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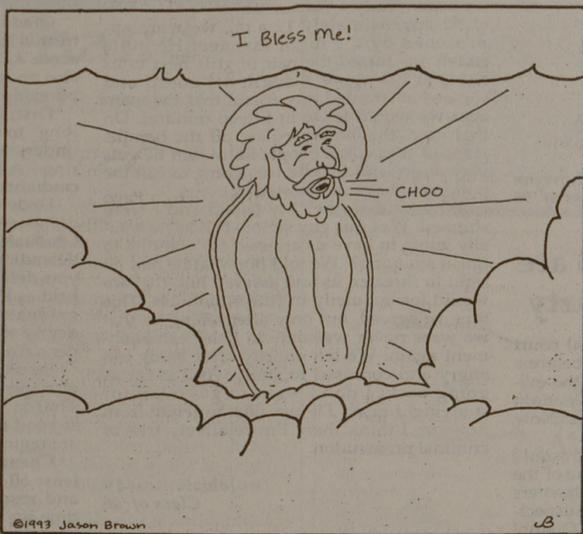
By Critch



Dan Rather bays at moon, turns 62 on Halloween

The Associated Press
 AUSTIN — CBS television news anchorman Dan Rather celebrated his 62nd birthday in Austin on Halloween with a group of spirited friends who called on him to bay at the moon.
 According to the Austin American-Statesman, Rather celebrated his birthday at a Halloween party that included a gathering of about 80 people, many of whom knew each other from Lyndon Johnson's presidency.
 Lady Bird Johnson, who was decked out in a witch costume, complete with broom, attended as well as U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle and former Johnson press secretary George Christian.
 As the Halloween moon was rising, some of the guests began commanding that everyone, including a reluctant Rather, bay at the moon. The newspaper reported that, dutifully, everyone bayed.
 Rather spends a good deal of time in Austin, where he and his wife, Jean, bought a house on Lake Travis last year.

JUST THE BEGINNING



By Jason Brown

San Angelo bordello to become 'love shop'

The Associated Press
 SAN ANGELO — Lori Schuster plans to reopen San Angelo's most infamous bordello, but the new owner said she doesn't expect to attract the vice squad or stretch the limits of any city ordinances.
 "Rather than being a sex shop, it's going to be a love shop," said Schuster, who recently purchased the closed Miss Hattie's Store and Museum at 18 E. Concho Ave.
 She plans to remodel the downstairs store area and reopen it as a gift and lingerie shop. The brothel upstairs will remain as it is with some restoration, and will be open for two museum tours a day.
 Schuster said her goal is to open in December.
 The name of the business will be Miss Hattie's Parlor, but despite its sordid past, Schuster said customers shouldn't expect anything sleazy.
 "It will be lingerie you'd want your daughter to be wearing on her wedding night," Schuster said.
 The store will feature elegant lingerie along with gift items, such as men's shaving items, colognes, toiletries, desk sets, walking canes and chocolates.
 She might even try to arrange with a local florist for ordering flowers from the parlor, so husbands in trouble can buy their wives lingerie, candy, flowers and perfume all in one stop, Schuster said.
 "We want you to come in off the street and think things are very beautiful and romantic, things you want to buy for your wife or girlfriend or lover or whatever they have these days," she said.

Schuster and her family moved to San Angelo about a year ago.
 A former teacher, Schuster has an accounting degree and has worked in retail for six years. Both she and her husband have owned businesses in the past, she said.
 Proceeds from a three-day auction this weekend will help fund renovations, which will include bringing the museum into compliance with city codes, restoring the front to its original condition and transforming the downstairs into the lingerie store, complete with dressing rooms and a parlor area.
 Antiques were what began Schuster's love affair with the store early this summer.
 She said her grandmother was an antique dealer and had owned some of the items that ended up in the downstairs portion of Miss Hattie's.
 "I used to play with her antique costume jewelry, so when I saw all that jewelry, I got goose bumps," Schuster said.
 In addition, she said, she had heard rumors in College Station that Miss Hattie's former employees returned to the San Angelo brothel once a year to play cards and reminisce.
 While those stories are probably not true, the fact those rumors had circulated outside of West Texas, made the site even more attractive, Schuster said.
 "I can look down the street and picture what it must have been like," she said. "I love the old buildings and I thought it would be great to own a piece of history."

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— Lori Schuster, owner

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