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## Saturday's 'opree' to feature plenty of locals on stage

Local talent will take the stage Saturday night when the Odessa Brand New Opree comes to Big Spring.

Musicians from the local community as well as Midland and Odessa will perform a variety of pop, gospel, country and 1950s style rock-n-roll in the show, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each, available in advance or at the door.

Local resident Lawrence Thibeault is producing the show. It is planned to benefit the Big Spring Independent School District choir programs, including high school and junior high. Choir boosters are selling advance tickets; for more information, call the choir room at 264-3641, Ext. 171.

Local performers will include Thibeault, who works at Harris Lumber and Hardware; Joan Harmon, a guard at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute; Meagan Matthews, a Big Spring Junior High School student; and Johnny Moore, service manager at Shroyer Motors.

Also performing are Darrel Hendrickson, minister at First Church of God and Rafof Dunagan, music minister at Midway Baptist Church.

Linda Lindell, choir director at Big Spring High School, is singing in the show, while Craig Felty, junior high choir director, is helping backstage.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be J. Gordon Lunn, with KOSA Channel 7 in Odessa.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

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

□ 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.

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501

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## Another record high set as temperatures climb past mid-80s

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Howard County continues to experience record high temperatures, as another one was snapped Tuesday.

"The whole area had record temperatures, so I'm sure Big Spring must have as well," said Greg Murdoch, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland.

The weather service listed the high in Big Spring as 85 degrees — as reported from a co-op observer, said Murdoch. The USDA Research Center in Big Spring recorded Tuesday's high as 87 degrees.

Either way, both broke the previous high on this date of 84 degrees in 1986.

It was the fifth time this year that the high has been broken or tied in Howard County, according to the USDA

Research Center. Their calculations show previous high temperatures were broken on Jan. 1, 12 and 19, and tied on Jan. 18.

Meanwhile, there is a 20 percent chance of rain or isolated thunderstorms tonight and Thursday, Murdoch said.

"The cold front that moved into the area will move back north overnight. A layer of warm, moist air will overrun the front. That will moisten things up a bit and we may see

some rain," he said. "It's not a very good chance, 20 percent, but there is some hope there."

USDA rainfall statistics show that Big Spring has received just .49 of an inch of rainfall for the year. Normal for the year at this time is .86.

The weather pattern sets up a cooler weekend, though highs will still be unseasonably warm — in the mid 60s.

"We'll be shifting to a slightly cooler pattern with west winds

tomorrow afternoon and a little cooler air will filter in on Friday. It's not going to be a real significant cool down through. It will begin to warm up again that evening and you'll see highs in the 60s on Saturday and Sunday," Murdoch said.

Thursday's high is forecast between 70 and 75 with a south wind gusting upwards of 25 miles an hour — bringing the possibility of more blowing sand and dirt.

## Soaring oil prices being felt at the gasoline pump

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Crude oil prices have reached the highest since the Gulf War in 1991 — hitting \$30.30 per barrel on Tuesday — and customers are certainly noticing the impact at the gas pump.

"It's jumped by 3 or 4 cents since the last time I got gas and seems to be on a steady rise," said John Villareal, a corrections officer at Cornell.

A check at the local pumps found quite a range in the price per gallon (87 octane), from a low of \$1.29 to a high of \$1.39, with super unleaded reaching \$1.59.

Delia Graves, a Big Spring housewife, has noticed the steadily rising cost of gasoline.

"Yes I have noticed a price increase," she said. "I use super unleaded so it's even higher right now. Today I paid \$1.47 a gallon but who knows what it will be next time."

Steve Weber, Big Spring Refinery manager, said the price is ultimately passed on to the consumer.

"About a year ago, OPEC agreed to reduce production by 7.5 percent in order to get the surplus down," Weber said. "They have now reduced the surplus by approximately 50 million barrels. Hopefully we will soon start to see the price level out but in the meantime

our price increase is passed on to the folks at the gas pumps."

Analysts believe that OPEC will come under increasing pressure—especially from industrialized nations such as the United States—to raise production at its next meeting in late March.

Chris Jones, also a guard at Cornell Corrections, said he gets his gas wherever it's cheapest.

"I come here (Murphy USA) most of the time because it's close to home and a lot more convenient," said Jones. "The main reason though is it's cheaper and a lot easier on the pocketbook."

Karl Dugger, a tester with Fiberglass Systems, said he tries to purchase his gasoline where it is less expensive.



WEBER



Delia Graves pumps super unleaded gas into her automobile Friday. Graves said she only uses super unleaded gas and paid \$1.47 a gallon, a price increase of 3 cents a gallon since her last fill-up.

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## Literacy Council schedules tutor training session

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

A training session is planned Feb. 26 for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the



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three-hour session, 9 a.m. - noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room.

"This will prepare you to teach adult students how to read," said Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian and a member of the literacy council. "We want to get more tutors signed up, and we want the ones we have to attend this training to get updated on the information that is available."

Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum designed for one-on-one teach-

ing of adults.

"We will teach the tutors exactly what they need to do," Redman said. The only requirement for becoming a tutor is a willingness to help others, and of course, the ability to read. Redman said they don't need to have special skills.

Literacy council programs are offered free of charge to area residents. All materials are provided free, and the names of students are kept confidential.

While no current statistics are available, Redman said several years ago, the illiteracy rate in

Howard County was as high as 40 percent.

"We also need referrals for more students right now, adults who are not able to read," she said.

Referrals usually come from family members or social service agencies, she said.

Those interested in joining the tutor program should call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session.

Anyone with a referral for a student in the reading program should contact Redman at the same number.

## Most local churches able to lend a hand in times of need

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Howard County residents who find themselves in trouble financially with no food to put on the table or in danger of having their utilities cut off may be able to get some help from their local church.

Most churches in Big Spring either have food pantries or other means to help individuals out of short-term rough times.

Rev. Floyd Green Jr., pastor of Bakers AME, located at 911 N. Lancaster, said his church keeps a small amount of food on hand and has a food offering once a month to replenish what is used.

"When someone is sick or shut in, we help them get food," said Green. "That's what we are all about, helping others not as fortunate as we are."

Rev. Doug Shelly, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church at 1108 East Sixth Street, said they have a small food pantry and help individuals on an as-needed basis.

"We mostly help on a local basis when we hear of someone in need," said Shelly. "Our pantry is pretty small com-

pared to larger churches but we keep enough to help a small family get by a few days."

Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God at Fourth and Lancaster, said his church does not have a food pantry but on occasion they have helped people who are in need.

"What we do here is we have an account with Wal-Mart and we accompany them down there and purchase food items to help them out," said Rev. Havener. "We really are not able to do anything on a long-term basis."

Janice Montgomery, secretary at First United Methodist Church at 400 Scurry, said that church does not have a food pantry but when someone comes in that is in need they fix them a sack lunch.

"We keep small canned items like Beanie Weenies and fruit cocktail and sandwich meat and just put together a sack lunch," said Montgomery.

"We try to help our Big Spring residents but we have to limit it to once a month and it's by referral. There are occasions

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Hillcrest Baptist Church custodian Rickle Houston helps Dean George prepare a basket of canned goods for a needy family. Hillcrest food closet is supplied solely by its congregation.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

## Super search

### Interviews set at Glasscock County ISD

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock County ISD's search for a new superintendent will move a step farther along this weekend as trustees begin the initial interview process.

"These are initial interviews the board will be having with about five or six candidates," said Superintendent Charles Zachry, who is retiring after 16 years at Glasscock County ISD.

"My understanding is they will interview some candidates Saturday and some Sunday afternoon, and come back Monday if need be," he said.

The board is expected to meet in closed session at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday to conduct the interviews. Trustees have also set up a third session at 1 p.m. Monday for further interviews, and to consult with a Texas Association of School Boards superintendent search consultant.

"I expect they will probably narrow this group down to three finalists and have them come back for the final interview. At that time we will release those candidates names," said Zachry.

Glasscock County ISD trustees will also hold their February meeting on Monday, though none of the items on the agenda are expected to deal with the hiring of a new superintendent, Zachry said.

According to a scheduled timeline for the process, follow-up interviews will be conducted March 6-8. The board will visit candidate's home districts between March 13-14, and hope to name a new superintendent on March 20.



# Bush, McCain argue over tenor, campaign financing, but not issues

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Republican presidential rivals Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain fought over campaign financing and the tenor of their nomination contest in a testy debate, with Bush warning that some of McCain's charges are "as low a blow as you can give" in GOP politics.

McCain offered a stern lecture of his own and demanded that Bush apologize for an event at which McCain's commitment to veterans was questioned by a Bush backer. "You should be ashamed," McCain said.

Days before the South Carolina primary adds definition to the fight for the GOP presidential nomination, Bush

and McCain brought their differences of opinion before a national audience for a 90-minute debate in which they were joined by rival Alan Keyes.

McCain has sought to make the tenor of the campaign an issue by pulling all of his negative ads and promising a positive campaign.

But the Texas governor, seated a few feet away, waved a printed flier that attacked Bush over Social Security, a copy of which he said turned up Monday on a car windshield.

"That is not by my campaign," said McCain.

"It says paid for by John McCain," came the instant

rejoinder from Bush. In post-debate comments, McCain conceded that Bush may well have been right.

Polls show Bush and McCain locked in a competitive race and the debate, broadcast by CNN, was the biggest opportunity the rivals had to make their case before Saturday's primary.

They took advantage with relish, lashing at each other repeatedly and drawing scorn from the lesser-known Keyes, who repeatedly tried to inject himself into the debate by accusing the others of dodging issues. At one point, he suggested the debate was like a mud fight.

"I really am sitting here wondering, is this the kind of pointless squabbling we really want them to see," he said of the worldwide audience.

One of the debate's harsher moments came when McCain, a former prisoner of war, lectured Bush about a supporter who questioned McCain's commitment to veterans' issues.

"I don't know if you can understand this George, but that really hurts," said McCain, a former Navy pilot. "That really hurts."

Bush said he shouldn't be held responsible for what his backers say.

"I believe you have served your country nobly," Bush

replied, adding there was a reason for his attacks. "I kind of smiled my way through the early primaries and kind of got defined and I am not going to let that happen again."

Bush pointed to earlier charges by McCain that compared Bush to President Clinton, and had a lecture of his own.

"Don't equate my integrity and trustworthiness to Bill Clinton," said Bush. "That's about as low a blow as you can give in a Republican primary."

Polls show a very close race between the two rivals in South Carolina, leaving little doubt about the reasons behind the heated exchanges.

There were plenty of other differences, too, including over abortion and campaign finances.

Bush touted a plan unveiled earlier Tuesday to overhaul campaign financing, arguing he's long been focused on McCain's centerpiece issue. McCain derided it as riddled with loopholes.

McCain also was picking up an endorsement today from Bill Jones, the California secretary of state who had endorsed Bush last year but has decided to switch to McCain.

Jones was expected to stress the Arizona senator's commitment to campaign finance changes.

## Man wanted in Nebraska shootings captured

LUSK, Wyo. (AP) — The search for a Texas survivalist wanted in the killing of a farmer and the wounding of two officers in Nebraska ended late Tuesday when the fugitive surrendered at a farmhouse.

Charles Lannis Moses Jr., accused of shooting two Nebraska officers on Saturday and gunning down a farmer on Monday, had outrun authorities in the hills just over the Nebraska-Wyoming state line.

Authorities said Moses was found at a farmhouse where he had surrendered his gun.

"It sounds like maybe he was cold and tired and ready to give up," said Sgt. Perry Jones of the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

Moses, a 31-year-old construction worker, was taken to a hospital for injuries he suffered in a shootout with Nebraska officers on Saturday night.

A first-degree murder warrant was issued for Moses on Tuesday, a day after a western Nebraska farmer was shot to death. Authorities, already searching for Moses after the shootout Saturday, found Moses in Wyoming on Tuesday afternoon, but he managed to escape in the remote, hilly area.

The search had shifted to eastern Wyoming from western Nebraska. In the Paxton, Neb., area, military helicopters were called in Tuesday and schools closed as more than 100 state troopers searched for Moses.

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns declared a state of emergency, which allowed the guard to use two unarmed Blackhawk helicopters in the search.

Farmer Robert Sedlacek, 48, was found shot to death near an abandoned farmhouse near Paxton. Police believe Moses

had been hiding out on the farm and killed Sedlacek to steal his pickup truck.

Sedlacek was speaking with his father-in-law, Paul Fisher, on a cell phone and said he noticed unusual tire tracks on the property, Keith County Attorney Deborah Gilg said.

Fisher said his last words with Sedlacek were to warn his son-in-law about the fugitive. "I heard him say, 'What are you doing here?' and the phone went dead," Fisher said.

The manhunt started late Saturday when a sheriff's deputy tried to arrest Moses on Texas charges of theft and evading arrest. In a shootout with about two dozen officers who chased him in his truck, Moses allegedly wounded one in the abdomen and another in the hand. He escaped into the night on icy rural roads.

## Women's heart health may be linked to geography

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A woman's risk of dying from heart disease depends in part on where she lives, and black women everywhere are in greater peril than any other ethnic group, a study released today has found.

Women age 35 and older who live in Mississippi, New York and West Virginia are more likely to die of heart disease than anywhere else in the United States, while those in Minnesota, Alaska and Montana are at lowest risk.

The 200-page atlas produced by West Virginia University and the Centers for Disease Control is aimed at helping health professionals target women at risk. Overall, the study found that the U.S. heart disease death rate between 1991 and 1995 was 401 deaths per

100,000 women.

"Rather than having to do a cookie-cutter approach to research, we can focus on trouble spots," said Lynn Smaha, president of the American Heart Association and a cardiologist in Sayre, Pa.

Among regions with high rates are Appalachia, the Ohio-Mississippi River Valley, the Mississippi Delta and the eastern Piedmont, and coastal regions of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Smaha said possible reasons for the differing death rates include genetic variations heavily concentrated in a particular region, amount of exercise, smoking habits, ethnic diets and other social or cultural traditions.

Social isolation and limited mobility also may be part of

the problem in some high-risk areas, the researchers concluded.

Between 25 percent and 40 percent of women living in the high-risk eastern U.S. regions had limited mobility. In Western states, only about 15 percent of older women were in such straits.

Black women fared far worse than any other group, regardless of geography, with 553 deaths per 100,000. Black women had high death rates in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, as well as in pockets scattered throughout the Northeast, Midwest and parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Among white women, there were 388 deaths per 100,000, compared with 265 for Hispanic women and 221 for Asian and Pacific Islander women.

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OUR VIEWS

Cast your vote in Big Spring mayoral election

Big Spring residents are going to the polls over the next few weeks to make a very important decision — who will represent them as their next mayor.

Three candidates are on the ballot and all of them — Greg Biddison, Oscar Garcia and Russ McEwen — have experience serving their city as council members. Each is now looking to take a lead role in the future of our community.

Though it takes a majority of the council to make decisions, the mayor — through his actions and words — is in a position to influence the future of this community. That influence can lead the city to stagnate or to grow.

In addition, the mayor is the city's voice. He represents our city in outside interests. His diplomacy, or lack of diplomacy, can make a difference in the way our city is perceived by others.

Early voting began today at city hall, and we would encourage you to get out and vote. Balloting will be held during normal business hours on weekdays through Feb. 29. Election day is March 4, when polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at city council chambers adjacent to city hall.

Perhaps you know who you want for our next mayor. Perhaps you have yet to make up your mind. We would urge you to meet the candidates — they'll be very visible for the next couple of weeks. Talk to them and get to know their priorities. Then you can make an informed decision.

In Sunday's edition, the Big Spring Herald will feature the candidates' responses to six questions put together by the editorial board. They deal with such issues as the future of the city, our streets and water lines, employee raises and emergency medical services. We hope it will give those of you who haven't yet reached a decision some extra knowledge about the candidates.

Whether you have a clear candidate in mind, or want to take more time to study the three individuals is your decision. All we ask is that you play a part in choosing who will be our next mayor.

It's an important decision. Don't miss out on helping make that choice. Vote.

OTHER VIEWS

It is the duty of all government agencies and local governments in Texas to provide a complete and honest accounting of its workings. Without a doubt, the government's business is the public's business.

To that end, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn showed himself to be a champion of open government this week. Cornyn ruled that governments cannot delay the release of clearly public information by seeking an attorney general's opinion or by exploiting a once-hazy definition of the word "promptly" in the Texas Public Information Act.

We applaud his decision. Too many times, state agencies and local governments frequently have used the two issues as unnecessary delaying tactics before the release of public information.

Cornyn's decision is the first under a new law passed by the 1999 Legislature that

allows the attorney general to clarify sections of the Public Information Act without first receiving a request from a state or local official, as required in the past.

Cornyn still has six pending questions under the law, including weighing attorney-client privilege and a crime victim's right to privacy against the public's right to know about its government.

Part of the government's responsibility is to collect, maintain and make available to the public information about the way it goes about its business. Why someone would want the information should not matter, nor is it a question that should have to be answered before public records are made available.

The issue for us is plain: No Texan should sleep securely if state agencies and local governments are allowed to abuse any laws governing the release of public information. THE (BRAZORIA COUNTY) FACTS

Time for reparations has long since passed

Should America pay reparations to the descendants of African slaves forcibly brought here 300 or more years ago? It's a question that has been raised many times since the 13th Amendment abolished slavery some 130 years ago, and has most recently gained attention because of a book written by Randall Robinson, "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks."



LINDA CHAVEZ

Robinson, the president of TransAfrica, is not a man to be dismissed lightly. Perhaps more than anyone outside South Africa, he is responsible for ending apartheid in that nation through his unrelenting effort to promote economic sanctions against the government there. But is he right now to argue that America should pay today for sins committed more than 100 years ago? And how do we decide when to compensate victims of

a terrible wrong perpetrated by the government itself?

The idea of giving money to individuals who have suffered some grave wrong is well-rooted in the American legal system. It is, after all, the basis of our civil-tort law. Our system even provides for compensation to the direct descendants and heirs of actual victims, for example, the spouse or children of someone killed in an airplane crash involving some negligence on the part of the manufacturer or airline.

Moreover, the United States government has paid reparations before, \$20,000 each to some 82,000 Japanese Americans forcibly removed from their homes during World War II, and sent to internment camps in several states. So, why not do the same thing now for blacks, as Robinson and others argue? There is no question that what was done to blacks was incomparably worse than anything suffered by Japanese Americans or anyone else in America for that matter.

The problem is time. It is simply impossible to right an injustice committed in the distant past, and any attempt to do so can create as many difficulties as it alleviates. It was

possible to repay Japanese Americans for the property they lost and the time they spent in the camps, because we knew who they were and could document their actual losses. But it is nearly impossible to know generations later what a particular loss or gain to an individual might mean for his descendants.

Of course, that does not stop someone whose ancestors were mistreated from feeling resentment — and wanting some satisfaction for the wrongs done. And this seems to be at the root of what Robinson hopes to achieve, a kind of national catharsis over slavery. "If you're ever to get past this, it must be gotten out and dealt with. Whatever awful thing was done to you must be drawn out and exorcised," he writes.

But his prescription for how blacks should deal with the pain of the enslavement of their forebears is a recipe for racial hatred, not healing. "You are owed," he tells blacks. "You were caused to endure terrible things. The fault is not yours. There is nothing wrong with you. They did this to you." Does Robinson really believe that any amount of money — or gov-

ernment social programs, which is what he hopes will emerge from this dialogue — can compensate for the resentments toward all whites that such talk engenders among blacks?

Americans are often accused of having short memories, and indeed, we do, perhaps because we are such a young nation. But memory can be a bad thing as well as a good one, especially if the memories we choose to forget are a litany of injustices, slights and wrongs done to our ancestors. Such memories are the cause of wars, feuds and racial animosity. Just look at those places where such memories are constantly reinforced and renewed: Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Rwanda, the Middle East.

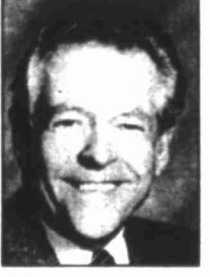
No, the time for reparations for slavery has long since passed. The nation might well have been a better place if, immediately after the Civil War, every former slave had been given 40 acres and a mule, as the government promised. But the best we can hope for now is that we recommit ourselves to the simple goal of treating all men as equals, and affording every American equal opportunity to achieve what he or she can.



Hillary Poppins

More to Thurber than a smokestack

The Thurber smokestack is a landmark. It's located along Interstate 20 about halfway between Fort Worth and



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Residents enjoyed the recreational facilities, bands, celebrations, baseball teams and an opera house which attracted some of the greatest singing stars of the era to its stage.

Bocci tournaments were big events.

Thurber's 2500 coal miners were predominately Eastern European immigrants, mostly Italian and Poles. They provided a cheap labor force that made Thurber one of the world's leading coal producers.

In 1921, Texas oil replaced coal for railroad fuel and Thurber became a ghost town. The once vibrant city has been reduced to a few derelict buildings and blackened earth mounds which mark the locations of old mines.

The cemetery at Thurber is hard to find. Unless you've got somebody showing you around, you're liable to miss it. I had the best: Leo Belinski, a man who grew up around Thurber, left to earn a Ph.D. and follow scholarly pursuits, then returned home to work on restoring some Thurber buildings and chronicle the town's history. He has written a book, "Back Road to Thurber."

The cemetery has three sections: Afro-American, Catholic and White Protestant. Each section has its own entrance. An eight foot weather-worn wooden cross marks the grave of Anthony Basilli. This man dug his own grave, lined it with bricks and marked it with

the cross. To ensure that those shoveling dirt in his grave would be careful, he hid pints of whiskey in the dirt he dug out.

A new suit and new shoes were placed in the foot of his casket. Apparently Basilli wanted to be presentable on resurrection day.

More than half of the 1,000 graves in the Thurber cemetery are children less than two years old. Little babies were sometimes buried in shoe boxes. There were several instances when one family buried three children in one year. One burial plot has graves for three children who all died within a few days of each other. Diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough and malaria were common diseases back then.

Because of rocks in the cemetery, digging was hard and sometimes dynamite was used to blast out graves. When one heard an explosion from the direction of the cemetery, the question "Who died?" was asked around town.

Some years back, cemetery gates were opened to permit cattle to graze in the cemetery. The resulting damage is now being corrected.

There's more to Thurber than just an old brick smoke stack.

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**TAXI**

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but those in the business say there are far more. And they say business is booming.

Six companies are vying for business in the Denver region. Some days, that's not enough to handle demand, said Beverly Braton, who started Kids Wheels in 1990 with her sister.

"There is so much business, we would have to be three to four times the size we are to handle all of it," Braton said. "But we don't want to grow so much that we can't keep it personal. We got into this with the idea of helping these kids stay involved in their activities."

Cyndi Morrow of Canton, Ohio, said she and a partner started Koala Kruizers with two vans less than five years ago. They have 11 now.

Mommy's Cab has contracts with families and day care centers, enough work for two vans and four drivers in Champaign and Urbana.

McDade is sticking with one van because she likes working for herself and interacting with the kids and their parents.

"I'm not making oodles of money so the best part is knowing I'm helping people," she said.

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**CBS**

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letting its parent, Walt Disney Co., program its kids' schedule.

The arrangement will help the network because Nickelodeon will promote CBS's schedule within its schedule, and CBS will do the same for Nick.

Nickelodeon's own popular Saturday morning lineup will not be affected, since it is geared toward a slightly older audience.

The change would begin this fall, executives said.

CBS has also been working with two other Viacom networks, the music channels MTV and VH1. One of MTV's leading personalities, Carson Daly, was host last week of the "Miss USA Pageant," which aired last Friday on CBS.

The show recorded its lowest ratings since it began airing in 1974, however, drawing 1 million fewer viewers than the previous low last year. It may be an indication that CBS's audience, which averages over age 50, and MTV's audience doesn't easily mix.

VH1 is producing a pre-television program to air before the Grammy Awards, which are being aired Feb. 23 on CBS.

Even before the merger took place, VH1 had set up agreements with CBS to air reruns of concert specials first shown on the network, including Shania Twain, Celine Dion and Ricky Martin.

**Empty shelves — nation's small groceries vanishing**

FLASHER, N.D. (AP) — The only grocery store in this small town on the North Dakota plains hasn't changed much in four decades of business.

At D & P Foods, the workers still greet every customer by their first names. The owners, Dennis and Pam Hatzenbuehler, often step behind the counter to butcher meat.

But the Hatzenbuehlers are facing a dilemma that all the down-home service in the world can't overcome: Mom-and-pop stores across the country are struggling to compete with supermarkets and retailers like Wal-Mart. Worse, it's getting harder to stock the shelves as suppliers find it inefficient to deliver to out-of-the-way places.

"We're fighting tooth and nail," said Hatzenbuehler, who has owned D & P Foods with his wife for 17 years in Flasher, a town of about 300 about 30 miles southwest of Bismarck.

"We don't know if they (suppliers) can justify coming out this far. They tend to think we're out here in the wilderness," he said. "All these big guys are competing against each other, and us small, individual retailers are getting our throats cut."

The number of small grocery stores in the United States dropped 40 percent from 1988 to 1998, according to the Food Marketing Institute. The number of chain supermarkets

increased 16 percent during the same time period. Small stores made up 42 percent of grocery stores in 1988, compared with 30 percent in 1998.

In North Dakota, about 200 grocery stores have closed in the last 15 years, said Tom Woodmansee, president of the North Dakota Grocers Association.

Lynn Nottestad is closing what was Maddock's only grocery store. He blames the struggling farm economy and residents who are driving to larger communities in northern North Dakota to shop.

But rigid suppliers have compounded his troubles by requiring him to buy full cases of products, making it virtually impossible for him to sell everything.

"Maybe if we got two cases of lettuce for the week, we'd throw out one," Nottestad said.

The Hatzenbuehlers' supplier, Hartz Foods of Thief River Falls, Minn., served 70 grocery stores in North Dakota and about 100 in Minnesota before

filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last month. Company President Paul Nelson said sales have dropped 60 percent in the last decade.

Small stores also are undercut because they don't get food displays that are common in supermarkets — the chips, the soda. Critics say such displays drive small stores out of business by limiting competition.

Hatzenbuehler admitted it's difficult to compete with supermarkets, but he tries provide a full-service business. The store, built in 1954, has five aisles and sections for bakery, produce, meat and personal care items. The Hatzenbuehlers rent videos, and they run an adjoining craft store.

They also provide customer service that supermarkets cannot match: If a school activity runs out of food for an evening event, Hatzenbuehler — who doubles as the school bus driver — opens his store. If a local club is short on steaks for a fund-raising supper, Hatzenbuehler saves the day.

"We'd be plum lost without a grocery store here," said Ernie Hinderer, a Flasher resident and loyal customer.

But Hatzenbuehler said that sentiment is eroding as larger cities become one-stop shopping destinations for people who used to make a trip up and down small-town Main Street for their needs.

"The grocery business used to be a fun business, but now it's just a stressful business," he said. "Customer loyalty is a thing of the past."

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TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

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Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

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Table listing top 20 men's junior college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

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STEERS

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year." Snyder's Heath Pinkerton, who scored a game-high 20 points, started off the quarter with two baskets before Dille went coast-to-coast, but Snyder led 42-26 at that point. Brock was just beginning his assault, hitting back-to-back baskets and making a steal, but the Steers finished the quarter trailing 56-41. Brock, who grabbed a team-high nine boards, made all but two of his team-high 18 points in the second half.

LADY STEERS

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pressing and running style whenever possible, however, and after the Lady Steers trimmed the margin to 30 with 2:23 remaining, the Honeybees' again extended it to 35 before freshman Ashley Tuttle hit a jumper from the key and sophomore Chelsea Churchwell closed the scoring with a three-pointer with two seconds remaining. In addition to Forth's 17 points, the Lady Steers got 11 points from freshman post Christina Gwyn, but Stephenville answered with three players in double figures. In fact, only two players on the Honeybees' 14-girl roster

next year. We've got to be patient and understand it just takes time to improve. We're steadily improving and it's what we've got to look at.

"The kids are working hard and they work hard every day. They worked as hard tonight as they always have. I really appreciate the seniors for their dedication."

The junior varsity Steers wrapped up their stellar 24-5 season with 56-45 win over the Tiger JV. The win was revenge for an earlier 59-35 loss in Snyder. Mike Smith put in 16 points for the Steers, while Jason Watson had 11 and Heath Gregory added eight.

Big Spring's freshmen Steers prevailed in a 68-57 overtime contest. The score was knotted at 51 before the game went into

failed to get in on the scoring act.

Harris paced Stephenville with 18 points, while Bonnet added 16 more and guard Whitney Huddleston chipped in 12 more.

While the one-sided loss was clearly frustrating for Loter, it was clear she was still looking ahead to the future.

"We're young ... we'll be back," she said before heading to the locker room, clearly not having to remind anyone that the Lady Steers' 18-15 mark this season had been a tremendous improvement over the 6-24 record they'd fashioned in Loter's first year at the Big Spring helm.

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## Cleaves' 3s add up to Big 10's top spot for Michigan State

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It made perfect sense to Mateen Cleaves: Michigan State needs more 3-pointers to win the Big Ten for the third straight time.

Cleaves made three of the No. 6 Spartans' eight 3s as they took over sole possession of first place in the conference with an 83-72 win over No. 7 Ohio State on Tuesday night.

"That gives us another weapon," said Cleaves, who stays up to 40 minutes after practice to shoot 3-pointers. "I think a lot of teams have been playing me to pass. I think it's important that I go out there and knock a few shots down."

Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien, ejected 5 minutes into the second half, said the Buckeyes would rather have Cleaves firing from long range than driving the lane.

"Not only does he get in and create contact and make baskets, but he gets everybody else involved," O'Brien said. "So you have to give something up, and tonight he made a few baskets."

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 11 Florida beat Arkansas 80-71. O'Brien felt it was a costly defeat, even though the Buckeyes are still in the chase for the conference title.

"They (the Spartans) still have some tough games. So do we," O'Brien said. "It all depends on how everybody plays."

The Spartans (19-6, 9-2) were 7-of-9 on 3-pointers while rolling to a 44-33 halftime lead. They finished 8-for-20 for the game.

Ohio State (17-5, 8-3), which fell into a tie with Indiana and Purdue, never got closer than seven points in the second half.

Still, it wasn't for lack of trying. Senior Penn was 5-of-10 from 3-point range on his way to 30 points for the Buckeyes.

That was a season-high and matched Penn's career high. Michael Redd added 18 points for the Buckeyes.

"We have to give Ohio State a lot of credit," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Scoonie and Michael came back and hit some big shots, and it seemed like we could put it away, but we just couldn't put it away."

Morris Peterson had 26 points and 11 rebounds for his fifth double-double. Cleaves finished with 24 points and Charlie Bell added 23 for the Spartans, who forced 14 turnovers and came up with eight steals.

"This is definitely going to stand out," said Peterson, who scored 20 points in a 78-67 loss at Ohio State on Jan. 20. "Years from now, when I'm done playing, I'll still enjoy this one."

It was the 25th straight win at home for the Spartans.

"Nobody had to tell us this was an important game," Bell said. "We were trying to protect home floor, and this was for first place in the Big Ten. I don't think you need too much more motivation than that."

The importance of this game was apparent from the opening tip. Both teams made it to the Final Four last season and played like a No. 1 seed in this season's tournament might be at stake, even though O'Brien denied it.

O'Brien was ejected by referee Tom O'Neill after picking up his second technical foul. Assistant Rick Boyages ran the team the rest of the way.

No. 11 Florida 80, Arkansas 71

Mike Miller had 19 points as Florida won at Arkansas.

The Gators (19-5, 8-3) fell behind 8-0, then took the lead for good seven minutes into the first half. Kenyan Weeks made four late free throws. Joe Johnson had 15 points for Arkansas, the Razorbacks troping to 13-11 and 5-6.

## Payton, Rogers score career highs in big wins

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gary Payton needed only three quarters to reach a career high. Rodney Rogers got his career best in a more conventional way.

Payton scored 41 points, the first time he had ever reached 40, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a 114-85 rout of Washington on Tuesday night.

Rogers scored 36 as the Phoenix Suns beat the Sacramento Kings 117-108.

Payton, who sat out the fourth quarter, shot 14-for-21, including 7-for-12 from 3-point range. The All-Star point guard also had five assists and three rebounds in 30 minutes.

"It was just something that happened," Payton said. "I made shots. I kept shooting the ball and they kept going in. But you've got to take quality shots."

In other games, it was Charlotte 95, Philadelphia 93; Toronto 91, New York 70; Atlanta 103, New Jersey 86; Cleveland 92, San Antonio 81; Miami 107, L.A. Clippers 88; L.A. Lakers 88, Chicago 76; Denver 107, Minnesota 104, OT; Milwaukee 112, Dallas 99; Houston 107, Detroit 102; Boston 101, Utah 99; and Portland 92, Golden State 83.

Payton bettered his previous career best of 38 points set in Sacramento on Feb. 24, 1996. He had 36 in games against Minnesota on Dec. 8 and against the Los Angeles Lakers on Jan. 17.

Payton's final basket was a 3-pointer with 1:40 left in the third quarter that gave the

Sonics a 94-61 lead.

"I'm really surprised," teammate Vin Baker said. "He's such a great point guard. I thought for sure he'd had 40 points in a game."

"I could have sworn he had a 45- or a 50-point game," Sonics guard Brent Barry said. "It's fun watching him every night, but tonight everything he touched turned to gold."

Tying a career-high with seven 3-pointers, Payton had 18 points in the first quarter and 29 in the first half.

Suns 117, Kings 108

Rogers ignited a 15-2 run late in the second quarter when Phoenix took the lead for good at Sacramento.

He had three 3-point baskets, shot 14-of-19 from the field and 5-for-5 at the line. The Suns made their first 21 free throws and finished 22-of-23.

Tom Gugliotta scored 18 points and Cliff Robinson had 16 points for the Suns. Penny Hardaway had 14 points and Jason Kidd added eight points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds.

Hornets 95, 76ers 93

Eddie Jones banked in a 19-foot jumper with 2.2 seconds left, giving Charlotte the victory at Philadelphia.

Jones, who had 27 points, motioned for his teammates to clear out after Allen Iverson tied it at 93 on a jumper with 23 seconds left. Jones drove to the middle and lofted a high-arcing shot that hit the backboard, the front rim, the backboard again

and went in to give the Hornets their fourth straight victory.

Raptors 91, Knicks 70

Vince Carter scored 29 points and Tracy McGrady had 18, including 14 in the third quarter, as Toronto won its seventh straight home game.

Doug Christie, the Raptors' starting point guard for the past three weeks, had 11 assists in the first quarter and 13 overall.

Hawks 103, Nets 86

Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots for his third career triple-double.

Alan Henderson added 21 points and Jim Jackson 20 for Atlanta, which has won seven of 10 games.

Cavaliers 92, Spurs 81

Lamond Murray scored 27 points, rookie Andre Miller had 20 and the Cavaliers snapped a four-game losing streak by out-hustling the defending NBA champions.

"We came in really flat," David Robinson said. "It was like we were still on vacation."

Heat 107, Clippers 88

Jamal Mashburn scored 26 points against the reeling Clippers, handing Los Angeles its seventh straight loss and 17th defeat in 18 games.

The Heat, winners of five of six overall and a season-best six straight at home, got 20 points, 13 rebounds and eight blocks

from Alonzo Mourning.

Lakers 88, Bulls 76

Phil Jackson returned to the scene of his greatest glories and emerged a winner again.

Shaquille O'Neal went an astonishing 11-of-12 from the free-throw line and scored 29 points against Chicago. Rick Fox scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer as part of a game-closing 26-9 run.

Nuggets 107, Timberwolves 104, OT

Nick Van Exel scored 25 points, including a crucial 3-pointer in overtime, as Denver snapped a 19-game road skid.

Bucks 112, Mavericks 99

Glenn Robinson scored 29 points as Milwaukee snapped a three-game losing streak by winning at Dallas. Dennis Rodman picked up two quick technical fouls in the fourth quarter and was ejected.

Rockets 107, Pistons 102

Shandon Anderson scored 25 points, including eight in the fourth period, and Cuttino Mobley had 21 points for the Rockets.

Celtics 101, Jazz 99

Kenny Anderson scored 19 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter as Boston beat Utah for the first time since Larry Bird's playing days.

## Lewis free on \$1 million bond after two weeks in jail

ATLANTA (AP) — Ray Lewis is free for the first time since Jan. 31, when he was charged with killing two men after a Super Bowl party.

Surrounded by deputies, Lewis smiled as he left jail on \$1 million bond Tuesday, slipped into a car and rode away with his lawyers, mother and fiancée.

His lawyer said the Baltimore Ravens linebacker would return home today.

Lewis, wearing a brown football jersey with the word "Supreme" on the back, said "I

thank God to be out" as he got into the front seat of a car. Defense attorney Ed Garland said Lewis felt sympathy for the families of the two men who were killed and looked forward to clearing his name.

The release on bond was "step one" for Lewis, Garland said.

"The next step is to get him acquitted," he said. "I never expect him to set foot in a jail again, unless it's to do charitable work."

Several family members came to the jail to pick Lewis up. Lewis' mother sat in the back

seat of the car, a copy of "The Inspirational Study Bible" on her lap. Lewis' fiancée sat with two young boys on her lap beside his mother.

About 90 minutes before Lewis left the jail, another defendant, Reginald Oakley, arrived with his lawyer to surrender. A third suspect, Joseph Sweeting, surrendered Monday.

Lewis, 24, and his two companions are charged in the stabbing deaths of two men during a brawl outside an Atlanta nightclub.

Lewis, Sweeting, 34, of Miami,

and Oakley, 31, of Baltimore, were indicted Friday in the deaths of Richard Lollar, 24, and Jacinth Baker, 21, who were stabbed during the 4 a.m. fight outside an Atlanta nightclub.

Lewis' lawyers say he tried to stop the fight and that he was at least 60 feet away when Lollar and Baker, both of nearby Decatur, were stabbed.

Police say Lewis drove away in a limousine and later lied when they tried to determine who was in his entourage during the melee.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 16, 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union General Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

On this date: In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor on the Mediterranean to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates. In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City. In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence. In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt. In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II. In 1948, NBC-TV began airing its first nightly newscast, "The Camel Newsreel Theatre," which consisted of Fox Movietone newsreels. In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista. In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Ala. In 1987, John Demjanjuk went on trial in Jerusalem, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible," a guard at the Treblinka Nazi concentration camp. (Demjanjuk was convicted, but the verdict was overturned by the Israeli Supreme Court.) In 1994, at least 217 people were killed when a powerful earthquake shook Indonesia's Sumatra island.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Intrinsically
- Singer Collins
- Characteristic clothes
- Leading
- Gray wolf
- City on the Oka
- Playwright Pirandello
- Popular cookie
- Sacred observance
- Best and Buchanan
- BBBB?
- Camp beds
- Dickinson and Bronte
- Putting behind bars
- Assistant
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- EEEE?
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- McClurg or Adams
- Picture in picture
- Death in Venice' author
- Manly
- Fire remains
- Second attempt
- Consecrate
- Prayer ender
- Wage-slave's refrain
- Unconscious state
- Hey!
- Actress Lolobrigida
- Moses' brother
- "It a Pity"
- Change completely
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- Sonnet or ode
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- Keep in check 4 YYYYY?
- Phonograph inventor
- Turns the soil
- Round dance
- Mountain goat
- Appeared threateningly
- Writer Maxim
- Sprite in "The Tempest"
- Stump lazily
- Close tightly
- Serb or Croat
- Footnote word
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- Oregon capital
- Santa CA
- True up
- Brief looksee
- Martinique volcano
- Verdi opera
- Caudal appendage
- Buttocks
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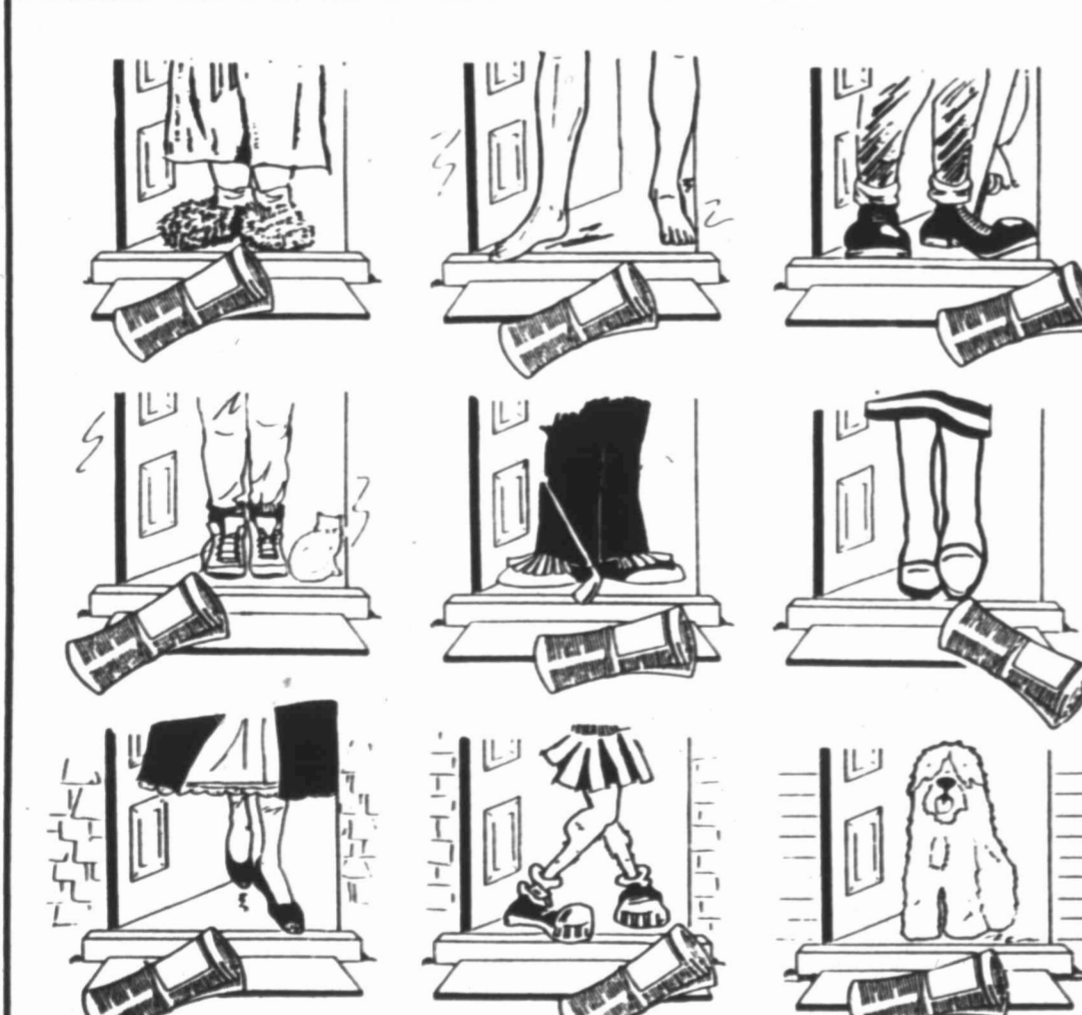
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