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## WEATHER

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### HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY

New books have arrived this week at the Howard County Library. Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre, reviews some of the selections. **Page 8A**

### BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

The Forsan Buffaloes will tip-off their first playoff appearance in six years Saturday evening in San Angelo. The Buffaloes, making their first-playoff appearance since 1997, are scheduled to face Ozona in a bi-district playoff matchup beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Angelo State University's Janelle Center.

The list of area boys' basketball teams still alive in the postseason fell to two Tuesday night as Coahoma dropped a bi-district decision to Lubbock Roosevelt, 76-52. Grady, the third-ranked team in Class A, Division II, swamped Guthrie in its playoff opener, 68-35. **Page 1B**

## BRIEFLY

### FOSTER FAMILIES

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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# Most line up in support of reliever route

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Despite a few negative comments, most of the 200 or so people at Tuesday's Texas Department of Transportation public meeting expressed their support for the U.S. 87 Truck Relief Route planned to skirt Big Spring to the west.

During a show of hands at the end of the meeting, only five people said they were not in favor of the project, while the rest said they were in favor of the relief route.

Blair Haynie, Abilene district director of Transportation, Planning and Development for TxDOT, moderated the event. Haynie said he feels the negative com-

ments were the result of a vocal minority.

"The people with the greatest concerns are the people who are going to have something to say,"

he said. "I welcome that. I do. I want their input because they have quality input to bring in to help us make a good decision."

Before the meeting, those attending had a chance to pore over maps of proposed routes for the bypass, as well as maps of the 3,000-foot-wide survey corridor showing possible obstacles for the roadway.

Among the concerns voiced by area residents about the relief route included worries about

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"I realize that progress when we have it is not going to suit everybody. I feel this project will eventually be the salvation of this community."

Bill Crooker, Ports-to-Plains committee member



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Luan Stallings and Ron Osborn, both of Big Spring, check out maps of the proposed U.S. 87 Truck Relief Route at a Texas Department of Transportation meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center Tuesday evening. The two are among about 200 who turned out for the meeting. Stallings' home lies in the 3,000-foot survey corridor within which the relief route will run.

# Teenager is jailed on sexual assault charge

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

A Valentine's Day tryst with a minor girl landed a Big Spring teen in jail.

Andrew O. Ramos, 17, of Big Spring was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

According to a written statement by the Big Spring Police, officers received a call shortly before 8 p.m. Friday alerting them of suspicious activity in a vehicle in the Big Spring Mall parking lot.

Officers reportedly discovered Ramos engaged in sexual activity with a 13-year-old female.

Ramos was arrested and booked into the Big Spring City Jail where he was arraigned by Municipal Judge Tim Green. Bail was set at \$7,000, and Ramos was released on bond.

Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness said the sexual activity did not appear to be forced.

"More or less it was consensual, but the laws of the state of Texas, because of the age difference between the perpetrator and the victim, it's sexual assault," he said.

Chamness said sexual

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Rotary District Governor Don Shinn presents Big Spring Rotary President Frances St. Clair with an award to commemorate the club's 75th anniversary Tuesday. The club held its first meeting in Big Spring on Jan. 24, 1928, with 30 charter members.

# ROTARY

## 75-year celebration held for Big Spring service organization

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Still looking good at age 75.

The Big Spring Rotary Club received a special award from the district governor Tuesday to commemorate the club's 75th anniversary of existence.

"We were thrilled to receive the award from Rotary International," said club President Frances St. Clair.

Don Shinn, Rotary International district governor, said the activity of the 100-plus-member club is a reflection on the community.

"For the size of the

The Big Spring Rotary Club held its first meeting on Jan. 24, 1928.

community to have this many people participating in two service clubs of the same organization shows a great deal of interest by its citizens in bettering their community and service to the community," Shinn said, acknowledging that in addition to the Big Spring Rotary Club, the

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# MHMR prioritizing spending needs

By VALERIE AVERY  
Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR — the local mental health and mental retardation authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas — is prioritizing its spending needs in light of the state's recent request to examine all agency budgets.

Top Texas officials in January asked most state-funded agencies to trim 7 percent of their current budgets by using such initiatives as hiring freezes, limiting travel and delaying construction projects,

"We are beginning the steps to look at the specific impact of this kind of cut but you can't make those kinds of cuts without affecting services."

Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO on an anticipated 12.5 percent budget cut for next year.



"We are in the early planning stages of how these reductions will occur," said Shelley Smith, CEO of West Texas Centers for MHMR. "We want to minimize cuts in patient care areas, but we are looking at

every phase of our operation."

The reduction recommended by state leaders would equate to a 1 percent cut at West Texas Centers for MHMR for the remainder of this fiscal year, Smith said.

A large portion of West Texas Centers for MHMR's budget is derived from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation — the state agency responsible for providing inpatient and outpatient care for people with mental health and/or mental retardation.

The directive from Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick comes about five months into the fiscal

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Sidney R. "S.R." Bell



Sidney R. "S.R." Bell, 87, of Big Spring died Monday afternoon, Feb. 17, 2003, at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home following a lengthy illness. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Eastside Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Bell was born Sept. 3, 1915, and left his home in Alabama at the age of 15, catching rides on boxcars until he reached Texas. There he began a long career in the oilfield business, starting out by hauling water, working his way up the ladder until he gained knowledge of the oilfield. He took a three-year break from the business when he joined the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, serving on active duty from Sept. 22, 1942, until he received an honorable discharge in New Orleans on Sept. 24, 1945. During his three-year tour of duty he received several medals and citations, one of which was signed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur for participation in the initial invasion of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on Dec. 27, 1943. Upon separation from the Coast Guard, he returned to the oilfield business working for Robinson Drilling in Snyder until 1969, then moving to Big Spring and continuing with the company. He was united in marriage to Mary Louise Pierce on Nov. 11, 1942, in Monahans. She preceded him in death on Jan. 17, 1977. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Mary Raley and Nolan C. Bell; a daughter, Vickie Jo Gorrondona; and a grandson, James Stinchcomb.

He is survived by one son, Sidney Bell and his wife, Louise, of Odessa; two daughters, Sandy Graham and her husband, Carl, of Colorado City and Jena Clark and her husband, Mark, of Midland; eight grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Volunteer Services of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, 300 Veterans Blvd., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Fernando Rodriguez Jr.

Fernando Rodriguez Jr., 56, of Big Spring died at 6:23 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### E.C. Bell

E. C. Bell, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

## Support groups

### WEDNESDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Women's meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

### FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

## Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
7-4-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
1-7-9

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:  
11-12-21-29  
Bonus number 31  
Estimated jackpot: \$275,000

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:  
13-15-20-33-34

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

- **RICHARD TORRES**, 17, of Stanton was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.
- **VERNON LEE PARNELL**, 62, of 600 Elgin was arrested on a city warrant.
- **SYLVESTER ROBLEDO JR.**, 37, of 813 Creighton was arrested on charges of theft less than \$50 and failure to identify/fugitive from justice and on a city warrant.
- **JAMES JOSEPH ATTEBERRY**, 24, of Bowie was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **THEFT AND FAILURE TO IDENTIFY/FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** were reported in the 900 block of Willia Street. Alcohol worth \$28 was reportedly stolen from a convenience store in the area and later recovered.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - In the 900 block of Willia Street. Items worth \$7 were reported stolen from a convenience store in the area, but were later recovered.
  - In the 700 block of West Interstate 20. Jewelry worth \$1,600 was reportedly stolen from a convenience store.
- **GRAFITTI** was reported in the 700 block of Boulder Drive. \$3,000 damage was reported at the home.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3800 block of Hamilton Street. A red 1994 Chevrolet reportedly sustained \$200 damage in the incident.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street, the 1000 block of South Main Street, the 4000 block of West Highway 80.
- **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 400 block of South Douglas Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn Ave.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity over the weekend:

- **AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT**: 1
- **ASSAULT**: 5
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE**: 2
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING**: 7
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION**: 3
- **BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**: 1
- **CREDIT CARD ABUSE**: 1
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**: 11
- **DRIVING WITH AN INVALID LICENSE**: 3
- **EVADING ARREST**: 2
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY**: 1
- **FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**: 1
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**: 1
- **POSSESSION OF A PROHIBITED WEAPON**: 1
- **THEFT**: 31
  - Convenience Store Thefts: 25
  - Beer Thefts: 8
  - Gasoline Drive-Offs: 17
- **INCIDENTS**: 17
- **ACCIDENTS**: 6
  - Major: 2
  - Minor: 4
- **ARRESTS**: 20

## Take note

**SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

**THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

**BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

## VITA Volunteers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or who is handicapped and needs at-home assistance — or, anyone needing further information — should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmooley@crcom.net.

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club; 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

### THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

### FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

### SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Dance, Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, 8:30-12:30. Members and guests welcome.

Big Spring Salares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry beginning at noon, \$7 per plate, carry outs available and delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3203 W Hwy 80. 263-2084. Everyone welcome

### SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### MONDAY

Howard County Archaeology Society meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Howard County Library Community Room.

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47 will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter House located at Seventh and Abrams.

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Feb. 17 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

## Weather

Tonight... Chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s. Northeast Winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Thursday... Widespread thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Thursday night... Numerous thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Friday... Widespread thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the lower 50s. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Saturday... Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday... Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 50s.

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how the route will interact with South Wasson Road, near where the proposed relief route connects to South U.S. 87. "I would just like to address the issue of safety, because there are a lot of buses that go in and out of there," said area resident Nona Stanley. Other citizens expressed worry that the relief route

will draw business away from Gregg Street merchants. "A 'relief route' is really a bypass that both cars and trucks will take," Bob Parks told the TxDOT officials. "My concern is economic. Has there been any study on the economic impact to the economy of Big Spring? This is being called a 'relief route' and a 'truck route,'

not a bypass and Highway 87." Homer Wilkerson, owner of Herman's Restaurant on Gregg, expressed similar concerns.

"My issue is a revenue issue," he said. "One of the biggest businesses that we have is U.S. 87 that helps those businesses along it." Residents spoke out in

favor of the route as well. "What's hurt Big Spring a lot is that we've passed on a lot of chances for development," area resident Cecilia Adams said. "This is a big chance for development." Area Ports-to-Plains coordinator Bill Crooker said the relief route is needed.

"I realize that progress when we have it is not

going to suit everybody," he said. "I feel this project will eventually be the salvation of this community."

Haynie said TxDOT will continue accepting written comments on the project for 10 days, and hopes to have the "preferred route" for the project mapped out sometime in summer 2003. Anyone wishing to

express comments about the project should send them to TxDOT before Feb. 28 at Texas Department of Transportation, Attn: Blair W. Haynie, P.E., P.O. Box 150, Abilene, 79604-0150.

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**ROTARY**

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community also boasts the work of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. "That's what Rotary is all about."

Before presenting St. Clair with the award, Shinn told the crowd gathered in the Howard College Cactus Room about a recent nightmare. "I was driving along on

Main Street and couldn't find your Rotary Park," he said. "Then I saw a lot of young faces with nice big smiles and diplomas in hand. That vision started to fade and the picture turned to a wasteland."

"Then I noticed several high school kids with Interact patches on their shirts and they were joined by some older youth identified as

Roteractors," he continued. "Just when I started to feel better the scene changed to one of chaos as street gangs replaced the Interactors and Roteractors."

"I awoke in a sweat then I realized that my thoughts were relaying what Big Spring might be like if it had not been for the last 75 years of work by the Big Spring Rotary

Club." During the meeting, club member Bob Lewis, a former Rotary district governor, presented a montage of photos of the club's activities. The wives of past district governors were presented with honorary memberships.

The Big Spring Rotary Club held its first meeting on Jan. 24, 1928, with 30

charter members. On Feb. 23 of that same year, the club was chartered with Rotary International.

Still a very active group, the Big Spring Rotary Club sponsors several educational scholarships, cultural exchange groups, a medical program to eradicate the disease polio and a project to help school children in Mexico purchase supplies and

books. Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

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year, which started Sept. 1. Spending cuts of 7 percent to all state agencies during the next seven months could save \$500 million to \$700 million, which amounts to one-third of the \$1.8 billion shortfall for the current fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

"For next year, we are being told to look for a 12.5 percent cut," Smith said. "This will be a major reduction in our general revenue funding and will have a huge impact on our system of care. We are beginning the steps to look at the specific impact of this kind of cut but you can't make those kinds of cuts without affecting services."

While West Texas Centers for MHMR is prioritizing its services, they are looking for other avenues of revenue, Smith said.

"We're continuing to pursue other books of

business and other revenue streams to help with the budget shortfall," Smith said. "And that effort will continue during this difficult budget year and into the next biennium."

"We are watching the activities of the legislature very closely, and we are advocating for our dollars, working with our representatives in hopes of evading a cut that large."

West Texas Centers for

MHMR provides assistance for 2,200 people a month with mental illness and/or mental retardation and their families in Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher,

Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

The center's operations are governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees, comprised of county judges in the 23-county service area.

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activity among children is a problem in Big Spring.

"We have, like, 11 13-year-old children right now who are pregnant in school," he said. "Pregnant in school. Thirteen. I'm going, 'My God, folks, what's the deal here?' I realize I'm from the old school from years back, but if a girl got pregnant even in high school, that was, like 'Oooh.' But in junior high? These are junior high kids."

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We hope you will join us in saluting this wonderful organization, which not only teaches skills, but builds character, leadership abilities and the desire to make this a better world.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, let our walk with you be peaceful, calm and full of scripture.

Amen

# The French remember their history

As our coaches used to say, "OK, people, settle down and listen up." We have been enjoying a lovely little spate of French-bashing here lately. Jonah Goldberg of The National Review, who admits that French-bashing is "shtick" — as it is to many American comedians — has popularized the phrase "cheese-eating surrender monkeys" to describe the French. It gets a lot less attractive than that.

George Will saw fit to include in his latest Newsweek column this joke: "How many Frenchmen does it take to defend Paris? No one knows, it's never been tried." That was certainly amusing. One million, four hundred thousand French soldiers were killed during World War I. As a result, there weren't many Frenchmen left to fight in World War II. Nevertheless, 100,000 French soldiers lost their lives trying to stop Hitler.

On behalf of every one of those 100,000 men, I would like to thank Mr. Will for his clever joke. They were out-manned, out-gunned, out-generated and, above all, out-tanked. They got slaughtered, but they stood and they fought. Ha-ha, how funny. In the few places where they had tanks, they held splendidly.

Relying on the Maginot Line was one of the great military follies of modern history, but it does not reflect on the courage of those who died for France in 1940. For eighteen months after that execrable defeat, the United States of America continued to have cordial diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany.

One of the great what-ifs of histo-

ry is: What would have happened if Franklin Roosevelt had lived to the end of his last term? How many wars have been lost in the peace? For those of you who have not read "Paris 1919," I recommend it highly. Roosevelt was anti-colonialist. That system was a great evil, a greater horror even than Nazism or Stalinism.

If you have read "Leopold's Ghost" by Adam Hochschild, you have some idea. The French were in it up to their necks. Instead of insisting on freedom for the colonies of Europe, we let our allies carry on with the system, leaving the British in India and Africa, and the French in Vietnam and Algeria, to everyone's eventual regret.

Surrender monkeys? Try Dien Bien Phu. Yes, the French did surrender, didn't they? After 6,000 French dead in a no-hope position. Ever heard of the Foreign Legion? Of the paratroopers, called "paras"? God, the trouble we could have saved ourselves if we had only paid attention to Dien Bien Phu.

Then came Algeria for the French. As nasty a war as has ever been fought. If you have seen the film "Battle of Algiers," you have some idea. Five generations of pieds noirs, French colonialists, thought it was their country. Charles de Gaulle came back into power in 1958, specifically elected to keep Algeria French. I consider de Gaulle's long, slow, delicate, elephantine withdrawal (de Gaulle even looked like an elephant) one of the single greatest acts of statesmanship in history. Only de Gaulle could have done that.

Those were the years when France learned about terrorism. The plastiques were all over Paris. The "plastic" bombs, the ones you can stick like Play-Do underneath the ledge of some building, were the popular weapon du jour. It made Israel today look

tame. For France, terrorism is, "Been there, done that."

The other night on "60 Minutes," Andy Rooney, who fought in France and certainly has a right to be critical, chided the French for forgetting all that sacrifice (100,000 Frenchmen died trying to stop Hitler in 1940, and 150,000 Allied troops died to liberate that nation in 1944.) But I think he got it backward: The French remember too well.

I was in Paris on Sept. 11, 2001. The reaction was so immediate, so generous, so overwhelming. Not just the government, but the people kept bringing flowers to the American embassy. They covered the American Cathedral, the American Church, anything they could find that was American. They didn't just leave flowers, they wrote notes with them. I read over 100 of them. Not only did they refer, again and again, to Normandy, to never forgetting, there were even some in ancient, spidery handwriting referring to WW I: "Lafayette is still with you."

Look, the French are not a touchy-feely people. They're more, like, logical. For them to approach total strangers in the streets who look American and hug them is seriously extraordinary. I got patted so much I felt like a Labrador retriever. I wish Andy Rooney had been there.

This is where I think the real difference is. We Americans are famously ahistorical. We can barely be bothered to remember what happened last week, or last month, much less last year. The French are really stuck on history. (Some might claim this is because the French are better educated than we are. I won't go there.) Does it not occur to anyone that these are very old friends of ours, trying to tell us what they think they know about being hated by weak enemies in the Third World?

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## Wheelchair balladier knows his place

Dr. Marian Mustoe teaches geography at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa. He was intrigued recently by a National Geographic study that revealed eleven percent of Americans, Canadians and British residents between the ages of 18 and 24 couldn't find their own country on a map. Twenty-four percent of that populace couldn't find Iraq.

"Geography is not just the study of maps, where students learn the names of towns or countries for tests, then forget them after the course. There has to be something of significance before the location means something," says Dr. Mustoe. "It was that way in Grenada. Once the war started, people began to notice it."

He is a native of Washington state and grew up with an appreciation of music. He plays the musical saw, guitar, flute and harmonica. He sometimes entertains his students.

"For me it's always been a blessing to be able to sit down and play

the guitar. It releases my inner energy. It's kind of a tradition with me to sing a few songs to lighten everybody up at the beginning of a semester. Ever since I've taught I've always played my guitar and sat around and sung songs."

He incorporates sounds and voices in his teaching.

"It's because I like to play with recorders. I just enjoy that. I can record chickens in West Texas and record chickens in Maine and there's a difference. And when you quote somebody, you normally read it right from the book. But sometimes I like to change my voice a little bit and record it like it was Christopher Columbus or somebody like that. Then I play the recording of that person and it's interesting how students are not listening to me any longer, they're listening to the person on the recording."

Marian writes folk songs. Some are on the radio and have won awards.

"My big hits have been songs about frogs and stuff like that. I had a song called Wooden Frog for Christmas which is actually played a lot around the world."

One of his songs is called Buzzards of Steel. "It's a song

about people who live in West Texas and work in the oil industry. And the buzzard is this thing going up and down, right?"

The words go something like this: "Was out in West Texas where the buzzards are steel. Deep in the ground they find their next meal. And the working man prays those buzzards won't starve. 'Cause as long as they're drinking, you're driving your car."

Marian has a PhD from A&M University. While he was just getting started in his doctoral work, he developed Multiple Sclerosis and gradually lost the use of his legs.

"It was quite a blow. My wife left me and I became a single parent. I lost everything in a flood and all sorts of things happened. If you look at it one way, I guess I got a lot of material for sad songs."

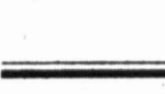
Today he is taking medicine to slow down the deterioration.

"I can walk like a drunk with a cane or a walker. I spend most of my daylight hours in my wheelchair. But it's fast chair. I don't miss much."

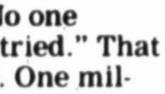
Marian is one tough cookie. With his kids, his students and his wife Kathy he finds plenty to sing about.



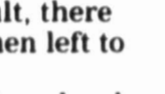
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State and national news at a glance

### Nations oppose rush to war

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With more than two dozen countries opposing a rush to war, the United States and Britain struggled to find support for a new Security Council resolution authorizing force against Saddam Hussein.

The overwhelming opposition to the Bush administration's policies on Iraq — voiced in the Security Council and in the streets of world capitals over the weekend — set back plans for the introduction of a new resolution today, U.S. and British diplomats said.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the very substance of the resolution — envisioned just one week ago as a short and tough text — had yet to be agreed upon between President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. "In light of the circumstances, Washington is trying to be more creative," one diplomat said.

Diplomats said there was still a chance a draft resolution could be circulated by the end of the week but acknowledged they may need more time to decide whether the declaration would include a general ultimatum or set a deadline for Saddam to comply with a set of specific measures. "All options are on the table," a U.S. diplomat said.

### Blizzard straining state, city budgets

BOSTON (AP) — Sore backs weren't the only things hurting as residents of the Northeast shoveled hills of snow left by the year's first blizzard. State and city budgets also were strained.

While the storm meant a pile of green for snow plow drivers, clearing away all the snow was a monumental headache for governments already wrestling with fiscal shortfalls.

The storm, blamed for 44 deaths, finally headed out to sea after taking a parting shot at Boston, which got a record of 27.5 inches by the time the snow stopped falling Tuesday morning.

The storm cost Massachusetts between \$7 million and \$8 million in snow removal, bringing the state's total so far this year to at least \$62 million.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the storm would cost the city \$20 million — about \$1 mil-

lion for each inch of snow.

Maryland's State Highway Administration was already \$14 million over budget before the President's Day storm, which Gov. Robert Ehrlich estimated had cost the state an additional \$20 million to \$30 million.

The storm is expected to cost cash-strapped New Jersey about \$14 million.

### Nightclub owner facing charges, fines

CHICAGO (AP) — The owner of a nightclub where 21 people died in a stampede down a narrow stairway could face fines and more than a year in jail for criminal contempt of court, officials say.

"This was a disaster that absolutely should never have happened," Mayor Richard M. Daley said Tuesday, hours before the city filed a contempt petition naming the landlord, the company that operated the club and its president.

Twenty-one people were killed and more than 50 injured early Monday after a security guard used pepper spray to break up a fight that erupted in the second-floor nightclub known as E2.

In the panic, club-goers were squashed in the stairway to the first floor.

City officials pointed to an order signed last July by Circuit Court Judge Daniel J. Lynch ordering the landlord and the nightclub operator to stop using the second floor because of housing code violations.

Officials Tuesday asked that Lesly Motors Inc., the landlord; Le Mirage Inc., the club operator; and Mirage president Dwain Johann Kyles be found in criminal contempt for defying the order.

### Closing mental health facilities possible

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$287.5 million cut at the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation would mean the closing of state facilities, hundreds of layoffs and thousands of Texans going without mental health treatment, budget writers were told Tuesday.

The department is asking for \$2 billion in state

money for fiscal years 2004-05, 12.5 percent less than what it said it needed to provide shelter, treatment and other services to the mentally retarded and mentally ill.

MHMR board Chairman Andrew Hardin told members of the House Appropriations Committee that it's not enough to provide programs that are lifelines for more than 200,000 people who suffer from schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder or other disabling mental illnesses.

"We face substantial unmet needs," he said.

"The people that I speak for today are your sons and daughters, your brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers who are most unable to articulate for themselves."

Texas faces a \$10 billion shortfall through 2005 because of a slow economy and rising costs.

### Committee warns insurance companies

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate committee given the job of reforming the way homeowners and auto insurance are regulated in Texas sent a warning to insurance companies Tuesday.

"Here's the deal: You don't answer our questions, you are going to end up with what we pass," Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, told a financial manager for State Farm.

"We all have the votes. If you can't make us understand your position, you are going to end up with whatever vote we cast."

Sen. Troy Fraser, the chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, echoed the sentiments.

"I've been trying for a year to get straight answers," said Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

The flare-up in the committee came when Armbrister asked Jim Sylvester, the financial manager for State Farm in Texas, how much State Farm Lloyds, which operates in Texas, pays to its parent company for its ownership position.

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# Prudence gives advice to the levelorn, and others

Dear Prudence: I am still very much in love with my high school sweetheart, though we are no longer together. When we went to college, we broke up. I am now with a man I have been with for over four years. Though I love this man, I know we are not meant to be together.



Dear Prudence

My high school sweetheart is now engaged to be married (within a month or two). I have seen him on two occasions in the last year, in which he has declared his love for me and told me he is "settling" by marrying his fiancée. I turned down his advances, not for lack of love but out of respect for his new relationship, though I told him I do not love him. (I didn't want him to think about me.)

Now that his wedding is approaching, I find myself wanting more and more to tell him how I feel. This is not because I want him longing for me but because I truly love him. - Confused

Dear Con: Prudie can think of no reason why you should not make a clean breast of it. At least no one is married at this point, and who knows? You have conducted yourself well and honorably. And it's not as though you set about sabotaging his plans; he came to you. If the two of you wind up together, it would be one terrific love story. Let Prudie know what happens. - Prudie, romantically

Dear Prudence: For the past year, I have been attracted to the father of one of my son's friends. He is divorced, but I have been married for 10 years. It's not a perfect marriage, but it's not entirely awful, either. My husband and I don't communicate very well, and he is very jealous. He has always made me feel like

I am wrong, no matter what the subject or fight is.

I was not attracted to this other man right away, but gradually, I began to have feelings for him. I don't know him very well, so I can't figure out how the feelings became so strong. He knows how I feel because I have written him letters, and he has called me to say he has a girlfriend. Because of that and the fact that I am married, he will not even meet with me to talk about this.

There is virtually no chance that we will ever get together because I can't see myself leaving my husband just for the slight possibility that I may be with this other man. So why am I not able to get over my feelings for him? I think about him all the time, and I don't know how to stop, even though I am aware that this is wrong. I also wonder if I should confess this to my husband. I know he will be very upset and maybe

leave me over it. And he would probably go after the other man, even though none of this is his fault. Please help! - Confused

Dear Con: You are obsessing about this man - who has politely, and correctly, told you to back off - most likely because your marriage is not a good one. The situation you have put yourself in is largely a fantasy. You have filled the empty space in your life with a make-believe romance.

Do not tell your husband about this. It is really all right to think anything; what is not all right is to act on thoughts that would be self-destructive. What you perhaps should be thinking about is how to improve your situation or whether you would be happier leaving the marriage. Something is wrong with things as they now are, but Prudie suspects you know that. - Prudie, searchingly

Dear Prudence: My 1-year-old granddaughter

has beautiful red hair. Of course, being her grandmother, I think she is adorable. She attracts attention everywhere she goes. People continually ask, "Where did she get that red hair?" Or, "With that red hair, she looks fake" or some such statement. As she gets older, I've no doubt insensitive people will start asking her those same questions. What can we say, and what can we tell her to say when people make such stupid statements? Thanks. - E.F. in California

Dear E.: Prudie has a

grandson with vivid red hair, and the comments of strangers were so annoying to him that for a while he wore a T-shirt pulled over his hair, like a ghutra, causing us to call him Morgan of Arabia.

Dear Prudence is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearprudence@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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## Stanton wins Coahoma Elementary tourney

HERALD Staff Report

The following standings are from the University Interscholastic League third-2A Elementary Academic Contest Tuesday held in Coahoma Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Stanton Elementary was the overall winning school, followed by Elbow Elementary in second, Colorado City Elementary, third, Seagraves Elementary, fourth, and Coahoma Elementary, fifth.

• Storytelling 2: Jansen McDonald of Elbow, second; Shelby Rotan of Elbow, fifth; Vanna Springer of Coahoma, sixth; and Alexis Armstrong of Elbow, best alternate.

• Storytelling 3: Selah Ramsey of Stanton, first; Kara Hugley of Elbow, fifth; and Amber Neighbors of Elbow, sixth.

• Number sense 4: Carroll Krug of Elbow, second; Ryan Brantley of Stanton and Christina Granado of Seagraves, third; Josh Castilaw of Coahoma, fifth; and Reagan Reid of Coahoma, sixth.

• Number Sense 5: Taylor Turner and Rachel Fleckenstein, both of Stanton, second; and Shay Sim of Elbow, fourth.

• Oral Reading 4: Reagan Newsom of Elbow, first; Keyv O'Brien of Elbow, second; Sam Hopkins of Stanton, third; Ashton Snellgrove of Stanton, fourth; Kay C Stanley of Elbow, fifth; and Ashley Zugg of Stanton, best alternate.

• Oral Reading 5: Bianca Mancha of

Coahoma, first; Anna Smith of Stanton, second; Macy Briggs of Elbow, third; Rachel Fleckenstein of Stanton, fourth; Trevor Strickland of Elbow, sixth; and Hayli McCulloch of Coahoma, best alternate.

• Ready Writing 3: Cole Sneed of Coahoma, second; Jennifer Beasley of Stanton, third; Sydney Holdampf of Elbow, fourth; Jessie Morgan of Coahoma, fifth; Justin Coker of Coahoma, sixth; and Sarah Baker of Stanton, best alternate.

• Ready Writing 4: Noelle Havens of Stanton, first; Rachel Franklin of Stanton, third; Chase Pierce of Elbow, sixth; and Sam Hopkins of Stanton, best alternate.

• Ready Writing 5: Megan Parrish of Coahoma, 3; Laura Spence, 4; Michelle Graves of Stanton, best alternate.

• Spelling 3: Jacob Nichols of Stanton, third; Meaghan Ybarra of Stanton, fourth; Foster Burchett of Elbow, fifth; Hope Cimino of Elbow, sixth; and Nicolas Nevarez of Stanton, best

alternate.

• Spelling 4: Sam Hopkins of Stanton, first; and Andrew Toscano of Coahoma, sixth.

• Spelling 5: Tiffani Saucedo of Stanton, second; Amanda Barber of Elbow, sixth; and Anthony Perez of Elbow, best alternate.

• Art Contest 4: the team of Blake Brooman, Sterling Chaney, Kolten Shelf of Elbow, second; the team of Austin Sanchez, Ashton Snellgrove, Randall Koonce and Joshua Powell of Stanton, fourth; the team of Casey Roberts, Jacob Robbins, Brent Wright, Lane Gammons, and Jimmy Paul of Coahoma, fifth; and Erica Garrett of Elbow, best alternate.

• Art Contest 5: the team of Shelby Jones, Noelle McDowell, Reagan Rotan of Elbow, second; the team of Kesley Jones, Beatriz Martinez, Delia Salgado and Byanka Tarango of Stanton, third; and the team of Judson Chevalier, Kylie Gee, Jesus Gonzales, Jackie Ruiz and M.J. Castillo of Coahoma, fourth.

• Creative Writing 2: Alexis Armstrong of Elbow, first; Jesse

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$1.99 for residential customers and \$1.99 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.99 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-620-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

**AVISO**

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a la Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con seiscientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de la Comisión Tutelada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionados con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$1.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.99 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporales no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por la Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.99 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporales. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero alendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-620-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en estos procedimientos deben notificar a la Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003. Una solicitud para intervenir o para más información debe ser enviada a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Más información también puede ser obtenida llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden comunicarse con la Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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Courtesy photo  
Bill Beauchamp, Scenic Mountain Medical Center CFO, presents a check to Paige Schmidt, center, representative of the Big Spring Junior-Senior Prom, and Karen Wingert, a parent on the prom committee.

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Harmon of Elbow, second; Brittany Jenkins of Stanton, fourth; Jose Morales of Stanton, sixth; and Madison Churchwell of Elbow, best alternate.

• Dictionary Skills 5: Krista Lyons of Coahoma, first; Ryan Flores of Elbow, fourth; James Wolf of Stanton, fifth; Kesley Jones of Stanton, 6; and Ray Gutierrez of Coahoma, best alternate.

• Listening Skills 5: Marshall Cox of Stanton, first; Kristen Graves of Stanton, second; Haley Zarate of Elbow and Carolyn Lovington of Seagraves, fourth; Selita Burris of Stanton and Sheree Atkerson of Elbow, sixth; Jennifer Pittman of Coahoma, best alternate.

• Maps, Graphs, & Charts 5: Laura Spence of Elbow, first; Kenzie Hunt of Coahoma, second; Reagan Rotan of Elbow, third; Evan Burton of Elbow, fourth; Kesley Jones of Stanton, fifth;

• Music Memory 3: the team of Lee Hull, Jacob Nichols and Nicolas Nevarez of Stanton, first; the team of K'Leigh Wallis, Ashley Buzbee, Zach Barber, Hope Cimino and Caden Rosenbaum of Elbow, sec-

ond; the team of Kenzie Moore, Heather Hildebrand and Bryan Darden of Coahoma, third; Timmy Smith of Stanton, best alternate.

• Music Memory 4: the team of Austin Rinard, Rachel Barbee, Shelbie Reid and Morgan Barker of Coahoma, first; the team of Blake Brorman and Cody Mohn of Elbow, second; the team of Alex Alaniz, Noelle Haven, Sam Hopkins, Jesus Oyervides and Ashton Snellgrove of Stanton, third; Sterling Chaney

and Jacquelin Civello, both of Elbow, best alternates.

• Music Memory 5: the team of Anthony Perez, Amanda Barber, Evan Burton, Reagan Rotan and Laura Spence of Elbow, first; the team of Tiffani Saucedo, Lauren Roblez, Caleb Ramsey and Kristen Graves of Stanton, second; the team of Katie Dunn, Nick Sevey, Kalea Neff, Josh Paniagua and Megan Parrish of Coahoma, third; Sheree Atkerson of Elbow, best alternate.

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In the "giving credit where credit is due" department I must recognize the centuries old battle of tenacity of our World War II enemy... the Japanese. They were fierce fighters with a heritage that goes back for centuries. The battle cry was always "Banzai" and these little brown warriors were a force to be reckoned with.



AL SCOTT

I bring this up since my good friend, Marine C.C. Bud Hutchinson of El Cajon, Calif., recently sent me a Japanese flag for, as he said, "snow job purposes." He also sent me a 3-D photo for their Emperor Hirohito.

My good friend, the late Jesse Hernandez, loved to imitate these slogans from all of the WWII films such as "Tokyo Joe," "Guadalcanal Diary," "Sands of Iwo Jima" and the dropping

of the bomb on Nagasaki. "This is a hundred year war... we will win" was one of the sayings of some Oriental actor in one film that I recall.

"Japanese vehicles will run on every street in the USA," and this indeed came to pass. The name Mitsubishi and Honda are as common as mom's apple pie and pizza.

Our local bikers fly our all American "colors," some with that Japanese headband gracing their helmets.

I can recommend watching "Midway,"

"Tora, Tora, Tora" as well as "Sands of Iwo Jima" with our good all American buddy, Duke Wayne.

And again we are reminded of the days just following 1941's panic when all American Japanese, called "Nisai," were shipped up north somewhere to our own concentration camps.

Sometime during the 50s they were compensated with money as sort of an apology.

There was also a fine film, starring Van Johnson, all about American Japanese sol-

diers called "Go For Broke." At the time, appropriate, but not too much of a tribute to all of our true Americans of Japanese decent.

My personal thanks to all of them.

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# What's new at the library

...with Karen McIntyre

Attention all those of you who are fans of Joey Pigza, Judy Moody, Cam Jansen and the Baudelaire Orphans, the library has just received their latest adventures.

If these characters aren't familiar to you then you really need to visit "Fantasyland!" Most middle readers can tell you all about these old friends. David Adler's Cam Jansen has a photographic memory and she uses it to solve mysteries. Her latest "Cam Jansen and the First Day



KAREN MCINTYRE

of School Mystery" is the twenty-second in the series. Although all the books are numbered, each one is a stand-alone mystery with its own story line.

Cam is starting fifth grade in this book and she and Eric are both looking forward to meeting their new teacher. So why is the teacher being taken away by the police?

In "What Would Joey Do?" Joey Pigza needs to find a way to make friends, please his grandmother and control his hyperactivity — a tall order, but as Jack Gantos proved in his two previous Joey books, it can be done. This is the final book of the Joey Pigza trilogy.

Judy Moody is back to save the world. (She's

finally over her bad mood!) Megan McDonald's character Judy is determined to help this world — whether it wants help or not. A great follow-up to the other Judy Moody books, "Judy Moody Saves the World" is a must-read for her fans.

Those poor Baudelaire Orphans are having their "series of unfortunate events" again. No matter where they go or what they do terrible things seem to follow them. Three more books in the series have arrived. In a serious "unfortunate event" number seven was not available, but I'm working on it!

Did I hear you ask if anyone new came along? You bet! Olivier Dunrea has created two best friends that are sure to

become everyone's best friends. Gossie and Gertie are adorable goslings that do everything together — or do they? These books are just the right size for small hands.

"Dear Mrs. LaRue Letters from Obedience School," by Mark Teague will have dog lovers everywhere laughing. Ike LaRue has been sent to obedience school because his behavior is — well — not quite what it should be. Follow Ike's stay through his letters home and find out just what your dog is thinking!

I.Q. is a mouse that just wants to be a student — more importantly, Student of the Month. See how he manages this in Mary Ann Fraser's new book "I.Q. Goes to School."

"Armadillo Tattletale" by Helen Ketteman explains how the armadillo got to look the way he does today. Did you know his ears were actually the size of jackrabbit ears? Hmmm now what did he do to change that?

These books and about 35 to 40 more were all made possible by the generosity of Bebe McCasland. The money generated from the sale of her book, "Do Chickens go to Heaven?," was all donated to the Children's Department of the library. We are thrilled by the overwhelming response to her book and to her kindness in making this money available to us. If you see her, give her a great big thank you.

By the way, we still

have some of her books left here at the library. The more we sell, the more new and old friends get to come stay at Fantasyland! So from Babar, Baby Duck, Ariane, Curious George, Amber Brown, Miss Karen and the rest of the zany characters at the library, thanks bunches, Miss Bebe, you're the best!

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Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre is this week's guest columnist.

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### Big Spring golfers win Fort Stockton crown

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School boys' golf team had an Al Davis goal in mind Saturday afternoon when they stepped onto the golf course in Fort Stockton: Just win, baby.

Consider the mission accomplished. Big Spring edged out 23 other West Texas golf teams to take first place in the Fort Stockton Invitational. Big Spring fired a final score of 642 as a

team and beat out Monahans by 10 strokes for top honors. Andrews was third overall at 662.

Nick Reed paced the Steers over the two-day tournament. He captured medalist honors by turning in a solid performance over the 36-hole meet.

Reed, who finished 1-under-par for the tournament, began the tournament by carding a 74 over the first 18 holes. He scorched the course on the final 18, turning in a final round of 69.

Read's final score of 143 was

**High schools**  
The following is a look at the individual scores from the Big Spring Steers' win at the Fort Stockton Invitational.

Player	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Nick Reed	74	69	143
Scott Rodriguez	81	75	156
Jason Murphree	86	84	170
Jace Williams	90	80	170
Tony Blalock	90	80	170

nine shots better than his nearest competitor.

"The Steers played really hard and deserved to win," said BSHS golf coach Steve Ward.

Ryan Rodriguez, Jason Murphree and Jace Williams also played well. Rodriguez fin-

ished sixth in the individual standings, recording rounds of 81 and 78. He finished with a two-day total of 159.

Rodriguez and Williams both finished with two-day marks of 170, while teammate Tommy Billalba checked in at 188.

The Big Spring Lady Steers also turned in a solid effort at the Snyder Girls Invitational Golf Tournament. The BSHS girls, anchored by a strong effort from Rachel Gee, finished seventh. See GOLFERS, Page 2B

### IN BRIEF

#### BS softball to play in Midland tourney

The Big Spring Lady Steers are scheduled to return to action tomorrow evening when they face the Odessa High Lady Bronchos in the opening round of the Midland Tournament.

Big Spring, 6-1-1 for the year, is slated to begin at 6 p.m. at Muffs Field.

#### Lady Steer boosters will meet Feb. 27

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting on Feb. 27 to begin preparations for the upcoming Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the ATC.

All persons interested in helping with the banquet are asked to attend. The banquet will be held near the end of the school year.

For more information contact Beverly Heyworth at 264-3915.

#### Coahoma LL sign-up, coaching clinic set

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24-25, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

A coaches clinic for all-area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Brett Smith at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

#### 'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12.

Sam Stephens hosts the 9 a.m. show.

#### Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fee will be \$75 per player plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

Each player's entry fee includes the cost of barbecue on the course both days.

Play will begin with a shotgun start both days.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

#### BSYBA's season continues Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues Saturday with a full state of games.

Teams from throughout the area are fielding teams this year.

#### Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windwaker Farms in Stanton.

The event will consist of 4-person teams. For more info contact (915) 570-0172.

# 'Cats advances; 'Dogs fall

## Madison, third-ranked 'Cats clinch bi-district title in rout

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Heading into Tuesday's bi-district playoff bout, the Grady Wildcats could count the total number of playoff wins — in all sports — in the school's history on two fingers.

They can't do that anymore.

Grady, powered by 19 points from Brent Madison and 15 more from Trent May, rolled to an easy 68-35 win over the Guthrie Jaguars in front of a large crowd in the Scurry Co. Coliseum. The victory gave the third-ranked Wildcats the right to face Whitharral in the Area round of the playoffs.

Jason Pribyla also hit double figures for the Wildcats, netting 10.

The Grady defense all but ended the Jaguars' hopes in the first eight minutes of the contest. The Wildcats held Guthrie to just two baskets in the first quarter.

The Grady offense was anything but quiet in the

first. Madison pumped in three shots and Colter Tate added a 3-point bomb to spark a 17-point outburst.

Grady inflated its lead to 30-14 in the second quarter. May keyed a 13-10 second-quarter run by pushing in four points. In all, five different GHS players scored in the second quarter.

Guthrie felt the sting of the Wildcat defense again in the third period. The Jaguars, who shot less than 40 percent from the field in the game, managed just two baskets in the third and went into the fourth quarter trailing 40-18.

Grady proved it could play offense in the final eight minutes. The Wildcats, outscored the Jags by a 28-17 margin in the frame.

T. Springer and May added five points apiece in the fourth.

Grady, 30-1, is tentatively slated to face Whitharral at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

## No. 20 Roosevelt ends 'Dogs' playoff march with 76-52 win

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — In the end, quickness and foul trouble cost the Coahoma Bulldogs dearly.

The Bulldogs, hampered by early fouls that forced leading scorer Chase Davis to sit out much of the first half, saw their season come to an end Tuesday night with a 76-52 bi-district playoff loss to Lubbock Roosevelt in front of a large crowd in the Seminole High School gymnasium.

Coahoma, which had qualified as the No. 3 team in District 3-2A,

finished the year at 17-12. Roosevelt, ranked No. 20 in the latest state poll, now advances to play Fort Hancock in the second round of the Class 2A playoffs.

Roosevelt, the District 4-2A runner-up, had everything go their way in the first eight minutes of the contest. The Eagles used their up-tempo offensive game to pound out a 20-7 advantage — and then watched on as Davis was forced to the bench after being whistled for three fouls in the frame.

Despite having Davis on the bench — and Kelby Kemper out of the

See DOGS, Page 2B



Grady's T. Springer cuts down the net in the Scurry Co. Coliseum after helping lead the No. 3-ranked Grady Wildcats to a 68-35 rout of the Guthrie Jaguars Tuesday night. The win was Grady's third-ever playoff win in any sport.

## Buffaloes will face Ozona in San Angelo

The Forsan Buffaloes will begin their first playoff appearance in six years Saturday night in San Angelo when they face the Ozona Lions.

Forsan, which nailed down the District 3-2A championship this season, is slated to face Ozona beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Janelle Center on the campus of Angelo State University.

Ozona earned the right to face Forsan in the playoffs by winning a district playoff matchup with Alpine Tuesday night.

Forsan is led into the game by senior guard Brent Huff.



Howard third baseman Angela Piper attempts to field a ground ball against Midland College.

## Lady Hawks open WJCAC play with split of twinbill with Chaps

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Jennifer Reed made sure the Howard College Lady Hawks' Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener ended on a high note Tuesday afternoon. She led the Lady Hawks to a 6-2 win in the first game of a doubleheader with the Midland College Lady Chaparrals by tossing a 2-hit gem.

En route to recording the complete game victory, Reed allowed just one earned run while striking out three Midland College batters.

Monica Droz and Kym Kyzar both turned in strong performances from the plate in the Lady Hawks' win. Both went 2-for-3.

After battling through two scoreless innings, Howard College drew first blood by scratching out a run

in the bottom of the third inning. Freshman Kristin Jones tallied the team's first WJCAC run by scampering home, courtesy of two MC errors.

The Lady Hawks blew the game wide open in the fourth, scoring five times with two outs.

Droz carried the big stick for Howard in the frame, clearing the bases with a sharp single to left. She finished the day with three runs batted in.

Bianca Paz also had a solid day at the plate. The freshman from Las Cruces, N.M., went 2-for-4 with a run scoring hit in the fourth.

Midland used two errors to push across their only two runs in the top of the seventh inning.

The Lady Chaps rallied to win the nightcap, 7-1 win over the Lady Hawks, who are now 9-7 overall.

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# Permian girls hand Lady Steers their first setback of the season

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Odessa Permian Lady Panthers did something no other team in the state of Texas had done — they found a way to beat Big Spring.

Permian, despite managing just five hits, dealt the Big Spring Lady Steers their first loss of the 2003 season Tuesday afternoon by claiming a 5-1 victory in Odessa.

With the loss, the Lady Steers fell to 6-1-1 on the year. The team's only tie came last week to Gainesville when inclement weather forced the game to be halted

## DOGS

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lineup — Coahoma managed to hold its own in the second. The Bulldogs pushed in 16 points from the floor in the ensuing eight minutes and trailed by a 39-23 margin at the half.

Davis, who averaged more than 16 points a game during the regular season, finished with six points.

Roosevelt, now 27-4 overall, continued to build its lead in the third quarter. The Eagles, who

with the score at 0-0.

Permian jumped on top early. The Lady Panthers took a 1-0 lead when they managed to scratch out a run in the bottom of the first inning.

Big Spring threatened in the top half of the frame, loading the bases before Permian managed to work its way out of the jam.

Katie Policky started the BSHS threat with a one-out walk. She advanced to second on Krystal Clark's ensuing infield single and then took third when Leina Braxton drew a walk to load the bases.

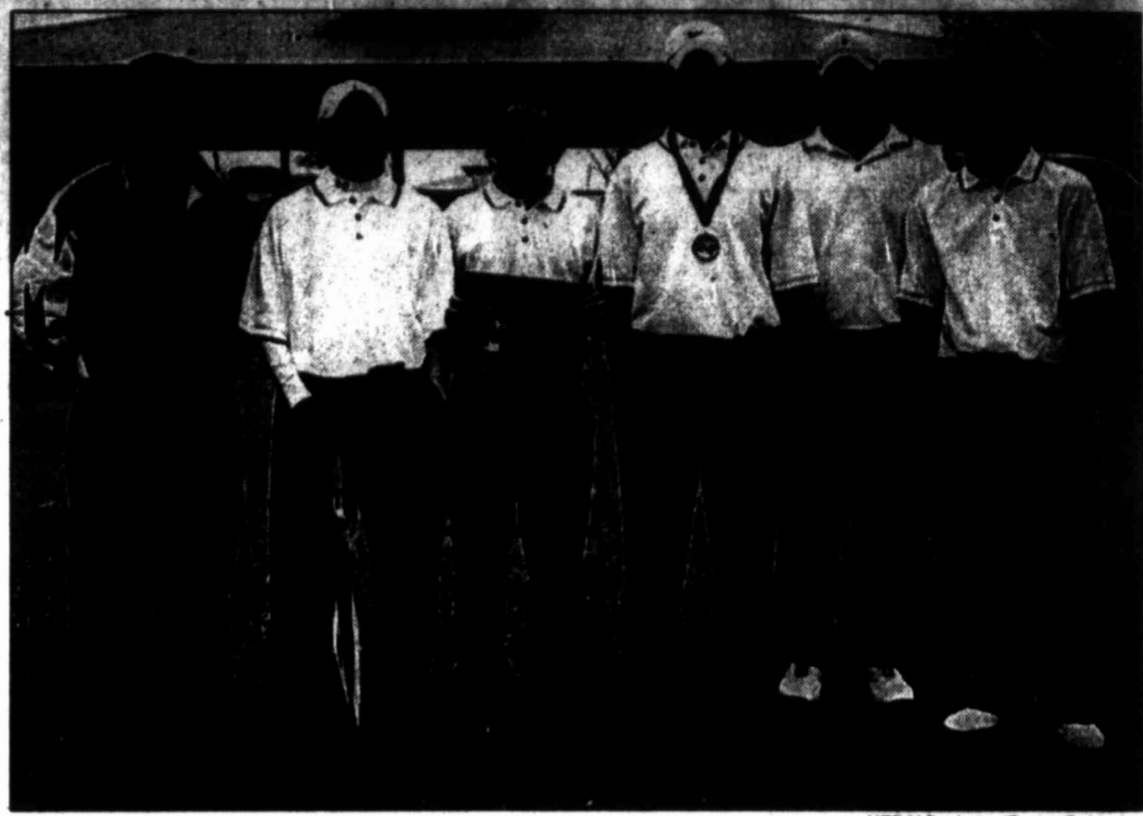
The Lady Panthers didn't find the going easy from there. Lady Steers ace Alex Watkins dominated Permian throughout the remaining six innings, striking out eight of the 27 batters she faced.

Permian used three fielding errors in the fifth inning to up their lead to 5-0.

Big Spring, which is scheduled to compete in the Midland Invitational Softball Tournament beginning tomorrow, avoided the shutout in the bottom of the sixth. Laura Olague led off the effort with a double. She advanced to third seconds later when Watkins lifted a sacrifice fly to the outfield. Chelsea Abner drove Olague home from there by delivering a clutch one-out sacrifice.

Despite the late heroics, the Lady Steers managed just one run in the frame. Watkins suffered the loss, her first setback of the season.

Big Spring is scheduled to open the Midland tournament tomorrow evening, beginning at 6 p.m., with a bout against the Odessa High School Lady Bronchos. The game will be played at Muggs Field.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Members of the Big Spring High School boys' gold team captured the Fort Stockton Invitational title Saturday. Members of the team include (left to right) Coach Steve Ward, Tommy Billalba, Jason Murphree, Nick Read, Ryan Rodriguez and Jace Williams.

## GOLFERS

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overall.

Snyder walked away with the overall girls' championship. They edged out Andrews and Wylie, respectively, in the team standings. Abilene Cooper, Abilene High and San Angelo Central finished ahead of the Lady Steers.

Ge turned in solid round in both days of the tournament and finished sixth overall in the indi-

**Hot shots II**  
The following is a look at the individual scores from the Big Spring Lady Steers' meet in Snyder.

Player	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Rachel Gee	85	82	167
Brenna Bailey	103	98	201
Angela Payne	98	103	202
Kelli Warrington	97	114	211
Jessica Hicks	104	113	217

meet with a final score of 167.

Brenna Bailey and Angela Payne also played well for the Lady Steers. The two finished the tournament with two-day marks of 201 and 202.

Kelli Warrington and Jessica Hicks turned in scores of 211 and 217.

The Big Spring boys' team is scheduled to compete in Midland this weekend. The girls will be in Fort Stockton.

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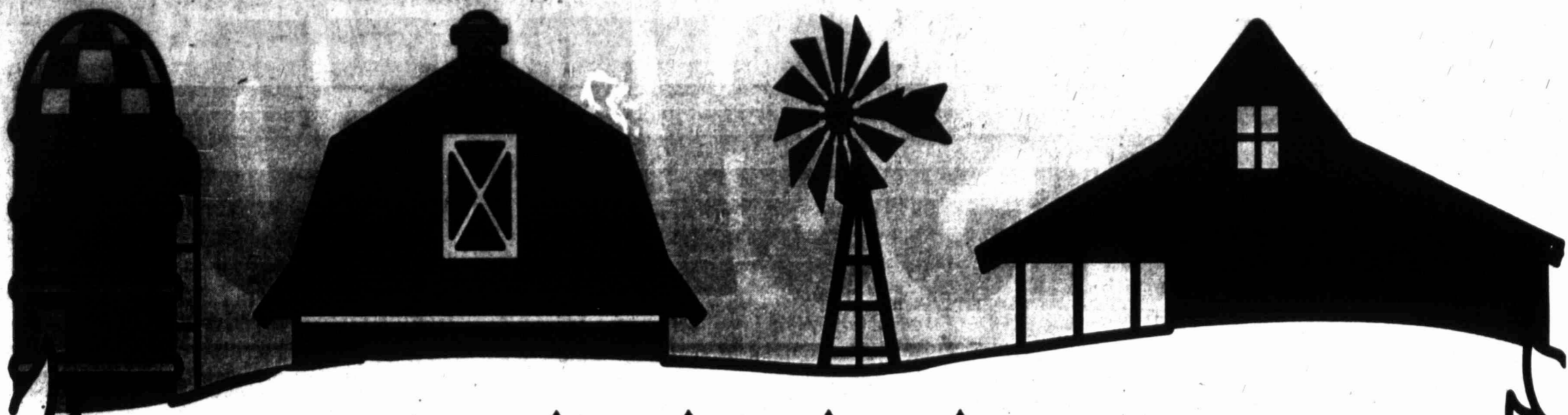
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## Horoscope

The effects of Jupiter's crazy fascination with Neptune make us all feel a bit on the manic-depressive side. Take



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comfort in the fact that whatever you stir up, it can be worked out in time. The Libra moon helps balance the mood extremes. Anything you do with one other friend will be beneficial, so be sure to seek that person out.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (February 19). This year, your imagination is the key to unlocking dreams you never thought possible. Fantasizing about your own good fortune every day can actually bring it to you! Career moves are cemented with social contact in March. April love is intense, and singles could marry quickly. Lucky signs are Aquarius or Aries. Your lucky numbers this year are: 16, 24, 39, 5 and 19.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The answer is: There are more ways than one to skin a cat. The question is: Why would anyone want to skin a cat? When it comes time to choose what you want to do, be very careful

because you can create just about anything.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can help a friend rid herself of worry and strain by teaching her the way you avoid such mental hang-ups. Run errands this afternoon, and your eyes and heart will open to someone you've never before considered romantically.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're obsessed with figuring out how to finally crack the code to attain that ever-elusive success you long for. Hey, it might be as easy as visualizing what you want to achieve and setting your path in that direction.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Someone could tell you exactly what you want to hear. Can you help it if you're somebody that people want to please? Luckily, you're psychic enough to know the truth from the pandering.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The challenge of buying and selling gets your zest for life pumping. A clash between your private and public life could be brewing, so if there's anything you're ashamed of, work on seeing it in a different light.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Building your network builds your net worth! Devil may care - posturing

makes it seem like you're emotionally unavailable, which can be very glamorous, if a little intimidating, to potential partners.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a leader who can move people with a few passionate phrases, and everyone wants in on the fun you generate in the name of productivity. Friendships are strengthened while you raise funds or provide guidance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life's got its cycles, and you do, too. After the pretty impressive effort you made over the last few days to stretch your self-definition, there's nothing wrong with a little bit of cocooning - as long as it doesn't last long.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're so aggressive about career matters that sometimes socializing seems too frivolous to focus on. Mix the two areas together by planning fun that furthers your work goals and vice versa. Big success is the result!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A beautiful new someone makes you stand up straight, trying to impress. The adrenaline rush will help you get even more done (the list is three pages long by now!) than you would have. Make phone calls count.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A flash of inspiration is followed by a sudden turn of events and, in the third act, a breakthrough. Change doesn't have to be a long, drawn-out process. The issue at hand is identity. What others know of you is not the whole picture.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There is so much going on in your world now, you'll find others are attracted to the whirl of activity. A new friendship has great potential to open doors for you. Investing so much time and energy into a hobby is a needless drain.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My date of birth is Jan. 25, 1960, and I know I'm an Aquarius, but I feel that I am more of a Capricorn. My question is, do you see this new year as being financially better for me? I am a big worrier on money issues, and I never seem to get ahead. I have a good job, and I save, but I never can keep up with my bills."

Mars and Saturn are both in Capricorn in your chart. Many of your hardest lessons in life have been about status, tradition and your role in society, so you are painfully aware of the economic distribution in the world and where you fit into this. In many ways, you refuse to live within your means because you believe you should live like the top people in your field. This intense drive is what will push you to high levels of success. But getting there won't bring satisfaction if your expenses go up along with your income. Being an Aquarius, you can solve this problem by applying your infinite creativity. For instance, I can tell you give a lot of gifts to friends. Start making some of those instead of buying them. Find your ideal car at an auction or on a web site instead of walking onto a lot. June gives you a windfall due to work you do on the side - pay off a credit

card!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** I predict that the much-talked-about nuptials of Liza Minnelli and David Gest will prove to be a lasting contract kept by heart and by law for years to come. Minnelli has had a change of stars in the last two years that point up the importance of a solid, loving companion. Her Pisces nurturing instinct will provide a safe haven for her husband, and they could even adopt two girls in 2008.

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## Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Last July, my 32-year-old son died by suicide. His sister and I were devastated. There was no note and no goodbye. As if that weren't enough, my father and his new wife continued with their plans to visit one of my brothers in another state instead of staying home for my son's funeral.

My father is a good man, and his intentions are never mean-spirited, but he is clueless about emotional things. Dad asked me if he should stay or if I needed him, and then he handed me a check for \$300 to help cover the funeral expenses. I was too stunned to speak, and when I finally found my tongue, I said quietly, "That's fine. Dad. You go on your trip."

Well, my daughter is not fine with any of this. She is pregnant with her second baby, and is full of grief and anger at her brother and her grandfather. She said if my father shows up at her house, she will not invite him in and never wants to see him again. In the meantime, Dad is totally unaware that he's done anything wrong.

I see a train wreck coming when my daughter has the new baby and Dad tries to visit. What should I do? - S.O.S. in Florida

Dear S.O.S.: Our condolences on the loss of your son. This must be an exceptionally difficult time for you and your daughter.

Of course, your father should have stayed for the funeral, but when you told him, "You go on your trip," he assumed you meant it. Please tell him the truth before the situation escalates. Say, "Dad, I should have made it clear how much I wanted you here for the funeral. I'm afraid there are some hurt feelings now, and we need to straighten things out." Include your daughter in the discussion, and hope she will forgive him. (P.S. It sounds like she could use some grief counseling.)

Dear Annie: Why do people hold on to checks I have written? I am on a very tight budget, and it messes up my checkbook when they don't cash the check right away. Too many people either put the check somewhere and forget about it, or hang on to it and deposit it into their account weeks later.

Is there some etiquette rule that applies here? - Name Withheld in California

Dear Calif.: Checks should be cashed as soon as possible, as a courtesy to the sender and because after a while, they may no longer be honored. However, sometimes it is not possible to deposit a check as soon as you might like. If someone doesn't cash a check after two months, call and ask what happened.

Dear Annie: I was interested in the letter from "Where's the Beef?" the vegan whose boss' wife prepared vegetarian meals especially for her. She didn't know how to tell the boss' wife that it was wrong to include things like beef



Annie's Mailbox

broth or gelatin.

This woman needs a reality check. For starters, every time she puts her lips to a fork, she sheds skin cells onto her food, therefore tainting it. If someone is kind enough to accommodate her eating preferences, the polite thing to do is EAT THE FOOD. If the vegan had people for dinner, would she prepare any meat dishes, or would she expect her invitees to adapt? - Just Curious

Dear Curious: Several folks agreed with you. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: Having been a vegetarian for 45 years, I do not foist my dietary practices on others, especially those who try hard to fix something for me in a social situation. My motto is, eat what's before you without making an issue. A little beef broth won't kill her. If she insists on making a big deal, she ought to stay home and cook her own dinner. - Philadelphia

Dear Annie: About a week ago, I received a letter from the Social Security office, stating that it didn't have my 17-year-old son's correct address in order to send him his \$12,000 check. I didn't know anything about it. When I called the Social Security office, I found out that "Jeremy's" biological father had applied for the check on my son's behalf, claiming he was disabled.

I have been divorced from this man for 17 years. Jeremy sees his father on the weekends, but I have sole custody. My son has no reason to be receiving Social Security. When Jeremy contacted his father about the check, his dad told him that the folks at the Social Security office made a mistake and that Jeremy is owed some money from the government. He wouldn't say why.

I know my ex is running a scam here. He has opened a checking account in my son's name, and I assume he is planning to forge my son's signature in order to deposit the checks into this account. My ex says it's none of my business.

Is Jeremy's father doing something illegal? Can this hurt Jeremy down the road? My stomach is in knots. Please help. - Disgusted by the Scam Artist

Dear Disgusted: If your ex-husband is applying for, and receiving, Social Security benefits that Jeremy is not entitled to, he is in violation of the law. It is also against the law to open a checking account in someone else's name in

order to cash their checks without their consent. Do NOT let Jeremy deposit any of these checks. Notify the Social Security office that your son may be receiving checks to which he is not entitled. Let the authorities handle it from there.

Dear Annie: I'd like to offer a suggestion to "No Long John Silver in Hartford, Conn.," whose sister's parrot, "Truman," refused to be caged. Truman's owners ought to potty train the bird. Parrots are extremely intelligent, and this task is easily accomplished. However, it is unacceptable to allow Truman to eat at the table. Having watched parrots eat for a number of years now, I'm convinced their purpose on earth is to throw food out of the trees so that the scavengers on the ground can eat, too. - The Real Long John Silver

Dear John: We received quite a few suggestions about Truman. Most told us that the owners should invest in bird diapers and products that will clean up whatever the bird leaves behind. We also discovered you can purchase costumes for your parrot, including a tuxedo, complete with top hat and a cane. We're plotting.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Proud of My Husband in Tennessee" was pathetic. She justified her husband's layoff decisions, saying it is necessary to fire employees with poor performance records. Meanwhile, those in management keep their jobs, cellphones, credit cards and huge bonuses. She said her husband deserves the perks because he gives his best to the company and ought to be rewarded.

The hospital I work for has had two rounds of layoffs in the past six years. The lousy bottom line is due to poor management and planning, yet the rank and file bear the majority of the job losses. No one was laid off because of "job performance."

There is no way to justify the growing discrepancy in salaries, bonuses, perks and benefits between management and labor. A few years ago, the hospital gave every executive an SUV as a Christmas bonus. The rest of us got a frozen turkey. - Overworked and Underpaid in Texas

Dear Texas: Companies that overpay their top executives, at the expense of the average worker, better get their act together before the stage collapses.

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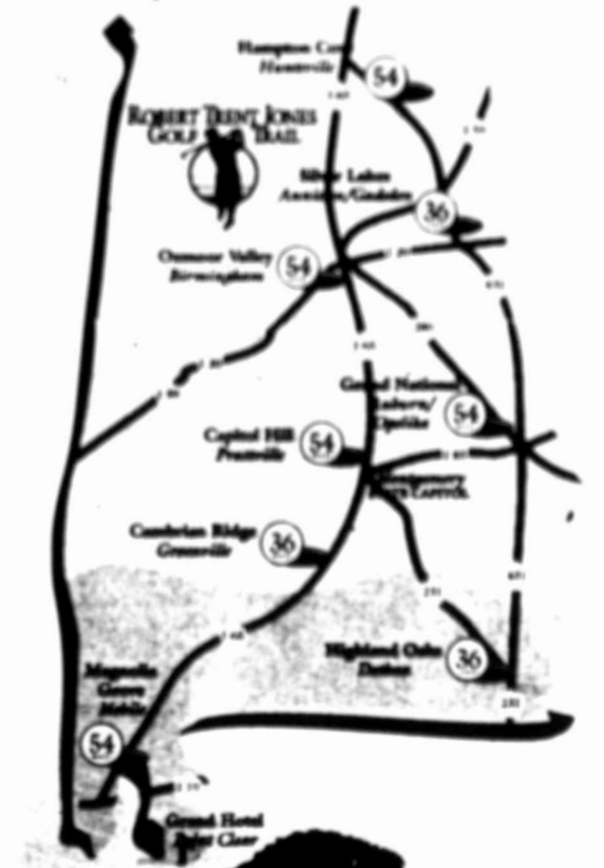
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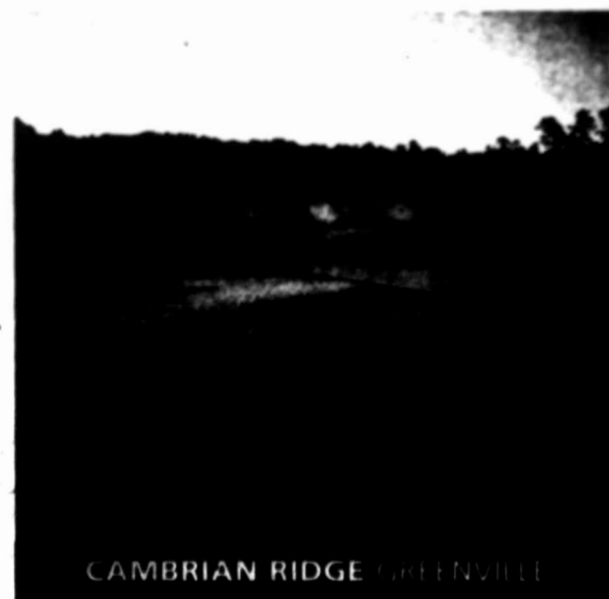
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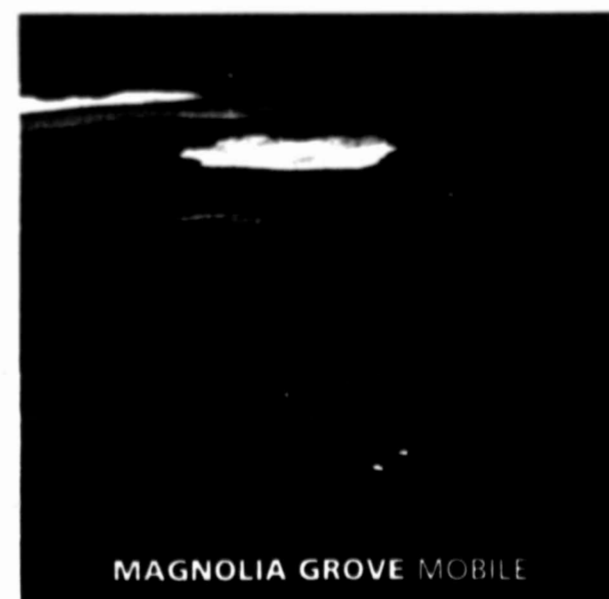
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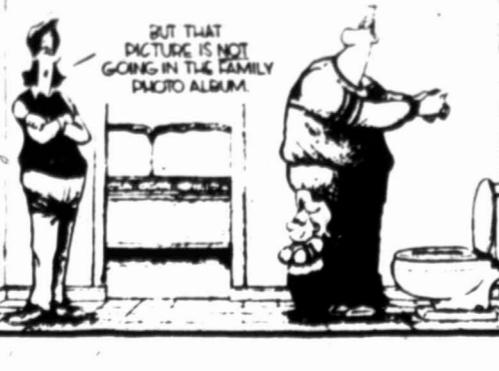
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### Trust your own creativity when using color in your home



If you're looking for permission to love color again — here's the visual nourishment you've been thirsting for.

Today's lively hues aren't just for clothing and magazine spreads. Color and pattern can make anyone's surroundings more interesting, personal, and vivid, says artisan, designer, and innovative colorist, Susan Sargent, who lives in a mango, lime, and violet world of vibrant as well as subtle color.

Sargent, who honed her colorist's eye mixing dyes in a Swedish textile mill for four years, is a firm believer in empowering others to work comfortably with color, even if

that means letting go of inhibitions.

Being creative with your home requires taking chances, expressing yourself, and staying relaxed enough to follow through on your instincts, says Sargent. "Play, experiment, have fun," she urges. "Don't be afraid to make mistakes."

Decorating for Sargent is not starting out with a grand scheme, but trying out ideas as they occur and time permits — in an afternoon or over a weekend — one corner at a time. "Home can be an ever-evolving stage for personal expression as well as a haven to relax and recharge," Sargent believes.

Forget "The Rules."

So, if you're one of those who can't seem to find the time to create a "grand plan," if a cookie cutter designer look is intimidating or turns you off, or if your own personal design style just seems to "happen," a piece at a time ... it's okay. Give in to spontaneous self-expression and do-it-yourself creativity, says Sargent. Use a piece of furniture in a new way (dressers make striking buffets or add class to an entryway, for instance), or use paint and fabric to experiment with new looks, new colors.

Looking for inspiration?

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Pay attention to color in the world around you, recommends Sargent. Which ones catch your eye? Which combinations please, surprise, or excite you? Sargent's own inspirations include her vibrant Vermont landscape as well as Scandinavian folk art, and such design predecessors as Sweden's Carl Larsson and Britain's William Morris and Laura Ashley. Finally, forget the rules:

- Recognize that, like you, your home is a work in progress — never finished, never perfect.
- Don't fret about planning down to the last detail. Start with an inspiration and have the fun of following your instincts.
- Open your eyes to color. Trust your own tastes (not those of the palette police) and experiment when combining colors.

• Be flexible. Mix styles. Create visual surprises.

• Edit your belongings; surround yourself only with things you love to have around you.

• If you can't find what you want, make it, paint it, strip it, fake it.

• Create a home that makes you smile when you walk in the door.

Paint Tips: Experiment For those inspired to pick up a brush and experiment, Sargent offers a couple of tips to get you started

• Expect to test several shades of a color before you find the one that's just right. Be brave, think in color.

• If debating between several shades of a color, go with the lighter shade first. The paint store can simply add more pigment to bring it to the next darker shade — and save you the expense of buying another quart of paint.

• Be sure to test your color on different walls and during various times of day. This is easily done by painting a large poster board that can be moved from place to place.

A look around Sargent's own eclectically decorated home and studio in bucolic and naturally colorful Vermont shows that color enlivens any decorating style, from classic to modern to flea market find. Her imaginative use of color and furnishings is the inspiration for a growing array of products she is designing for the home — and a wonderful motivation to try mixing styles, textures, and colors to get the look you want.

Her soft modern yet classic Susan Sargent furniture line (see it at [www.lexington.com](http://www.lexington.com)) celebrates design, proportion, and rich color, both in its sophisticated dark chocolate finish and a more relaxed honeycomb finish. With typical Sargent eclecticism, a few playful notes relax the otherwise sophisticated ensemble, including several hand-painted accent pieces, a vine-etched table top, and a freeform, wave-like bed. The clean-lined furniture provides a stylistic yet neutral canvas for energetic, Sargent-designed fabrics, rugs, and pillows. And now she's at work on another furniture collection, Fresh Air, with a relaxed cottage feel,

expected to be in stores by fall 2003.

Throughout her abodes — as well as her designs — is evidence of Sargent's recognition that our homes, like our lives, are ever changing, that furnishings should be versatile, able to change with our needs, that colors we liked yesterday can easily

be turned into colors that feel right today.

To see more, take a look at Sargent's recently released book, *Susan Sargent's New Country Color: The Art of Living*, co-authored with Jake Chapline ([www.lexington.com/brand\\_susansargent.cfm](http://www.lexington.com/brand_susansargent.cfm)).

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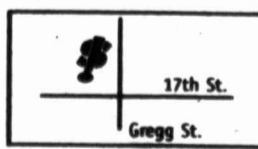
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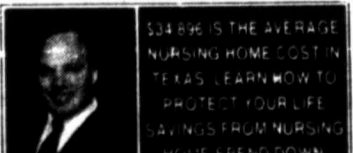
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For a unique finishing touch, more and more homeowners are using stained glass designs as a beautiful way to make windows, doorways and even shower stalls more appealing. "Thanks to technology, it is possible to use stained glass in nontraditional ways," notes Michael Cassidy, president of Stained Glass Overlay (SGO), a company specializing in custom stained glass pieces. "Stained glass design let's people make a big change

in their environment without the big cost," he says. "For about the same investment as hiring a professional to paint or wallpaper a room, homeowners can add a fabulous design element to their home."

Cassidy's company uses a process that is lighter in weight and more structurally sound than traditional stained glass, while still being indistinguishable in appearance. "In the case of the traditional stained glass method, many individual pieces of colored glass are cut and then bonded together with lead strips," Cassidy explains. "The overlay method utilizes colored mylar film that is used to bond a design directly to the glass, while outlining the pattern of the design by lead stripping that is bonded to both sides of the glass," he continues.

This process allows customers to personalize

their designs to match the colors of their wallpaper, tile patterns and other elements in a room's décor. Homeowners can install one piece of stained glass to serve as a focal point of a room, or incorporate stained glass designs into larger renovation projects. "Any room and any home can be made more personal and more beautiful with the addition of decorative glass," says Cassidy.

Stained glass overlays can be used in a variety of ways, from the obvious to the unexpected. "The possibilities are endless," says Cassidy. For example, overlays can add privacy to front door sidelights; they can function as ceiling light panels,

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Try to picture a living room of moderate size with every piece of furniture, every window covered in the same fabric with matching wallcovering and drapes. What do you notice upon entering this room? The furniture is lost, the walls begin to close in and your first reaction is to flee. The choice of a beautiful design is not highlighted, but lost in a mass of sameness. The idea of "less is more" is important when choosing furniture and window and wall treatments.

No one wants a setting that looks as if it was purchased off a showroom floor. A beautiful sofa looks better with just a side chair and table with an interesting lamp than with a matching loveseat, matching chair, a set of two matching end tables and a coffee table. One simple way to recognize good design is to spend time walking through the better furniture stores that hire interior decorators. Notice that each vignette is carefully constructed not to look planned.

When deciding to decorate or redecorate, highlight one piece of good furniture and use other pieces to enhance it. If the sofa is covered with a lively floral print, try using a striped fabric of a

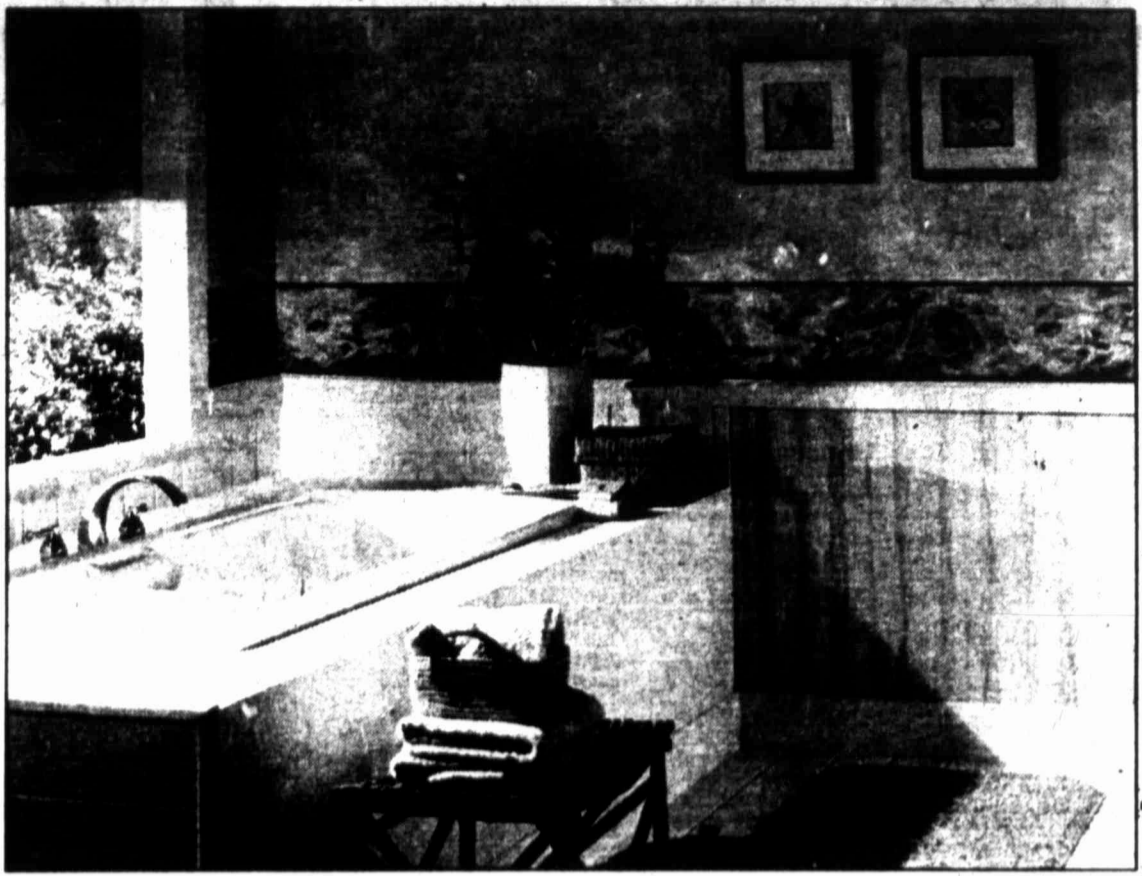
lighter hue on a side chair. When showcasing an heirloom dining table, don't cover it under layers of lace, but keep it uncluttered, highly polished and move some of the chairs to another area to be brought out as needed. A beautifully carved headboard can't be seen behind a pile of pillows. And a prized hand-woven rug would be lost under heavy furniture. Use glass tables and pieces that show an optimum amount of the design.

To frame and enhance a spectacular outside view as the focal point of a room, don't cover the window under layers of fabric, keep it open to view. The window can be treated with a cornice or valance hung high enough as to not obscure the vista. To maintain privacy when desired, there are a number of blinds and shades available that can easily be tucked under that valance when it's not in use. If a

piece of furniture or a setting is the focus, don't distract from it by overdoing the windows, but enhance it by including the same colors in the treatments, but in a lighter shade.

Hard surface flooring is again in vogue. Feature it by using brightly colored area rugs to bring the eyes down. Too large a rug will obscure the floor; too small, and it will be lost; many rugs of different origin and design will confuse. If a larger rug is to be the focus, choose one or two colors and use this as a base for the rest of the room when deciding upon upholstery, and window and wall treatments.

Walls are rarely the focal point of a room, but play an important part in bringing the décor together. If a traditional look is the goal, deeper, richer tones will set the stage for beauty and comfort. Contemporary decor relies on warmer, neutral tones.



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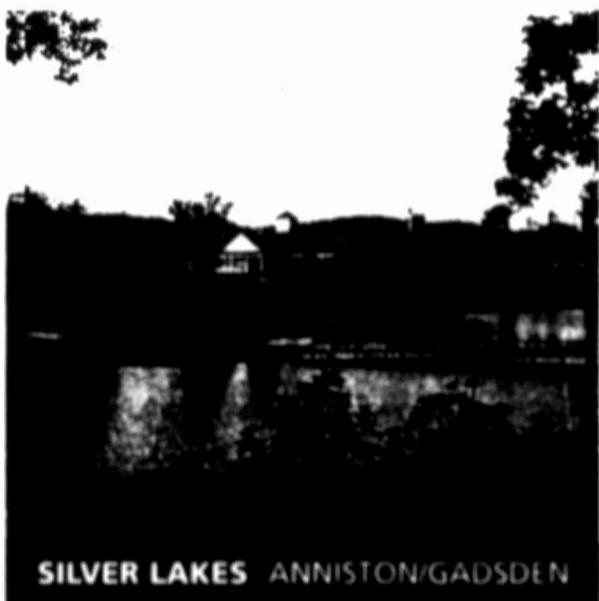
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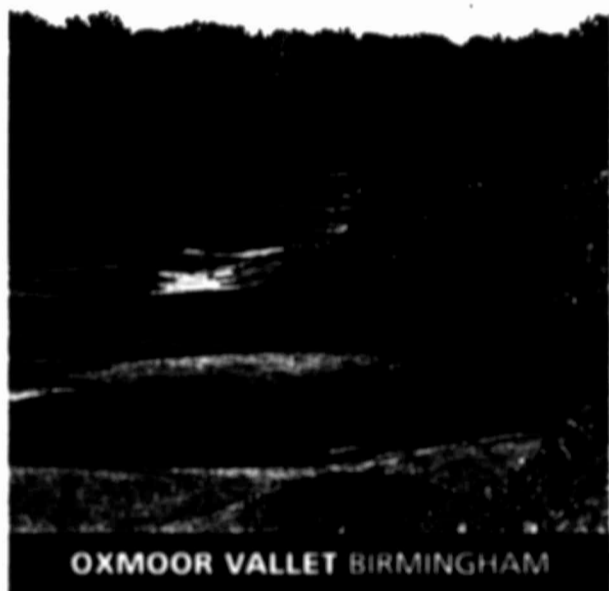
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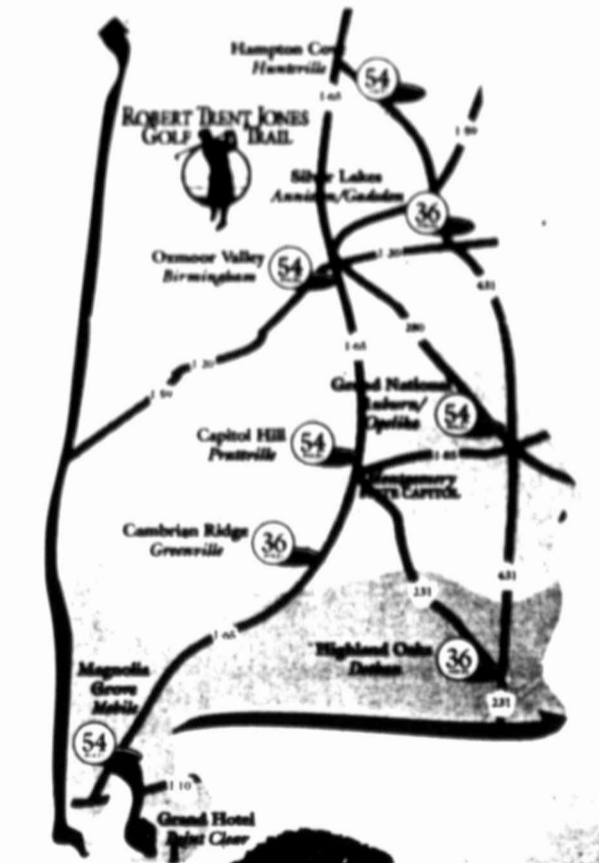
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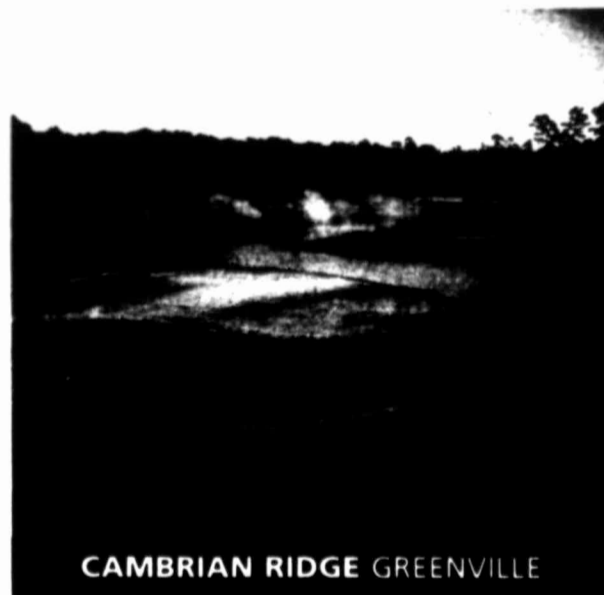
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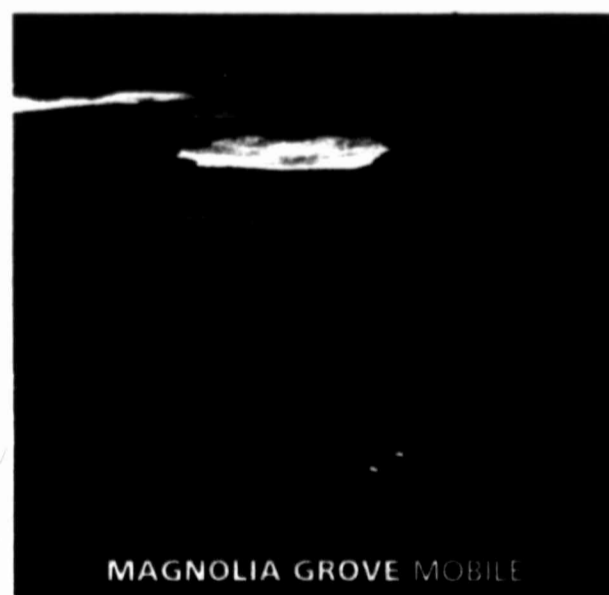
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