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Wednesday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Dec. 10: The Coahoma Lions Club will sponsor Christmas at Coahoma in the Park from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies.

Dec. 17: The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present its Holiday Spectacular Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Auditorium. The event will feature soloists Nadia Kiley and Lawrence Thibeault, as well as an audience sing-a-long. Tickets are on sale now at bigspring-symphony.org as well as H-E-B, the Heritage Museum and the Karat Patch.

Daily Quotes

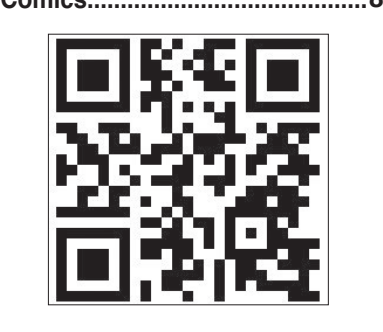
“The less government interferes with private pursuits, the better for general prosperity.”
 — **Martin Van Buren**

“Who has seen the wind? Neither you nor I but when the trees bow down their heads, the wind is passing by.”
 — **Christina Rossetti**

“Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards - the things we live by and teach our children - are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings.”
 — **Walt Disney**

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DPS investigates two fatal accidents Thursday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Managing Editor

December 1 brought two fatal accidents to West Texas, according to reports issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The first occurred at 1:30 p.m. Thursday one mile north of Fort Stockton on FM 1053. According to the report, Jorge Marin, 45, of El Paso was driving his 2016 Kenworth truck with trailer south on FM 1053, while Jose Eduardo Garcia, 59, of Odessa was driving his 2023 Peterbilt truck with trailer north on the same road. For unknown reasons, Marin was driving south in the northbound lane and struck Garcia's truck. Marin's Kenworth caught fire and burned.

Marin was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Judge Joe Shuster. Garcia was treated and released with minor injuries. According to the report, both drivers were wearing their safety belts. Weather conditions were clear and dry.

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The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Dominic Scott of Fort Stockton.

The other accident occurred at 5:20 p.m. Thursday 3.8 miles west of Midland on State Highway 158. According to the report, Benjamin Montgomery, 32, of Midland was driving his 2018 Toyota 4Runner west on SH 158 and, for an unknown reason, veered across the eastbound lane and off the road, striking a fence and rolling over multiple times. Montgomery was ejected from the vehicle during the crash, and was pronounced dead at the scene by Death Investigator Gilbert Villarreal of Midland.

According to the report, Montgomery was not wearing his safety belt at the time of the accident. Weather conditions were clear and dry.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Nathan Barker of Midland.

A Moment in History
Big Spring: Then and Now



The J&W Fisher Building, then and now.

West side 100 Block of Main

The J&W Fisher Store

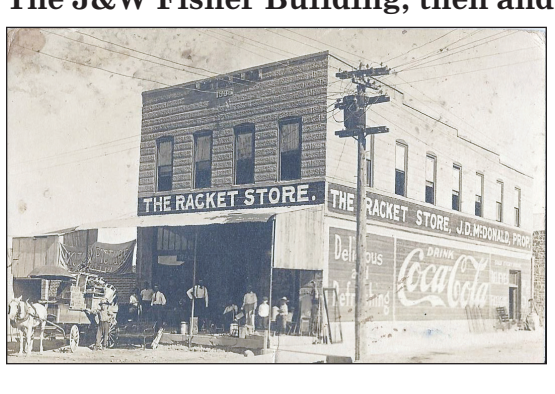
The J&W Fisher Store was first established in a tent by the springs in 1881. As soon as the railroad had established service, they picked up stakes and moved close to the track and future depot. Soon they replaced the tent with a wood building and later, after much success, they moved into the former Bressie Brothers Mercantile building.

Then:

This photo was taken around 1909 and shows the concrete water troughs and old board sidewalks. By 1929, the J.&W. Fisher Store was closed. A major remodel took place including plastering the building to “modernize” it. Purser and Son leased the south section and Big Spring Feed, and Seed Company leased the north section that fronted on First Street.

Now:

The store was occupied by Rix Furniture in 1945. When Rix closed, Big Spring Hardware took over the space. Haley Hotel was situated on the top floor and opened in 1927. It was managed by Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Haley's daughter Noreen Haley. Her parents were owners of the Wyoming Hotel on Scurry. Haley Hotel closed in 1966. After years of neglect the building has deteriorated and is currently on the verge of collapsing. The Train Car Cigar Bar is located north of the old Fisher Building.



The McDonald Building, then and now.



The Eddin Building, then and now.

Check it out at the Library this week

By **SANDRA VERDIN**
 Howard County Library

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, the computer room closes at 5:30 p.m. You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263. Please visit our website at http://howard-county.cloud.net and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Howard-CoLibrary for more information about our services and any updates.

Join us Monday's at 10 a.m. for Storytime in the children's room. On Monday, December 12, the library will be closed for two hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; we will reopen promptly at 1 p.m. The computer lab will be closed for building maintenance on Monday, December 12, and Tuesday, December 13. Patrons can still use the computers in front of the circulation desk.

This week's reviews are fiction and western titles in large print format.

When her 22-year-old stepdaughter announces her engagement to her pandemic boyfriend, Sarah Danhauser is shocked in *The Summer Place* (LP F WEI J) by Jennifer Weiner. But the wheels are in motion. Headstrong Ruby has already set a date, just three months away! and spoken to her beloved safta, Sarah's mother Veronica, about having the wedding at the family's beach house on Cape Cod. Sarah might be worried, but Veronica is thrilled to be bringing the family together one last time before putting the big house on the market. But the road to a wedding day usually comes with a few bumps. Ruby has always known exactly what she wants, but as the wedding date approaches, she finds herself grappling with the wounds left by the mother who walked out when she was a baby. Veronica ends up facing unexpected news, thanks to her meddling sister, and must revisit the choices she made long ago, when she was a bestselling novelist with a different life. Sarah's twin brother, Sam, is recovering from a terrible loss, and confronting big questions about who he is, questions

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- TUESDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
 - Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
 - Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.
- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
 - Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
 - GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.
- FRIDAY**
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
 - AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Robert Downey Jr. on one last film with his dad, 'Sr.'

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. set out to make an objective portrait, a tribute to his father, the underground filmmaking maverick Robert Downey Sr. His dad had other plans.

"The key point in this is when he goes, 'OK, I think we should split into two camps: The (expletive) movie and the one I'm gonna make,'" recalls Downey Jr., laughing. "I just go, 'Man, hats off to you, Pops.'"

"Sr.," directed by Chris Smith, is a work of father-son harmony more than might be suggested by Downey Sr.'s typically brusque assertion of filmmaking independence. It's a kind of home movie, mostly made by Downey Jr. but with his father's own insertions peppered throughout. It's a son's loving reckoning with his iconoclast father, a freewheeling cult filmmaker whose experimental films gave Downey Jr. his entry into moviemaking and whose outsized personality did much to inform his son, for better and worse. As Downey Jr. puts it, "My dad and I are pretty flawed dudes."

"It was a way to put something between us in our own relationship and closure. I didn't know that it would be the quickest way to the heart of things," Downey Jr. said in a recent interview by phone from Los Angeles alongside his wife and producing partner Susan Downey. "It's like a little string you pull at, you know. And it winds up pulling you into a rabbit hole that I kind of needed to go down in order to process and ingest the totality of our relationship."

Downey Sr. died last year at the age of 85 after having Parkinson's. That's part of the film; Downey Sr. wanted it to be "Sr.," which debuts Monday on Netflix, was made with the intention of capturing his last days: a last stab at gaining some understanding of him, wrestling with their shared demons and, once again, making a movie together. Some 50 years ago, Downey Jr. made his debut in his father's antic 1970 dog pound comedy, "Pound," at the age of 5.

"I have pretty good recall for the entirety of this incarnation, for better or worse," says Downey Jr., 57. "Those films and projects, I have very clear memories of that. I can still see the Mounds bar that was being handed to me. It was my first prop I ever had to deal with."

Years before he was the Oscar-nominated actor of "Chaplin" or the star of "Iron Man," Downey Jr. was, as he says in the film, "just Bob Downey's kid for a long time." Absurdist, spontaneous films like 1971's "Putney Swope" and 1972's "Greaser's Palace" made the elder Downey a pivotal coun-

tercultural provocateur who defined himself outside of the mainstream.

In "Sr.," Downey Jr.'s reverence for his father is easy to see, as is their mutual affection for one another. But that doesn't mean the old man was always easy on his famous son. Every film Downey Jr. ever made, he wondered: "What will Sr. think?" Every 15 years or so would he get a thumb's up.

"I hate to say it, but he was a bit of a snob. Susan and I did a couple Sherlock movies. He was like, 'Cute.' I did a bunch of the Marvel stuff and he goes, 'Uh uh. Yeah, bomb, bomb. Jokes. Funny robots. I get it.' I went, 'Hm. Wow. OK,'" Downey Jr. says. "I remember that he thought 'Less Than Zero' was good. He thought 'Chaplin' was too episodic. And he really liked that German song I sang when I was 15."

Again taking his father's direction, Downey Jr. sings that song, with panache, in the film. Though it's easy, as a viewer, to see how much alike they are, Downey Jr. is more hesitant to define what he inherited from his dad.

"I did not get his wildly optimistic ongoing super-curiosity," he says. "I would never necessarily marvel at the fact that a duck had baby ducks and those ducks got big."

Susan Downey disagrees. "You absolutely have your observation of the world. You're hyper-aware of what's going on around you and comment on it, much as Sr. did," she says. "And I think you deal with anything uncomfortable through humor. This is a secret power that you guys have. There's wonderful things that come with that, and then there's probably avoidance patterns that are kept up because of that."

On those '70s films, Downey Sr.'s cocaine use was rampant, an environment that surely had an influence on Downey Jr.'s own struggles later with drug addiction. It's a point that Downey Jr. raises in the film: "We would be remiss not to discuss its effect on me," Downey Jr. tells his father. He replies: "I would sure love to miss that discussion."

But "Sr." is in many ways a portrait of how both Downeys recovered, stabilized and found peace through family. Downey Jr. ascribes a metamorphosis in his father to his second wife, Laura Ernst, who died in 1994, and his third wife, Rosemary Rogers.

"I can relate to that, too, up until this current administration, the never-ending Susan

Downey empire," says Downey Jr. "I just have a lot more gratitude."

When Downey Sr.'s health waned, they moved the film's editing suite into his bedroom. Susan Downey, too, lost her father, in 2020, to Parkinson's. "He was a saint compared to us Downey boys," Downey Jr. says. Movies were how they connected. The last film Downey Jr. and his father watched together was the music biopic satire "Walk Hard." They laughed their heads off.

Since premiering "Sr." at the Telluride Film Festival, Downey Jr. has noticed how the film becomes a projection of others' experiences losing a parent. Toward the end of the film, Downey Jr. goes into his father's room, with the camera trailing, to find some final answers. "I was going to get to the bottom of it for once and all," he says. Like most sons seeking such definitude, Downey Jr. came out, he felt, empty-handed.

But in "Sr.," the two films each are making ultimately seamlessly meld into one, suggesting a deeper understanding between Jr. and Sr. than either might have readily admitted. There are also ongoing discoveries.

After such an unconventional indoctrination to cinema as a kid,

Downey Jr.'s genuine, live-wire performances surely owe something to the frenetic energy he had known on his father's sets. "I think I had the advantage of it already feeling natural before I came into that quote-unquote industrialized version of entertainment," Downey Jr. says.

He often found with other directors something just as comfortable and rewarding. He calls Richard Attenborough ("Chaplin") "a super wise loving grandfather." Jon Favreau ("Iron Man") was "like a brother." Movies were and still are, Susan Downey says, "the family business."

"It's very odd, too, because we're doing this film with Director Park (Chan-wook) now called 'The Sympathizer' where I'm doing a lot of different characters. It's not experimental at all. It's very well-fleshed out. But it's kind of reminding me of the Sr. experience," says Downey Jr. "You get dressed up, you try a character and we're going to film it."

Stuck by that fresh realization, Downey Jr. exclaims: "We're finally figuring everything out in real time! Live from the Gestalt Therapy Epicenter of Southern California!"

Then he sighs. "So I'm still working for Dad."

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HISTORY

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Southwest 3rd and Main Street

McDonald Building

The Home Union Building was constructed in 1890 by the Alderman brothers. It was a simple one-story building with a false front, and served as the Western Telephone Co. and the Water Dept.

Then:

It was torn down and a new brick building was erected in 1906. J.D. McDonald, owner, opened the Racket Store on the bottom floor of the building.

In 1929, the building was updated. Sam Segall opened a dry goods store on the main floor and E.B. Ballard opened a drug store. Office spaces were made available on the 2nd floor.

Now:

By the 1940's Collins Brothers Drug Store opened one of three stores in this location and Zales Jewelry occupied the space from the 1950's-1980's. Today, the building is vacant.

Northwest Corner of Main and 3rd

Eddin Building

Then:

The Eddin Building was built in 1909. The first business to occupy the bottom floor space was Big Spring's first movie theater owned by the Robb family.

Now:

It has been a drug store several different times, and a jewelry store, mercantile, and dentist office. Today the Eddin Building is vacant and for sale.

Man arrested in fatal shooting of Migos rapper Takeoff

By LEKAN OYEKANMI and JAKE BLEIBERG

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A 33-year-old man was arrested on a murder charge in the shooting of rapper Takeoff, who police on Friday said was an “innocent bystander” when he was struck by gunfire outside a Houston bowling alley.

Patrick Xavier Clark was taken into custody peacefully Thursday night, Houston Police Chief Troy Finner said. Clark's arrest came one day after another man was charged in connection with the Nov. 1 shooting, which authorities said followed a dispute over a dice game and wounded two other people.

Clark was being held in jail Friday awaiting a bond hearing. Court records do not list an attorney who could speak for him.

Born Kirsnick Khari Ball, Takeoff was the youngest member of Migos, the Grammy-nominated rap trio from suburban Atlanta that also featured his uncle Quavo and cousin Offset.

The 28-year-old musician was shot outside the downtown bowling alley at around 2:30 a.m., when police said a dispute erupted as more than 30 people were leaving a private party there. Police previously said another man and a woman suffered non-life-threatening gunshot injuries and that at least two people opened fired.

Police Sgt. Michael Burrow said during a Friday news conference that the gunfire followed a disagreement over a “lucrative” game of dice, but that Takeoff was not involved and was “an innocent bystander.”

Every person on the scene left without talking to police, Burrow said. Some of those people have since been located by the

authorities, who have also worked to piece together events with ballistics, video and audio recordings, according to Burrow. He said investigators are still trying to track down witnesses.

“We will be looking to find you,” he said. “It will be easier if you come find us.”

On Wednesday, authorities announced the arrest of Cameron Joshua in connection to the shooting. Joshua was charged with illegally having a gun at the time Takeoff was shot, but prosecutors said the 22-year-old is not believed to have fired the weapon. Christopher Downey, Joshua's attorney, told reporters that he has not seen anything to suggest that his client was involved in Takeoff's killing.

Burrow said that investigators believe it was Clark's gunfire that killed the rapper.

Fans and other performers, including Drake and Justin Bieber, celebrated Takeoff's musical legacy in a memorial service last month in Atlanta.

Migos' record label, Quality Control, mourned Takeoff's death in a statement posted on Instagram that attributed it to “senseless violence.”

Migos first broke through with the massive hit “Versace” in 2013. They had four Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100, though Takeoff was not on their multi-week No. 1 hit “Bad and Boujee,” featuring Lil Uzi Vert. They put out a trilogy of albums called “Culture,” “Culture II” and “Culture III,” with the first two hitting No. 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart.

Takeoff and Quavo released a joint album “Only Built for Infinity Links” just weeks before his death.

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Stephen Oyler, 75, died Thursday. A celebration of Stephen's Life will be Tuesday 2 PM until 4 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Roberto Garza, 68, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sharon Wilkinson, 65, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clifton Pledger, 58, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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• Everyone welcome! Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments provided. For more information call 432-517-9097.

• Mystic Wonders Healing, located at 204 S. Main St., presents: Full Moon Markets. Every month on the 8th join us from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and learn about the full moon, how to make moon water, take advantage of sales in the store and meet a variety of vendors.

• History Nerds - Great Courses Lecture Series of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, in the Theater Room. Each 30-minute lecture is followed by an in-class group discussion. There is no charge.

• Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will not be distributing food in November or if there is inclement weather, i.e., snow or heavy rain. Distribution will take place at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Our food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring a plastic bag or box and let us know how many are in their household to pick up food. We will post any updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>

• The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information,

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd.

Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street.

For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision

is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.



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Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Dec. 6: Big Spring Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Eldorado at Eldorado. Games start at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 6: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshman, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Ft. Stockton at Big Spring. Games start at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 6: Coahoma Bulldogs & Bulldogettes JV Basketball non-district matchup against Forsan at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. (JV Girls) & 5:15 p.m. (JV Boys)

Dec. 6: Coahoma Bulldogs & Bulldogettes Varsity non-district matchup against Forsan at Howard College. Games start at 6:30 p.m. (Varsity Girls) & 8 p.m. (Varsity Boys)

Dec. 8-10: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton. Games start at 4:30 p.m. (Dec. 8), 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. (Dec. 9), and 4:30 p.m. (Dec. 10)

Dec. 8-10: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton. Games start at 4:30 p.m. (Dec. 8), 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. (Dec. 9), and 10:30 a.m. (Dec. 10).

Dec. 8-10: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen & JV) at Andrews. Game times TBA.

Dec. 8-10: Coahoma Bulldogs & Bulldogettes Basketball (Varsity) at Borden County Tournament in Borden County. Game times TBA.

Dec. 9: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Midland Classical in Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. (JV1), 5 p.m. (JV2), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 9: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Midland Classical in Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. (JV) and 6:15 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 13: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Lubbock Coronado in Big Spring. Games start at 5 p.m. (Freshmen), 6:15 p.m. (JV), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 13: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against San Angelo Central at San Angelo. Games start at 4:30 p.m. (Freshmen & JV) and 6 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 13: Coahoma Bulldogettes Basketball (JV & Varsity) district matchup against Grape Creek at Coahoma. Games start at 5 p.m. (JV) and 6:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec.13: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Stanton at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. (JV) and 6:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 13: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) district matchup against Water Valley at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. (JV) and 6:15 p.m. (Varsity)

By Steve Belvin

Contributing Sports Writer

WILDCATS GEARING FOR A REPEAT

The Westbrook Wildcats keep on rolling, as they advance to the final round of six-man football in the Rankin I. If you don't think Westbrook means business ask the Rankin Red Devils.

Early in the season Westbrook had to rally to nip Rankin 59-58. Last week in the quarterfinals, the Wildcats mercy ruled the Red Devils 62-16 by halftime. Westbrook's double edged sword running attack of Grayson Jeffery and Cedric Ware shredded the Rankin defense.

Grayson had seven carries for 85 yards and Ware rushed for 103 yards on 16 carries. Adding balance was quarterback Parker Matlock (Homer's son) who threw two touchdown passes while completing 6 of 8 attempts for 107 yards.

Matlock and Hadley White led the defense with four tackles apiece. "Our team played fired up," said coach Matlock. "We played real well as a team and we didn't have turnovers. We knew Rankin had a good team and we couldn't come in flat. Our fans ranked the stands and excitement was on our side. It was a fun game to be a part of."

This week's opponent, the 12-1 Happy Cowboys, is a familiar opponent also. In the season opener in August, Westbrook beat Happy 62-16, the same score it beat Rankin last week. Only against Happy it was a three-quarter mercy rule.

"Forget about all of that" said Matlock. "It's a brand-new game. Happy is playing really well and we can't have a letdown. We have to play with passion and work as a team. It's been a fun ride and we hope it continues. We are excited to be playing December football." Game time is 6 p.m. Friday in Slaton.

BULLDOGS SILENCE NAYSAYERS

Division II Loraine manhandled the Cherokee Indians 24-6 on a soggy, nasty field in Miles. Many thought that game would be the end of the road for Loraine. Next hurdle is the Oakwood Panthers, a very formidable test. Loraine's defense has been playing lights out in the playoffs, allowing only six points.

Leading the playoffs, allowing only the win over Cherokee were senior standouts Wrangler Little and Damion Delgado who made 6 and 8 tackles respectively. It's no secret that that Loraine defense has to stop Oakwood's running back Zack Nickerson who's put up some unbelievable numbers this season. He's rushed for more than 3,000 yards and scored 77 touchdowns. Those 77 touchdowns is a Texas six-man single season record.

"Oakwood is a very good football team with a ton of talent," said Loraine coach Jake Popham. "Zack Nickerson is the real deal and he has a good team around him," Popham said.

The Bulldogs have swagger of their own. "Our boys understand the potential, the process, and it has continued to grow with their expectations' level of competitiveness each passing week. For instance, most thought we wouldn't be able to beat Cherokee. So, we challenged hem to ignore 'the noise' and do what we do best and we would come out with a victory' This week is no exception, we have a lot to look forward to as we take on one of the best teams in Texas."

Loraine, 12-1 for the season, will face 11-2 Oakwood. Friday night at 7 in Dublin. By the way, isn't Wrangler a great name for

Second Time Around

a West Texas high school athlete?

HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR HOOPSTERS

The Midland Reporter News recently released its preseason list of high school superlatives of high school basketball and several crossroads players were on the list. Heading the girls' group was Stanton forward Madeleine Mathes. The 5-foot-10 senior has all the skills to play at the next level. Last season she had to do everything for the Lady Buffs, averaging 25 points, 12 rebounds and two steals per game, leading Stanton to a second-place finish in district behind Coahoma.

Hopefully she'll get a little more help this season. Coahoma junior guard Isabella Cox is another difference maker. Last year she led the district champs averaging 12 points, 6 rebounds, 8 assists and 4 steals per game. The Bulldogettes will be in a different district this season and it will be much tougher. With the likes of Merkel, Wall, Jim Ned and Ballinger, the Bulldogetes will be hard pressed to make the playoffs.

Also mentioned on the list were Jessi Everett of Grady, Shae Lang of Coahoma and Kaeli Woodall of Forsan. Headlining the boys group is Grady senior Logan Chapman, the reigning District 8-1A MVP and an All-Region selection. The 5-9 guard averaged 18 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals last year.

Others mentioned were John Lopez of Garden City, Aidan Galaviz of Stanton and Chapman Sims of Grady. Not on the MRT list but worth mentioning are Coahoma junior forward Ryan Shifflett, a do everything type of player and handles the ball well, scores and rebounds.

A dark horse is Big Spring senior guard Derick Walleck. Walleck played on the junior varsity squad last year because the Steers had an overabundance of senior guards. Walleck can shoot it! I saw him score 30 points a couple of times last season.

LADY STANGS HAVE TITLE TO DEFEND

Coach Ben Connell's Sands Lady Mustangs basketball team has a hard road to travel. That's because they have a State Class 1A championship to defend. It's hard to repeat and even more challenging that Sands lost several key pieces from last year's state championship team, most notably was Landry Morrow, who's playing ball at Angelo State University.

Back however are senior guards Elysa Martinez and Bianca Plata. Martinez was state tournament MVP last year. She dropped in 22 points in Sands 60-33 championship win over Robert Lee. Like last year the Lady Mustangs are welcoming all opponents, big or small school.

They sport a modest 4-4 record which includes a 24-22 loss to perennial 1A powerhouse Nazareth and a 50-49 loss to Class 5A Abilene Cooper. The seven underclass women on the team, most who saw considerable playing time last year, will only get stronger as the season progresses. Somehow, I don't think Sands is giving up its crown easily.

PUTTING THE HURT ON THE PACKERS

Is there anything Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts can't do. He did a number on Green Bay in a 40-33 win. Ran for 157 yards, passed for 153. Heck he even made a tackle after an Eagles turnover. Eagles headed for a showdown with Dallas Christmas Eve in Arlington. The ball is in the Cowboys corner. Three of their next four games are at home.

Cal's Bush wants affordable housing for marginalized people

By JANIE McCauley

AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Jadyn Bush made a daily 90-minute commute just to get to her private Seattle high school some 30 miles away from her home in the diverse suburb of Federal Way, Washington. There were hundreds of train rides and bus trips with her younger sister Jil- lese.

"I have been in a relentless pursuit of my education from a young age," the Cal forward said of what fueled her then and now.

Yet Bush felt isolated in a largely white high school, even with Jil- lese as her teammate and commuting companion. The experience largely inspired what Bush is doing in Berkeley while working toward her master's degree in public policy: focusing her attention on helping find housing options for people coming back into communities from prison and others in marginalized populations.

"I have just had every opportunity, every stroke of luck that you can imagine," said Bush, a graduate transfer from Harvard who arrived at Cal in the summer of 2021. "... It's socially isolating to be in a different income class. It's socially isolating to look different than your peers.... It was an important experience and it made me stand up for myself and want to tell my story to people and want to be really transparent from where I've come from and what I want to do and to bring as many people as I can along with me."

Her sister, just 18 months younger, was one of Bush's first big followers and supporters.

"I think that a lot of the time people only see Jadyn as a basketball player, and that is one of the least impressive things about her. She is so much more than an athlete. ... She has such an immense impact on the people around her that tends to be overshadowed by her other tremendous accomplishments in the classroom and on the court."

Cal has been a good fit for Jadyn Bush. She plays for Charmin Smith, a Black coach and outspoken advocate for social justice issues determined to make a difference by creating tangible change.

Under Smith, the Golden Bears have rebranded their annual tournament at Haas Pavilion as "Raising the B.A.R. Invitational." This weekend includes four Black

female coaches — Smith, Arkansas-Pine Bluff coach Dawn Thornton, Alex Simmons of Garner-Webb and SMU's Toyelle Wilson. The "B.A.R." stands for basketball, activism and representation.

"The reason that I wanted to do that is because I felt like after that summer of unrest and the murder of George Floyd and others, I felt the conversation shifting and people getting back to work and going back to their everyday things," Smith said. "This isn't something that I wanted to disappear, I didn't want the conversation to end. And having this tournament gives us a platform to continue the conversation."

Other coaches have reached out to Smith about participating in coming seasons when there is room for them to take part.

Smith's engagement has been a source of inspiration for Bush, who said Smith makes it clear that things won't change "until you put (the issues) in their face and you demand them to do something."

"And she is going to put these issues on a platform and say: 'You can't ignore me, you have to do something about this. You need to reconcile the way things have been since the beginning of time. You need to

make space for these people and allow people, Black women head coaches, athletes, everyone to have their respect and be dignified in what they do,'" Bush said.

Bush has been working

ing for Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation, which is on campus and develops strategies and housing options for a variety of people to provide sustainable and affordable homes. She also worked on a special legislative report focused on discrimination in housing availability that was presented to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

"I think we're aligned in a lot of ways and it's just cool to see her being able to actually do real things, being involved in writing policy and everything she's doing," Smith said. "Some of it is way over my head."

Bush's concentration on social welfare policy related to housing is close to her heart, and she hopes to make a difference providing opportunities to people who might not be able to do so on their own.

"I have always existed outside of my comfort zone because I think that's where you grow," Bush said. "So I've always embraced being uncomfortable. I've always been in this pursuit of growth and of education and staying very firmly rooted in myself and staying very close to my personal values."



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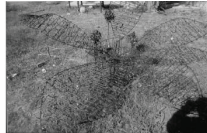
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Celebrate chocolate with a rich, homemade cake

The dawn of a new year presents plenty of opportunities to look to the future. Resolutions are made each January, with most centering on ways to get healthy. Not all resolutions need to be of the healthy, however. Once in a while it is fine to indulge, so a resolution to entertain more or to explore new baking opportunities can spice things up in the year ahead. People aspiring to spend more time in the kitchen can celebrate winter baking and National Chocolate Cake Day (January 27) simultaneously. This recipe for "French Silk" from "Classic Stars Desserts" (Chronicle Books) by Emily Luchetti is for serious chocolate lovers. This fudge-like mousse cake pairs plenty of rich flavors and showcases the chocolate in this decadent cake.

French Silk

Serves 12

Crust

- 3/4 cup walnuts, toasted
- 1 cup pecans, toasted
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 4 ounces (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted

Filling

- 1 1/4 pounds bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 6 ounces (12 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 6 large eggs (use pasteurized eggs if you are concerned about eating uncooked eggs)
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

To make the crust:
In a food proces-

sor, combine the walnuts, pecans, brown sugar, and cinnamon and pulse until the nuts are coarsely chopped. Pour the nuts into a bowl, add the butter, and stir until the nuts are evenly moistened. Press the nut mixture evenly onto the bottom of a 9-inch round springform pan. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. To make the filling: Melt the chocolate in a double boiler. While the chocolate is melting, combine the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and add the eggs two at a time, mixing well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl, increase the speed to medium-high, and whip until well blended, about 2 minutes. The mixture will look curdled.

Remove the melted chocolate from

the heat and stir until smooth and warm but not hot. With the mixer on low speed, add the chocolate to the egg mixture. Scrape the sides and along the bottom of the bowl and then continue to mix on low speed until the chocolate is fully incorporated. Add the cream and vanilla and mix until blended. Spread the filling over the crust. Refrigerate until firm, about 3 hours. To make the topping: In a bowl, whisk together the cream and sugar until soft peaks form. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Using a spatula, spread the topping over the top of the cake. Run a hot, dry knife around the inside edge of the pan to loosen the cake, then remove the pan sides and set the cake on a serving platter. Slice the cake with a hot, dry knife and serve chilled.



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9:PM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Rocks	Odd	Last Man	Divorce	Big Bang	Grinch	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
10:PM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Word St.	Almas	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: The Waltons' Homecoming	Big Bang	Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
11:PM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Jesus IS	Pink	SVU	Movie: The Waltons' Homecoming	Big Bang	Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
12:AM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Light of Southwest	Nature	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: The Waltons' Homecoming	Big Bang	Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
1:AM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Light of Southwest	Ready Jet	SVU	Movie: The Waltons' Homecoming	Big Bang	Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
2:AM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Light of Southwest	Cyber Moly	Chicago Fire	obs 7 Chicago P.D.	American	(:15) Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
3:AM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Light of Southwest	Cyber Moly	Chicago Fire	obs 7 Chicago P.D.	American	(:15) Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
4:AM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	News	News	Light of Southwest	Cyber Moly	Chicago Fire	obs 7 Chicago P.D.	American	(:15) Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers.	Mavs Pre-NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws	

Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q 9 6 5 3
♥ A J 4
♦ Q 10
♣ 7 3

WEST
♠ J 10 2
♥ K Q 10 9 8 7 2
♦ J 5
♣ 10

EAST
♠ K 8 7
♥ 6 5 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ Q 6 2

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ —
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ A K J 9 8 5 4

partner needed for slam, so he carried on to six.
The slam had reasonable chances of making, but failed when Woolsey, despite West's pre-emptive bid, elected to play the clubs normally, cashing the A-K. After that, he had to lose a club and a diamond for down one.
When Ricardo Janz and Carlos Camacho of Brazil held the North-South hands, the bidding went:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 3♥ 3♠
Pass 6♣ Pass 6♦
Here the U.S. West chose the unfortunate lead of a club, solving declarer's problem in that suit. Camacho then crossed to dummy with a spade and played the queen of diamonds, ducked all around. The ten of diamonds was led next, and when East again followed low, Camacho went into the tank. Should he allow the ten to ride in case East started with the K-J-x? Or should he put up the ace, playing for a 3-3 break or for West to have started with the J-x of diamonds?
Eventually, Camacho played the ace and was rewarded with the fall of the jack. He then conceded the nine to the king and scored the rest of the tricks, giving Brazil a 16-IMP pickup on the deal.

Today is Monday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2022. There are 26 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 5, 2013, Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first Black president, died at age 95.
On this date:
In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.
In 1792, George Washington was reelected president; John Adams was reelected vice president.
In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

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In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.
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In 2009, a jury in Perugia, Italy convicted Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito (rah-fy-EHL'-ay soh-LEH'-chee-toh), of murdering Knox's British roommate, Meredith Kercher, and sentenced them to long prison terms. (After a series of back-and-forth rulings, Knox and Sollecito were definitively acquitted in 2015 by Italy's highest court.)
In 2018, former President George H.W. Bush was mourned at a memorial service at Washington National Cathedral attended by President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter along with their spouses; former president George W. Bush was among the speakers, eulogizing his dad as "the brightest of a thousand points of light."
In 2019, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that she had asked the relevant House committee chairs to begin drawing up articles of impeachment against

President Donald Trump, saying his actions left them "no choice" but to act swiftly; in response, Trump tweeted that Democrats had "gone crazy." (Trump would be impeached by the House on charges of obstruction and abuse of power, but the Senate voted to acquit in the first of two Trump impeachment trials.)
In 2020, at a Georgia rally where he urged supporters to turn out for a pair of Republican Senate candidates in a January runoff election, President Donald Trump spread baseless allegations of misconduct in the November voting in Georgia and beyond. Hours before the rally, according to officials with knowledge of the call, Trump asked Georgia Republican Gov. Brian Kemp to order a special legislative session to give him the state's electoral votes, even though Joe Biden had won the majority of the vote; Kemp refused to do so.

the sexual misconduct allegations sweeping through the nation's workplaces. In a bitterly contested runoff election, Atlanta voters narrowly chose Keisha Lance Bottoms as the city's next mayor; a result that would be upheld after a recount requested by rival Mary Norwood. The International Olympic Committee barred Russia and its sports leaders from the upcoming Winter Olympics in South Korea after concluding that members of the Russian government concocted a doping scheme at the 2014 Sochi Games; some Russians would be able to compete as "Olympic Athletes from Russia."
One year ago: Bob Dole, who overcame disabling war wounds to become a sharp-tongued Senate leader from Kansas, a Republican presidential candidate and then a symbol and celebrant of his dwindling generation of World War II veterans, died at 98. U.S. health officials said that while the omicron variant of the coronavirus was rapidly spreading throughout the country, early indications suggested it could be less dangerous than the delta variant, which continued to drive a surge of hospitalizations. Buck O'Neil, a champion of Black ballplayers during a monumental, eight-decade career on and off the field, joined Minnie Miñoso, Gil Hodges and three others in being elected to the baseball Hall of Fame by veterans committees.

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In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.
In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.
In 1952, the Great Smog of London descended on the British capital; the unusually thick fog, which contained toxic pollutants, lasted five days and was blamed for causing thousands of deaths.
In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organiza-

Tomorrow: When to win a trick.
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