan began around 1919

Some of the early history of Forsan is sketchy, probably because the town's founders were at first more concerned with oil than building a community.

It wasn't until 1928 that the community got its name, but it history probably began around 1919, when an oil well was drilled on the Douthit Ranch, 15 miles to the north. That brought more oil interest to the area. When Otis Chalk No.1 came in on June 26, 1925, the boom was on and oil companies began to buy leases in the area.

It was announced on May 25, 1928, that the townsite was being placed on the market. Lots sold quickly at \$25 each on land that had been the Clayton Stewart ranch.

According to records, by December of that year, the town had been named Forsan. The name was taken from the fact that four paying oil sands were believed to be present in the area. Major oil companies such as Continental, Humble, Shell, Cosden and Magnolia secured most of the leases.

Like many other oil boom communities, Forsan was at first a tent city. Space in large tents could be leased for 50 cents a night. It took time, but the large tents were gradually replaced with hotels. There were four of them - the Conger Hotel, Texas, Botelion Hotel and Honeymoon Hotel. Rates were a dollar a day.

Eventually, oil companies began to build houses for workers and their families.

A Mr. and Mrs. Alexander opened the first grocery store in 1927. Soon, there was a drug store, a dry good store, a bakery, gas stations, machine shops and, of course, several oil well supply houses.

There was also a one-cell jail for immediate incarceration purposes, but most prisoners were taken to Big

Spring. By 1929, there were eight cafes in town.

Dr. J. D. Singleton, a young surgeon, was supervisor of the first hospital an eight-room facility built by a Dr. Hall, which featured an emergency room and living quarters.

The Forsan Post Office opened on March 5, 1929. The town later boasted two

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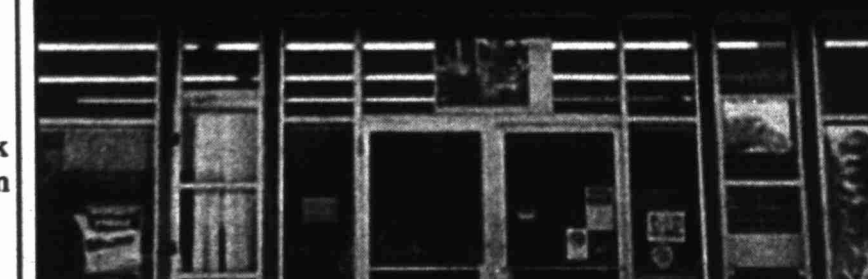
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Spring water brought pioneers to the area

HERALD staff report

Before any town in the area was settled, pioneers and Indians alike were drawn to the region for one feature in particular - the big spring that would later give the town its name.

According to research conducted by Heritage Museum curator Angle Way, this entire area was once covered by a shallow sea, evidence of which remains in the limestone around the edge of the spring.

The same sea life which helped produce pools of oil in the area also became embedded in that limestone, which forms the bed of the spring. Once 50 feet deep, the spring attracted buffalo, Native Americans, Spaniards and early pioneers.

The spring was originally a source of drinking water for Comanche Indians. On Oct. 3, 1849, Capt. Randolph B. Marcy discovered the "big spring," noting, "It appears to have been a favorite place of resort for the Comanches, as there are remains of lodges in every direction."

Marcy recommended the spring as a stop on the way to California. Many Army scouting parties, including one led by Robert E. Lee, followed Marcy's advice.

The spring now looks relatively small compared to nearby Comanche Lake, and you won't see anyone

bathing in it or drinking out of it. However, as part of the park, it is still a popular site for those wishing to watch birds, and see ducks land on the water, or just enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

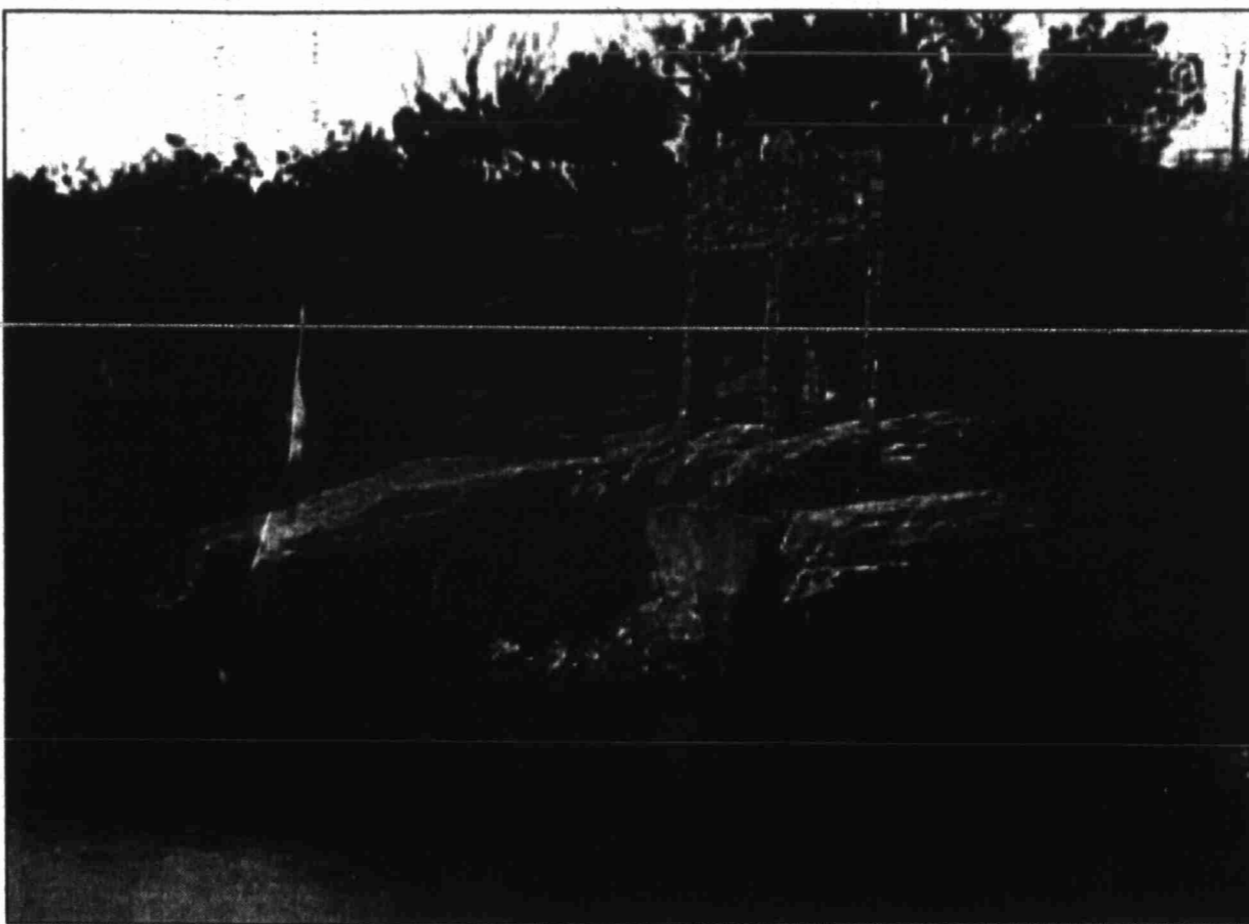
A walkway and observation deck were built by the spring for just such activities. However, in February 1995, the walkway was vandalized and set on fire. Damage was estimated at around \$5,000, and the deck was torn down. Efforts to raise money to fix the walkway included a parking lot concert at Wal-Mart in the spring of 1995 and a one-act youth theater play staged in August 1995.

The deck was rebuilt and the spring became the site for a popular annual attraction - Festival of Lights at Christmastime. Thousands of lights now twinkle and shine for visitors to the spring area during December.

As with many other successful projects in the local community, Festival of Lights is run entirely by volunteers.

Local entities are exploring ideas and funding for developing the area around the big spring. Digs in the area have uncovered sites that may have archeological importance.

Efforts are now being made to create a sandy beach along the western shore of the lake, drawing still more people to this beautiful area of Comanche Trail Park.



Visitors look out over Big Spring's namesake, the spring at Comanche Trail Park.

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dance halls and a movie theatre.

Forsan School, a two-room building, opened in 1928. In 1929, the First Baptist Church was organized, followed by the Church of Christ in 1931.

Forsan voted for incorporation for years but in 1961, the vote swung for corporation. C. J. Lamb, a Continental Oil Company employee, was the town's first mayor.

Today, Forsan is the lone survivor of a number of towns in that immediate area, which were built on and around oil. Still very dependent on oil, its primary assets are its people and its school.

— Information from Joyce Baggett, History of Howard County 1882-1982.

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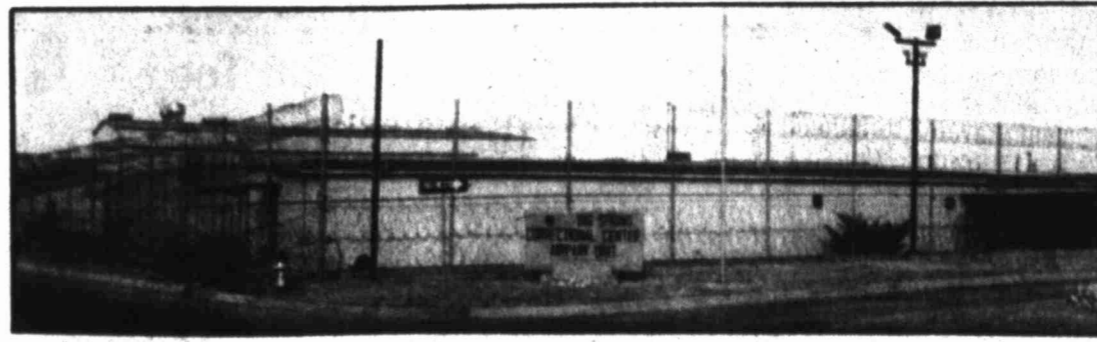
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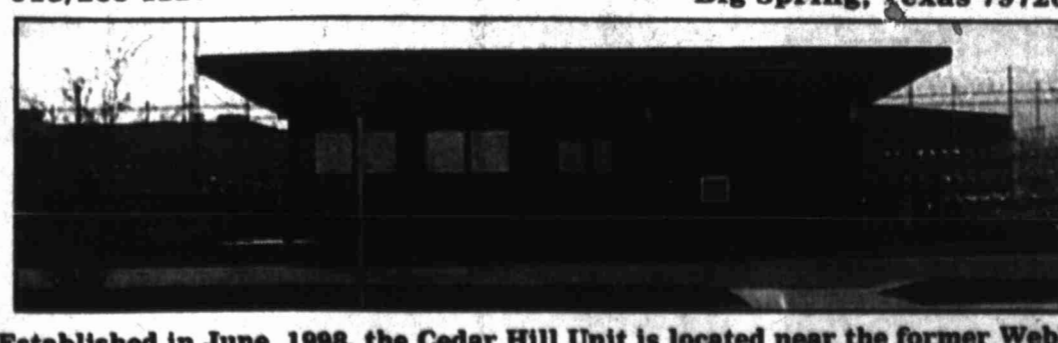
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Established in June, 1988, the Cedar Hill Unit is located near the former Webb AFB housing. It provides approximately 700 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 100 employees.

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Wild, wild west: Martin County Jail was constructed in 1880s

HERALD Staff Report

When you look up the word "landmark" in the dictionary, it should be accompanied by a picture of the Martin County Historical Jail. The "old jail," as residents of Stanton call it, looks like the stereotypical historical landmark.

For starters, it is more than a century old, having been constructed back in the 1880s when Stanton was known as Marienfeld.

Secondly, it is one of the most distinctive buildings in Stanton - a two-story, red sandstone structure with a metal shingle roof and a wrought-iron fence enclosing a yard.

And third, it is designated a historical landmark, as indicated by the state marker in front of the building.

It is one of the most popular attractions in Stanton, and gives an interesting peek at how the bad guys were incarcerated back in the Old

West days.

The jail area consists of a 1874-variety metal cage with seven bunks, a commode and a small sink. If the cramped conditions weren't bad enough for prisoners, there also weren't any exercise privileges, meaning that the only exercise they ever got came from walking around the cell.

To further add to the confinement, there was neither hot water nor bathing facilities.

Breakouts were not a reasonable option for prisoners, either, because the sheriff and his family lived just upstairs from the cell area. It was not until 1952 that Martin County did not have a sheriff living on the premises.

It was in the early '50s that the old jail was phased out of the county's plans. The cell block was still used as the city jail, but the large room upstairs was converted for use as the Martin County

Library. The library moved to a new location in 1964, and by the early 1970s, the old jail was almost vacant.

During that time, then-Sheriff Dan Saunders continued its operation as a private museum. Later, the chamber of commerce expressed interest in restoring the old building for use as an office.

The Martin County Historical Commission and private individuals began a restoration project and approval of the jail as a state

historical site protected it from any possible demolition.

Restoration of the old jail was completed in 1986.

Today, the old jail is a popular tourist attraction, with the local chamber conducting tours Monday-Thursday. Special tours also are conducted during Old Sorehead Trade Days and the annual Old Settlers' Reunion.

For more information, contact the Martin County chamber at 756-3386.



The Potton House, 200 Gregg, allows visitors to see how local residents lived at the beginning of the century.

Big Spring's Potton House: Where history comes to life

HERALD Staff Report

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, has some bragging rights: It's the only place in Howard County on the National Registry of Historic Places. The house was built in 1901 by the Potton family.

The Victorian style home is open for tours Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

When it was built, it was far different from the frame houses that dotted the Big Spring landscape at the turn of the 20th century. It was made from red sandstone and brick for Joseph and Mary Potton. The home is considered a lasting tribute to turn-of-the-century architecture.

Mr. Potton was a master mechanic with the T&P Railroad and supervised 500 men. He was also the first president of the school board, a county commissioner and on several committees to help in the growth of the town.

Mrs. Potton was active in church and guild. The five-room house was built as an investment and a place to retire in 1901 but they leased it to others until moving into it 11 years later.

According to records, in the house was a grandfather clock the couple brought from England that was worth \$2,500, the same price it cost to build the home.

A major restoration project in 1977 cost \$86,000. The home is now under the umbrella of the Heritage Museum.

The house originally had just one bedroom and when Mrs. Potton became ill, her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Henry Hayden, moved in along with their

three children.

Another daughter, Lillie Mae Potton Wright, died at the age of 21 of typhoid and her 5-month-old daughter came to live with the Pottons.

At that time, the attic was transformed into a room for the children.

Following Mrs. Potton's death in 1914 and her husband's death six years later, the Haydens occupied the house.

Until 1975, the grandchildren maintained it daily even though it was vacant. At that time, through a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation and the city's Tourist Development

Council, the city purchased the home from the family in order to maintain the historical site.

Each year, the Potton House is the site of Pioneer Day where visitors of all ages have a chance to learn how lye soap, butter and other household items and foods were made when the home was occupied.

The "pioneers for a day" get to roll out dough to make tortillas, scrub clothes on a washboard and watch as animals are branded and corn-husk dolls are made.

To arrange a tour or for more information, contact the Potton House at 263-0511.

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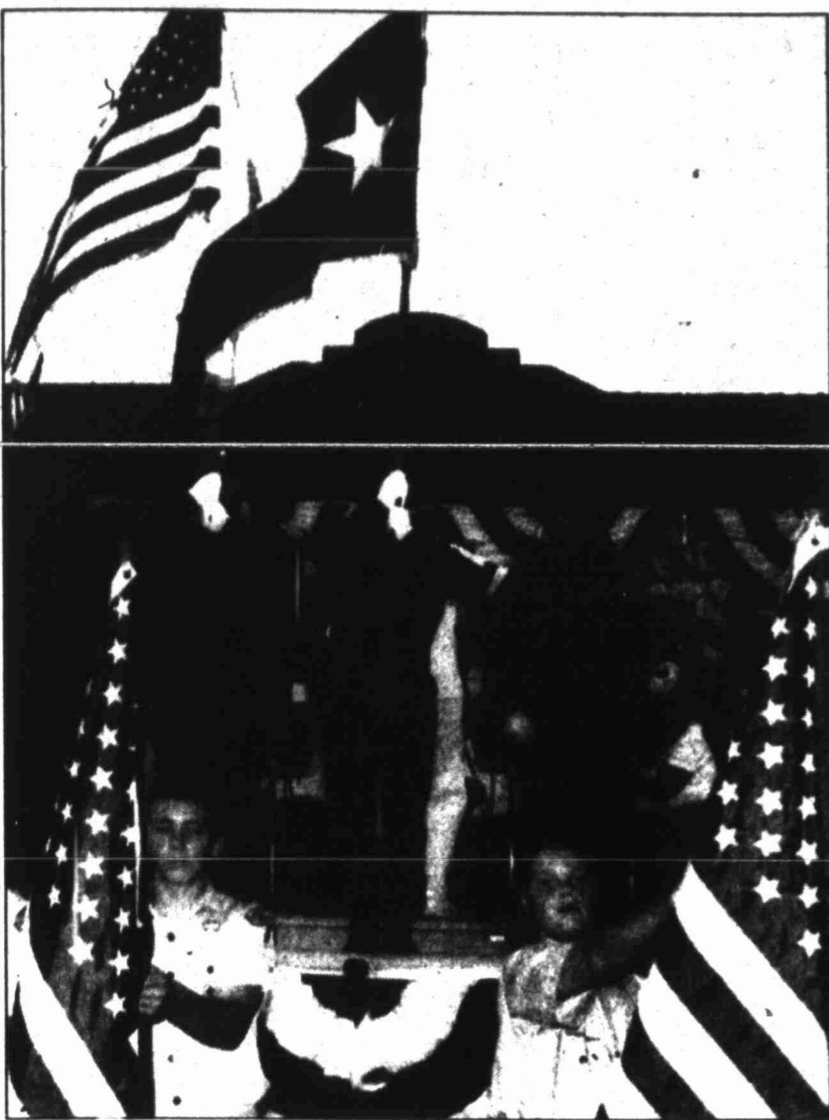
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A Fourth of July presentation, shown above, brought thousands to the amphitheatre in Comanche Trail Park in 1998.

Amphitheater: Long history of outdoor shows

HERALD Staff Report

Outdoor theater is a form of entertainment that dates back to the days of Shakespeare, and Big Spring is one of two West Texas areas to have an amphitheater.

Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, is the other. Big Spring has also had the prestige of having had Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson perform at the

amphitheater.

The theater was built in Comanche Trail Park in 1936 by Franklin Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration and seats approximately 3,900. The theater's stage is 30 feet by 40 feet and has dressing rooms for performers.

By the time World War II began, the WPA had moved into Big Spring with plans to build the amphitheater, a golf course, a baseball dia-

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Borden Courthouse was built in 1930s

HERALD Staff Report

The Borden County Courthouse, located in Gail, is an historic landmark.

The courthouse was built under the authority of a federal work program in the 1930s, according to those familiar with it. A two-story wood frame building, built around the turn of the century, was the first courthouse at the site, but was demolished when the current courthouse was built.

The current courthouse is a one-story brick masonry building. Its interior was remodeled in the late '70s. The courthouse is currently used for district court, county court and Justice of the Peace court.

Aside from a court room, the building also houses offices of the county and district clerks, the county auditor, county treasurer and county judge.

A free-standing jail is also located on the courthouse



square. The jail was built in the 1890s, and is made of rock. That jail is said to have been the first building built on the square. The jail consists of two main cells and a smaller holding area, and can be toured by anyone who might be interested in seeing it.

The courthouse currently uses the jail as a storage facility.

Borden County's Museum is also on the courthouse square, covering the history of Borden County from Indian artifacts to old ranching and farming equipment and lots of antique photographs.

A historical marker in front of the courthouse declares Borden County was named for Gail Borden, "pioneer, surveyor, newspaper editor, and inventor of the process of condensing milk."

Borden County Courthouse, shown at left, has a historical marker in front.



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Railroad has flourished in West Texas SHOWS

HERALD STAFF REPORT

There are two reasons the city of Big Spring was founded — the spring in Comanche Trail Park and the railroad.

Railroad schemes have flourished in West Texas for nearly 150 years — from the time of the organization of the Texas Western on Feb. 16, 1852 until the outlandish 1995 proposal by a Midland-Odessa group to build a railroad to Lubbock.

In between, West Texas was developed and flourished along the route of what was then the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

From the early days, Big Spring was made a division point on the line in what was first known as the Pecos, and later, as the Rio Grande Division for the run from Fort Worth to El Paso.

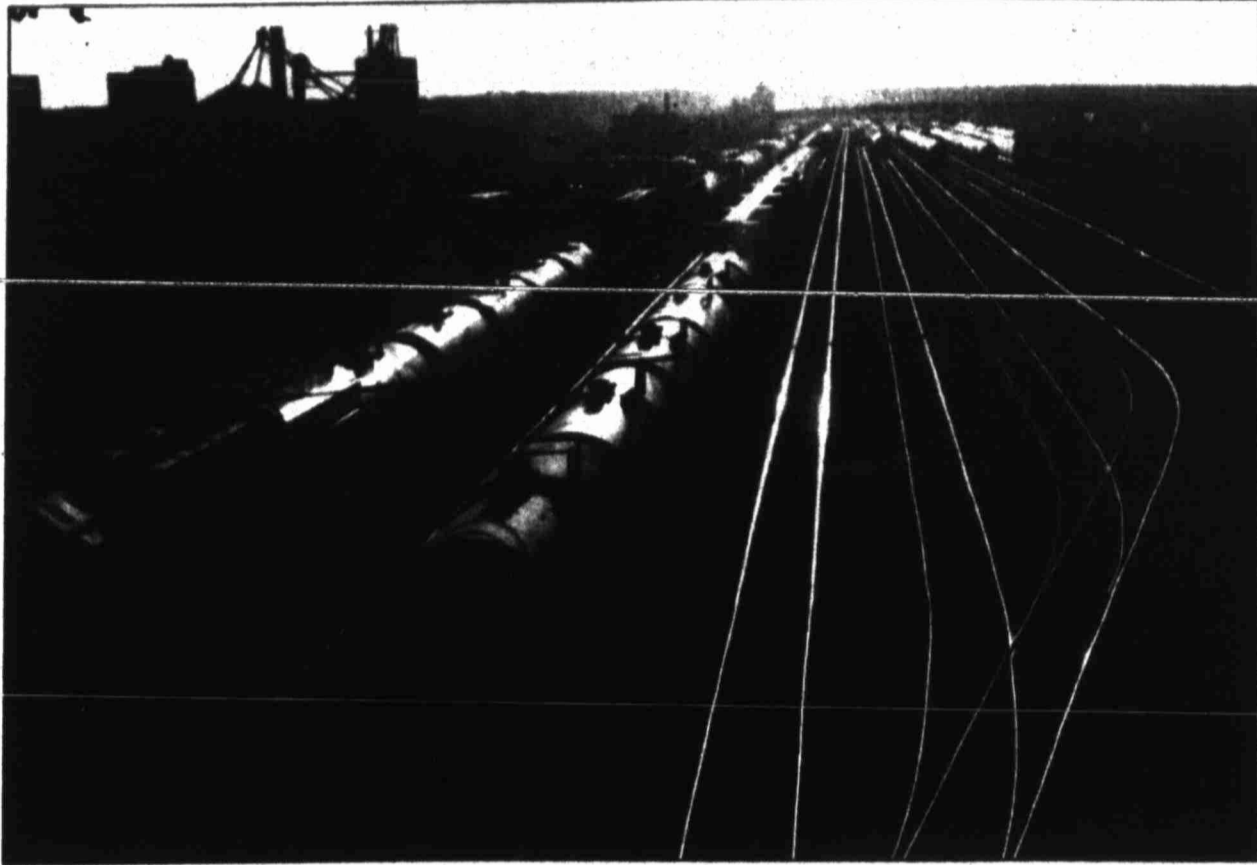
On March 1, 1871, Congress granted a charter to Texas, Pacific Railroad Company, which in 1872, was changed to Texas and Pacific Railway Company. Its purpose was to provide transportation as needed for the military.

By March 6, 1881, a work crew had pushed to Big Spring, although any operations were still two months away. It was on May 28, 1881 that the T&P began regular service to the town.

Before the railroad arrived in West Texas, the 1881 tax rolls in the 17 counties in which it had trackage was \$19.8 million. Only six years later those values had surpassed \$70 million.

Over the years, the T&P constructed a number of shop facilities in Big Spring, including a roundhouse for the turning of the great steam locomotives.

The T&P had a reputation for running a good railroad



and much of that reputation was earned by the company's workers in Big Spring.

For many years, the T&P ran passenger trains across the line, and the actual timetable schedule showed trains from Shreveport, La., to El Paso.

As times changed, so did the railroad. It became the Missouri Pacific and, while its first diesel-electric locomotives had paint schemes of varying colors, people in Big Spring and West Texas are more familiar with the Mo-Pac blue engines.

It was during the Mo-Pac era, when the passenger trains were known as "Eagles," such as the "Delta Eagle" and the "Texas Eagle" that the providing of passenger service became too costly.

In the 1960s, the last Texas Eagle stopped in Big Spring and now there's not even any

sign of the passenger station.

Mo-Pac's locomotives were known first for the "saw-blade" logo on the cab, a round logo with teeth-like protrusions all around. Inside the logo was the identifying mark of the particular railroad — Mo-Pac or, in the case of some locomotives that were assigned to West Texas, the C&EI of Mo-Pac subsidiary Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

As that logo gave way, the railroad adopted a stylized eagle logo on the cab, relying on the line's heritage. Many rail fans, because of the appearance of the logo, dubbed them "Runnin' Eagles."

In the late 1980s and early 90s, Mo-Pac blue started to disappear, just as the railroad had done when it was swallowed into Omaha, Neb.-based Union Pacific.

Nowadays, the locomotives

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mond, picnic tables and cooking stoves, a road network, culverts and foot bridges, and even a monkey house that would later house three primates.

In 1949, Big Spring residents used the amphitheater to celebrate the Oct. 3, 1849 "discovery" of the historic big spring by Capt. R.B. Marcy. A key part of that celebration was the Centurama. The colorful production was staged in the park to celebrate the then 100-year-old big spring.

During the production, rock archways flanking the stage had to be knocked down so that the covered wagons used in the pageant, could parade across in front of the stage. The show ran three nights, and drew thousands.

More recently, the amphitheater has been the setting for concerts, including Tejano and children's music, a locally-produced

musical celebrating our nation's history, and a huge fireworks display that was accompanied by music from the Big Spring Symphony. That event, which took place July 3, 1998, once again drew thousands from all over the West Texas area to the facility.

People wanting to rent the theater can do so for \$50 a day plus a \$25 refundable cleanup fee, but must contact Big Spring City Hall for availability.



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First motorized fire truck comes to town

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After fire struck the early Big Spring business district three times by 1908, a committee was formed to make recommendations to the city council to update the city's firefighting equipment.

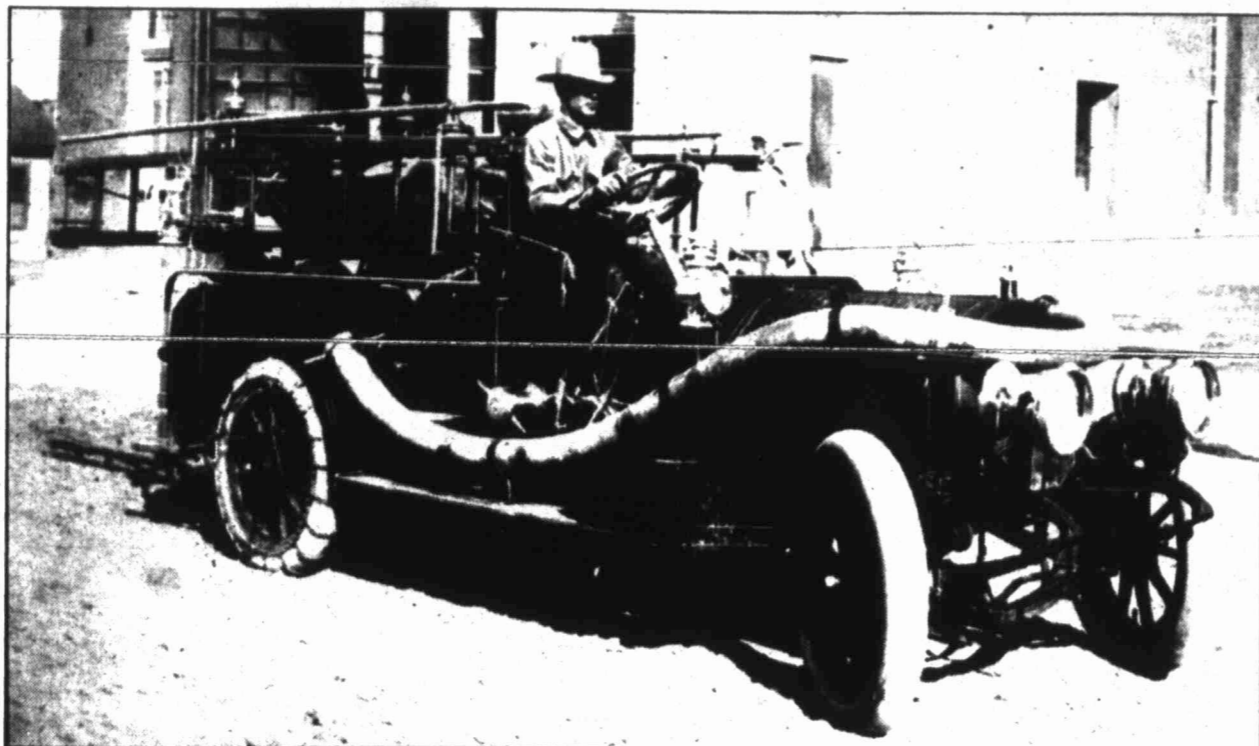
According to the book, "Howard County 1882-1982," fire zones were then established, and wooden construction or repair of construction was not allowed in those areas. The city bought its first motorized fire truck, some say the first motorized fire truck in the state of Texas, April 1, 1909.

The truck, which cost \$3,000, was described this way: A 70 horse power four cylinder gasoline motor with top speed of 55 miles per hour guaranteed. The chemical tank will be mounted in back of the driver's seat, with capacity of 30 gallons, made of ... hammered copper and heavily tinned on the inside. Also, it was said to have "200 feet of 3/4-inch hose attached to the chemical tank."

It had two ladders, one capable of extending to 20 feet, another of 12 feet with roof hooks. The ladders were "to be made of well-seasoned straight grained Oregon pine, free of knots, with hickory rungs..."

A rotary pump was located under the driver's seat and 1,000 feet of 2-1/2 inch cotton hose.

The truck was said to deliver 600 gallons of water per minute, maintaining a pressure of 150 pounds to the



This picture shows Big Spring's motorized fire truck, thought to be the first in the state. It was purchased in 1909 after three fires ripped through the downtown business district.

square inch, "taking suction from cistern, well or river."

Its motor was guaranteed to run not less than four hours without heating or showing loss of power.

The paint, further, was described as two coats English Vermillion color on top of a coat of primer and a coat of lead.

The truck was delivered Sept. 22, 1909, and was kept on First street, in a section foreman's house. The area was so muddy, the history book says, that the truck had chains attached to keep it from getting stuck.

Before year's end, the new city hall was built of red sandstone, and the truck had

a storage area in that building.

No. 1, as it was called, was used by the city for 16 years without another engine. At every parade, the engine was at the head of the line.

Big Spring claims to have the state's first motorized fire truck, but that has not been established.

It is probable, however, authenticated almost entirely in research done by Big Spring historian, the late Polly Mays.

The city does receive credit for the state's first motorized truck in the Lone Star Book of Records, with material reproduced from the Texas State Archives.

State Park was local CCC project

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring State Park was built at Scenic Mountain by the Civilian Conservation Corps, shortly after the State of Texas acquired the property in 1934.

Corps workers used limestone quarried on the site as the primary building material.

The extensive project included a pavilion, headquarters, a residence, pump-house and restrooms.

By far, the largest part of the project was three-mile drive which loops around the 200-foot bluff.

Retaining walls for the drive were built using large blocks of limestone, some

weighing as much as two tons, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

The park was officially opened in 1936 and has been the site of numerous campouts and community events.

There are two sites with water and electricity and eight developed tent sites. Each site has a shade shelter over a picnic table, a waist-high grill, and available parking.

The lighted, open pavilion can accommodate up to 50 people for group outings. There are playground facilities and an information cen-

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in Big Spring are either the yellow and armour gray of UP or the yellow and green of Chicago & North Western, which was swallowed up by UP.

Additionally, a number of locomotives from "foreign" roads have been in Big Spring as railroads cope with power shortages and are forced to lease power.

In 1996, federal regulators approved a \$5.4 billion merger of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads and rails traffic through Big Spring increased.

Recently, Union Pacific decided to move its crew change point from Big Spring to Sweetwater. UP spokesman Mark Davis said there are 78 conductors and 23 engineers working out of Big Spring who will be affected. That doesn't count managers, whose situation could also change. There are 118 Union Pacific employees who work regularly out of Big Spring, according to Union Pacific officials.

Davis said the reason for the change is to equalize the runs between change points.

Persons interested in the railroad have three relatively good viewing points: the Gregg Street overpass, the Benton Street Viaduct and an overlook on the south side of the west end of the

yard in the area used to view cranes.

Additionally, the fueling station area on the north side of the yard is accessible from Sgt. Paredes and is the area where most of the foreign power can be found, although persons are advised to stay clear of the work area

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Heritage Museum also has a railroad display and there are hopes that the railroad model museum on Main Street might once again be opened.

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Boy Scouts have long history

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring is home to many "firsts," but one not so well known is the oldest continuously chartered Boy Scout unit west of the Mississippi.

The Scouts organization was founded by Lord Baden Powell in England, and brought to America by William Boyce. It was chartered by U.S. Congress in February, 1910, and started in Big Spring just over a year later.

Mrs. B. Reagan inspired the formation of Big Spring Troop 1, according to the book, "Howard County 1882-1982." It says she had read about the youth organization in Ladies Home Journal and, having two sons, decided

this was the kind of organization she wanted them to be part of. The nucleus for the troop was a Sunday afternoon Sunday school class.

The history book says the Scouts' first meeting was in the front yard of C.S. Holmes, an assistant postmaster who became Scoutmaster.

There were at first north-side and southside patrols, and the groups operated out of the Scout Handbook, which appeared in June 1911.

Many professional and businessmen have come out of the Scouting program, including J.J. "Jake" Pickle, his brother Joe Pickle, Charles Sparenberg, and Drs. Clyde Thomas and Thomas J. Williamson.

Troop members went on to

become an admiral, general, several lawyers, doctors, a congressman and community leaders.

At one time, the troop boasted of having more Eagle Scouts than any other unit in the Buffalo Trail Council, which it joined in 1929. On Aug. 24, 1961, former members of the troop from all over the area gathered to celebrate 50 years since it was founded.

The troop never lost its charter, but did become inactive for about five years from 1988-1993.

In September of 1993, according to a Big Spring Herald article at the time, the troop became active again after supporters said they "tossed around the idea" of reactivating one of the community's "firsts."



The Ritz Theater opened in 1928 with the silent film "Our Dancing Daughters," starring native Texan Joan Crawford.

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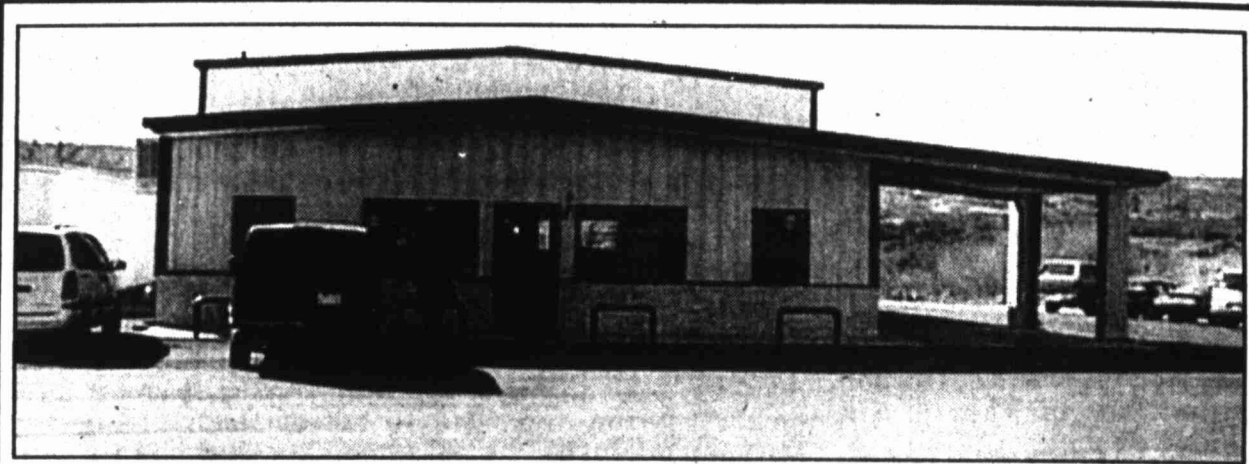
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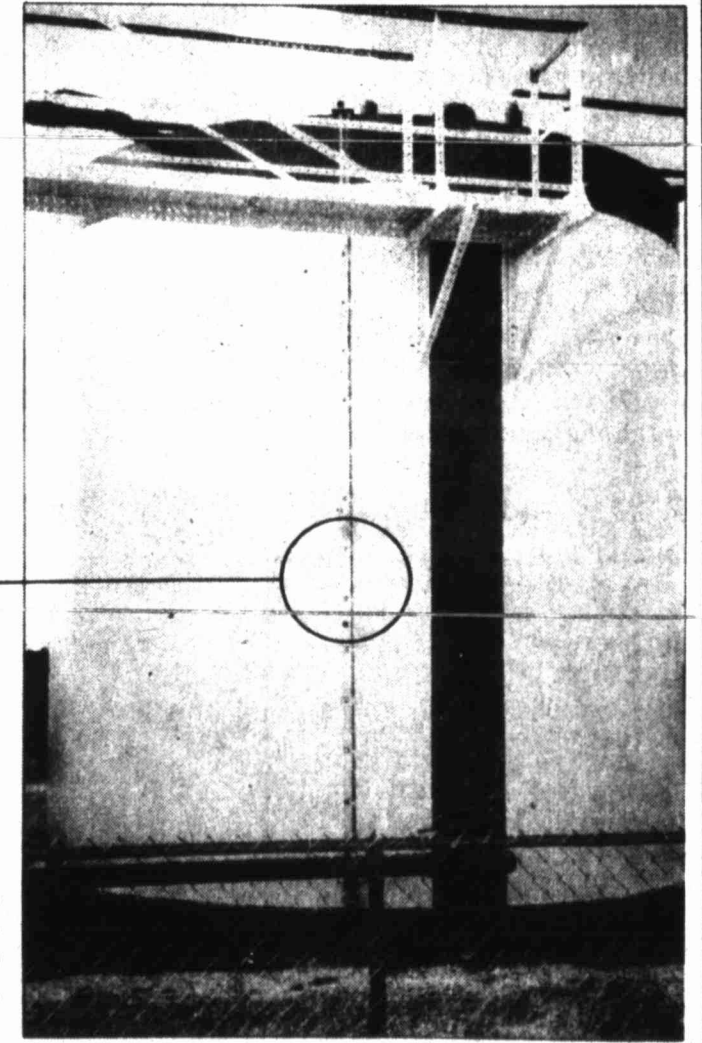
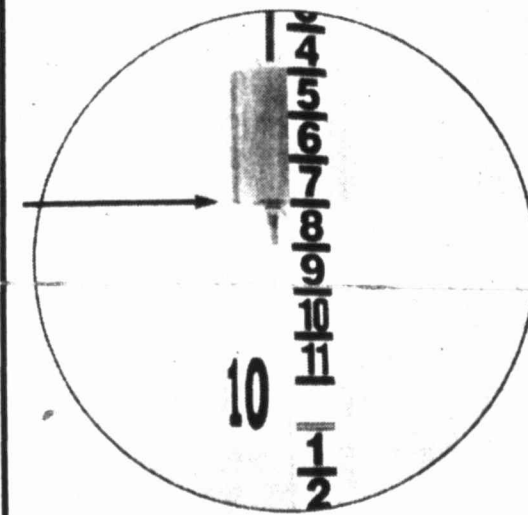
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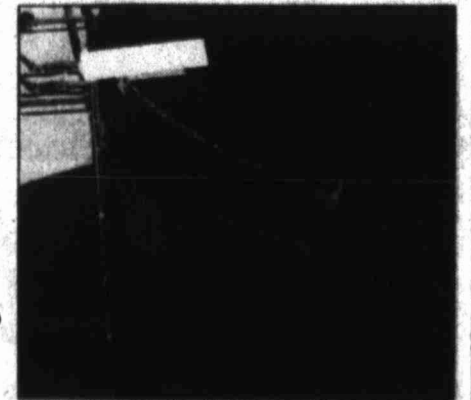
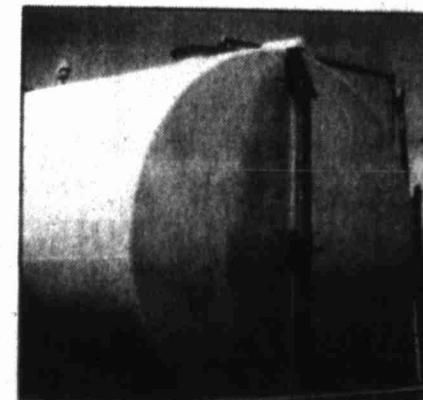
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Windpower project represents latest in resource technology

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring is moving into the future, ironically, by using just a touch of age-old technology.

Stretching across southeastern Howard County are windmills, their blades spinning majestically in the West Texas wind, just as windmills have cast their shadows on the farm and ranch land of this area since the 1800s.

But these aren't, so to speak, your daddy's windmills.

Like those smaller wind-powered machines before them that pumped life-bearing water from the ground, these new, towering giants reach high to capture a necessary resource. These wind machines aren't pumping water, however; they are capturing the wind and turning it into energy.

As Howard County gets ready to move into a new century, it does so with the knowledge and pride that it is home to some of the largest wind turbines in America.

There are 50 in all, a \$49 million plus project known as the West Texas Renewable Limited Partnership, marrying New York-based York Research Corporation with Dallas-based TU Electric. Providing the wind turbines is Vestas Wind Systems of Denmark.

Standing taller than the Statue of Liberty, the largest of the turbines are on towers 255 feet high.

Their rotor diameter of 216 feet pushes the mammoth structures to a grand height of 370 feet from the ground. The smaller ones stand a total of 290 feet - with towers of 208 feet and a rotor diameter of 154 feet.

The towers are not all grouped together, but are located across 1,600 acres on the Morgan and Click ranches.

Unlike the familiar multi-bladed windmills West Texans are familiar with, the Vestas machines have just three blades. Their turbines are the latest in design and energy efficiency.

The Big Spring Wind Power Project was dedicated on Dec. 2, 1998 and it will be sometime in April before all of the towers are up and the turbines and rotors affixed. Some 350 people attended the ceremonies, including Pat Wood III, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission; Vito Elefante, vice president of York Research; and Erle Nye, chairman and chief executive officer for TU Electric.

Just earlier this year, West Texas Renewable Limited Partnership announced a \$6.4 million investment of four more turbines. The towers are not all grouped together, but are located across 1,600 acres.

"This is our first venture



into wind power," said TU Electric area manager Mike Hammock. "It falls in line with the concern of our customers about using renewable energy sources."

Harnessing energy from the wind and sun has always been limited because the cost has been too high.

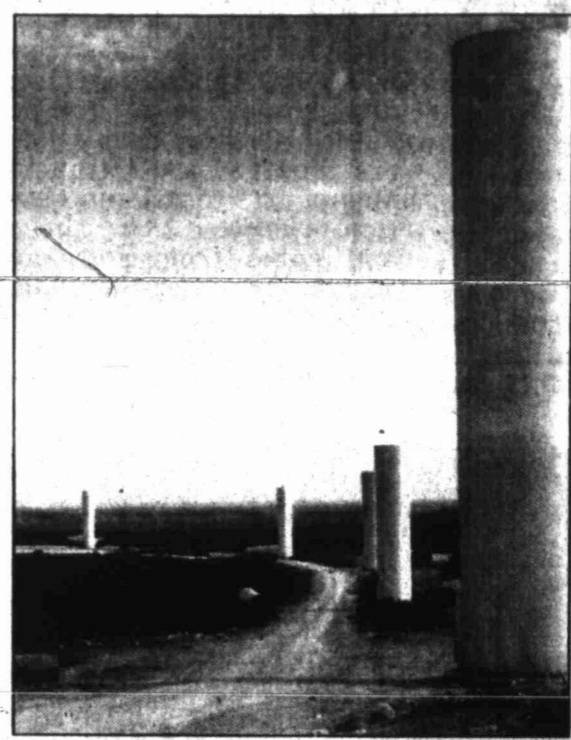
"We'd all like to use renewable energy sources because we are all concerned about the environment.

But in reality, the technology has not been cost effective.

As technology keeps improving, the cost will probably go down," said Hammock.

Wind power costs from the project are expected to average 5.2 cents per kWh over the 15-year term of the purchase agreement. In comparison, new natural gas generation costs from 2.7 to 5.2 cents per kWh.

As technology for renewable resources advances, the wind machine project helps ensure that Big Spring will be in the forefront of it.



Far left, cowboys and turbines combined at the formal dedication of the The Big Spring Wind Power Project Dec. 2, 1998. At left, giant poles were in place, ready to hold some of the turbines that would become part of the project.

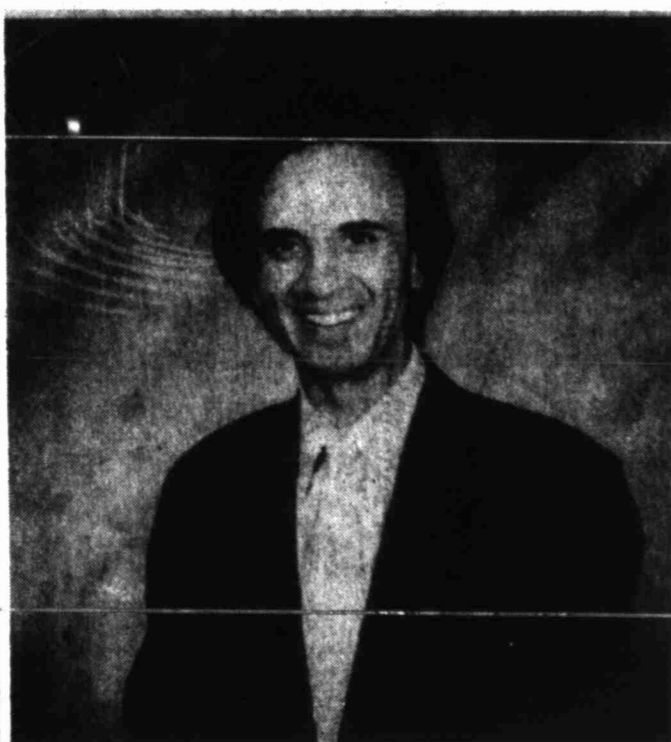


Above, a worker handles one of the giant blades of a turbine. There are 50 in all in the Big Spring Wind Power Project, some of them the largest wind turbines in America.

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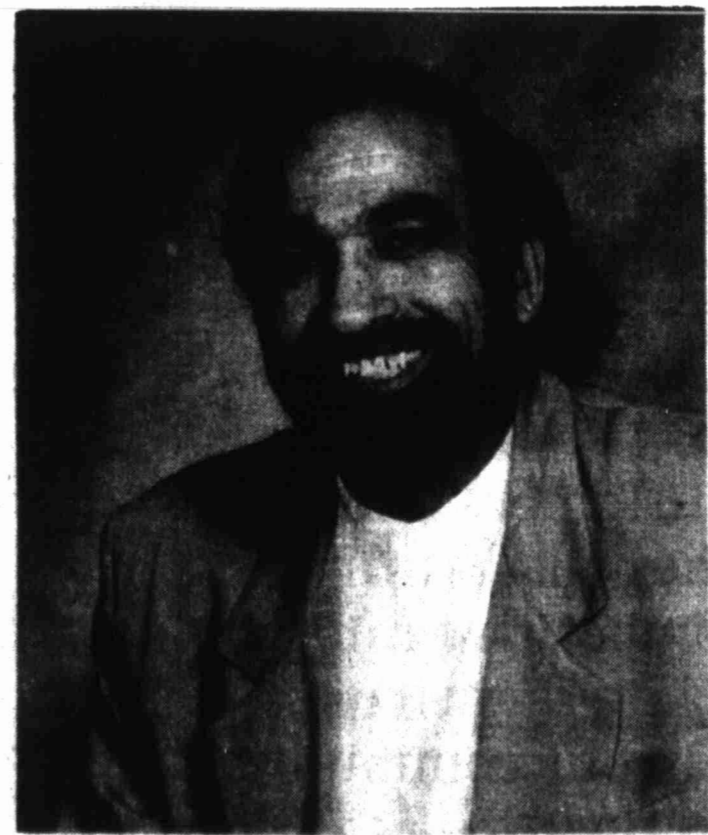
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City of Big Spring abolished, incorporated a second time

HERALD Staff Report

The City of Big Spring was formed in 1907 - for the second time.

It was because of the Texas & Pacific Railway Corporation that Big Spring came into being. When the railroad chose the location for a depot, the town just naturally and gradually formed around it. For years, the county government ran the "city". In 1883, an election was held for the county seat.

There were only 32 votes cast, and all were for Big Spring.

Interestingly, the issue of livestock roaming the streets was what caused the first city government to be formed. County commissioners received a petition in May of 1883 to hold an election to prevent hogs, sheep and goats from running against law. It was defeated, 30-2.

That wasn't the end of it though. Determined to "clean up" the town of stray ani-

mals, an election was held in 1885 to incorporate the town. The vote passed, 80 to 45, and George Linn was elected the first mayor.

But that young city government functioned only briefly. By the end of the year, it no longer existed.

In fact another election was held in October of that year, and 138 voted to abolish incorporation. Fifty-eight voted for. So, the City of Big Springs was officially abolished.

The county court took over

responsibility, even going so far as to changing street names and building walks and bridges.

After a failed attempt due to a lack of legally qualified names, a prohibition election was held in 1906. The vote was 309 for prohibition and 228 against. The county court then ruled that the sale of intoxicating liquor was prohibited in the county. That vote showed that the town was not only growing, but also forming. Incorporation was on its way.

It was on Jan. 15, 1907 that an election was held. Interestingly, it brought out fewer voters than the liquor election. Some 132 votes were cast for incorporation and 85 against.

A new city government went into action, meeting first on April 5, then adopting 24 ordinances on April 18 and another 33 on April 22. One of the first ordinances, not unexpectedly, was a ban

on unpened livestock.

The new government had money problems and was bailed out on more than one occasion by the county.

The county rejected the city's first attempt at a location for city hall, but in 1909, the court agreed on the lease of a 50 by 50 tract providing it was acceptable to the Texas & Pacific railroad. It was.



Beals Creek has been the subject of a \$10,885,800 construction project that includes 7,280 foot of channel that measures about 20 foot across the grassy bottom, and between 100 and 200 feet at the top.

Years of planning made Beals Creek project work

Beals Creek, according to "The River That Was, A Bibliography of Beals Creek, Texas" by Ed Fisher, was a large source of water for the West Texas area in the early days of settlement.

For many years it was known by many other names, such as Pasigano Rio, South Fork (Salt Fork) of the Colorado River, Girauds (Girands) Creek, Deep or Deep Red Creek, Sulphur Springs Creek or Sulphur Draw, and Beals Branch.

Spanish maps labeled the creek Pasigano Rio, similar to the Comanche name "Pash-Ho-no". In 849, Capt. Randolph Marcy, who is credited with discovering the big spring, stated he and his men had found a stream with rapidly running water that measured six feet deep and 20 yards wide. Fisher wrote.

Marcy credited the creek with being the first tributary of the northern branch of the Colorado River found by

the expedition.

Common belief is that the creek was named after the H.C. Beall, owner of the White Elephant Ranch near the creek and the Colorado River joining. Beall's daughter Susie and her husband D.H. "Pop" Snyder owned land along the creek across several county lines. Some of that land is still in the name of Susie Beall Snyder and D.H. Snyder, Fisher

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According to Fisher, many variables contributed to the creek ceasing to produce water, all of them man-made.

First, massive cattle grazing on the land altered the natural terrain and reduced the amount of rain fall that could be absorbed into the underground aquifers, he said.

Many settlers into the area drilled their own water wells, which also reduced the under ground water supply. And steam-powered locomotives used the creek water as a source for their engines, which also added to its decline.

"By 1925 the 'big spring' was dry. When irrigation commenced on the Plains, it was like draining a pan with tapered sides and the first water to decrease was on the

edges, where fissures fed the springs with some water. But even droplets ceased coming from these springs in the 1950s.

"In the span of only a few years, man in all his wisdom reduced a river of great significance into an intermittent stream," Fisher wrote.

Today, years of planning, preparation and hard work resulted in a reality for the Beals Creek Project, which was completed in December 1998.

The \$10,885,800 completed work includes 7,280 foot of channel that measures about 20 foot across the grassy bottom, and between 100 and 200 feet at the top.

"What we have done is exactly what the design concept was, and that was to create a detention pond for rain water to accumulate and release it at a controlled

rate," said Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring.

The Beals Creek project, first envisioned 20 years ago, was approved by voters in 1992, who agreed to increase taxes three cents per \$100 valuation to fund the city's part of the work.

In March 1994, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers entered into the agreement, and the job was bid in 1995. Construction began in 1996, Darden said.

Former city engineer Ralph Truskowski began the project, along with former assistant city manager Tom Decell, Darden said.

The idea was to protect homes and businesses from flooding during the wet weather. A 50-year flood plain was originally intended, but cost required the scope of the plan to be limited

to 10 years, Darden said.

"I believe this will handle normal rainfall amounts within a 10-year flood plain. We believe it will be of tremendous help to those homes and businesses in Jones Valley," Darden said.

A drop structure has been built that allows the rain water to run into One Mile Lake. Also, a vehicle access bridge was built for the railroad, which has track that run parallel to the creek.

"The railroad has 42 percent of the structures, and 57 percent of the total value, \$54.5 million, within this flood plain along One Mile Lake and Beals Creek. Residential is about 38 percent," Darden said.

It will not eliminate flooding in the area during heavy rains, but is expected to eliminate a lot of the problem, Darden said.

Farming began early in Crossroads history

HERALD Staff Report

J.B.D. Boydston arrived in Big Spring in the early 1880s on a mission from the Texas & Pacific railroad - to establish an experimental agricultural farm. Though he would eventually be remembered more as a surveyor and early county official, he is considered the father of agriculture in Howard County.

He broke ground in what is now the Earle Addition of Big Spring and began planning trees and various crops. According to history, he planned cotton within the first two years. He also grew watermelons and tomatoes, as well as peaches, plums and apples.

In 1885, he broke ground on four acres of cotton. Despite getting two bales on the four acres, he discovered folks in Big Spring weren't interested, and so he quit it as a commercial crop.

In the late 1880s, L.S. McDowell came to northern Glasscock County and in 1887 planted about 25 acres of cotton and varieties of grain sorghum. He fed out the grain, and continued with a feed patch, but never harvested the cotton.

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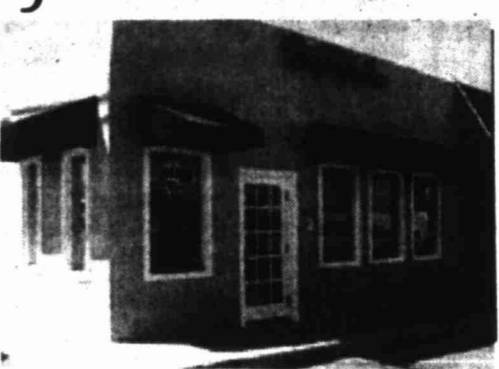
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Farming in Howard County was primarily for livestock. Grain sorghum was brown, some corn, milo and maize.

The Texas Almanac indicated that there were five bales of cotton produced in 1899, 300 in 1901 and up to 8,000 by 1906.

Mesquite and prairie dogs and jackrabbits were a farmer's enemies. Bounties were offered as early as 1981 on crop-munching jackrabbits and other animals such as coyotes, which had an appetite for chickens and lambs.

Records show that land for the Big Spring Gin Company was purchased in 1897-98. More followed, until at one time, there were five in Big Spring and 10 within the county.

Apparently, Lee Hamilton owned the first tractor in the county in 1906. He didn't use it for plowing, however, but for breaking new land.

As tractors became more efficient and reliable, they began to replace horses and mules on the farm.

Today, cotton is the number one crop in Howard County. Most of it is dry-land cotton, but there are some acres that are irrigated.

Drought, something that has plagued West Texas farmers since the day the first seed was planted, continues to be a problem, as do pests. Currently, however, farmers in Howard and surrounding counties are con-

sidering approving the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, to help eliminate one of their worst enemies. The vote on that program is to take place in April.

At right, it wasn't always the case, but currently, cotton is king, taking its place as the number one crop in Howard County.



Signal peak catches the eye

HERALD Staff Report

From a particular vantage point, Big Spring and the surrounding area seems to

be full of peaks and valleys — but none more eye-opening than illustrious Signal Peak.

Perhaps it is the most notable natural landmark in

Howard County and maybe even Crossroads Country, and its eye-catching likeness still adorns city of Big

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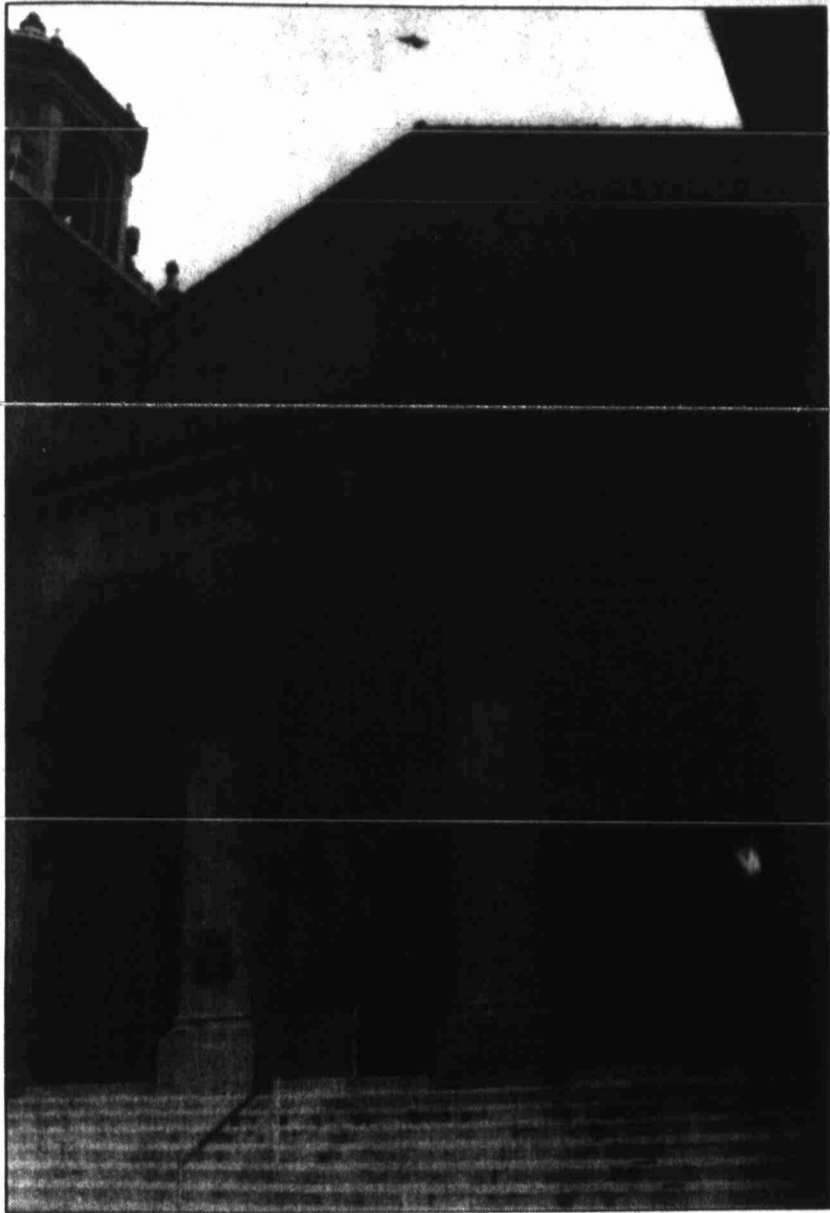
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Auditorium stage is cultural center

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Its stage has held the likes of Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton and Hank Williams Jr. In recent years, it has been home to symphony concerts, traveling shows and school plays. It has even housed church services.

Big Spring Municipal Auditorium was built in 1931 as part of a \$200,000 bond issue. Voters approved the auditorium along with a city hall, jail and fire station in one complex between Third and Fourth streets.

A historical marker on the front of the auditorium says it and the rest of the complex were completed Sept. 6, 1932. It seated 1,412 and was slated for "cultural productions, both professional and local."

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Religion has been vital to quality of life

HERALD Staff Report

A short time after Big Spring was founded, its religious life began to flourish, and that growth has continued ever since.

Since November 1882, when the Disciples of Christ began meeting regularly to worship, to 1999, when at least 80 churches are operating locally, religion has been important to area residents. As Joe Pickle writes in "Gettin Started: Howard County's First 25 Years," religion was a necessity on the frontier.

"For all their fierce independence in facing a forbidding, lonesome frontier, early settlers felt a deep dependence upon a Divine power. They felt a need to worship corporately as well as privately, and so they began to meet, probably in homes and with those of different faiths taking part."

The first officially organized congregation was First Methodist Church in July 1883, now First United Methodist, located at 4th and Scurry. Catholic religious services came not far behind, and now Big Spring is home to three Catholic Churches, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart and St. Thomas.

Pickle's book says Episcopal services began here in 1885, when the bishop visited the town and held services in the school building. The cornerstone of their new building was laid in February 1886.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is now located at 10th and Goliad, and St. Mary's Episcopal School is a popular private school for the elementary grades.

Baptist churches may have had a late start in Big Spring — "Gettin Started" lists the first one chartered in

November 1886, but it was a strong start. Now, no less than 30 of the churches in the Big Spring Herald's weekly directory call themselves Baptist.

Presbyterians established themselves in Big Spring in November 1891, and in Coahoma in 1899. While the Big Spring group completed their building in June, 1895, Coahoma's congregation met in a one-room schoolhouse until it was destroyed by a storm in 1906.

Today, Big Spring's First Presbyterian is located at 8th and Runnels. Coahoma's Presbyterian Church is located on North First Street.

Lutherans were meeting for worship together since Big Spring began, Pickle notes, but were not organized into a church until after the century's turn. Today, St. Paul Lutheran is located in the 900 block of Scurry Street.

Church of Christ members, meanwhile, were believed to be meeting with the Baptists at first, organizing themselves into a church only in 1904 in Coahoma.

Today, there are at least seven churches of Christ congregations, including Sand Springs and Coahoma groups among them.

Big Spring boasts a meeting place for people of many faiths. Besides those already mentioned, there is a Jehovah's Witness congregation and worshippers for the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints (Mormon).

Independent churches abound, including Christ's

Community Church, God's Church and Power House of God in Christ.

Big Spring is also home to First Church of the Nazarene. There are four Assembly of God Churches,

and five Church of God congregations. Seven churches are listed under the category of "Gospel," there is one Pentecostal congregation and a group known as Friends of Unity.

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Spring stationery and some city vehicles.

And while probably about 99 percent of area residents and visitors have noticed the unique profile of Signal Peak, not many have actually visited the site.

Signal Peak, noticed by many, traversed by few, is the stuff of legend — literally.

The hill, located south of Moss Lake in southeastern Howard County, also goes by the name of Twin Buttes or Twin Sisters, in reference to it and a similarly shaped Signal Peak is readily identifiable by its flat, mesa-like top and conical bottom, which makes it resemble an upside-down funnel more than anything else.

It received the Signal Peak moniker because of the belief, never substantiated, that it was used by Comanche Indians as a platform to launch smoke signals.

Although the smoke signal claim has never been validated,

it is accepted that Comanches or other Native Americans used the peak as a sort of way station back in the mid-to-late 1800s.

Explorations of the site have unearthed arrowheads and other Indian artifacts, along with hollowed-out areas on the peak which are believed to have been used by the Comanche to grind corn.

The Comanche tribe was a nomadic tribe, and it is

believed that they used Signal Peak as a stopping point.

According to early Howard County documents, the Kuhl branch of the Comanche would summer in Colorado, then work their way south, resting at Signal Peak before heading south to Mexico. Since the turn of the century, Signal Peak has rested on private property, and has been off-limits to the general public.

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Howard County Library gets new building for its 90th birthday

HERALD Staff Report

A long-awaited project finally became a reality in 1997 as the new Dora Roberts Howard County Library was unveiled.

Since the library was officially dedicated and opened to the public the response exhibited by Howard County patrons has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Howard County Librarian Loraine Redman.

"Patrons are very pleased with the new library," Redman said in an earlier interview. "This is a beautiful building."

Local library services began in 1907, established by the members of the 1905 Hyperion Club.

The old facility, the former site of the city's post office, was at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets. It has been put to use as a courthouse annex.

The entire contents of the library was moved, including use of a "book brigade" staffed by 150 local volunteers, Dec. 31, 1996. The new facility opened the following

month.

During the first 18 days the new library was opened, 193 new library cards were issued, according to Redman, bringing the total of Howard County residents with library cards to 10,018.

Improved access for all patrons is an added feature of the new facility.

Usage of the on-line computer system has also tripled since the new facility opened.

The children's section of the library has also received overwhelming support and approval.

The children's summer reading program has continued to grow in popularity each summer, and is now utilizing the new community room in the newly renovated basement of the library.

Clubs, community groups and organizations are also finding the community room a handy place for their meetings, presentations and public forums.

The room was dedicated last October to Kathryn Bettie Lamb, longtime local resident and philanthropist

who left money in her estate that helped fund the renovation project.

Some services and programs offered by the library include:

- A Genealogy Room is equipped with materials and computer programs to trace one's family tree.

- A book discussion group meets regularly to discuss popular titles.

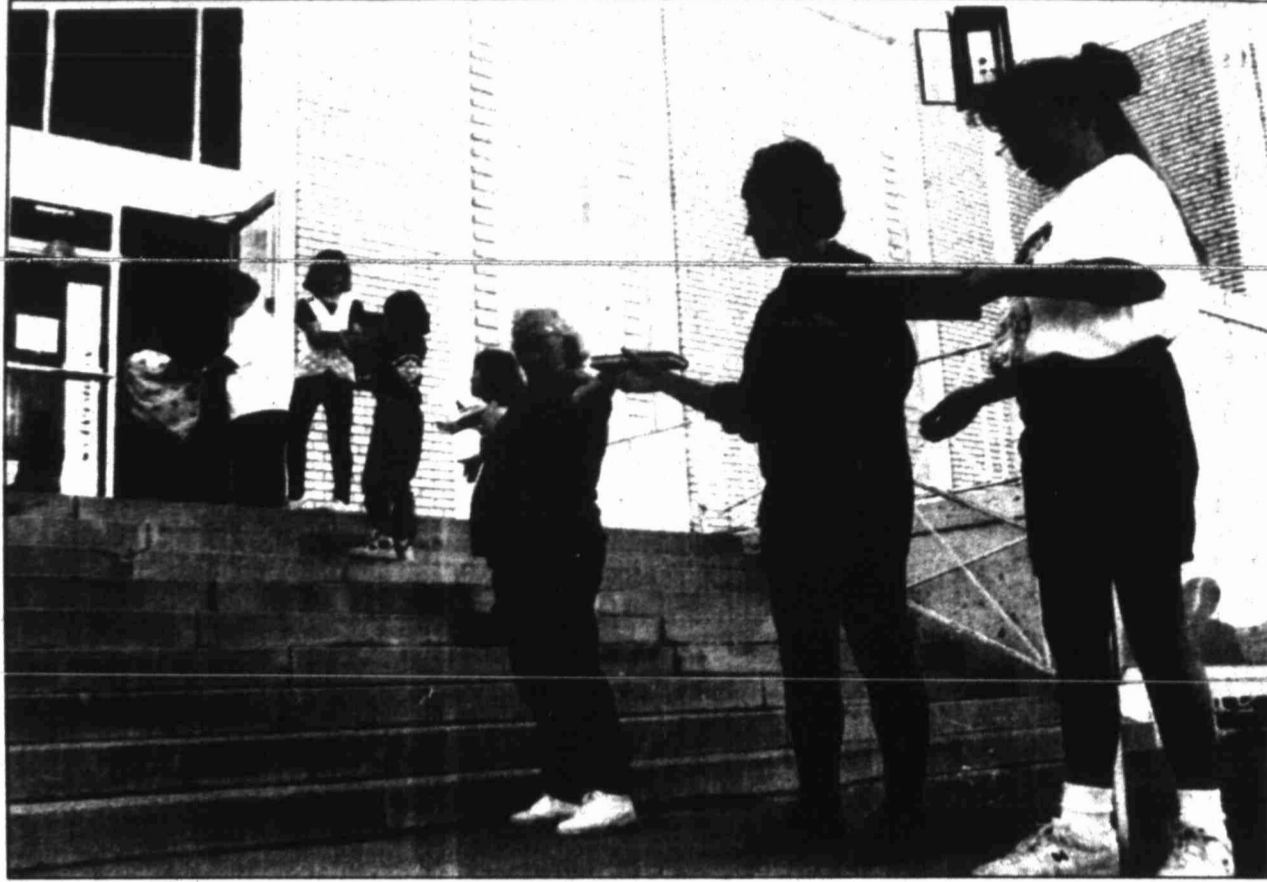
- Call the library to find out the current meeting time and the book they are reading.

- Fax service for the public is available at \$3 for the first page and \$1 for additional pages. Receiving a fax will cost \$1 per page.

- Friends of the Library has an ongoing book sale located near the checkout desk.

- Librarian Loraine Redman will proctor tests for students taking correspondence courses, monitoring them as they take the test and providing documentation.

- A Kurtzwell Reading Machine from the Texas State Library is available for use by visually impaired citizens.



A book brigade of local citizens passed the last books to their new location before the Dora Roberts Howard County Library was officially opened in January 1998.

It allows them to scan written material to be read back to them.

Business hours are: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, except

Thursday, when the facility stays open until 9 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Many historic sites are designated locally

HERALD Staff Report

In a community the size of Big Spring, full of memories and landmarks, several residents have dedicated themselves to keeping the community's heritage alive.

Big Spring has a lot of history to be proud of and one way to preserve that history is with historical markers, local as well as state.

Local historical markers are determined by the Howard County Historical Commission.

Some of the local marker sites include the Howard County Courthouse, Courthouse Square, Opera House Company, 311 Main - Tubbs Pocket Park; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third; Ritz Theater, 401 South Main; Centennial of St. Thomas Catholic Church, 605 N. Main; First Self-Propelled Fire Engine in Texas, NW

corner of Courthouse Square; Municipal Auditorium, Municipal Building; an Historical Big Spring Meat Market, 119 Main Street; and Big Spring Hardware Company, 117 Main Street.

State historical markers, designated by the Texas Historical Commission, include Big Spring State Park on the route of the Old Comanche War Trail, FM-700 at the State Park; Route of Marcy's Trail, at the Big Spring; W.T. (Uncle) Bud Roberts, who lived from 1849 to 1940, Moss Creek Lake Road; First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad; First Commercial Oil Well in Howard County, 13 miles south of Forsan; Settles Hotel, Third and Runnels, but a marker has not yet been placed; First National Bank, Fourth and Main; and St. Thomas Catholic Church, 605 N. Main.

Official Texas Historical

Markers are popular and useful tools for promoting and preserving all aspects of Texas' rich heritage.

Over the years, a variety of topics, including persons, events, institutions, buildings, festivals, ethnic groups, churches, sites, and communities have been recognized for their historic value.

Markers can serve as educational tools both for informing the public about Texas history and for sparking interest in preserving local history.

To determine whether a proposed marker topic meets

the age requirements, the following items must be considered:

Historic persons must have been deceased for at least 20 years; historic events must have occurred at least 30 years ago; historic structures must be at least 50 years of age, if being considered for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation; and all other topics - institutions, organizations, festivals, cemeteries, communities, church congregations, etc., must date back at least 75 years.

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AUDITORIUM

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In 1988, the Dora Roberts Foundation financed a complete renovation of the building and added air conditioning. The facility now seats 1,492.

More recent renovations have included roof repairs, repainting the archway over the stage, lighting and heating system repairs.

On a corner of the front lawn, there is a replica of the Statue of Liberty that was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Good in memory of their son, Jake. The Boy Scouts of America dedicated

the replica as a pledge "of everlasting fidelity and loyalty," according to the plaque.

The statue was erected in 1950, on the 40th anniversary of the crusade to strengthen the arm of the Statue of Liberty in New York.

Many performers have graced the auditorium's stage in its 67-year history. They include: Agnes Moorehead, the Marine Band, Herb Shriner, Charles Laughton, Basil Rathbone, Percy Grainger, Ballet Lubbock and the Southwest Festival of Gospel Music,

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After difficult history, all old hotel needed was a few friends

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

It's been called an eyesore and a historical landmark. A would-be suicide was once talked down from the top, and firefighters once drained hundreds of gallons of water out of the basement to look for another man.

The Settles Building in downtown, once a glitzy hotel occupied by the rich and famous, has had a more colorful history than perhaps any other Big Spring structure.

Built in the late 1920s, the hotel had its heyday, and what a time it was. Stars stayed there, local people rubbed elbows with their heroes in the coffee shop. Big Spring residents had their weddings and proms there. It was the best place in town to "see and be seen."

The Settles was a grand place, a showplace, really, but its downward slide had begun within months of its doors opening. The building was bankrupt within months of opening day in October 1930.

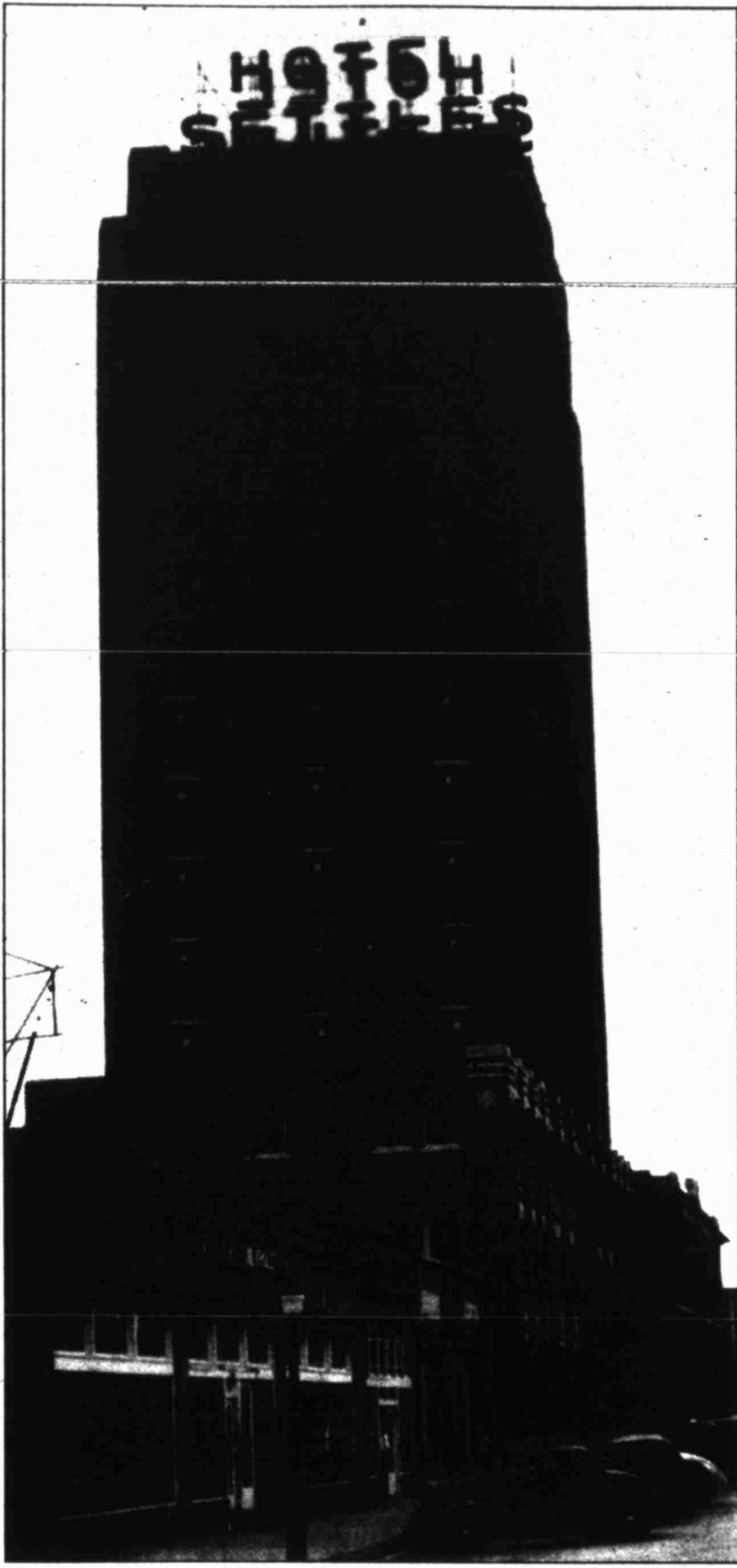
Oil prices, it seems, had dropped from \$4 to 10 cents a barrel.

From there, the building changed hands like it was in a game of gin rummy. Its reputation prospered, as the building was known as the finest lodging between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Its last tenants evicted 20 years ago when water filled the basement, the building was later stripped of its beautiful furnishings. Someone — nobody will say for sure who — removed its marble and mahogany to be sold. Even the electric wiring that could be salvaged, and the paneling from the walls, was removed.

Then there was an auction of what was left, at which many local residents went home with a number from one of the doors or another trinket that would remind them of the hotel's grandeur.

While the hotel deteriorated, the public talked: What should be done with this landmark, this piece of local



The Settles Building has loomed above Big Spring for nearly 70 years.

history? Over the years the Big Spring Herald has run several surveys asking everything from, "Should it be torn down?" to "Would you live there if it was re-

novated? Meanwhile, concrete blocks fell, or were pushed from the roof. One owner or another was cited for breaking city codes and delinquent taxes.

People said they couldn't imagine the building reduced to a parking lot; others said they couldn't imagine its condition getting any worse.

In 1994, a Herald poll found just slightly over half the respondents would prefer to renovate the former hotel. Nearly half said they'd rather see it levelled.

Finally, however, the Settles proved it had a few friends left.

At mid-1997, the group Friends of the Settles was formed. It consisted of people who saw a future for the building — a future that included some use for the structure. They have envisioned various scenarios, but all of them have involved renovation and rehabilitation.

They began with the building's "eyes" — its windows. Left broken for decades, they have all been replaced in a little over two years. The money came from the community, from businesses,

organizations and clubs, children and senior citizens.

Asbestos was found in the building, temporarily derailing plans for a haunted house there, but an Odessa company was contracted to remove it.

Now the roof will be repaired to keep the weather out, and the building's front doors are planned for replacement.

Fundraisers are expected to benefit the effort, including a community-wide garage sale or concert. A volunteer work day to complete some simple jobs, like painting over graffiti, is also in the works.

Anyone who wants to make a contribution toward the renovation of the Settles can send a check to: Friends of the Settles, P.O. Box 2770, Big Spring.

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HERALD Staff Report

Ask those people who stood their ground to see the improvement of Big Spring's Dora Roberts Community Center if it was worth it, and they'll tell you they would do it all again.

Many of Big Spring's community leaders and civic groups who make regular use of the community center say it is one of the nicest facilities in West Texas.

That wasn't always the case, however. In fact, in November 1992, when a group of concerned Big Spring citizens sponsored a "Sock Hop" fundraiser, the building was in various stages of disrepair. But it was that fundraiser, featuring the music and the

clothes of the 50s and 60s, that raised \$26,000 and convinced the group that enough people wanted to save the facility that it could

be done. The center has been in use since it was renovated

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Museum has preserved area history for nearly 30 years

HERALD Staff Report

Local residents pack Big Spring's Heritage Museum in late February each year to get a chance to taste the world — that is take part in the museum's annual "Around the World in 80 Bites" fund raiser.

Museum Curator Angie Way says the annual event has turned into one of the museum's largest money-making events, creating excitement for participants, especially for those vying for the title of "World's Greatest Chef."

The fund raiser has evolved over the years, adding variety in the food offerings with help from local restaurants and businesses. Individuals still find "80 Bites" a great way to show off their culinary skills as well.

Way said the event usually raises between \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the museum's operating budget. For the last several years, it has drawn more than 400 people to "taste the world."

Since 1994, Elvis, Barbie, Raggedy Ann, Charlie's Angels and Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz have called the Heritage Museum home. That's when the Museum of Dolls was moved to its per-

manent home inside the Heritage Museum.

The doll museum was once located at the corner of Third and Gregg Street and owned by the late Claudine Terrazas. She had collected dolls throughout her life and decided to open the facility in 1977. The museum's facade was recreated for the exhibit and quite a lot of the dolls are now displayed in their original cases.

There are more than 1,500 dolls in the collection. There are more than 300 Madame Alexander dolls in this collection. The doll company often made series of dolls such as characters from famous movies or books such as The Wizard of Oz and Little Women.

The famous Dionne quintuplets born in Canada in the 1930s were created by the Alexander Doll Company complete with diapers and bids embroidered with their names.

Peggy Nesbit made dolls of political figures, historical figures, kings and queens. It is rare to see a collection the size of the one in Big Spring anywhere in the United States.

There are dolls of Cher, Mork and Mindy, from the movie Star Wars, Charlie Chaplain, Will Rogers, Star



Antique phonographs are part of the Heritage Museum's permanent collection.

Trek, Campbell kids, Snow White and several first ladies of the United States.

The Heritage Museum had its beginnings in 1970, at first taking in what was left of the then-defunct West Texas Memorial Museum. Its first display opened April 18, 1971, with an extensive collection of pioneer photographs.

Today, permanent exhibits include the world-famous longhorns, a group of rare, antique phonographs, many pioneer artifacts and railroad history. Traveling exhibits and shows are frequently booked at the facility, and the staff creates special exhibits to showcase local items of interest.

The museum's board of

directors includes many community leaders as well as history buffs and collectors. Currently, officers are: Robert H. Moore, president; Jake Glickman, first vice president; Sue Partee, second vice president; Katie Grimes, treasurer; Lisa Brooks, secretary; R.H. Weaver, legal advisor; Susan McLellan, past president.

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almost two years ago, and now several thousand people use it regularly. Many people can remember when the center was the Cosden Country Club.

The community center has since become the regular meeting place for several clubs and organizations, local proms, family reunions, governmental meetings and even public forums and other large events. It has hosted forums for political candidates and master plan meetings, and even Texas Gov. George W. Bush in a public appearance last summer.

Outside, the center's appearance was recently improved with a walkway and landscaping that highlights the area's natural beauty. A pavilion is under construction that will be another spot for picnics and gatherings.

For more information about the center, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

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Kids' Zone

Project brought people together for community

HERALD Staff Report

Volunteers asked for help, and the community responded. The Kids' Zone Playground constructed Mother's Day weekend in 1998 was a huge success, thanks to the cooperative effort of volunteers, residents, businesses and donations.

What started out as a dream for Big Spring resident Katy McAteer turned into a community-wide project as the dream turned into reality and gathered steam as it neared the finish line. McAteer, a transplant to the area who has since moved with her family, had been searching for a park and playground to take her children to.

When she didn't find one, she decided to build one.

The 10,000-square-foot area is located at Comanche Trail Park and came about through a community-wide fundraiser. With architects from Robert Leathers and Associates, volunteers went to local schools, asking the children what they wanted in a playground and what to name it. Their imaginations, wishes and hopes turned into the Kids' Zone, a \$100,000 project complete with slides, swings, jungle gym and even a place for toddlers to play.

What is so special about this type of playground is that all the money had to be donated.

Once designing was complete, the residents of the community were responsible for building the entire playground by themselves. It was a great time for bonding and community pride.

Any money left in the playground fund is to be used for maintenance and upkeep. Glenn Fillingim handled the account for the project and said the money will be used to plant trees, build picnic tables and for any other maintenance that needs to be done.

Friend of the Park committee or board members go out to the park regularly to assess its needs, then pick a work day to go back out to make any repairs, etc.

Numerous businesses, organizations and individuals donated a lot of time, money and effort into making Kids' Zone a success.

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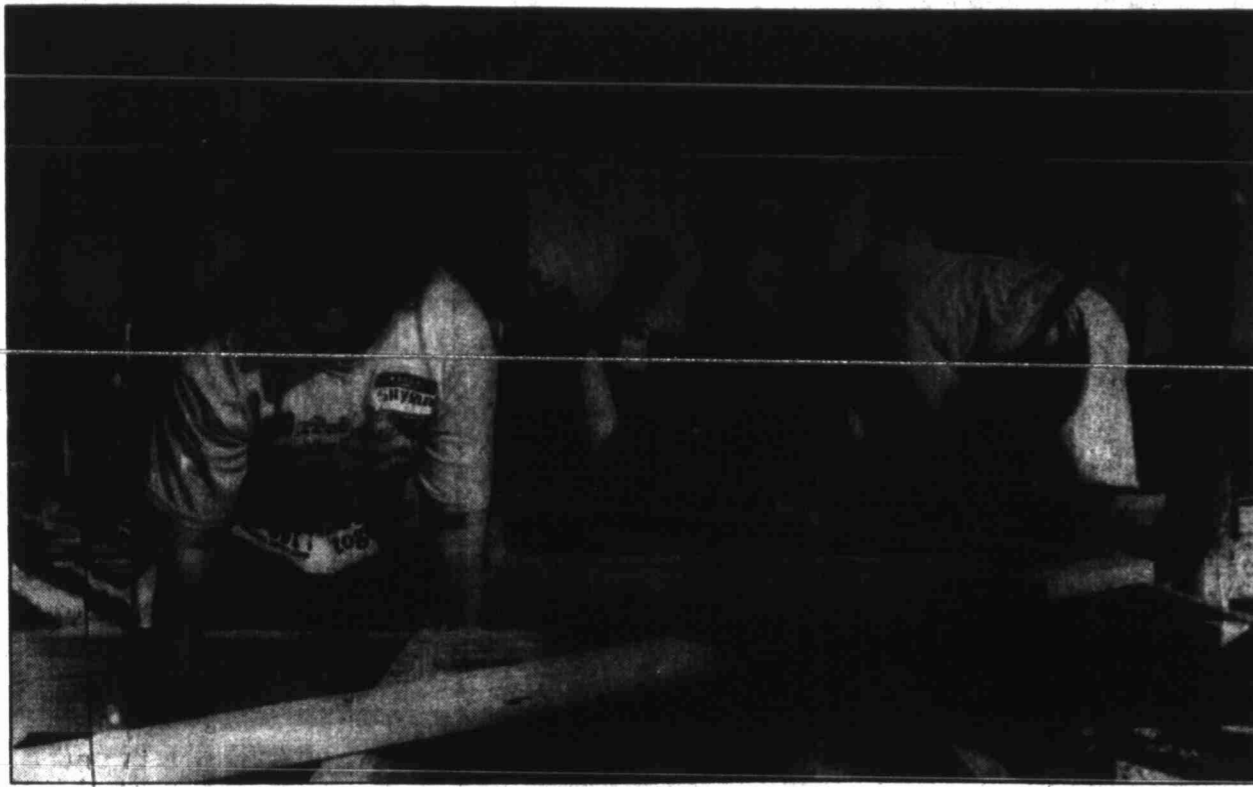
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Shyree Reid was one of the volunteers who turned out to put the Kids' Zone park together.

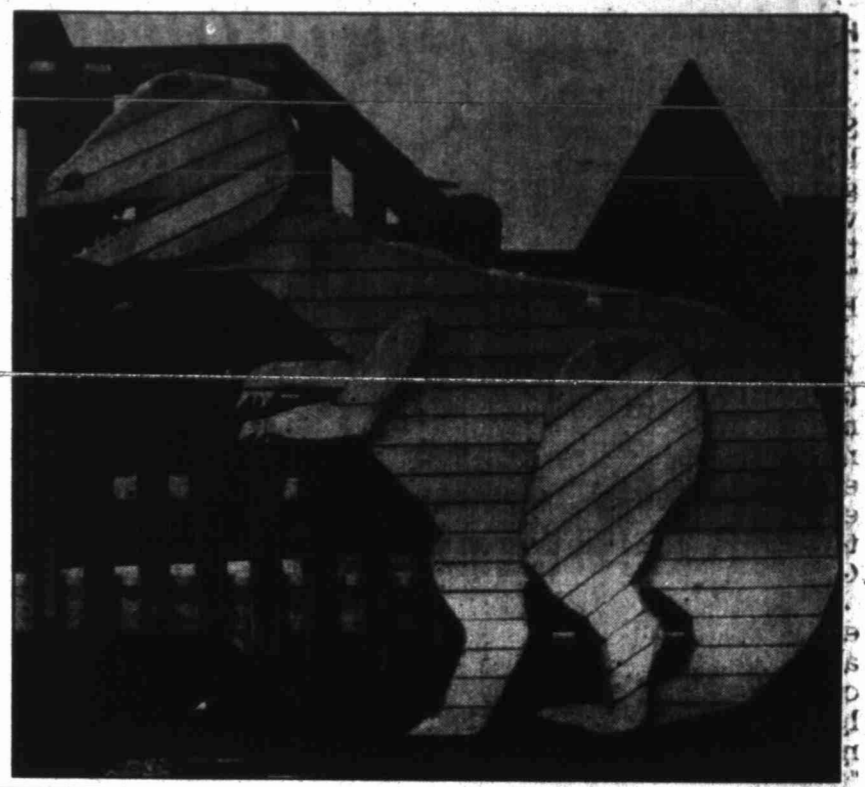
ZONE

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The playground is regularly used for birthday parties and many people come from out of town to take their children to the park, one of very few like it in Texas.

Even kids got into the fundraising act: Local children collected coins and took one Saturday afternoon to cover the entire gym floor at Trinity Baptist Church with the money that would be sent to the project.

Their parents, meanwhile and many volunteers sweated during the construction in 1996 by putting up poles, sawing, hammering, feeding the volunteers and watching after the little children.

The wooden playground is modern, constructed very safely and the ground is cushioned.



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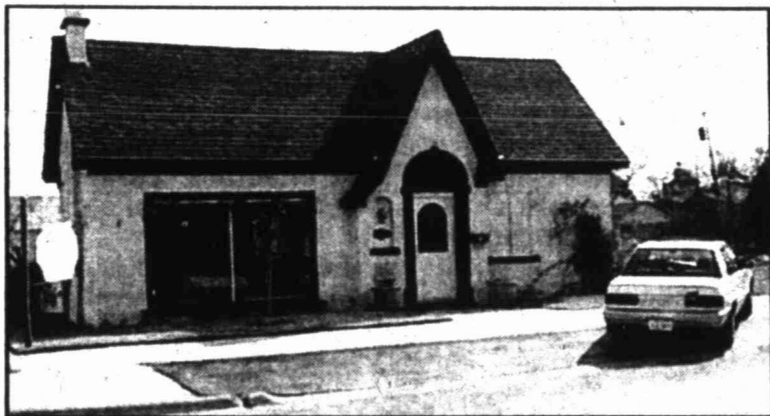
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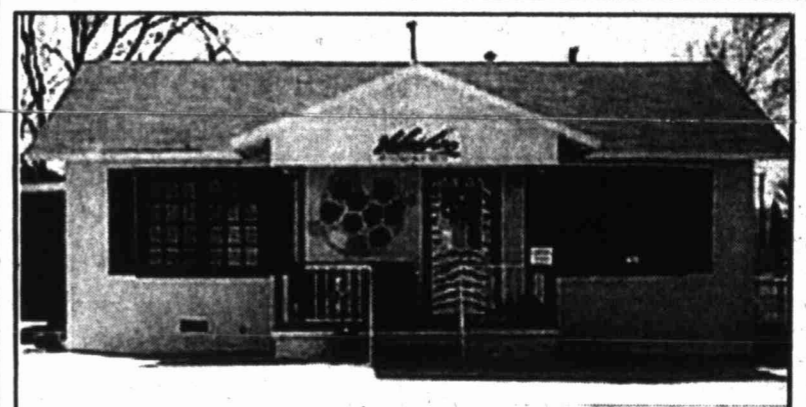
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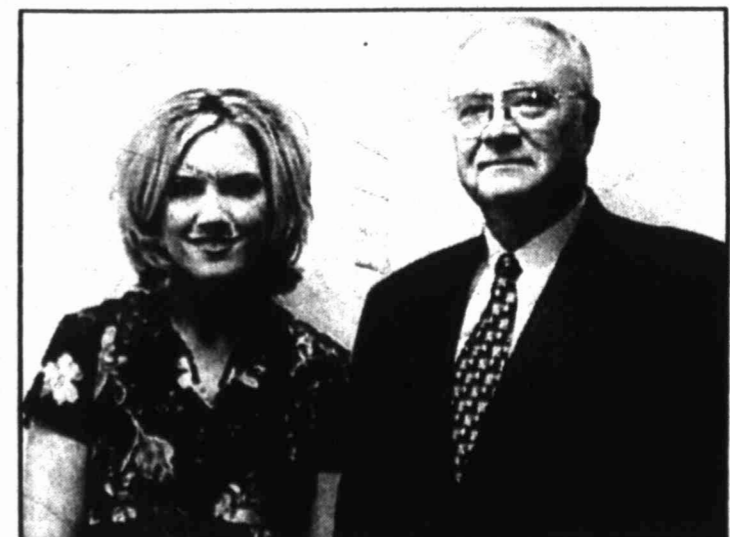
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Renovation project taking VA Medical Center into the future

HERALD staff report

Big Spring's Veterans Administration Medical Center will be celebrating more than 50 years in existence next year, fresh from completing a multi-million dollar renovation project.

Construction on a \$3.5 million renovation to the Center will be complete in March, and a new surgical unit and outpatient clinic should open this spring. "This will vastly improve our patient flow and efficiency and will enable us to have

state of the art care," said Cary Brown, director of the hospital.

What began in May 1997 as a \$2.5 million renovation of the first floor outpatient and specialty clinics grew to become a second floor remodel for the surgical unit.

"The same time the hospital opened in 1950 the surgical operations were located on the fifth floor. There have been no renovations since 1950 and we had less than desired functionality and space," Brown said.

Funds were appropriated to renovate the fifth floor surgery, and it was determined that the best use of space was to include the second floor library and move surgery, he said.

The first floor remodeling will increase the floor space to about 12,000 gross square feet. New outpatient and specialty clinics will be located in the remodeled area, as well as primary care, said Jeff Birdsong, chief of engineering.

The second floor renovation creates about 7,000 gross square feet. Here five operating rooms have been created. These are ophthalmology, orthopedics, endoscopy, gastro-urology and minor procedures, Birdsong said.

"There is also a recovery and holding area for patients following surgery," Birdsong said.

The orthopedic operating room, the largest of the five, has pull-down columns that suspend from the ceiling of the rooms. These columns will hold medical gases such as oxygen, and vacuum hoses.

"These columns are retractable, and store in the ceiling" Birdsong said.

The interior of the walls has been constructed with steel beams, replacing wood 2x4s. Instead of sheet rock, the walls are made of imperial board.

"Steel beams are required now for all commercial work, because of a fire safety issue. The imperial board is more durable for the walls and easier to keep clean," said Pat Collins, superintendent for Rayco Construction.

Changing areas and showers for doctors will be included in the second floor surgical area, and the recovery room features sliding glass doors to provide nurses with better visibility, Birdsong said.

Brown said this project is not the only renovation at the hospital, but it the largest.

Recently, fiber optic networks were installed to pave the way for more extensive, sophisticated computer networking.

"The future of medicine is imaging, and to do that we need an infrastructure of fiber optics. We're looking to the future," Brown said.

"I am really proud to work here and to be a part of the veteran's hospital. This is for the veterans, and I feel truly honored to be a part of this," Birdsong said.

When the VA Medical Center was built 47 years ago, the mental and physical scars of World War II were still fresh enough to need the center's attention. The Korean War was soon to follow.

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Construction on Veterans Home could begin in May

HERALD staff report

Construction on the Texas State Veterans Home to be built just north of Big Spring is expected to begin in May.

Fred "Skip" Smith, regional vice president for The Park Associates, Inc. said the project should go to bid at the end of April, with construction beginning soon after. He said the project is going smoothly.

Four Veterans Homes are being constructed. In addition to the one here, homes will be built in Temple, Floresville and Bonham.

The interiors of each of the four 160-bed facilities will be the same, Smith said. But the exterior will vary for each.

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Now, many years and a few wars later, the Medical Center is in pace with its large area and numerous patients.
Former U.S. Marine Waters was the first mented patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center in July 1950. The facility was built to bed space capacity.
The center's curator, Cary Brown, work in August began expanding work of his immediate successor, Conrad Albrecht, to reach more veterans county service area center's area cover ties in West Texas southeastern New

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Now, many years, patients and a few wars later, the VA Medical Center is keeping pace with its large treatment area and numbers of patients.

Former U.S. Marine James

Waters was the first documented patient to visit the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring in July 1950. The \$6 million facility was built with a 250-bed space capacity.

The center's current director, Cary Brown, came to work in August 1994. He began expanding upon the work of his immediate predecessor, Conrad Alexander, to reach more veterans in its 49-county service area. The center's area covers 47 counties in West Texas and two in southeastern New Mexico.

There are at least 80,000 eligible veterans in the service area, and the center currently reaches 10 percent of them.

The VA Medical Center offers more than a hospital or clinic for veterans. It has organized such activities as stand-downs for homeless veterans, providing food, shelter and clean clothing.

Local veterans' organizations such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and others work with the medical center to coordinate special activities and volunteer services.

A gift shop, run by the American Legion women's auxiliary, opens before each Christmas to allow VA Medical Center inpatients to purchase gifts for their families and have the gifts wrapped and sent.

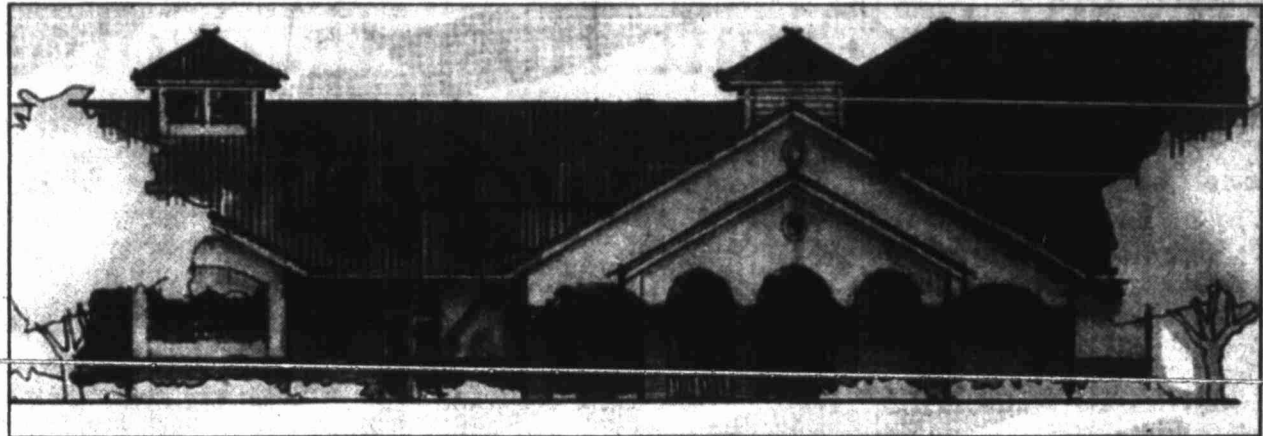
Brown is pleased with the progress of the total primary care units in the last year. These units allow each

patient, whether inpatient or outpatient, to see the same physician each time. "There's a push nationwide for the VA to do this, but we've already started," Brown pointed out. "We're one of the first."

The medical center has also opened six community primary care clinics in Fort Stockton, San Angelo, Abilene, Odessa, Stamford and Hobbs N.M., to serve veterans who live too far to travel easily to the local center.

The Big Spring center also opened a gynecological outpatient clinic and expanded surgery capabilities to allow orthopedic and more urology surgeries. Construction is ongoing to improve the center's infrastructure and expand ambulatory care.

Brown said the center is becoming even more involved with customer service by reducing waiting times for patients, and is



An architect's drawing of the Texas Veterans Home to be constructed in Big Spring

employing college students as part of a community career development effort.

The VA Medical Center is located at 300 Veterans Blvd. and can be reached by calling 263-7361.

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what builders call a "neigh-

borhood" concept. They will feature more natural lighting, shelves in each room for the residents and a play area for children visitors.

The Park Associates and its partners, Rees Associates, Inc., a Dallas-based architectural and planning firm and MW Builders from Temple are designing, building and will operate the four homes. Graeber, Simmons & Cowan, an architectural

design firm in Austin, will serve as construction management oversight representative for the state during construction.

Each home will take 10 to 12 months to complete, but the Big Spring home could be one of the quickest to be completed, Smith said.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Big Spring facility were held Aug. 10, 1998.

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Big Spring State Hospital evolves as state of health care changes

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

In its 60-year history, the Big Spring State Hospital has made a complete metamorphosis. The hospital has had to grow and change its mission as the needs of its clients — and the state of health care — have changed.

Even today, the hospital is constantly in a state of transition.

"We're going through significant facility renovations now," said Superintendent Ed Moughon. "We're looking to upgrade to the latest standards for health care."

Several, multimillion-dollar projects are under way to improve services, including patient facilities, accessibility for the disabled, and new therapy programs.

In addition, the hospital is looking into expanding its coverage areas and the popu-

lation it serves. They already have a contract to serve some veterans in the region, and now plan to aim more programs at adolescents.

The new animal-assisted therapy program, meanwhile, should have a new building under construction shortly, with a planned completion date in September 1999. In that program, caring for animals is used as a way to teach patients important life skills.

Moughon said the hospital is also looking at increasing its work in the forensic area of mental health treatment. They plan to improve the staff's ability to work with people who've been involved in criminal activity, and could work with competency hearings for those going on trial.

The technology, especially in medications, and the widening scope of programs today are a far cry from the facility's beginnings.

In 1937, with a need for psychiatric services in West Texas, the 45th Texas Legislature authorized construction of Big Spring State Hospital.

Hospital history says the decision to house the facility in Big Spring was made in part because of the guarantee by Dora Roberts that the hospital would have a permanent water supply. Also a consideration was the land would be donated by the city.

Construction began with groundbreaking in January 1938, and by June of 1939, the hospital began receiving patients. During its first year, it housed 402 patients, mostly those transferred from other state facilities.

Within a decade, improvements were being made, increasing the number of hospital buildings from the original eight to 13. There were originally less than 100 staff members, which includ-

ed a storekeeper, dairyman and swinesman. At that time the hospital had a dairy, hog farm, cotton farm and training program for work mules.

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Big Spring State Hospital, 60 years old, continues to make upgrades to reflect the latest in care.

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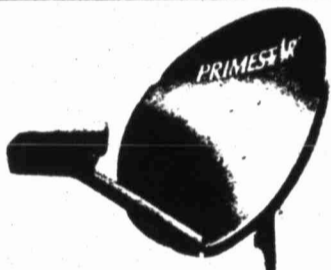


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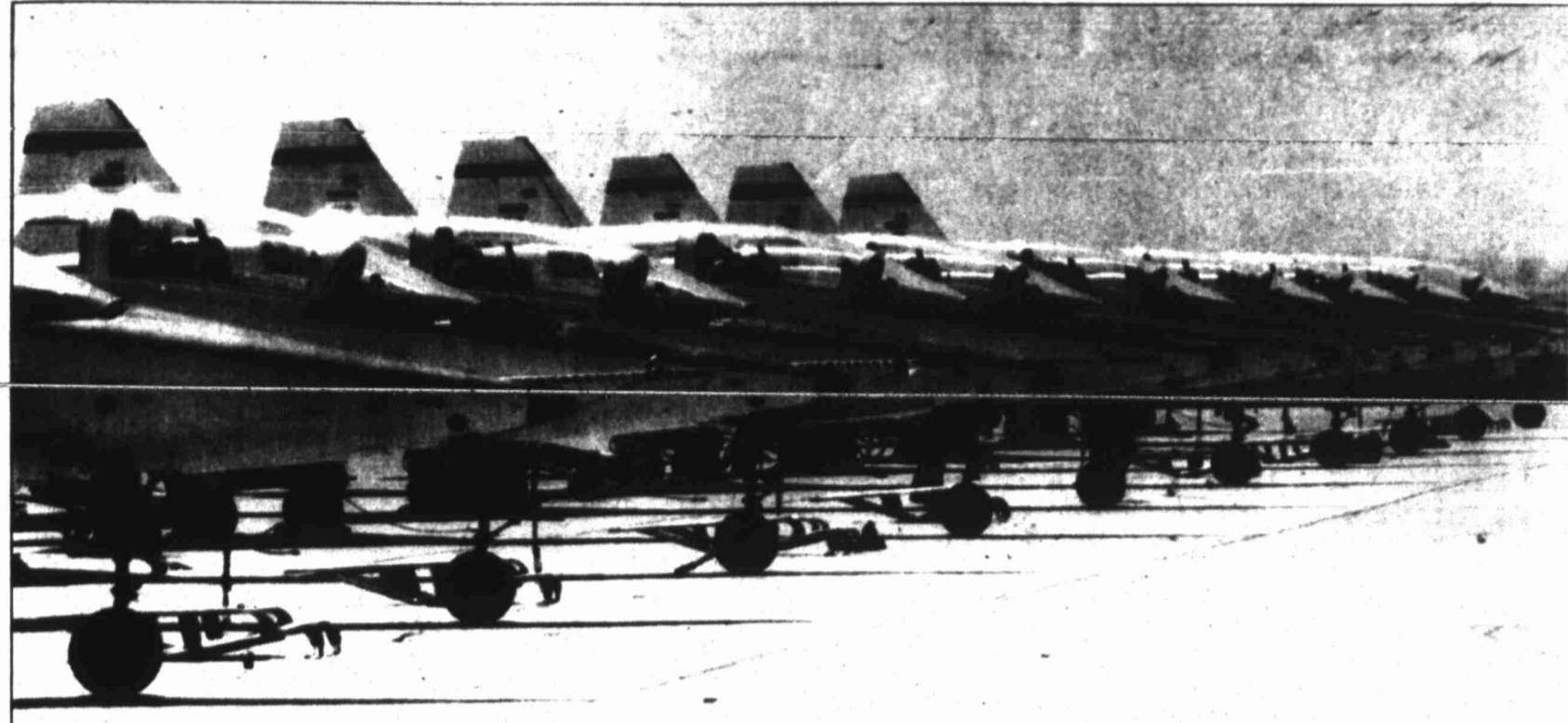
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Pilots continued to be trained there until the surrender of Japan. The base was declared surplus and reverted to city control in 1945 and served as the Big Spring Municipal Airport for six years.

Brought back into service on Oct. 1, 1951, because of the Korean War, the airfield became Big Spring Air Force Base.

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Animals were raised by patients under direction of the staff, and mules were trained for Big Spring area citizens who brought them to the hospital's program.

Cotton grown there was sold to benefit hospital programs.

Patients worked in a mattress factory, and had a sewing area where they made clothes and mended hospital linens. Hospital staff, meanwhile, were said to have very low pay, but they received housing and meals, along with medical care, free.

Additions and changes brought the hospital to its highest capacity of 900 beds, with its top patient load at 1,100 at one time.

During World War II, a written history of the hospital says the census began to

In 1952 it was renamed to memorialize Lt. James L. Webb, a Big Spring man who was killed in a crash off the coast of Japan shortly after the end of World War II.

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Squadron and charged with training Jordanian AF students.

It was inactivated when the Jordanians were recalled because of the war with Israel in the summer of 1967.

Webb was also the site of the annual summer training for ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) cadets through the 1950s and most of the 1960s.

In 1977, though, the end of the Vietnam War meant a decrease in the need for Air Force pilots.

After training more than

11,000 pilots during the 25 years of its mission, the base closed. The last plane left on Sept. 1, 1977 at 11:07 a.m. with Lt. Kel Weller and Lt. Scott Hammond pilots of the T-38.

A small gathering of about 50 people watched the crew check the plane, fuel it, check the flaps, remove the blocks and watched it taxi away.

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HERALD Staff Report

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The facility is already gaining the attention of flying training classes desiring to

hold reunions. One is scheduled at the end of April.

Eventually, plans are for the museum to contain audio and video tape recordings of civilian and military personnel stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School or Webb Air Force Base.

The Hangar 25 Committee is seeking names of people who were at the base during the years of operation and photographs depicting activities there.

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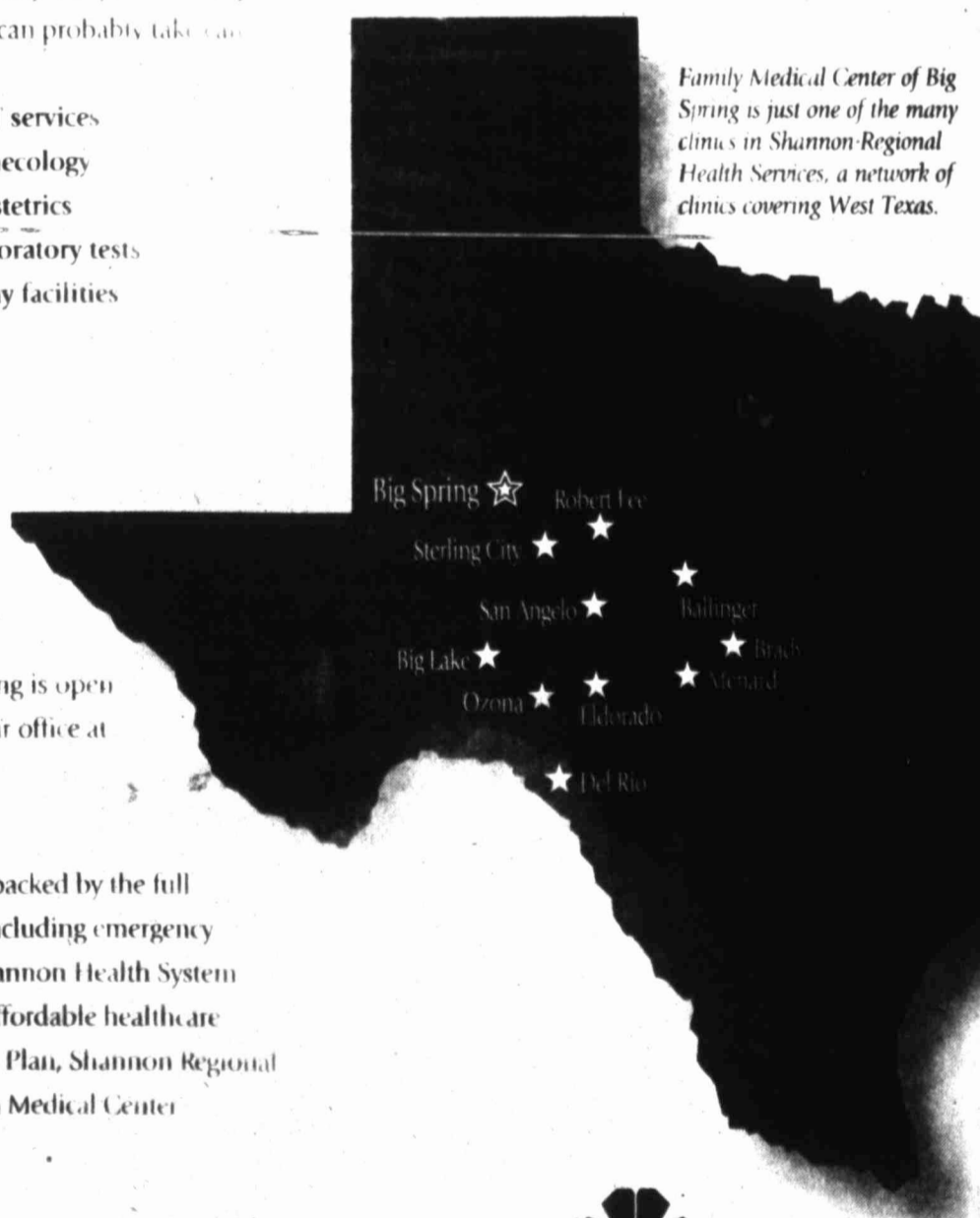
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HERALD Staff Report

In 1946 a group of community and business leaders, at the urging of then-Texas Utilities president J.B. Thomas of Fort Worth, gathered at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways in which cooperating communities in the region could work together to ensure there was adequate water.

Thomas' reasoning was that if there was adequate water, business and industry could be attracted to the region and it would grow and prosper.

By early 1949, the group, known as the Colorado River Municipal Water Association, had garnered enough support that the 51st Texas Legislature, just prior to adjourning, passed a law creating what we now know as the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Fifty years later, the district, through its three reservoirs and numerous well fields, has provided water to member cities Big Spring, Snyder and Odessa as well as to a number of contract customers, such as Midland and San Angelo. In all, more than 400,000 West Texans are served by CRMWD.

Because of the reservoirs, CRMWD wound up being the catalyst behind much of the recreational areas in the region.

Its lakes J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie have a

combined capacity of more than 1.26 million acre-feet of water. And while the primary purpose of the lakes is to supply a source of water for residential and commercial use, they are also well known for fishing, camping, boating, water skiing and swimming.

The district has approximately 75 employees and operates on a \$26.8 million budget. Day-to-day operations are the responsibility of general manager John Grant, who reports to a 12-member board of directors.

Despite the fact it was created by the Texas Legislature, the district receives no tax monies from any level — local, state or federal — and operates solely from the revenues generated by the sale of water and the recreational and user fees at the lakes.

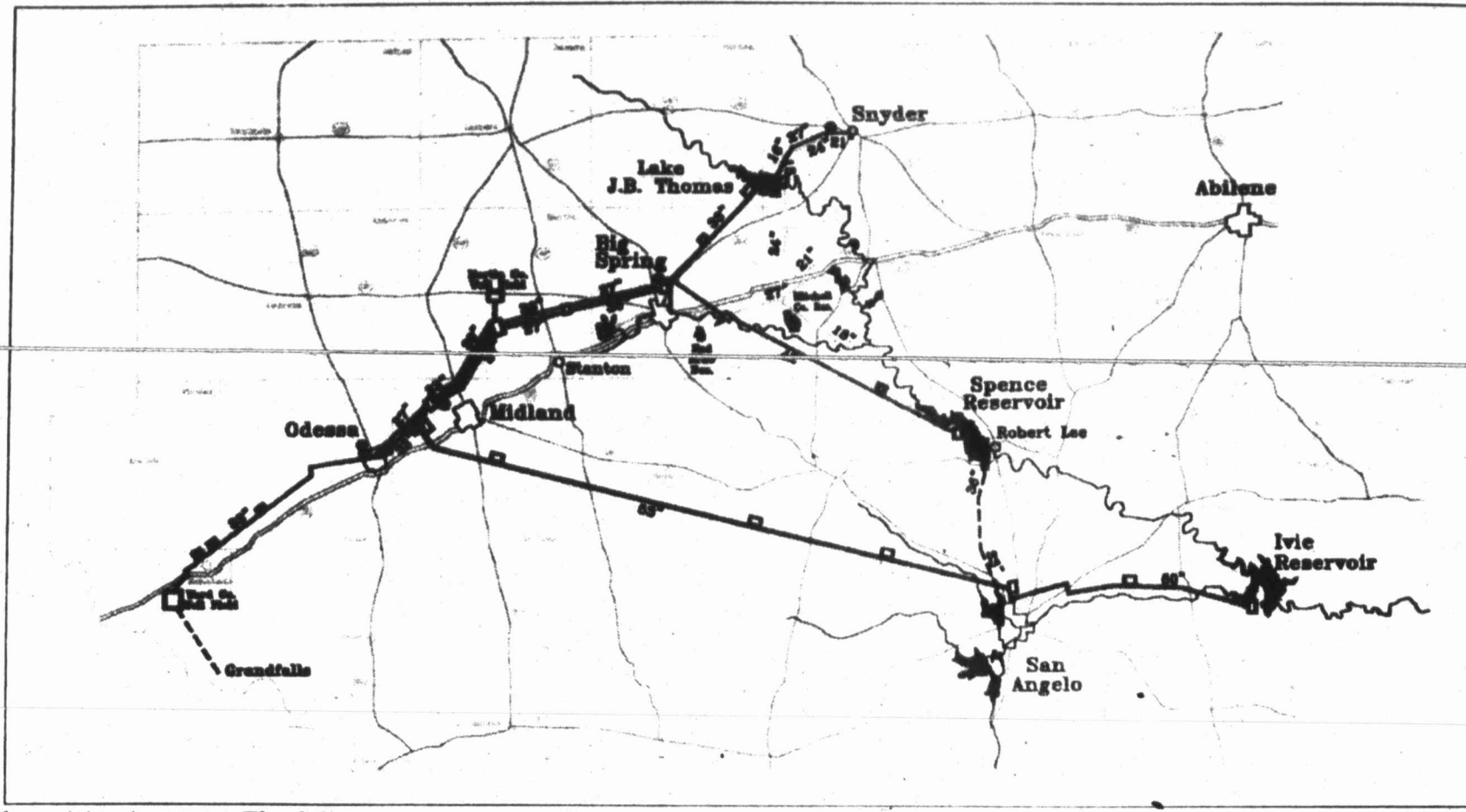
Between water supply and evaporation lakes the district has 10 total.

The district's three major lakes include:

- J.B. Thomas, located southwest of Snyder, not far from the headwaters of the Upper Colorado River. The lake, which has a capacity of 204,000 acre-feet, was completed in 1952 and was named for the man responsible for the creation of the district.

- E.V. Spence, located on the northwest edge of Robert Lee, was completed in 1969 and has a capacity of 488,000 acre-feet.

The first water was delivered from Spence to the mem-



ber cities in 1970. The lake was named for the district's first general manager, Col. E.V. Spence, who served from the district's inception to his death in 1965.

- O.H. Ivie, located south of Ballinger at the confluence of the Colorado and Concho rivers, is the newest addition to CRMWD. Named for O.H. Ivie, who served as general manager from April 1965 until October 1995, the lake has a capacity of 554,000 acre-feet.

Ivie was completed in March 1990 and, despite calculations that it would take four or five years to fill, was completely full and spilling water in February 1992.

It is from Ivie that water is now supplied to contract customers Midland And San Angelo, as well as member cities Big Spring and Odessa through the Ivie pipeline.

Prison system has a 20-year history of partnership with City of Big Spring

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Since the closing of Webb Air Force Base in 1977, the facility has become home to a new industry — prisons.

The Federal Prison Camp opened in 1979 with 150 inmates, employing just over 100 people by the end of that year. Eleven years later, the prison was converted to a low security level with the minimum-security "camp" operating as a satellite of the main prison.

For the 950 low security and 160 minimum security inmates confined in the federal facility, there are 260 staff members. The institution's 100 acres house not only living, dining and recreation quarters for those incarcerated, they also include educational facilities and the UNICOR electronic cable factory where some of the inmates work.

By the latter part of the '80s and early part of this decade, private prisons were beginning to open as well. In 1996, management contracts for

the three existing private prison facilities were sold to Houston-based Cornell Corrections.

Mayor Tim Blackshear said at the time, the city's reason for entering the prison business was simple — jobs.

"It has been a great help to the Big Spring economy, just from a job standpoint alone," he said. "Overall, it's been an economic boom."

And boom the industry did. Originally just the 386-bed Interstate Unit, established

in June 1989, and the 400-bed Airpark Unit, established in February 1991, the prison business would see several additions in the next few years.

The 512 prisoner-bed Flightline Unit was established in February 1995, bringing the total of prisons on airpark property to four. Then Cornell added the Cedar Hill Unit, and its 700 prisoners, in June 1998.

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Cornell Correctional Institute
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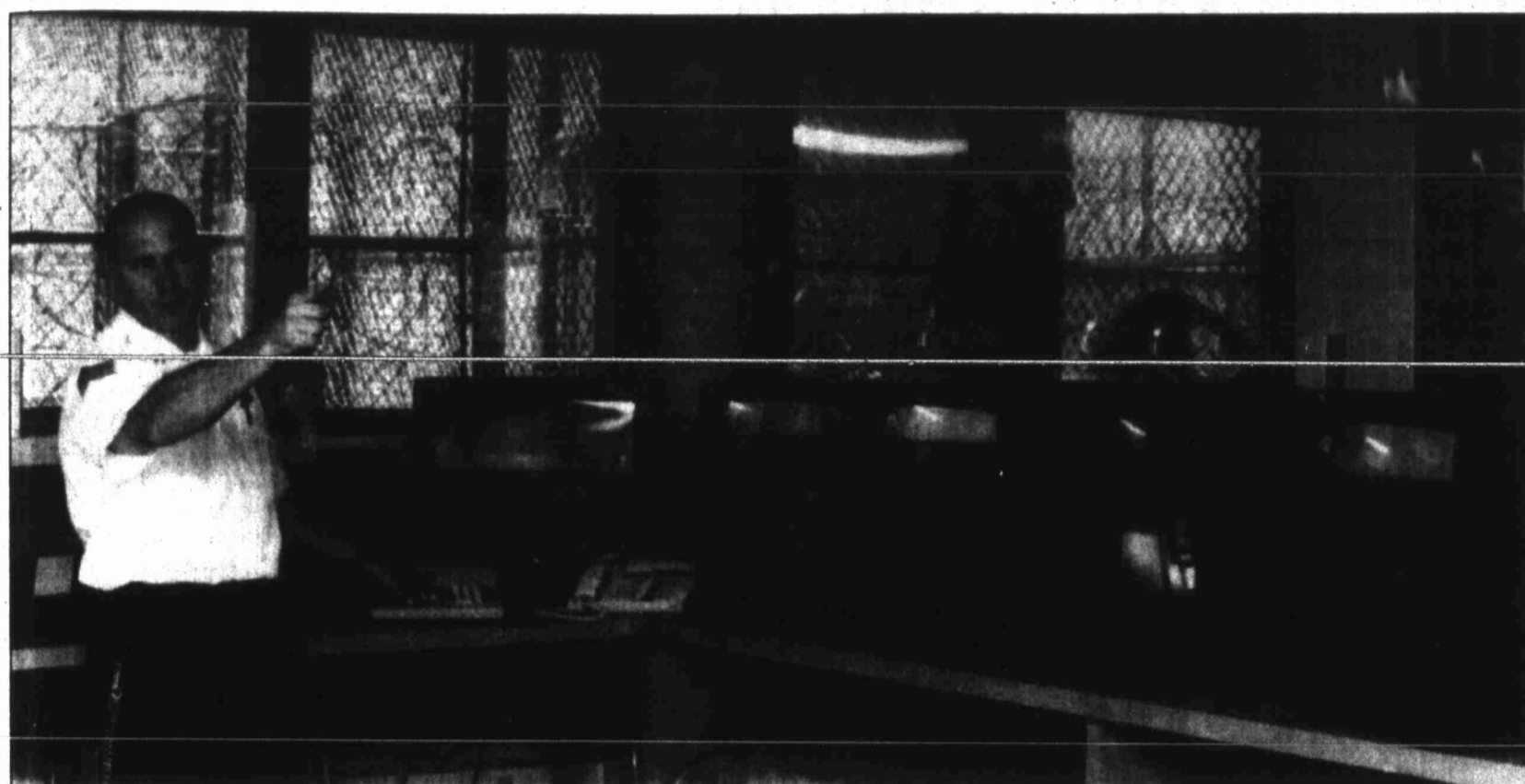
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Cornell Corrections' Cedar Hill Unit was completed in 1998. Plans are under way for another 544 beds distributed among the Cornell units here, accounting for approximately 50 more jobs.

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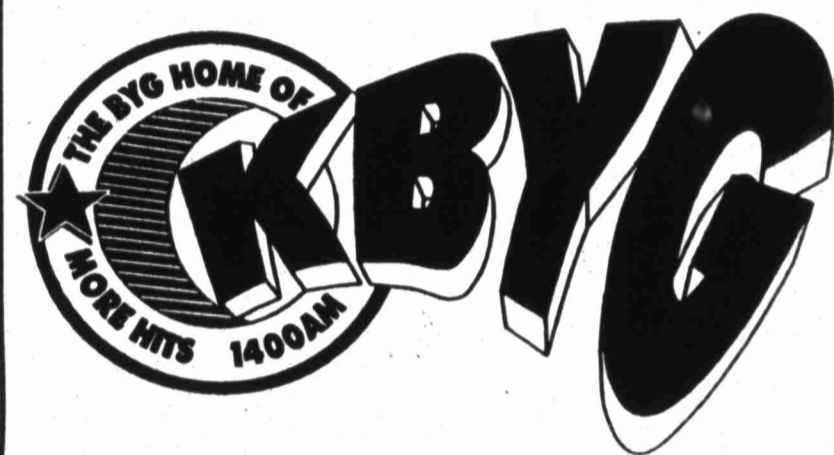
The total number of employees working in just the Cornell facilities now is 370, and the growth has not stopped there. The company plans to increase the local prisoner population by more than 500 in 1999, and add at least another 50 people to its workforce.

Blackshear, speaking about the private prison business' effect on Big Spring's economy, put it this way:

"If we didn't have the prisons around, we would probably have much higher taxes. The (private) prisons have definitely contributed to the city being able to lower the tax rate during the last four fiscal years. The same can be said of the Federal Correctional Institution, as it has also brought some good jobs to Big Spring."

Another prison business that has benefitted the city, economically, although not by creating jobs, is the "Wilderness Camp," which uses state-incarcerated inmates to do construction and cleanup work throughout the community. Some of the many projects that have benefitted from their labor are the Festival of Lights, cleanup work at Comanche Trail Park and construction of the chapel at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Inmates have cleaned out vacant lots, worked at Beals Creek, painted street stripes and worked on drainage-plagued areas throughout the city.

City officials and other supporters of the program have repeatedly said that inmate labor has improved the appearance of the city, and allowed them to complete projects that would otherwise have been pushed aside due to funding shortages.



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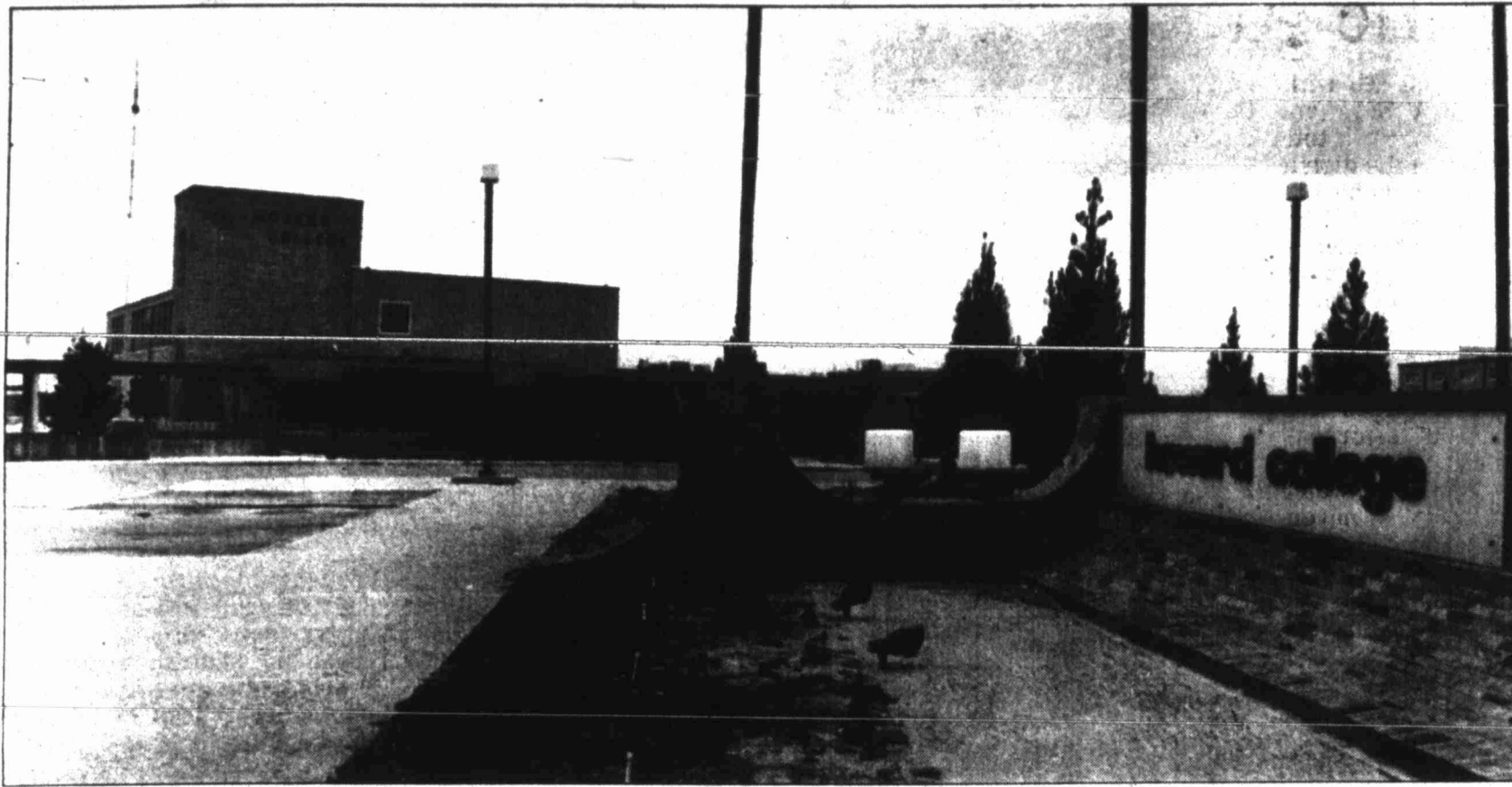
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Howard College Junior College District was formed on Nov. 17, 1946 by a county-wide vote. Classes were first held in the old hospital unit of the Big Spring Army Air Field. Construction at the present site began in 1950.

Howard College committed to the future

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Howard College has more than five decades of history in the local community. For all of that time, its leaders have focused on meeting the needs of the community as it changed and grew. New programs were added, new facilities constructed and new technology was implemented as the need was found. President Cheryl T. Sparks said that's the college's mission. "The college is trying to serve in the role of a broker of higher education for this community," she said. "We deliver a community college aspect of higher education,


but we also want to leverage this community's opportunity to gain other higher education opportunities." One of the newest endeavors, distance learning, where students can take classes from other institutions through the magic of computer technology, has opened doors that officials hope will begin a new era of education in the community, Sparks said. This timeline gives a partial look at some highpoints in college history: **Nov. 17, 1945** — Howard County Junior College District was formed by a county-wide vote. **March 1946** — E.C. Dodd was appointed first president.

Sept. 30, 1946 — First classes located in the old hospital unit of the Big Spring Army Air Field. **April, 1947** — College was admitted to full membership in the Association of Texas Colleges. This gave full validity to the transfer of credits to other colleges of the state. **Feb. 14, 1948** — College gym was destroyed by fire. **January, 1949** — 100 acres purchased, where the college is currently standing. **April 27, 1950** — Contracts were started for the construction of the administration building, auditorium, gymnasium and science building. Cost was \$550,000.

1952 — Dr. W.A. Hunt appointed second president. **1955** — Four buildings added to the campus site; enlargements made. **1959** — Growth continues with construction of men's and women's dormitories and the Dora Roberts Student Union Building. **1967** — The W.A. Hunt Library and the P.W. Malone math and science buildings were completed. **1971** — Dr. Thomas Salter was appointed third president. **1974** — Dr. Charles D. Hays was appointed fourth president. **1974** — Howard County

Junior College was renamed Howard College. **1978** — Dorothy Garret Coliseum was opened. The 90,000 square foot facility has seating capacity of 6,500 with a cost of \$2.5 million. **1980** — SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf was created, housed in what was once the hospital of Webb Air Force Base. It became the third college for the deaf in the world and the only community college in the world for the deaf. **1981** — Vocational nursing classes were started in San Angelo. **1984** — Dr. Bob E. Riley appointed fifth president. **1986** — Howard College of San Angelo opened its own campus.

September, 1992 — Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks appointed sixth president. **1995** — Howard College celebrates 50 years. **Fall, 1996** — Howard College begins the REACH program, Regional Electronic Academic Communication Highway. **Jan. 26, 1998** — Founding trustee Dr. P.W. Malone, dies. **Aug. 24, 1999** — Official dedication of the distance learning classroom, WINGS. It was named to honor the college's "angel," an anonymous benefactor. **Oct. 7, 1998** — Beginning of the "If I Had a Hammer" program. **Nov. 6, 1998** — SWCID residence hall dedicated.



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Readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmatic goes back to the 1800s in Big Spring

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring community will face a quandary in the new millennium with what to do about the out-of-code, 1916-era Runnels Junior High School building.

In the county's settlement beginning, the first recorded classroom education took place at the big spring, in a covering made by draping buffalo hides over tent poles, according to Joe Pickle's book, "Howard County's First 25 Years."

The first school was built in 1833, later known as Central Ward School, which stood where the Howard County

district court annex, or old library building is now. This was also a federal building and housed the post office until the middle part of this century.

Big Spring had its first election in 1901 for an independent school district. The election passed and created an independent school district in 1902.

Joseph Potton, a long-time county commissioner and T&P master mechanic, was named to the school board, in 1901, following the election.

A separate school for African Americans was built about the same time. The 1904 census counted 213

white boys, 196 white girls, four black boys and three black girls, for a total of 416 students in the district.

The first game of football was played by Big Spring High School students in 1907, in an effort to provide physical education for the students. However, the team lost to Sweetwater 32-0, and football was called off for a time.

The first graduating class listed in minutes of the trustees reflects six graduates. Providing water for students was a never ending expense, and students shared a large cistern and everyone shared a large tin dipper within a zinc bucket for

drinks of water, which was kept at the courthouse.

The first school erected in Coahoma was 1891. Howard County had 28 school districts near the turn of the century, and today has three - Coahoma, Forsan and Big Spring.

In 1916, Central Ward was replaced by Big Spring High School, which was to become Runnels Junior High School.

Today's class of 1998-99 eighth graders are the last students to use the school in its 83-year history of service to the community.

Recognizing the passing of an era, Runnels Junior High School secretary Teri

Bamert, and principal Bill Tarleton saw a need for former Big Spring students to visit their old alma mater before the school is officially closed.

During a reception in October 1998, displays in the gymnasium of trophies, some of them silver, annuals in the third floor library, and newspapers and articles about Runnels were available for viewing.

Runnels Junior High became such in the 1958-59 school year. Until then, it had been called several names, most recently Big Spring Junior High School from 1951-58.

Built in 1916, the Big Spring High School was called the "Red Brick on the Hill," according to Mamie Padgett Roberts, one of the oldest, living graduates.

Roberts graduated in 1923, in a class of 40. Many of the school annuals have historical points of interest that help log the building's growth.

"I believe the most interesting thing I've found out was that is cost \$40,000 to build this place in 1916," Bamert said.

In 1928, additions were added to the existing build-

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New school, new technology mark the way as Big Spring ISD moves into next century

HERALD Staff Report

Seventh and eighth grade students enrolled in the Big Spring Independent School District will open the new millennium within a \$12.1 million junior high school. A wish becomes a reality for Big Spring, and for 680 junior high students, as a dream which became a \$12.5 million bond and then an 86-page plan and has now become a school.

And the 150,000 square-foot facility will provide more than just new space for the students - it will be home to some of the newest technology available for classroom learning, said Ron Logback, assistant business manager for Big Spring Independent School District. "We have, basically, five sections. One through three are the classroom and administration. Section 4 has a few classrooms, the band and

choir, cafeteria and kitchen. Section five is the gym and locker rooms," Logback said. A recent walking tour of the building revealed a north-entrance with two entry ways. Administration offices are centered between. Spanish tile and terrazzo floors will blend together with carpeted areas throughout the building, he said. The terrazzo, a polished blend of white concrete and marble chips, is about 60 percent

poured, he said. The entry way walls consist of dark-colored, red brick, with blonde-colored 'soldier' brick inlaid, adding a touch of contrast. 'Soldier' brick are those bricks which are laid in a different direction, in this case horizontal, to contrast with the vertical dark brick, Logback said. Wilson wall board, a half-inch thick wall covering, completes some of the texture within the entryway. "This is sturdy material," he said.

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ing, at a cost of \$125,000, according to another annual. Scrutiny of the original photographs and the annual, as well as observing the building itself, make these additions difficult to pinpoint, Bamert said.

pus is today. Bamert said the top of that building has an opening that might once have been a skylight. The square hole, although finished with inlaid work, has been closed with boards, she said. Another renovation took place in 1967, with a building redone to hold the shop class and cafeteria.

This may have been the old junior high school. The 21st Century placed constraints on the 82-year-old building that could not be corrected. The hardwood and marble floors, the central stairwell, as well as the heating ducts and exposed pipes, all add to the charm of a building that has served Big Spring for 82 years.

"They matched this brick really well," she said. Small photographs of the elementary schools in Big Spring, called East, West, South and Central Ward schools, are available at the museum at Big Spring High School. Central Ward, by far the most grandiose of the three buildings, was located on Scurry Street, from where the county library recently moved. That building was torn down at some point, and replaced with a county building, Craig Fischer, Big Spring High School vice principal, said. A junior high school was recorded in the 1924 year book, and was probably located where the brick building on the west side of the cam-

the center of the communication network, will feature eight televisions, as well as a central link system that controls all the classroom computers and televisions. See TECHNOLOGY, Page 20F



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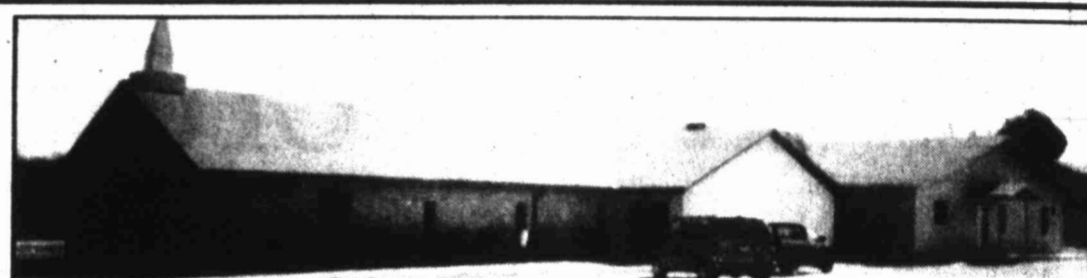
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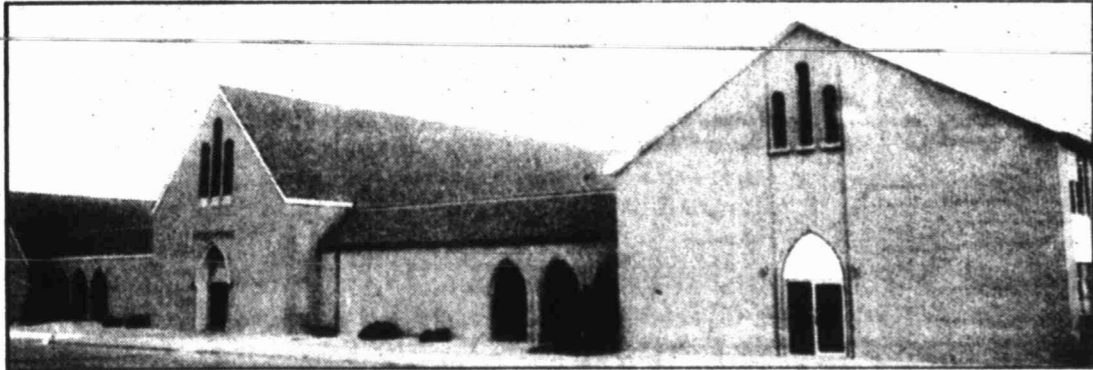
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The churches of Christ have a unique history. Rather than being Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish, the churches of Christ are Restorationist. Their aim is to restore the church of Christ by doing exactly what Jesus and his apostles taught when the church was first established in Jerusalem.

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The church of Christ that now meets at 14th and Main in Big Spring was first assembled in 1912. Believers in this restoration plea first began meeting in the "Old School" Presbyterian church building. By 1924 the group had out grown that facility. They purchased land at the corner of 4th and Gregg where a small meeting place was built. By 1928 the membership was approximately 160 members and still larger facilities were needed. After lots were obtained at the corner of 14th and Main, a building was begun in January 1929 and completed in March. Other buildings have been added through the years as needed.

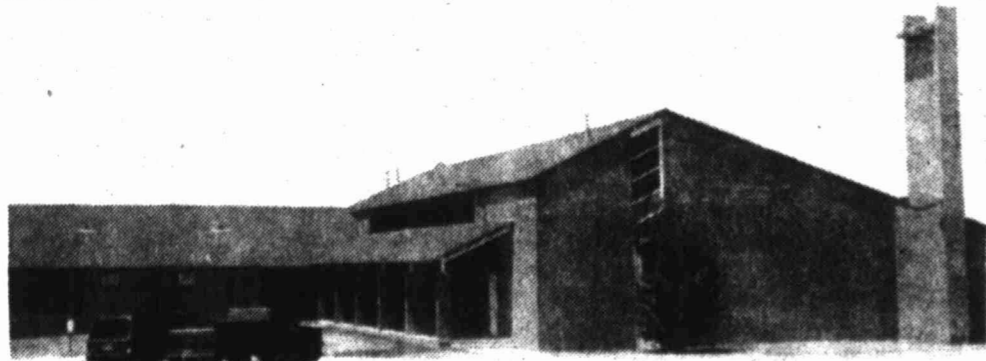
Today the Christians meeting at 14th and Main remain true to the restoration plea. The Bible is the only source of direction for conversion, worship and living. Jesus is the head of the church. Elders, deacons, preachers and teachers are appointed by the guidelines of the Bible. Unity is achieved by letting God's Word be the final word in all matters.

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RA'S, QA'S & MISSION FRIENDS.....7:00 PM
PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE.....7:00 PM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY.....7:00 PM
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PRAYER GROUPS.....5:30 P.M.
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TECHNOLOGY

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Logback explained the technology while standing in a science classroom, located in the western portion of the building.

"Students will be able to access Internet from this classroom right here. Students can read a book in the library from this room right here," Logback said.

Each classroom will have its own television, and its own computer. Messages may be sent to classrooms via the television using the linkup in the library. Logback said 76 cable wires make up the system, which will also include a full security system and motion detectors.

The science wing of the building features six classrooms. Every two science classrooms connect and

share a large teacher work-room area.

For science experiments, the classrooms will have sinks, flumes for exhaust and gas detection units that will shut off gas valves if a leak happens, he said. Also, fire alarms and smoke detectors will be included.

Two student commons areas, or gathering places, feature the terrazzo flooring, and brick seats arranged in a semi-circular pattern. These areas will offer television access, as well as locker areas for the students.

A computer room, with three ground levels for computers and student seating, was designed partially by the teachers, Logback said. The staff selected colors and floor covering, he said.

The information delivery center, a separate classroom, offers seven elevating floor levels for seating, that will be complete with four cameras,

two computers and speakers that are voice activated.

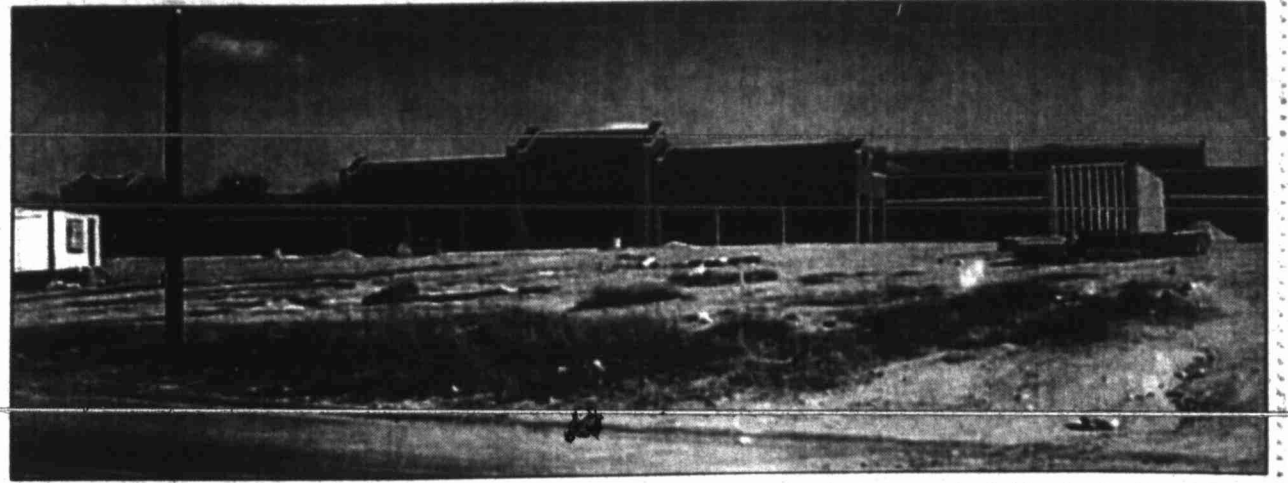
The intent is to provide remote access teaching, with students able to question the teacher and receive immediate response, using the speakers and cameras installed.

"Down the line, we'll be able to hook up with Texas Tech or China. When you ask a question, the cameras will swing toward you, and provide immediate, one-on-one teaching," Logback said.

Connected, mirror-image art rooms also have space provided for a ceramic kiln.

The second east-west hall has three special education rooms, and a Career Center, which will be furnished with the doors to the cafetorium, the cement columns of the now demolished Boydston Elementary grace the entry way.

This big hallway has high ceilings, approximately 25 feet, and unique, round windows at the top. The entire area is dark red brick, with the blonde soldier inlays.



The new \$12.1 million junior high school building will be ready to greet students in the 1999-2000 school year.

The vocational department, or shop, is also located in this area. A concession stand that occupies the west end of the kitchen, with access to the

hall, is available for patrons attending sporting events, he said.

The fifth level is the gymnasium, where mirror-image, connecting gyms will provide seating for about 1,200 people each.

The gyms will have their own dressing rooms, girls and boys, and boasts a climate controlled air system,

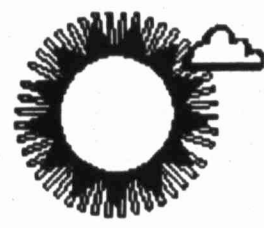
with heating and cooling units, he said.

There will be 650 fixed seats, or bleachers, and another 600 seats that roll away. Underneath the fixed seating will be weight rooms.

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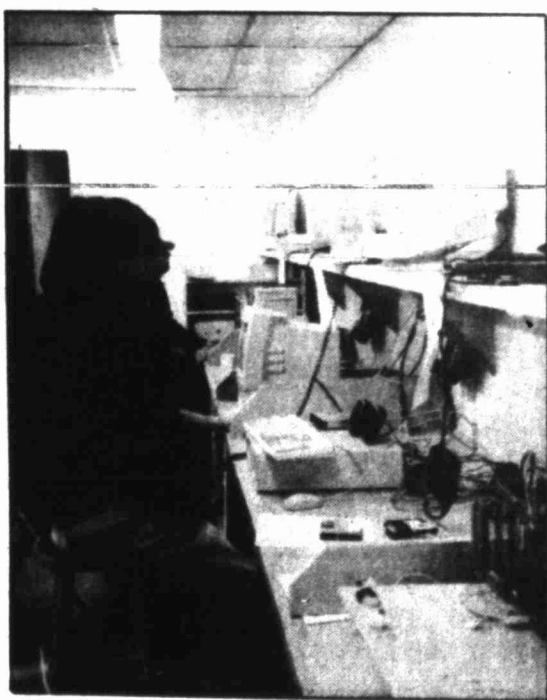


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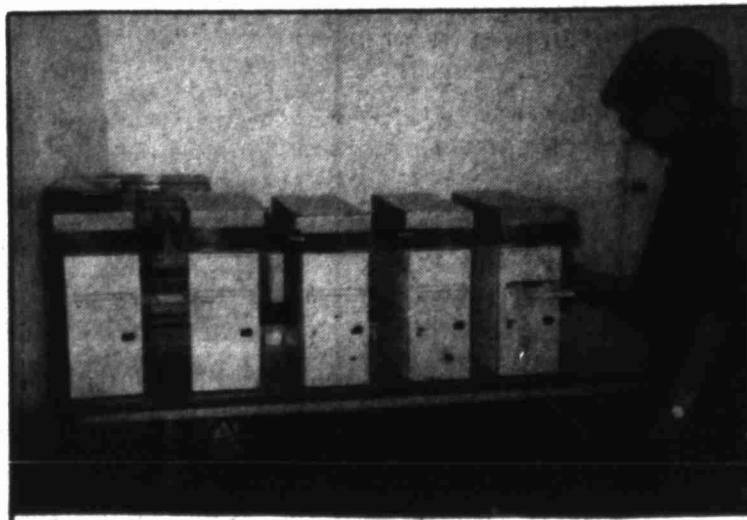
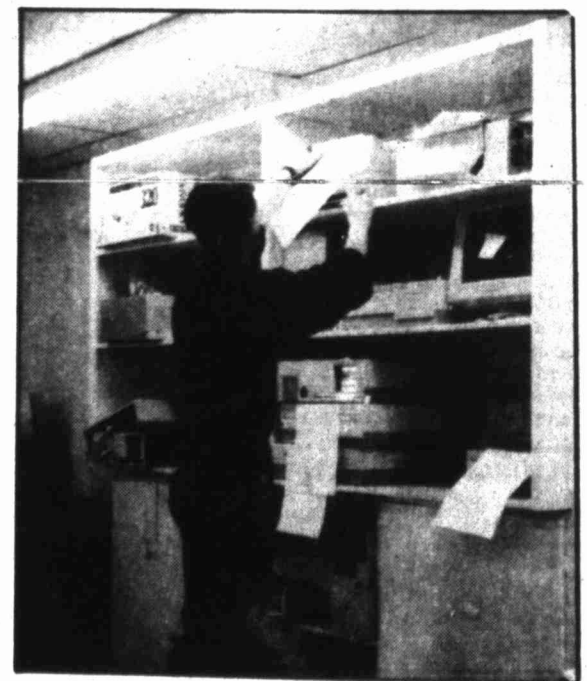
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