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## Seasonal hirings spark rise in area employment rate

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the low unemployment rates in Big Spring and Howard County paved the way for a good Christmas season for consumers and retailers alike.

The low rates for the months of November and October also reflect the addition of seasonal job seekers entering the labor market during the holiday season.

For the month of November, Howard County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent,

which means the rate between October and November remained steady and was 0.4 percent lower than the county's September rate of 3.7 percent. In August and July, Howard County reported unemployment rates of 4.4 percent and 4.8 percent.

The city of Big Spring reported November unemployment rate of 3.7 percent, meaning Big Spring's unemployment rate also remained steady for the two-month period. The city's 3.7 percent unemployment rate October and November was one-tenth of a percent lower than it was in October 1996 (3.8 per-

cent) and four-tenths of a percent lower than September's rate of 4.1 percent and 1.2 percent lower than its August rate of 4.9 percent. In July, the city of Big Spring reported an unemployment rate of 5.3 percent.

For the month of November, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 14,057 with an employment level of 13,596 people, leaving 461 unemployed. In October, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 14,230 with an employment level of 13,754 people, leaving 476 unemployed.

In September, Howard County reported 13,450 people from a

civilian labor force of 13,961 were employed.

The city of Big Spring's 3.7 percent unemployment rate for November means 9,303 people from a civilian labor force of 9,657 were employed. In October, 9,411 people from a civilian labor force of 9,777 were employed in Big Spring.

November's 4.3 percent unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the MSA closest to Big Spring and Howard County was one-tenth of a percent lower than October's rate of 4.4 percent, placing it 14th among the state's

27 MSA's, which means the Odessa-Midland MSA remained steady between September and October.

Other counties in the Permian Basin reported various unemployment rates for the month of November, included Andrews, 5.3 percent; Borden, 0.7 percent; Dawson, 4.3 percent; Ector, 5.1 percent; Glasscock, 1.8 percent; Martin, 5 percent; and Midland, 3.5 percent.

By city, Permian Basin unemployment rates for November included Andrews, 5.5 percent; Lamesa, 5.1 percent; Odessa, 5 percent; Pecos, 8.8 percent; Stanton, 5.9 percent; Midland,

3.5 percent; and Rankin, 5.0 percent.

Overall, the state's unemployment rate remained at 4.9 percent between November and October, two-tenths of a percent lower than September's 5.1 percent rate.

The state's 4.9 percent unemployment rate for November was four-tenths of a percent lower than the unemployment rate for November 1996 (5.3 percent) and the lowest for that month since 1979 (4.2 percent).

The state's lowest unemployment rate for November was in

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## A look back at the top news — and newsmakers — from 1997

We know it's a cliché, but if there was one constant in 1997, it was change.

New faces dotted the Big Spring City Council, the drought — for a change — didn't doom the cotton crop, and some beloved friends unfortunately left us.

There were plenty of changes to write about in 1997, and following, in no particular order, are the top 10 stories of the year, according to the Herald staff.

Whether you agree with our list or not, you have to agree on one thing — the old year certainly wasn't boring.

**1** Three incumbents — two on the Big Spring City Council and one of the Big Spring ISD school board — were defeated in May elections.

Tommy Tune, an instructor at Howard College, defeated Tom Guess for the Place 4 seat on the council.

Tune was joined by fellow newcomers Oscar Garcia — who defeated Place 2 incumbent Pat DeAnda — and Greg Biddison, who won a three-way race for the Place 6 seat.

In the school board elections, first-time candidate Frank Long defeated incumbent Don Baker.

The news wasn't all bad for the old-timers, however. Incumbents Larry Hollar and Steve Fraser both managed to defeat their election opponents.

**2** Big Spring said goodbye to two old friends in 1997 with the passing of Police Chief Jerry Edwards and longtime civic leader Polly Mays.

Edwards, who served in various capacities at the police department for more than 20 years, died suddenly of heart problems in September.

He had risen through the ranks before becoming chief after Joe Cook's resignation.

Edward's funeral was attended by law enforcement personnel from across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Mays, who passed away in July, wore a number of figurative hats in our community.

She was a historian, having worked on the Potton House restoration project, and a written history of Howard County.

Mays also was a community leader. She served for six years on the city council in the 1970s, and worked for a variety of causes throughout her life.

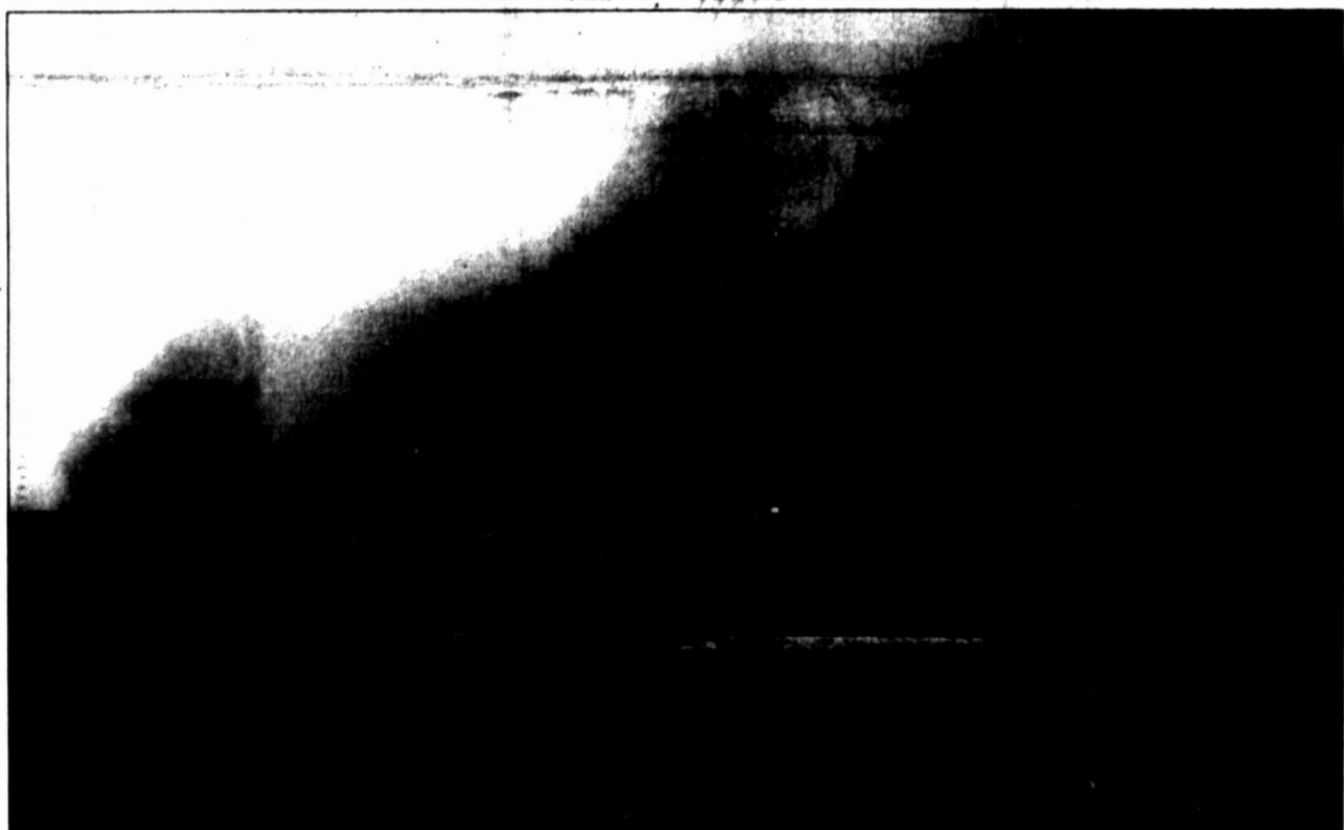
**3** Not even a sandstorm that looked like something out of "The Grapes of Wrath" could put a damper on one of the most successful cotton crops of this decade.

Although some ginning remained to be done at year's end, it was projected that more than 250,000 bales of cotton were harvested in this area in 1997.

Those figures will translate into an overall economic benefit to the area in excess of \$600 million, according to agriculture extension service estimates.

Unlike the last few years, when drought choked the life out of the cotton crop, plenty of early season rainfall nurtured

## The Top 10 Stories of the Year



the young plants toward fruition.

A setback occurred in June when a Dust Bowl-like sandstorm burned many fields north of Big Spring, forcing many farmers to replant.

Even those farmers were aided, however, by ideal growing conditions that kept temperatures on the high side until late fall.

**4** Everyone knew the Stanton Buffaloes would be good this football season, but few had an idea just how good this team would be.

In fact, the Buffs rewrote the definition of good, at least as far as area 11-man teams are concerned.

The Buffaloes capped a perfect season when they defeated the Rogers Eagles 33-7 earlier this

month to win the Class 2A Texas high school football title.

The crown was the first one won by an area 11-man team in history.

**5** There was good economic news on several fronts for Big Spring in 1997.

The first batch of good news came in January when Signal Homes signed a contract to make Big Spring its new home.

The firm, which builds manufactured housing, was expected to employ up to 150 people with an annual payroll of \$2.5 million.

An old friend of sorts returned to town in February when Furr's Cafeteria made its return after a three-year absence.

The 9,000 square foot facility, which officially opened Feb. 12, can seat 325 people.



The third bit of good news came in August, when local residents learned that Big Spring was selected as one of four sites state-wide for construction of Texas Veterans Home.

The nursing home facility, which will be constructed adjacent to Big Spring State Hospital, was touted as a way to lend support to the state hospital, while further enhancing the mission of the VA Medical Center.

**6** Months after it was approved overwhelmingly by local voters, construction began on a new junior high school for Big Spring in March.

On March 6, Big Spring ISD personnel attended formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the new junior high school, which is expected to open by the 1998-99 school year.

Although problems cropped up during the year, officials remained optimistic that the deadline will still be met.

**7** There was a new sheriff in town in January, when Bill Jennings replaced long-time sheriff A.N. Standard.

Jennings became the first Republican to serve as Howard County sheriff since Reconstruction.

Jennings easily defeated Barney Edens, long a deputy for Standard, in the November 1996 general election.

**8** Almost 30 Big Spring ISD students escaped serious injury in January when the school bus they were riding overturned on icy roads.

Five students and the bus driver, who was ticketed for driving too fast for the conditions, were treated and released at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

**9** Local residents were in an uproar after Texcom.net, a local Internet provider, closed in October, leaving jobs half-finished and with money and material belonging to customers.

Texcom.net was owned by Schell Walker, a former Big Spring resident now living in California.

**A**nd finally, Cornell Corrections held groundbreaking ceremonies for a new prison to be built in Big Spring.

The \$13 million facility will be open in April 1998.



### WEATHER

Tonight:



Mon:



Tues:



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Today, windy. Highs 45 to 50. Sunday night, fair. Lows near 20. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs 55 to 60. Monday night, fair. Lows 25 to 30. Extended forecast, Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows 30 to 35. Highs 60 to 65.

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## Saddam could use holy month to hide weapons

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia (AP) — President Saddam Hussein could use the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins next week, to further conceal Iraq's chemical and biological weapons from U.N. inspectors, the general in charge of American forces in the Persian Gulf area said Saturday.

Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, setting out on a four-day regional tour, predicted a quiet Ramadan militarily but warned that Iraq may use the lull against the international

inspections by agents of the U.N. special commission, or UNSCOM.

"If they are hiding things and moving things, (Ramadan) could give them the time and the cover to do it," Zinni told reporters traveling with him to this sprawling air base, from which U.S. warplanes conduct deny-flight missions over Iraq.

"The longer we go without inspections in places that UNSCOM really, truly expects something might be hidden, the better the chance is that something could be hidden to the

point where we could get a cold trail and lose it."

The United States and U.N. allies have been pressing Iraq to open to weapons inspection scores of sensitive sights including some of Saddam's presidential palaces. Though Iraq has given ground to inspectors recently, it has declared many sites strictly off limits and denied it holds chemical or biological weapons.

Ramadan, marked by daytime fasting, is the most sacred month of Islam's lunar calendar. It begins next Wednesday

at the latest.

During the holy period, when daytime activity in most Muslim countries tapers off significantly, Iraqi officials probably will be unavailable to escort inspection teams, Zinni said. The Iraqi military probably will lie dormant, and the chance of U.S. military action is remote.

"I doubt seriously that we would do anything during Ramadan," Zinni said. "Because of the way they do Ramadan, they virtually shut

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OBITUARIES

Charles Parks

Charles W. "Buck" Parks, 79, died Friday, December 26, 1997, at a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, December 29, 1997 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



PARKS

Mr. Parks was born on October 3, 1918 in Bromide, Oklahoma. He married Lottie Marie Harrell Holland on December 14, 1945 in Big Spring, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and he received a business degree from Draughts Business School in Abilene. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

He was a Mason where he had served as a member of the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Texas and the Staked Plains Lodge #598 AF&AM. He was a longtime member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ. Mr. Parks was a distributor for Gulf and Chevron oil companies. He had served as president of Parks Fuel Company until retiring in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Lottie Marie Parks of Big Spring; a daughter, Lisa Parks Jordan of Euless; two sons and daughters-in-law: Bob and Angela Parks of Big Spring; and Philip and Susan Parks of Mansfield; one sister, Nina Apeary of Temple; one granddaughter, Charlene Parks of Phoenix, Arizona; four grandsons: Jerry Parks of Mansfield; Cody Jordan of Euless; Wesley Parks and Taylor Parks, both of Big Spring; and many, many friends and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Philip Parks, Bob Parks, Jerry Parks, Cody Jordan, Roy Ray, Max Coffee, Baxter Moore, and Bobby Basham. All friends are considered honorary pallbearers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William W. and Kate Parks, and one sister, Bea Padgett.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, Howard County Division, P.O. Box 1223, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1223. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Sidney Jones

Sidney M. Jones, 77, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1997 in Big Spring. Services were Saturday, Dec. 27, 1997 at Kiker-Seale Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Scott W. Willis officiating. Burial followed at Iatan Cemetery.

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Mike L. Daniels, 80, died Friday. Services are 2:00 PM Monday, at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Charles W. (Buck) Parks, 79 of Big Spring, died Friday evening. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM, Monday, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with interment at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Cemetery.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1920 in Mitchell County and had been a resident of Westbrook since 1920. He married June Shelton on May 19, 1940 in Colorado City. She preceded him in death.

He worked for Cosden Oil Co. and farmed and ranched for many years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a member of the First Methodist Church of Westbrook and belonged to the Westbrook Cafe's "Round Table" group.

He is survived a sister, Paula St. John, Midway.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Lewis W. Jones.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Mike Daniels

Mike Daniels, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 26, 1997 in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 1997 at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1917 in Hood County and married Elie Ruth Daniels on June 30, 1938. She preceded him in death on June 23, 1981. He married Josephine Hasse on March 28, 1992 in Big Spring.

He was a longtime resident of Big Spring and worked for Fina Oil and Chemical and Cosden Refinery for 26 years before retiring. He was a member of the Cosden 25-Year Club, RSVP and had worked as a volunteer at the hospital. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Daniels, Big Spring; three sons: Calvin Daniels, Dallas; Preston Daniels, Big Spring; and Allen Daniels, Midland; a daughter, Oweta Horn, Big Spring; two step-children: C.J. Myrick, Winters, and Jean Bassett, Hemphill; three brothers: Raymond Daniels, Athens; Dink Daniels, Granbury; and Ted Daniels, Big Spring; a sister, Georgia Bell Thomas, Lingleville; 10 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paul Deboskie

Paul Deboskie Jr., 60, Midland, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 1997 at his home after a short illness. Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 1997 in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Midland, with Gordan Pollack and Michael Ruther officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born on March 6, 1937 in Rosebud. He moved to Lamesa in 1939, then to Odessa in 1953. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for Greyhound Bus Lines in Odessa before acquiring the bus station in Big Spring in 1988. He remained there until illness caused him to retire this year.

He is survived by a son, Timothy Deboskie of Gretna, La.; six daughters: Sondra Deboskie, Abilene; Sheila Davis, Oklahoma City; Paula Deboskie, Midland; Angela Deboskie Walker, Las Vegas, Nev.; Lanette Deboskie, Midland; and Andrea Deboskie Jeffries, Midland; his mother, Dell Hunter Deboskie, Midland; a brother, Tommy Ray Deboskie, a sister, Rose Deboskie Price; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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IRAQ

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down. ... Militarily, it means we're probably going to be frozen in place for that period."

Zinni, a stocky, blunt-spoken officer whose hair is buried in a regulation Marine crew cut, heads the U.S. Central Command, a military headquarters based in Tampa, Fla., responsible for an arc of countries stretching from Kenya and Somalia in East Africa, across the Middle East, to Iraq and Iran atwart the Persian Gulf. It is the position held by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf during the Persian Gulf War, and if tension with Iraq should rise to the point of conflict, Zinni would be the commander in charge.

A key priority for Zinni is to ensure that leaders in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries support the regional U.S. military posture.

In a recent Pentagon news conference, he said that contrary to media reports, friendly gulf states are willing to support heavy retaliation to an Iraqi provocation, for example the targeting of an American U-2 spy plane flying reconnaissance missions for the United Nations.

During the in-flight interview, however, Zinni struck a cautionary note emphasizing that the gulf allies want to avoid conflict with Iraq. Short of such an Iraqi provocation, he said, their support for U.S. military strikes would by no means be assured.

"They would not like to see it ever have to come to the point where we have to use military force," Zinni said. A U.S. decision to strike Iraq without an Iraqi provocation "would be a hard decision for them to support. I'm not saying it's impossible. It's going to have to be looked at case by case ... but it's going to be one that's going to be difficult for them. It's something that they really fear and they don't want to see happen."

Primarily, U.S. forces are in the Persian Gulf to protect U.S. energy supplies, Zinni said. The 30,000 or so Americans also are to defend gulf states against Iraq's still-formidable military.

But the U.S. presence remains a touchy issue in the region, with gulf states anxious to avoid angering Baghdad or to appear to be siding with the United States against fellow Muslims.

Because of this political sensitivity, some gulf states were anxious to keep publicity surrounding Zinni's visit to a minimum.

An ever-present terrorist threat against U.S. forces in the gulf is only the most palpable indicator of that sensitivity. Even in a trip built around visits with U.S. troops at well-guarded installations, the security surrounding Zinni's movements was heavy.

RATE

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the the Bryan-College Station MSA at 1.8 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA recorded the highest unemployment rate at 17.7 percent.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas as announced by the TWC for November include: Abilene, 3.5 percent; Amarillo, 3.2 percent; Austin-San Marcos, 2.9 percent; Beaumont-Port Arthur, 7.6 percent; Brazoria, 6.4 percent; Brownsville-Harlingen, 12.2 percent; Corpus Christi, 6.4 percent; Dallas, 3.4 percent;

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Lubbock, 3.4 percent; San Angelo, 3.8 percent; and Wichita Falls, 4.3 percent.

Texas' 4.9 percent unemployment rate in November was slightly above the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.3 percent.

BRIEFS

**BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA** is planning a holiday camp for children in the community whose parents must work during the school break.

Trained staff will provide educational, fun activities in a safe environment. Dates are Dec. 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 2. Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8234.

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For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

**THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE** is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

**MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH** will celebrate New Year's Eve with a special candlelight service at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The public is invited to attend the service, 6200 South Service Road E. 1-20.

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**TODAY**  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•"Healthy Horizons," an educational seminar provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Home Health, 600 Main. For more information call 267-1314.

•Candlelight service, 11:30 p.m., Midway Baptist Church, 6200 South Service Road, East I-20. Everyone welcome.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

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# Rio Grande's Heritage River nomination sparks controversy

PENITAS, Texas (AP) — Ask almost anyone who lives along the Texas border what the region's most important resource is, and the prevailing answer is water — specifically, the Rio Grande.

Ask how to best maintain that resource, the answers begin to vary.

So it's hardly surprising that when a group of politicians and civic leaders nominated the Rio Grande as one of President Clinton's American Heritage Rivers, some border residents collectively raised a wary eyebrow.

Supporters of the initiative say it would allow border com-

munities to tap existing federal resources for environmental and economic development projects.

But opponents, specifically farmers and ranchers who own land along the river bank, fear it would bring more regulations and simply duplicate programs already in place.

"As landowners, we're of course concerned about our property rights," said Jerry Bell, who farms nearly 1,000 acres of cotton and grain in Penitas, a riverside community of about 2,000 residents about 12 miles west of McAllen.

"They promise us there won't be any new rules or regulations,

but that can change," Bell said.

Those who back the program say fear and ignorance are driving landowners to sabotage an initiative that would benefit everyone living along the Rio Grande.

They insist that no new regulatory requirements would come out of it. They also note that communities that don't want to participate don't have to.

"They really don't know what the facts are," said Mary Yturria, a Brownsville rancher who sits on an advisory committee supporting the nomination.

"I'm never going to be in

favor of anything that would jeopardize a property owner," Mrs. Yturria said. "To me, this is a very innovative project. It's a very exciting project."

The Texas portion of the Rio Grande, 1,250 miles of river stretching from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico, east of Brownsville, was among 126 rivers nominated this month for the designation.

A panel created by President Clinton's Council on Environmental Quality is reviewing applications and will submit recommendations to the president, who plans to select the first 10 American Heritage rivers early next year.

Although the initiative will provide no new funding, supporters said it would help communities tap into existing resources for river-related projects.

Those projects include a proposed riverwalk in downtown El Paso, a binational program to teach Laredo and Nuevo Laredo students about the effects of river pollution, and a project to extend water lines into three Laredo colonias that lack safe drinking water.

In the Rio Grande Valley, the designation would be used to step up efforts to convert the 3,400-acre Palo Alto Battlefield into a national park and to pro-

mote economic development projects that support the region's growing industry.

"We believe the initiative is a good idea and can assist us in getting some of the improvements that we need here done," said Brownsville City Manager Carlos Rubinstein.

The mayors of more than 20 border cities have signed on in support of the project, as well as officials in seven border counties: Cameron, Dimmit, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Starr, Webb and Zapata.

But Bell said support stems only from elected officials, not the people living within those communities.

## Death penalty gains momentum in 1997, DPIC study indicates

WASHINGTON (AP) — More murderers were executed in U.S. prisons in 1997 than at any time in the past 42 years, and the pace of executions is expected to rise as the 20th century ends and the 21st begins.

Seventy-four of the nation's more than 3,200 death row inmates were executed this year, the most since 76 were put to death in 1955. No state has additional executions scheduled for the rest of this year.

"The execution train is still speeding down the track, and it's very hard to stop, or even slow it," said Richard Dieter of the Death Penalty Information Center, a Washington-based group critical of how capital punishment is administered.

This year, 17 of the 38 states with death-penalty laws imposed what courts call the ultimate punishment.

Texas was far and away the leader with 37 executions.

"We had a larger number partly due to a backlog of cases from 1996," said Ward Tisdale of the Texas attorney general's office.

"It's hard to predict the number of executions we'll see in

1998, but it's unlikely it will rise to the level of 1997."

Executions were virtually halted in Texas in 1996 by a court challenge over a new state law aimed at speeding up appeals. The law eventually was upheld.

A similar scenario arose this year in Florida, where only one of 350 death row inmates was executed.

More executions were stalled by a legal challenge to use of the electric chair, which opponents say is painful enough to amount to be unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.

The Florida Supreme Court upheld use of the electric chair but suggested the state Legislature consider adopting some other form of execution.

Florida's governor has postponed resuming executions until March to give state lawmakers the option of changing the state's killing method.

Several states give condemned prisoners an option on how they die. Most recently, states increasingly have provided for death by poisonous injection.

Nationally, the rate of executions since the Supreme Court

ended a four-year moratorium on capital punishment in 1976 is far below what it had been in decades past.

Between 1930 and 1967, 3,859 U.S. executions were carried out — an annual average of more than 100.

There have been 432 executions nationwide in the 20 years since Gary Gilmore was killed by a Utah firing squad in 1977. Texas carried out 144 of them.

"Based on all the public opinion polls and the mood of the Legislature, I can say there is overwhelming support for the death penalty in Texas, and I see no indication that will change in the foreseeable future," Tisdale said.

Dieter predicted that the execution rate nationwide will continue to rise over the next four or five years but suggested that newly voiced concerns might have the long-term effect of bringing those totals down.

Catholic bishops in Texas recently criticized the lead their state has taken. The American Bar Association urged this year a national moratorium on the death penalty until fairness can be assured.

## D-FW, Houston take different approach to 2-airport problems

DALLAS (AP) — Comparisons between Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport show DFW with big advantages in the three big areas commercial airports are measured by — passengers, cargo and flights.

DFW and Houston officials agree that a reason for the disparity is that the North Texas metropolis has focused its efforts on one airport, while Houston has allowed airlines to serve two airports freely, Intercontinental and the older, smaller Hobby Airport.

Houston officials told The Dallas Morning News that they have no regrets.

"Really, as we see the business growing, I think Houston will likely need to have the two airports to handle the traffic," said Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, who is leaving office after six years.

Long ago, when Dallas and Fort Worth opened their new international airport in 1971, North Texas officials deliberately focused airline service on DFW and limited service at the

two close-in airports, Dallas Love Field and Fort Worth's Meacham International Airport.

Indeed, DFW interests limited most airline traffic to the new airport by contract, by lease and by federal legislation. Only the rise of Dallas-based Southwest Airlines in 1971 challenged that exclusivity, flying out of Love Field. Only the 1979 Wright Amendment, a federal statute, limited Southwest operations from Love to Texas and bordering states.

No such limitations were placed on Hobby Airport, Houston's in-town airport on the city's south side.

Not only did the city not place restrictions on Southwest, but other airlines were allowed to operate from Hobby, the city's commercial airport before Intercontinental opened on the city's far north side in 1969.

DFW promoters cite numbers as evidence to support the wisdom of its strategy. In 1996, DFW Airport handled 58 million passengers to Intercontinental's 26.6, and is expected to accommodate 60

million passengers in 1997 to 35 million for Intercontinental and Hobby combined.

The trend is long-standing, officials say. Since the airline industry was deregulated in 1979, DFW has maintained a 2-to-1 lead over Intercontinental in annual passenger traffic, with a larger edge in cargo tonnage.

Other factors contribute to that lead, including the airport's more central location in the United States and the greater financial strength of DFW-based American Airlines than Intercontinental-based Continental Airlines, said DFW Airport executive director Jeff Fegan.

American is one of the world's most profitable airlines.

Continental has returned to profitability trips through bankruptcy protection in 1982 and 1995.

However, "Houston probably represents the most comparable metropolitan area in terms of size that has chosen to go with multiple airports, and I think the results speak for themselves," Fegan said.

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OTHER VIEWS

The Mexican federal government has belatedly taken over the investigation of the massacre of 45 peasants in the southern state of Chiapas. Although 18 suspects are already in custody, the intensity of the state-run investigation has to be wondered at when the mourners bag a truckload of suspects while en route to the funeral.

The slaughter was not a random explosion of violence. It was planned and executed by a paramilitary organization, one that local religious and human rights workers charge has close ties to the state government, run by a branch of Mexico's long ruling and seemingly endemically corrupt Institutional Revolutionary Party, the PRI.

State government officials were warned of brewing violence — and called on for help when the shooting was underway — but did nothing. These same officials seemed prepared to pursue the murder investigation with the same lack of enthusiasm and results.

The state of Chiapas first came to most Americans' attention two years ago when there was a brief attempt at revolution by the Zapatista Liberation Front, a rag-tag group most noted for its media savvy.

The comic opera quality of that uprising tended to obscure long simmering and murderous grievances in the impoverished state, between Indians and landowners, the PRI and its opponents, the handful of haves and multitude of have-nots. The killings have continued with this massacre standing out only because of its size and organization.

The massacre has now become a test of Mexico's reform-minded president, Ernesto Zedillo. He must see that the killers are brought quickly to justice, and he must also see that the federal government delivers on the long-promised, but never quite materializing, economic and political reforms to address the pitiful conditions that led to the massacre.

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The Court of Peeves, now in session

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK  
Columnist

The Court of Peeves, Crotchets & Irks opens its winter assizes with a petition from Ted Kirby of Waynesville, N.C. He asks an injunction against the detestable expansion of the verb "to grow."

In evidence he offers a Thanksgiving cartoon from The New Yorker. A New England Pilgrim is talking earnestly to an Indian: "The feedback I'm getting tells me that if your people work with my people we can grow this thing."

In a cartoon, the idea of growing a celebration is funny. Ho, ho. In everyday parlance, the idea of growing a company, or growing a profit, or growing "this thing" is abominable. As an intransitive verb, "grow" has many uses. A runner may grow tired, a child may grow in wisdom, a heroine may grow pale. As a transitive verb, "grow" works fine with corn, cotton, wheat and beards.

To the court's horror, Random House in its college dictionary actually approves "to grow a business" and uses it as an example. Inadmissible! A family may grow wealthy,

but in this court a family cannot grow wealth. The injunction will be granted. (The court entered the same injunction three years ago, but it didn't take.)

Jed Baer of Arvada, Colo., seeks an advisory opinion on the ambiguous use of "may." He tenders an exhibit from a computer manual: "When installing version 2 of Boofle for Windows, you may overwrite file xyz.foo in the dingbat directory." The court assumes that the quotation is verbatim, that computer people really talk this way, and that Reader Baer is not pulling the court's leg.

The petitioner asks, what is the meaning of "you MAY overwrite" in that impenetrable sentence?

Is the author saying that it is all right to overwrite the file, or warning us against it? The court, never having met a Boofle or a foo-file, recurs to fundamentals. "May" implies permission, "can" implies ability.

Thus, in the classic example, "If you can drive a stick shift, Mabel, you may borrow my Ferrari."

The author of the manual should have recast and clarified the instruction in this

fashion: "When installing version 2 of Boofle for Windows, you may wish to overwrite file xyz.foo in the dingbat directory. To accomplish this, attach Tab A to the starboard port-hole. Use a large spatula or a small shoehorn. And sweep up the shavings when you have finished."

Jed L. Babbitt of Washington, D.C., asks a temporary restraining order, to be followed by a permanent injunction, in the matter of terrorist attacks. He cites a wire service story reporting that the Irish Republican Army "claimed credit" for a bombing.

A similar petition comes from Alvin L. Becker of Waveland, Miss., who objects to a photo caption: "A roaring river carries part of a home through an Acapulco neighborhood Thursday, thanks to Hurricane Pauline."

Reader Babbitt's point is that "claiming credit" implies a sense of pride in a praiseworthy act.

Reader Becker's point is that a raging flood is not an event that normally inspires gratitude. Accurate terminology would say that murderous members of the IRA take responsibility. In Mexico, "a roaring river, swollen by

Hurricane Pauline, carries part of a home," and so forth.

Janice E. Schille of Clinton, Wash., submits a headline from The Seattle Times: "Lawsuit could force big changes in how Columbia dams operate." She inquires if "how Columbia dams operate" may function properly as the object of the preposition "in."

She offers other examples: "The coach came under attack for how he handled ... This woman won the battle with fat, and how she did it may work for you ... I just wasn't satisfied with how my medicine was working."

The court finds these constructions perfectly acceptable. The three letters of "how" compactly perform the function of "the way in which." Nothing wrong with that.

Webster's Dictionary of English Usage quotes from Adlai Stevenson in the presidential campaign of 1952: "I won't waste time telling you all about how I am myself a farmer."

If Stevenson had said, "I won't waste time telling you all about the ways in which I am myself a farmer," he would have sounded teddibly prissy — and he might have lost 50 states instead of 41.

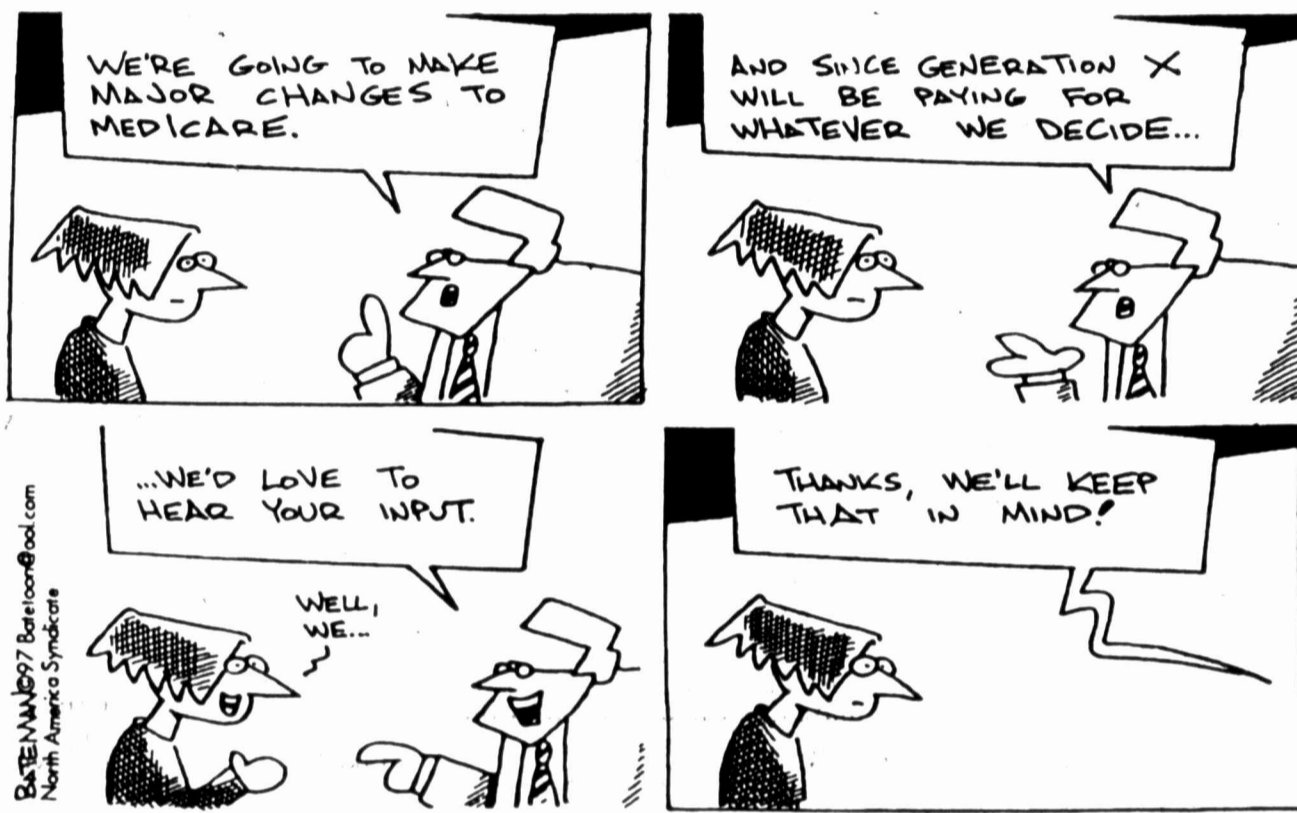
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Christians becoming scarce in Bethlehem

By JACK R. PAYTON  
St. Petersburg Times

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — The little town where Christianity began isn't all that Christian anymore, at least not if you count the number of people going to church these days.

In fact, latest estimates are that less than 35 percent of Bethlehem's 60,000 or so people are Christians — down from about 80 percent 50 years ago. The exodus of Christians — and there's no better word for what's happening — is a development that leaves many of the faithful perplexed and some wondering about their future in the turbulent Middle East.

Bethlehem, for those who have never been here, is quite literally on the front line of a bitter confrontation between Israel and Palestinian Arabs who want to create a nation of their own. And on the front line, too, of Christianity's struggle for survival between the conflicting pressures of Israel's Judaism and the Arab world's overwhelming religion of choice, Islam.

These struggles may be far from settled, but if the past 20 to 30 years are any guide, Christianity — at least in this small corner of the world — is in trouble.

The depth of this trouble is unmistakable.

Though conservative estimates are that Christians make up about 35 percent of Bethlehem's population, some Christian leaders fear the number is closer to 20 percent and that Muslims — once the minority — now account for the other 80 percent.

Whatever the number, many Christians are alarmed — not only because of what's happening in Bethlehem, but because of a steady exodus of Christians from throughout the Holy Land. Less than 50 years ago, Christians accounted for more than 10 percent of the area's population. Now, according to a Bethlehem University study, the figure is less than 2 percent.

"The church here is in crisis and some religious leaders predict that within 60 years there will be no more Christian presence here," says the Rev. Peter Vasko, president of the Washington-based Holy Land Foundation, an organization founded by Franciscans, the Roman Catholic priestly order most active here.

What's happening, Vasko and others note, is that Christians are leaving the region in droves. Despite a healthy birth rate among local Christians, the net loss is estimated at

more than 1,000 a year and growing.

Among those leaving are members of all the major Christian denominations — Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants and the Eastern Rite "Uniate" churches affiliated with the Vatican. Usually, the stated reason is a desire for a more peaceful and prosperous life in Europe, Canada or the United States where many have relatives.

As with just about everything else in the Middle East, explanations of the Christian exodus are the subject of hot dispute. To understand why, it's useful to keep in mind that almost all Christian residents here are Palestinians. To the casual visitor, most of them appear indistinguishable from their Muslim neighbors.

Because of this, the plight of Christians here is often explained by Palestinians in the framework of the Arab-Israeli political struggle: Christians, being Palestinians, are suffering from the same oppression Israel visits on the Muslim majority.

And because Christians are often wealthier and better educated than Muslims, a greater percentage of them are able to seek a new life somewhere else.

This may be true up to a

point, but Israelis offer another explanation. They say the Christian exodus is caused, at least in part, by worries about the future under a Palestinian government run by Yasser Arafat.

An even bigger concern, Israeli officials say, is the rise of fundamentalism among Palestinian Muslims — especially as practiced by the militant groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Whatever the reason — or combination of reasons — for the exodus, Arafat has done little to calm Christian concerns.

Arafat's Palestinian Authority administration has been notoriously heavy-handed in dealing with dissent, jailing anyone who speaks out against it. His police even arrested a journalist who dared to televise public sessions of the Palestinian Council and a newspaper editor who refused to give front-page treatment to a story about Arafat and his wife, a Christian converted to Islam, attending Bethlehem's Christmas Eve church services.

Arafat also alarmed many Christians when he publicly embraced Hamas and Islamic Jihad, mainly because their fundamentalist message and community work have made them extremely popular among the Palestinian masses.

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# Clinton: Medicare to guarantee regular cancer screenings

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, with holiday reflections on the loss of his mother to breast cancer, outlined Medicare reforms that take effect New Year's Day to make cancer screenings less expensive for 39 million older Americans.

"Nearly every American family has been touched by the shadow of cancer," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "By detecting cancer early on we offer our loved ones one of the greatest gifts of all — the gifts of life, health and

many holidays to come."

Under the balanced budget agreement negotiated with Congress this year, the nation's 39 million Medicare beneficiaries will be guaranteed regular tests for breast, cervical and colon-rectal cancer. Studies show that early detection of these cancers can boost survival rates as high as 90 to 100 percent.

The expanded Medicare coverage kicks in Jan. 1.

"We're ringing in the new year resolved to take new steps in our battle against cancer, one

of mankind's oldest foes," Clinton said.

His radio speech, taped before Christmas, was broadcast Saturday morning just before the president retired to the Oval Office for a rainy afternoon of work. Aides said Clinton took off Christmas and the day after, lazing about the White House residence in the company of visiting relatives.

In the broadcast, Clinton mourned the absence of his late mother, Virginia Kelley, whom he telephoned every Sunday evening before she died of

breast cancer four years ago Jan. 6.

"Especially at this time of year, I miss her a lot," Clinton said Saturday.

He highlighted these new Medicare benefits:

- No deductible for annual breast X-rays, and the guaranteed option of annual mammograms for all Medicare-eligible women age 40 and older. Previously, Medicare covered only biennial mammograms for some age groups.
- Coverage to pay for pap smears and pelvic exams every

three years, or annually for women who are at high risk for cervical cancer. Clinton said survival rates for cervical cancer are almost 100 percent when it's found and treated in the earliest stages.

- Coverage for regular colorectal cancer screenings. Before the new law, Medicare paid for the tests only when patients showed symptoms indicative of cancer in the colon or rectum. Diagnosed early, the cancer can be treated with a 90-percent survival rate, but the rate drops to 7 percent when the

cancer is missed until its advanced stage, Clinton said.

As for the long-term viability of the Medicare program, Clinton spoke Saturday of a yet-to-be-seated commission appointed to recommend ways "to ensure that Medicare will serve baby boomers and our children as well as it has served our parents."

Under the statute that created the commission, the panel was to have been in place by Dec. 1. Clinton and congressional Republicans are remain stalemated over naming a chairman.

# Mexicans struggle to understand reasons behind recent massacre

ACTEAL, Mexico (AP) — The men arrested in the massacre of 45 people in the village of Acteal this week look much like their victims. They speak the same Maya Indian language. They live in the same highlands municipality. They farm the same subsistence plots.

That has left many Mexicans struggling to understand how political differences among them could have led those men to form a death squad and gun down their neighbors with chilling brutality.

Human rights activists say the killings were probably carried out to strengthen the ruling party's political control in a county split between government supporters and sympathizers of the Zapatista rebels.

But survivors of the massacre and others who live here say a land dispute also was at play.

The trail of violence began in March, when farmers in the nearby town of Los Chorrros — where survivors say many of the killers come from — began receiving automatic weapons from a mysterious source, mounting nighttime patrols and harassing residents they accused of supporting Zapatistas.

"They said, 'We are going to do away with the Zapatistas,'" said Roman Catholic lay worker Alonso Lopez Mendez, who fled Los Chorrros in September after one of the armed patrols fired shots at his house.

Lopez Mendez was a leader of

the community group "Las Abejas" — "The Bees" — to which most of the victims belonged. The group supports the goals of the Zapatistas, who are fighting for Indian rights, but not their armed struggle.

Chiapas state Gov. Julio Cesar Ruiz Ferro said the formation of a Zapatista town council in the nearby village of Polho threatened local government supporters.

"These councils have been created outside the law, and have created a lot of concern," said Ruiz Ferro, who long denied the existence of paramilitary groups in the state, but now says they are a natural reaction to the presence of Zapatista rebels.

"It is very difficult to 'sterilize' this kind of situation and say there are arms on one side but there can't be any arms on the other side," Ruiz Ferro said.

But the question remains: What did the killers hope to gain by killing 45 people, most of them women and children?

One answer may be land. In this largely agricultural state, thousands of different political affiliations have been run off their farms by gunshots in the night.

And an ongoing dispute between residents of Acteal and Los Chorrros came to a head last year when squatters seized a gravel pit that lies near the site of the massacre.

Ruiz Ferro blamed the massacre on a combination of

"Chiapas' history of conflicts between ethnic and community groups, land disputes, political and religious differences."

Attorney General Jorge Madrazo gave a similar account Friday night, saying the dispute in the county goes back to the 1930s, and centers on three families competing for economic and political power.

A prominent member of one of the families, Jacinto Arias Cruz, the ruling-party municipal president, was detained for questioning Friday night.

Some survivors say the attackers wore Zapatista-style black ski masks, in a bid either to hide their identity or to make it appear that the massacre was carried out by the rebels.

Ruiz Ferro was quick to point out that the Zapatistas or their supporters are accused of running area residents off their land, burning their houses or killing them.

But even if the massacre had local motives, it appears state officials were at the very least negligent in failing to stop it.

Some witnesses say local police knew of the hours-long massacre as it started and refused to enter the town. State government officials said local police told them halfway into the massacre that the town was peaceful.

And some witnesses said state officials tried to cover up the massacre when it ended by hurriedly taking away the physical evidence.

# Year after floods, some survivors still make do in temporary trailers

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Duane Lembke's life has narrowed to a tiny trailer in a village of flood refugees on the outskirts of town.

The thin walls are barely enough to keep out the wind and cold, even in a winter so far considered mild by North Dakota standards. The water pipes froze solid once. If the family runs the washing machine on spin cycle too long, pictures fall off the wall.

Lembke, 55, laid-off from his truck-driving job because the company was damaged in the flood, has been unable to rebuild his home. He tries to stay busy with simple chores, but he has plenty of time to think about all that's gone wrong in the past year.

"It eats at a man," Lembke says. "I used to get out, go visit the old place, but I don't even feel like going out of the house any more. I've lost my ambition toward everything."

Lembke and his wife, who share a 12-by-60-foot trailer with their 23-year-old daughter and her toddler, are among some 220 families still living in temporary trailer homes provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, eight months after flooding devastated this city. Most will be here into spring of the New Year.

"I tell you what," Lembke says, "the longer we're here, the more tempted I am just to take what I've got and leave."

Lembke's six grown children used to bring their families home for Christmas.

This year there was no room for them to stay.

Kenneth Peterson and his wife, Lucille, seem more at ease in the trailer park. Peterson, a psychotherapist, lost his home and his office to the flood, but he and his wife, both 64, talk about how lucky they are.

"It's amazing what people can go through and still persevere, the ability they have to recreate themselves after something like this," says Peterson, who has resumed seeing a few clients in one room of his FEMA trailer.

While Grand Forks' two huge FEMA trailer parks are shiny, aluminum reminders that much flood damage remains, disaster officials say North Dakota's recovery from the 1997 devastation is unprecedented. Most families are back in their homes, and many businesses have reopened as normally slowly returns.

"This is the biggest disaster our region has ever dealt with," says Rick Weiland, director of the regional FEMA office in Denver. "Recovery is a long process. Something of this magnitude does not go away overnight."

The Red River Valley disaster began long before the floodwaters started rising. One of the worst winters on record — half a dozen blizzards and 120 inch-

es of snow — brought its own damage across the state and gave the first hint of the spring floods to come.

Wahpeton, N.D., and Breckenridge, Minn., at the headwaters of the Red, were the first victims. On the weekend of April 5-6, hundreds had to be evacuated to temporary shelters.

As the water moved north, the river swelled and spread wide across the vast, flat valley floor. The weather service repeatedly increased river crest predictions.

In Grand Forks, N.D., and East Grand Forks, Minn., two communities many thought were the most prepared, flood fighters simply couldn't keep up.

On April 18, a warm, sunny Friday, murky water poured over the tops of dikes. By Saturday, almost all 50,000 residents of Grand Forks and 9,000 in East Grand Forks were evacuated. From a giant airplane hangar at the Grand Forks Air Force Base a few miles away, many watched in horror as television cameras showed several square blocks of downtown — already under water — being devoured by fire.

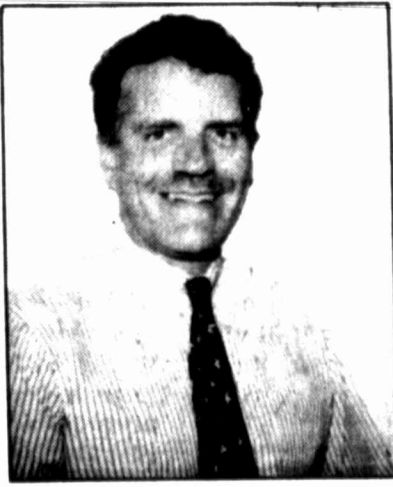
Damage estimates reached \$1 billion. Livestock losses topped 123,000 animals.

Donations poured in from across the country, including \$15 million from Joan Kroc, heiress of the McDonald's fortune.

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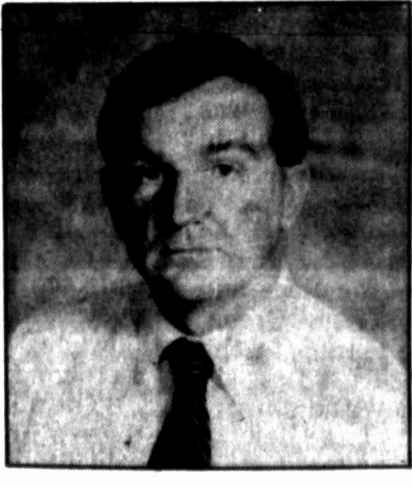
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Fifth-ranked UCLA hopes six-week layoff doesn't hurt facing Aggies

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DALLAS — UCLA finished its regular season as one of the hottest teams in college football.

COTTON BOWL

here earlier than we did. I think they have a little advantage.

Prague Field where some of Dallas' best inner-city high school teams play. It was a recruiting ploy used by A&M coach R.C. Slocum several years ago when the Aggies (9-3) were in the Cotton Bowl and drew a big crowd to the open practice.

UCLA quarterback Cade McNown, one of three finalists for the Davey O'Brien national quarterback award, threw passes Saturday where another Bruins player, Troy Aikman, has hit some receivers for touchdowns.

"Nebraska was a machine when we played them. They didn't make any errors."

Vikings trip up Giants

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Minnesota Vikings, without a win in four playoff games under Dennis Green, finally won one — the hard way.

Cowboys' losses on field create loss for business

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A lone rack of Dallas Cowboys merchandise sits in the front right-hand corner of the FootAction USA athletic shoe store at the Dallas Galleria.



AP Laserphoto

At least a quarter of the store used to be dedicated to Cowboys' paraphernalia. Now, there's a small four-tier rack of Cowboys' jerseys, T-shirts and royal-blue pants, which aren't official Cowboys' merchandise.

The look of frustration of Dallas running back Emmitt Smith's face is shared with businesses throughout the Dallas area. A losing season for the Cowboys translates into decreased revenue for numerous businesses.

And now?

"Nobody really wants it," Young said, pointing to a full rack of jackets with \$30-off signs on each jacket.

The signs of a fall are unmistakable. It used to be that the Cowboys' merchandise sold quicker than the store could place it on their sales floor.

"People buy a hat because Troy Aikman wore it," he said. "People see them and follow their lead."

The first Sunday without the Cowboys in a playoff game since 1990 has left many stores, bars and fans with a dismal outlook for a team that has taken a roller-coaster ride in recent years.

"The Cowboys are out of it," Young said. "It used to be the minority that asked for other teams. But now, it's the majority."

"I'm disgusted with them," said Dallas native Lisa Smith, 34. "I stopped watching them whenever they stopped winning. I watch cooking shows all day now on Sunday. Let's put it that way."

Greg Smith, a manager at Champ's Americana, a local restaurant and bar that has developed into the place to watch sporting events in North Dallas, said he thinks Dallas fans might give up on the Cowboys, but not on football.

Ms. Smith's self-description as a "former fan" is one many have taken up.

"This season, they were out of it so early you could just see the fans giving up," he said. "The last couple games when the Cowboys scored, you wouldn't have known if you weren't watching the TV."

It's a classification and attitude that worries many local businesses, which rely on the Cowboys' performance to move merchandise.

But Smith said he expects to attract a crowd this Sunday and throughout the playoffs. Fletcher says he's not so lucky. His market, just like a team's popularity, can change in an instant, and changing out his merchandise based on that market is a chance he

"They drive our business, there's no doubt about that," said Champs Sports assistant manager Corey Fletcher.

"The Tar Heels took a 5-point lead in the extra period, but Georgia tied it at 78 on Jones' dunk with 1:03 left. Then, after Ed Cota put North Carolina back ahead with two free throws, Jones was fouled after grabbing his own missed shot. He made both to tie it again with 31.9 seconds remaining."

The store, which is located on the floor directly above FootAction USA in the four-level mall, typically is a big draw for Cowboys' fans from as far away as Spain.

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Fletcher said many of his customers are repeat customers who come in on game days to buy the newest and hottest Cowboys' merchandise available.

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Broncos again flirt with disaster before beating Jacksonville

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — It took four quarters, but the Denver Broncos finally went for the Jaguar.

touchdown as Denver enjoyed a huge advantage in yardage and time of possession.

Terrell Davis ran for 184 yards and two touchdowns before leaving the game in the third quarter with bruised ribs, and backup Derek Loville added 103 yards and two fourth-quarter scores as the Broncos beat Jacksonville 42-17 in an AFC wild-card game Saturday, avenging last year's loss.

Denver, boasting the NFL's top offense, took the opening kickoff and marched 73 yards in 15 plays, consuming 7:21 and capped by Davis' 2-yard run.

The Jaguars, seven-point underdogs, got to 21-17 in the third quarter, thanks to Travis Davis' 29-yard blocked-punt return.

With 2:37 left in the opening quarter, Elway beat the blitz, hitting Rod Smith with a quick pass over the middle. Smith eluded safety Dana Hall and turned the short pass into a 43-yard touchdown.

But with Denver's Davis, who led the AFC in rushing this season with 1,750 yards, on the bench, Loville responded.

Reggie Barlow returned the ensuing kickoff 37 yards to near midfield, and the Jaguars reached the Denver 40, but punted. Bryan Barker's kick pinned Denver at its 8-yard line. All that did was set up a 92-yard scoring drive. Davis' 5-

He bolted 25 yards for a touchdown that made it 28-17 with 13:21 to play, then capped an 80-yard drive with an 8-yard run with 3:43 left. As the Broncos attempted to run out the clock, Vaughn Hebronn scored on a 6-yard run.

John Elway completed 16 of 24 passes for 223 yards and a

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North Carolina turns back Georgia's upset aspirations; Louisville upends Kentucky

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top-ranked North Carolina overcame an 8-point deficit in the final 31/2 minutes of regulation, then beat Georgia 82-80 Saturday when Vince Carter scored from underneath the basket with 3.2 seconds left in overtime.

dunk with 1:03 left. Then, after Ed Cota put North Carolina back ahead with two free throws, Jones was fouled after grabbing his own missed shot. He made both to tie it again with 31.9 seconds remaining.

Georgia had a chance to tie it up with 1.4 seconds to go, but freshman Jumaine Jones missed a pair of free throws, the second one intentionally.

Louisville 79, Kentucky 76

North Carolina (13-0) trailed 72-64 after Georgia's Ray Harrison scored on a drive with 3:16 left in the second half. But the Bulldogs (8-4) managed only one point during the remainder of regulation, missing three free throws. Ademola Okulaja sent the game to overtime at 73-all by making a pair of free throws with 25.3 seconds to go.

Nate Johnson hit a free throw with 14.8 seconds left as Louisville held on Saturday to stun No. 4 Kentucky 79-76, ending the Wildcats' eight-game winning streak.

The Tar Heels took a 5-point lead in the extra period, but Georgia tied it at 78 on Jones'

Johnson went to the line after being fouled by Jeff Sheppard while retrieving a rebound on Cameron Murray's missed shot. Johnson missed the first attempt, then calmly sank the second for the three-point lead.

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Kentucky called a timeout before its last possession. The Wildcats worked the ball around the perimeter, with Scott Padgett missing a 22-foot-

Get rid of hype, Notre Dame-LSU rematch is just another game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHREVEPORT, La. — From the way everyone's been talking about the Notre Dame-LSU rematch in the Independence Bowl, you'd think the contract calls for the loser to quit playing football.

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

things than just one bowl game."

Well, that's no fun. If this game isn't do-or-die for either team, then what's the point? Oh yeah, the rematch.

It's a must-win game for LSU. No, Notre Dame has to win today to give meaning to its unlikely comeback.

Actually, no, Irish coach Bob Davie said. "To be able to win seven of your last eight football games, to win your last six football games, to beat the 15th-ranked team in the country, there's no question the turnaround would be complete," he said. "Even if we don't win the game, that's not going to take away from what these seniors have accomplished."

Notre Dame went down to Death Valley and ran all over LSU seven weeks ago. The 24-6 loss was LSU's worst of the season. Notre Dame's 260 yards rushing was the most by any Tiger opponent, and well over the 116 yards a game LSU usually gave up. LSU rushed for only 120 yards, far off its 256-yard average.

Don't believe any of it, LSU coach Gerry DiNardo said. It's all just a bunch of hype.

And the rematch is on LSU's home turf. That must mean the Tigers really have it in for the Irish. No, not really, LSU tackle Chuck Wiley said.

Don't think Notre Dame is playing the glory of that last game, either. The Irish played almost a perfect game the first time around, going without a penalty or a turnover for the first time in Notre Dame's long history. But Davie and his team know those games don't come along very often.

Besides, it's not like beating LSU the first time makes the Irish the favorites. Anything but. LSU is 25-9-1 since DiNardo arrived three years ago — after six-straight losing seasons — and 2-0 in bowl games. Notre Dame is 23-11 over the past three seasons, and hasn't won a bowl game since beating Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl in 1993.

Not to mention that of the 12 previous bowl games featuring regular-season rematches, there've only been four sweeps. No wonder LSU is a 6-point favorite in today's game.

SPORTS EXTRA

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At El Paso, Texas Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)...

RESULTS-Gen's Dream 3-5, Neighbors Auto Sales 5-3, Southwest Crop Ins. 8-0...

RESULTS-Hughes Optical bed Magic Painting 4-4, Rainbow Home Improvement over Lee's Rental 8-0...

RESULTS-Guys Restaurant over Mason's Lawn & Garden 6-2, Kuykendall over Petty Farms 6-2...

At Tampa Bay, Fla. Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Georgia (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)...

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS-Denny's 0-8, Intaws 8-0, Santa Fe Sandwiches 8-0, Aliens 8-0...

MEN'S MAJOR

RESULTS-Mason Roofing over O'Daniel's 6-2, BSI over A&B Poutine 6-60...

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Registration for youth league continues

The Big Spring YMCA is taking registrations for its youth basketball league. The registration deadline was Dec. 6, but late registrations are being accepted with a \$5 additional fee.

TP&WD officials offer recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.

USA Volleyball clinics scheduled

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Oklahoma State's Simmons expects Boilermakers to pass

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ALAMO BOWL

SAN ANTONIO — Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons knows full well that 17th-ranked Purdue brings the nation's seventh-best offense into Tuesday's Alamo Bowl game with the No. 24 Cowboys.

"Everybody wants to talk about Purdue's defense giving up this and giving up that," Simmons said. "It's a team that ranks No. 1 in the Big Ten; they've got some weapons, and they know how to put points on the board and put points on the board fast."

The Cowboys will have to stop running back Edwin Watson, Purdue's fourth-best all-time rusher who ran for 886 yards and scored 80 points this season, and wide receiver Brian Alford, Purdue's all-time leader in receiving yards and touchdowns. He caught 59 passes for 1,167 yards this year.

Oklahoma State's offense will stick with the ball-control game plan that has served it well during the season. It's a patient approach, counting on its running game to wear down a defense. The Pokes have been fortunate this season with a five-man offensive line that has remained healthy.

Ole Miss takes Motor City Bowl

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marshall, and standout wide receiver Randy Moss proved to be plenty of trouble, mounting a furious comeback in the game's final half minute.

PONTIAC, Mich. — Mississippi, fresh off probation this year, hadn't been to a post-season bowl since 1992. The wait had been even longer for Marshall — 1948.

The comeback bid ended when Moss, who finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting, had the ball stripped away by linebacker Broc Kreitz after a 40-yard completion on the penultimate play of the game.

Deuce McAllister capped the comeback win for Ole Miss, scoring on a 1-yard touchdown plunge with 31 seconds remaining to lift the Rebels to a 34-31 victory over the Thundering Herd on Friday night.

The ball was recovered by Ole Miss linebacker Nate Wayne. Marshall players tried to grab it back from Wayne, claiming he wasn't in possession.

"It was a great game and it ended up that we scored in the final minutes for the win," Tuberville said afterwards. "I think if they get the ball back with any amount of time other than what they had, we

would've been in trouble." Marshall, and standout wide receiver Randy Moss proved to be plenty of trouble, mounting a furious comeback in the game's final half minute.

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Members of the intramural flag football team from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf gather for a picture (above) during the United States Flag Football Tournament for the Deaf in Arkansas. The SWCID team finished eighth and won the Sportsmanship Award. At right, team members Cody Upchurch and Cary McKeller display their awards after being named to the all-star defensive team.



Courtesy photos

BRONCOS

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yard run capped it. To that point, Elway had completed all six passes for 156 yards on third-down plays. The third-down streak ended on Denver's next series when Willie Green couldn't hold onto a pass. Stung by the 21-0 deficit, Jacksonville mounted its only

VIKINGS

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through the game and seemed to make every pass an adventure. Both Cunningham and New York's Danny Kanell missed open targets as the ball seemed to slip from their hands. And Cunningham fumbled four times, losing two. The first 10 Minnesota points came off New York turnovers, including Tiki Barber's fumble at the Giants 4-yard line early in the second half that jump-started the Vikings. Leroy Hoard ran the ball in on the next play and it was 19-10. The game started the other way. The Giants took advantage of fumbles by Cunningham on consecutive snaps in the first period for field goals of 43 and

sustained drive of the half. Mark Brunell completed a 16-yard pass to Jimmy Smith, and a 34-yard pass interference penalty on Denver's Darrien Gordon put the ball at the 4. Natrone Means scored two plays later on a 1-yard run. In a bizarre third quarter, the Jaguars cut the deficit to 21-17.

BUSINESS

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can't take. "We sell what we have," he said. "In this industry, a little drop is big business. We've sold some Cowboys stuff because it's Christmas and people want it, but once we hit the first of the year, it will drop." Fletcher anticipates that drop will be between two and five percent for the year. Chuck Van Patten, an assistant manager at a Centennial Liquor Store in North Dallas, said he expects Sunday business to drop by about 20 percent without the Cowboys in the playoffs.

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Allen said, "My horse was jumping and lunging into snow drifts up to seven feet, and at times, so much snow was flying that I couldn't see my horse under me." This all started when Gene Jones of Homer, Pa., called Allen Cannon of the Circle K Ranch, and he booked a pack into the Hermosa area in the San Juan Forest. Gene and his companions planned to arrive on Tuesday before the opening day on Saturday. This hunt would run all nine days of the last rifle hunt in November 1966. The Circle K would furnish the riding and packing horses necessary to carry them and their gear. When the Jones group arrived, they spent the night in the Circle K lodge also known as "Rio Lado." Early next morning the group assembled their gear, and loaded it in the pickups. John and Allen, along with two wranglers trailered the horses, and a convoy of four pickups pulling trailers moved out. About 10 miles up, the horses were off loaded, and very quickly they loaded the pack horses. With some walking and some riding, they headed to their camp site. The trip went without a hitch, and within about four hours, Allen and John returned. BUT the weather began to deteriorate, and snow came off and on for the next 10 days. And three days before pack out it snowed continuously. Deeper and deeper it got until the snow lay about four feet at elevations of about 9,500 feet above the level. Dreading this day, they knew that they had to get Gene Jones

and the group out. So horses were loaded and an attempt was made to get up Roaring Fork road. But they could only get to a point known as the "water tank." Here they unloaded the horses. Allen and John each led six pack horses, and they headed toward Orphan Butte about 1 1/2 miles away. Almost immediately they began to find seven foot drifts, and the higher they got the worse the snow got. Good luck was with them, it was calm with clear skies. With Orphan Butte behind them, they began descending and the farther they went, the snow got less deep until only about a foot of snow lay on the ground. When Allen and John approached the camp, they were met by a joyous group. They too, wanted to get out as soon as they could. Earlier that day, two of the group had made their way out so only four were left. As fast as they could, four tack horses were loaded, and the four hunters began the trek out. Allen and John stayed behind to load the remaining horses. Working at break neck speed, because it was a race to get out before darkness came, as soon as all the horses were loaded, John and Allen began the return trip. The trail was easy to follow, and they were within a mile of the summit before the wind caught them. A howling wind was blowing snow (not unlike a West Texas sand storm) and the billowing snow rolled over them reducing visibility to zero at times. The wind grew stronger, and pushed huge amounts of snow down upon them. And it seemed to come from every direction. Battling the snow, they became very tired. In a lull, they could see clear skies,

so they knew it was drifting snow and not snow fall as such. At last they reached the ridge some 11,000 feet above sea level, relief came over them. Urging their horses on while pulling four horses each, they topped the ridge. There they found the four hunters that had come up earlier. They were huddled under a spruce thicket, and asked why they hadn't gone on, they replied, "too much snow blowing." Allen then told them that they had to get going as darkness was coming on or else they would have to spend a cold night in the blowing snow. So he said that he would break trail and they could follow him. So the string of men and horses set out for the water tank. But by this time, the wind had increased and they couldn't see where they were going. The

going was so slow that darkness caught them. Allen had to trust his horse to find the way. The horse was leaping and pushing snow, and at times, Allen would dismount and lead his horse through the seven-foot drifts. At times, Allen could not see his horse under him because of the snow. But they struggled on and late in the evening they reached the water tank. Even though the group was "dead tired," the sight of the pickups and trailers gave all of them a new burst of energy. The eight-mile drive to the Circle K Ranch seemed like a Sunday's picnic compared to what the men and horses had been through. As they rode, Gene Jones spoke up, "I'd give a hundred bill for a steaming cup of coffee." But no one had a cup.

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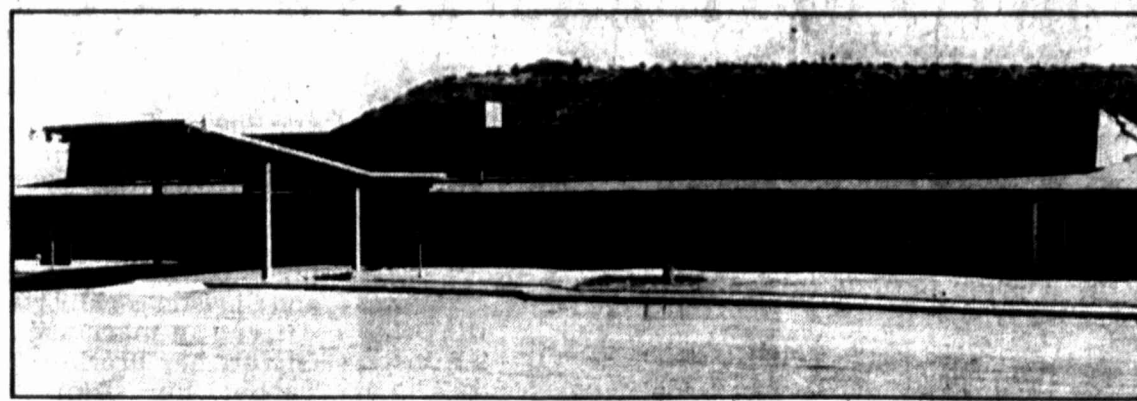
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# Center of the Community



A community center should be a gathering place, where anyone in town would feel comfortable. It should be filled with memories and laughter, echo with the pomp of important occasions. It should not discriminate, serving different cultural traditions with equal care.

That's what supporters say the Dora Roberts Civic Center has become. This historic building on the bank of Comanche Lake welcomes board meetings, society luncheons, family parties and formal dances.

It is booked for various occasions by the diverse local community several times a week.

"Everybody is using it," said director Kathy Lusk, "from businessmen to family reunions, from anniversaries to quinceaneras."

At the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Showcase, more than 1,000 people were said to have walked through the center's doors. Its grand opening to show off a renovated and updated look in 1994 drew nearly 700.

Several hundred attended a fundraising gala Dec. 19. Sometimes it is decorated for holiday events. Some events bring in bands, bars or photograph backdrops.

For Beverly McMahon and others who support the center, it is an example of how dreams can come true.

"I could see this building from my house, just dying over here," McMahon said. "I knew we couldn't let that happen."

The efforts and financial support of dozens of people, McMahon said, have made the center a source of pride for this community.

"This building is a success story," she said, "it's just one of many examples of that we have locally, but it is an example of what one or two or three people can make happen. When people get together and get interested in something, it can become a success story."

That was the situation five years ago, when the center had its first fundraising dance, a '50s style sock hop. Funds raised from that event and others like it have helped pay for maintenance, upkeep and will fund the center into the future.

Use of the various rooms at the center is growing. In November, the ballroom was used six times. A large meeting room with a wonderful lake view was used four times. Total guests during that month topped 1,500.

That large lakeside room, Lusk said, is normally the most-requested room in the building. There, companies have regular meetings, wedding parties conduct their showers and rehearsal dinners.

In another room, which Lusk calls the "classroom," businesses hold employee training seminars. It is equipped with a modem-capable phone line.

Lusk estimates that four or five groups have monthly meetings at the center.

"Everything is available to rent except the apartment and kitchen," explained Lusk, who has a contract on the kitchen for her separate business, Green House Foods. Although she caters some events at the center, users are welcome to bring in their own caterer or make other arrangements.

Occupant of the attached apartment, a rental unit, often helps set up tables and chairs for planned events.

With an entrance from the front is a police substation, housing the community services division.

The city, which owns the DRCC, does not pay rent to use the facilities. But everyone else does. Income from rental fees helps support maintenance and upkeep.

Supporters are trying to establish a fund that will support the center for the future — regular maintenance and special additions.

In the works now is a plan to build a pavilion on the lake side of the building, and some additional landscaping.

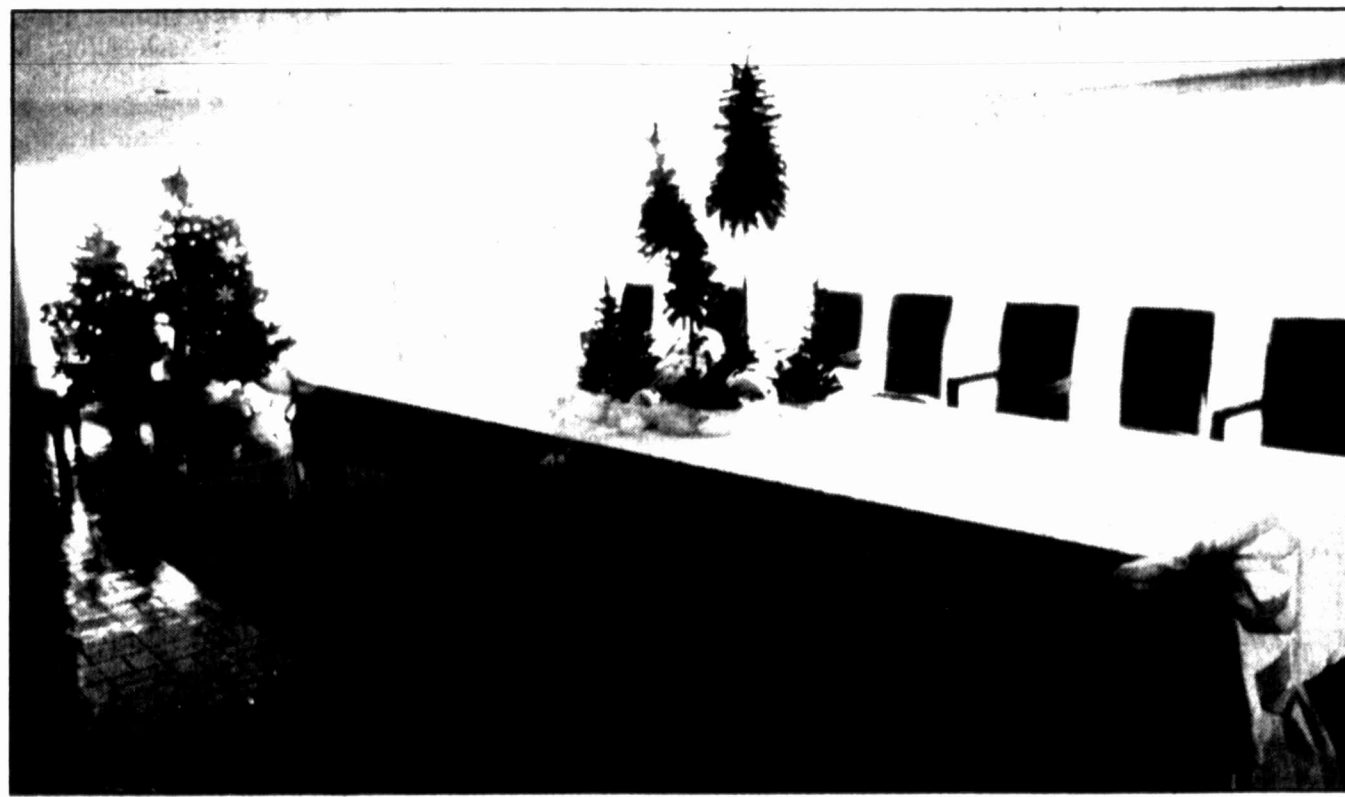
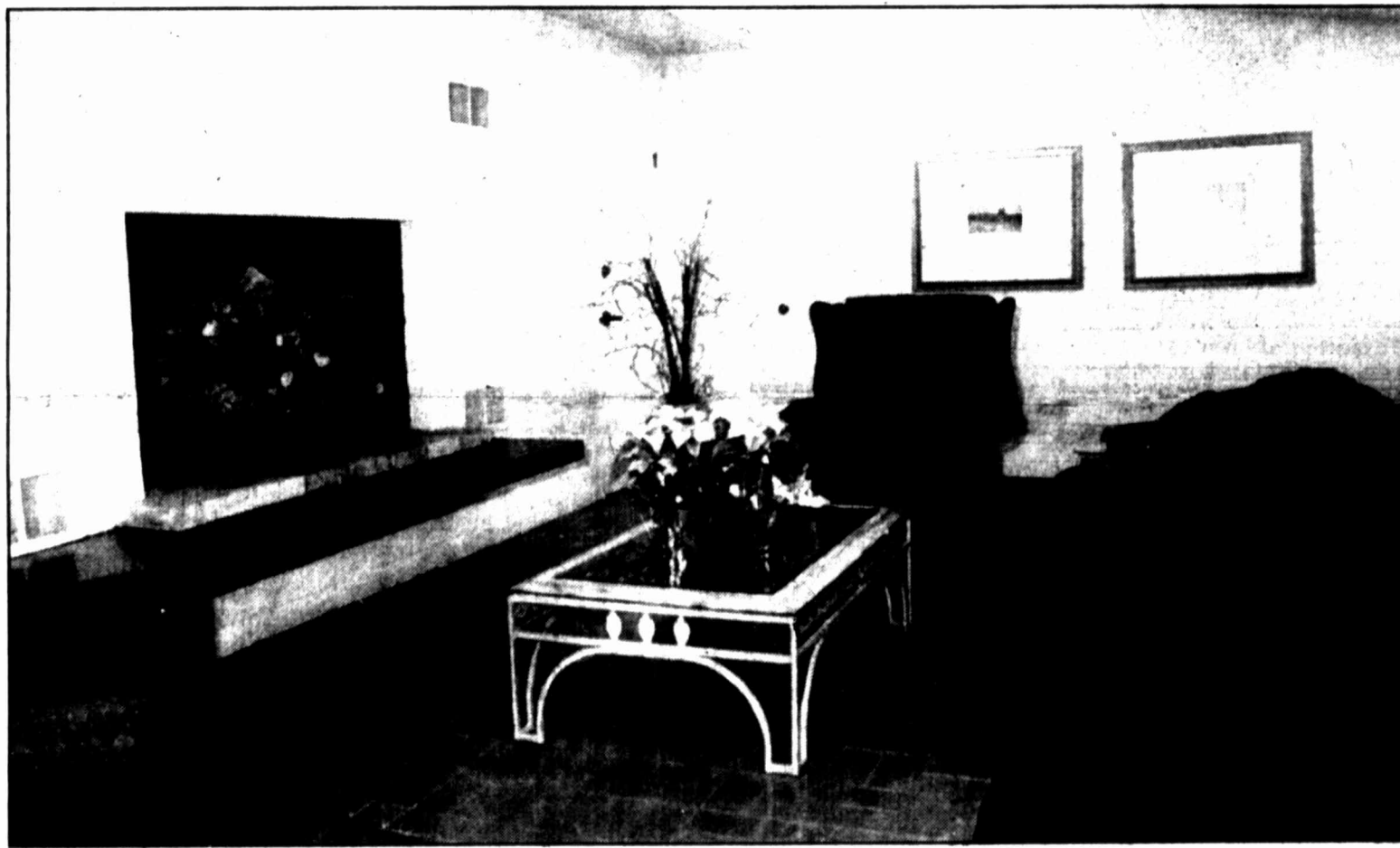
"We don't ever want the center to ever get in (financial) trouble," explained McMahon, "so we are making plans now to be sure that doesn't happen."

To discuss renting a room at the center for any type of event, contact Lusk at 264-9134.



In the photos, clockwise from above: the Dora Roberts Civic Center has been a community landmark for years, but now, after renovation and renewed interest, has become a popular gathering place again. At left, director Kathy Lusk keeps things running at the center, booking it for events and organizing preparations. Below, the elegant fireplace room is shown as decorated for use during a recent event. Bottom right, the most-used room at the center is the large meeting room, shown here as decorated for the recent gala. Guests were served refreshments in this room. It is often rented for meetings, family gatherings and parties when the large ballroom is not needed. Bottom left, the Big Spring Police Department community services division is headquartered at the center. Shown here is Corporal Carlos Diaz at work.

Photos by Jonathan Garrett  
Story by Debbie L. Jensen



## Our newest family member is the strong, silent type

Our new pickup truck is male. All our cars and trucks before this one have been female. You know how people are about applying human characteristics to animals and things. It's called "personification."

Our other vehicles were smaller, noisier, had quirks. Were female. This truck is big, imposing and quiet. It's powerful.

The only female I ever knew of this size and strength played volleyball for Fort Stockton back in the fifties.

I didn't go with my husband when he went to pick up this new truck.

I became strongly attached to the things we've had around the house for years, that do

everything you expect of them without complaining. (Like my husband.)

Our little GMC has served us that way for almost 10 years. Trading her in felt like taking a faithful old dog to the pound to exchange for a puppy. I couldn't do it.

My husband didn't want to, either. When I asked him how she took it, he said he thought the little truck whimpered when he drove off in this new one.

It made me think of the loyal Grenada we sold last summer. She was 20 years old.

I called her my Bicentennial car until I found out she was a 1977 model. I don't know much about cars, except they are supposed to go when you get in

and flick the reins.

She taught me how final it is to throw a rod. That was my husband's fault.

He had changed her oil the day before, so, when the little red light on her dashboard came on, I just kept driving.

I was headed to Kokomo, Ind., to play tennis. I was passing a pig farm.

When the rod went through

her engine, 11 little pigs were following their mama and a farmer with a slop bucket to the barn.

The farmer let me use his phone. When the mechanics got under her hood they found the oil filter as tipsy as the town drunk, wearing two little gasket caps.

Except for regular maintenance, we never had to do another thing to her once she got her new engine. Well, we did get her seats recovered that time the turtle got trapped overnight.

The lady who owns her now keeps her washed and waxed. Maybe our little GMC will get to go live with that little old lady from Pasadena the used-car salesman talk so much

about. When my husband brought this new truck home, I went out to meet them. I wanted to have look at it in its pristine state of newness, before Billy Clyde wet on the tires.

Billy Clyde is our dog. Even with the tires marked up, I knew the truck looked good as we drove off down the road.

The wind was high and gusting hard on the first drive we took. Our little GMC used to struggle to hold the road in a wind like that. And she couldn't keep the noise of it out.

Not so with this guy. When the wind pressed hard on his shoulder, he didn't shove over. Didn't give an inch. And, inside, it was as quiet as a

house when Daddy's sleeping. I haven't driven him yet. We're still just easing up on each other. I've slapped his flanks and rubbed his neck, let him smell my hand.

And I haven't named him, of course. We'll have to become better acquainted for that.

He's strong, seems gentle, has authority. But you can't call a truck Pope John.

My father-in-law was a big, quiet man unless you pushed him too far. Was there ever a Ford called Melvin?

Never mind.

If you see a big-eyed woman with both hands on the wheel of a new truck with a Christmas-green stripe down the side — that'll be me. Driving — maybe — Abraham.



Eunice Choate  
Columnist

# WEDDINGS

## MCINTOSH-OVERTON

Amy McIntosh, Coahoma, and John Overton, Fort Worth, were united in marriage on Dec. 22, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Bro. Claude Craven, retired minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Wesley and Donna McIntosh, Coahoma.

He is the son of Ricky and Cindy Overton, Coahoma.

The couple stood before a heart shaped arch with two candelabras accented with English ivy and burgundy floral arrangements.

Organist was Arlene White, and Jason Milliken and Felisha Cevallos were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a v-neck, satin gown accented with pearls, ruffles, puffed sleeves and featuring a large bow in back.

She carried a bouquet of American Beauty Carnations and English ivy.

Tabatha McIntosh, Coahoma, bride's sister, was the maid of honor, and Stephanie McIntosh, Coahoma, bride's sister, was the bridesmaid.

Monica Cevallos was the flower girl.

Richard Overton, brother of the groom, served as best man, and groomsmen was Rene Morales.

Serving as ushers were Randy Overton, Jr. and Justin Born.

Candlelighters were Tabatha and Stephanie McIntosh.

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

The bride's cake was five-



MRS. JOHN OVERTON

tiered, featuring a water fountain and staircases on both sides with bridesmaids and groomsmen. There were lace, pearls and beads around each cake, white doves and a heart-shaped cake topper.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake featuring sports medicine motif. Childhood and current pictures of the bride and groom completed the groom's table.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High School and Tarleton State University.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School, the University of Texas at Arlington and has a pending masters degree from Tarleton State University. He is employed by Boswell High school as the head athletic trainer.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will make their home in Fort Worth.

## OLIVER-MEEK

Hayley Ann Oliver, Irving, and Steven Ray Meek, College Station, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 27, 1997, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ with Royce Clay, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bob and Sharon Tarbet, Big Spring.

He is the son of Bob and Ming Taylor, Big Spring.

The couple stood before crystal-lighted Christmas trees, garlands of Christmas greenery and Christmas-plaid ribbons.

Given in marriage by Scott Oliver, her brother, and Bob Tarbet, her stepfather, the bride wore a formal gown of ivory satin with an Italian neckline bodice with crystals and pearls, bouffant skirt and a 12-foot cathedral train with insets of alencon lace and edged with pearls, crystals and sequins. The full-length veil attached to a headpiece accented with pearls and crystals.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of red roses atop a white Bible.

Maid of honor was Hilary Oliver, bride's sister, Amarillo; and junior bridesmaid was Tabitha Tarbet, Odessa.

Cassie Boskas, Anton, and Tori Tarbet, Odessa, were the flowergirls, and Cale Boskas, Anton, was the ringbearer.

Best man was Michael Lingenfelter, College Station.

Serving as ushers were Davey Tarbet, Odessa, and Larry Boskas, Anton.

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

The bride's table was covered



MRS. STEVEN RAY MEEK

in white and featured a four floating satellite cakes atop crystal stands, adorned with red roses and greenery.

The groom's table was covered in green and white linens and held a chocolate cake accented with the Texas A&M logo.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed as a reading teacher at Nimitz High School in Irving.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University. He was recently commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the United States Army.

The couple took a wedding trip to Chateau Lake Louise in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

The couple will make their home in Irving pending the groom's military assignment.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Grisham

Billye and Tolbert Grisham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 1997, at the First Baptist Church Parlor hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Wingate, and she was born as Billye Corley in Blackwell. They grew up together in Shep, met at the First Baptist Church in Shep and were married there on Sept. 27, 1947. They have three children, Carla Gill of Hurst, Roger Grisham of Amarillo, and Paige Tillery of Modesto, Calif. They also have seven grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Grisham have lived in Lubbock and in Big Spring since 1963.

They own Creative Celebrations, a wedding service. Previously, she was a teacher at Big Spring High School, and he was an optician at Malone-Hogan Clinic. They are affiliated with First Baptist Church, are members of the



MR. AND MRS. GRISHAM

Kiwanis of Big Spring and the Retired Teachers Association.

They enjoy their children, their occupation and playing jokes with friends.

This was their comment about 50 years of marriage, "Like everyone, we have experienced tough times, but we still love and respect each other."

## Grigg

Donald and Cleola Grigg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 1997, at the Southgate Church of Christ, San Angelo, with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Colorado City, and she was born as Cleola Griffin in Hamlin. They were grade school sweethearts at Brown School. They were married on Dec. 28, 1947, in Ackerly. They raised four children, Sandy Womack of Lubbock, Neal Grigg of San Angelo, Jana Henderson of Dallas, and the late Larry Grigg. They also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Grigg have lived in Ackerly, Tokio, Abernathy and San Angelo during their marriage. He is



MR. AND MRS. GRIGG

retired and previously was a farming and cotton gin manager. Cleola was a bookkeeper in a gin office. They are affiliated with Southgate Church of Christ, and Don is a veteran of World War II.

## BOSTON-DORTON

Leigh Anne Boston, Aubrey, and Eric Reagan Dorton, Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 27, 1997, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Denton with Rev. Virgie Holbrook officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Boston, Aubrey.

He is the son of Becky Dorton, Garland, and John Dorton, Big Spring, and the grandson of Emily Easley and the late Reagan Easley.

The couple stood before an altar of greenery and candles.

Organist was Dale Peters, and Peggy Capps was the vocalist, accompanied by Marshall Smith on the trumpet.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of ivory matte satin accented by a fitted bodice, chapel length train and a fingertip bouffant veil.

She carried a nosegay bouquet of white rosebuds.

Brandi Barber, New York, and Candace Scott, Spain, were the maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Lisa Harrington, Houston, Kim Stewart and Lisa Scott, Dallas.

Best man was Tony Brandon, Lubbock. Groomsmen were John Bates, Dallas, Riley Dorton, brother of the groom, Lubbock, Chris Hull, Lubbock, and Eric Sanchez, Fort Worth.

Adrian Croom, bride's cousin, Austin, Eddie Scott, Denton, and Bill Merritt, Dallas, served



MRS. ERIC REAGAN DORTON

as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance was held at the Denton Country Club. The groom's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. George Napper of Garland, had hosted a wedding rehearsal dinner at Milano's in Denton.

The bride is a graduate of Denton High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Dave Boston-Custom Homes in Aubrey.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University. He is employed by Llano Estacado Winery in Lubbock.

Following a wedding trip to Santa Fe and Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Adelaide, Australia, where the groom will be employed by Penfold's Winery.

## MASON-RAY

Tammi LaRay Mason, Big Spring, and Joseph David Ray, Lubbock, were united in marriage on Dec. 27, 1997, at Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring, with Bro. Randy Cotton, minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mason, Big Spring.

He is the son of Debbie Conaway, Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson, Madison, Ala. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ray.

Church decorations included Christmas greenery on candelabras and a unity candle in front of a swag Christmas tree decorated with hydrangeas, Christmas greenery and gold accessories.

Lila Adkins was the organist. Steve Moses, Lana Piercefield, Patti Adams and Brian Blagrove were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin with a ballgown silhouette. Appliques of delicate Venice lace encrusted with sequins and bridal pearls enhanced the sweetheart neckline and fitted paint sleeves. The fitted bodice attached to a cathedral train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of candlelight roses with Christmas greenery accented with gold.

Matron of honor was Stefanie Park, Liberty Hill, and maid of honor was Gwen Mason, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Letitia Ray, Austin, Kisa McEwen, Lamesa, Angie Harrington, McKinney, Michelle Ray, aunt of the groom, Midland, and Jenny Conaway, sister of the groom, Midland.

Flower girl was Sadie Bailey, Big Spring, and ringbearer was Blake Barnett, Midland.

Edgar Ray, grandfather of the groom, was the best man. Jason Parker, Plano, Greg



MRS. JOSEPH DAVID RAY

Wright, Lubbock, Mike Tweedle, Houston, Colby Crain, Lubbock, Clayton Black, Lubbock, and Tim Wright, Lubbock, served as groomsmen.

Dee Lott, Midland, was the usher.

Serving as candlelighters and junior bridesmaids were Sarah Anthony and Jamie Long, Big Spring.

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

The wedding cake was a three tiered candlelight cake atop a flowing fountain with satellite cakes trimmed in candlelight roses and Christmas garland.

The groom's cake was double chocolate, embellished with Texas Tech emblems and chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Angelo State University. She taught at Marcy Elementary for three years.

The groom is a graduate of Forsan High School and of Texas Tech with a BBA. He will be employed by Exxon USA in Houston as a system analyst.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Katy.

## WHO'S WHO

One area resident was among 73 School of Nursing students participating in commencement ceremonies in December at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Participants earning a bachelor of science in nursing degree included Carol Lynn Tucker. She is the daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Brackett, Big Spring.

## STORK CLUB

Evalena Laura Gutierrez, girl, Dec. 20, 1997, 10:50 a.m., three pounds 14.8 ounces and 17 inches long; parents are Fred Gutierrez, Jr. and Teana Roberts, both of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Susan Barber, Coahoma, Dale Roberts, Forsan, and Alfredo and Elodia Gutierrez, Coahoma.

## See yourself in Readers Corner

Readers Corner is published the fourth Wednesday of each month in the life! section.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be no longer than a page and a half in length.

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## life! section policies

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available at the Herald office.

We will not accept announcements unless they are printed on our forms, and we will include only information listed on the forms. There is no charge for these announcements.

Robert Young, M.D., F.A.C.S.  
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# Mourning Holly

## News of killer's release cripples already wounded family members

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The man who murdered Holly Maddux fled to Europe and eluded authorities for 16 years. To her mourning relatives in Texas, Ira Einhorn's freedom seemed to mock them from across the Atlantic Ocean.

The hippie guru and former Harvard instructor convicted of killing their sister in 1977 was arrested in June after he was discovered living with his Swedish girlfriend in a small town in the south of France.

Now siblings Elisabeth "Buffy" Hall of Fort Worth and John Maddux of Alvarado have learned the almost unbelievable: A French court has set Ira Einhorn free again.

Eighteen years after police discovered their oldest sister's body in a trunk in Einhorn's Philadelphia apartment, Hall, Maddux and their sisters Meg Wakeman of Washington state and Mary Maddux of Massachusetts thought justice would finally prevail.

But a French court declined to extradite Einhorn, 57, because he wasn't present at his 1993 trial in the United States. French law mandates retrials in such cases, a proceeding that Pennsylvania prosecutors couldn't guarantee. A panel of three French judges set him free earlier this month pending an appeal by French prosecutors.

"The French used us to make a political point; they stepped over my sister's body. What it's done to our family has been skimmed over," said Hall, 38. "What about Holly?"

Einhorn's crime and flight have taken a heavy toll on the family.

Their father, Frederick Maddux, who parachuted into Normandy on D-Day as a member of the 82nd Airborne, fatally shot himself in his Tyler

home in 1988. "He was depressed and angry, and he just gave up," said Hall, who was five months pregnant when her father died.

Her mother died two years later, she said. Einhorn "took our parents away," Hall said.

After years of therapy and sleepless nights, Hall said, she finally had accepted that her sister's murderer would never be brought to justice. With the news that Einhorn had been arrested, the sleeplessness returned and she went back into therapy.

John Maddux, a 49-year-old former Marine and a Vietnam veteran, says his grief has consumed him. He has never married and lives alone with five cats.

"I felt like a lot of my life has been on hold. Most people my age are grandfathers. I felt like I was going through the motions and not really living life," John Maddux said. "It's always in your mind. You can't turn it loose."

None of the members of Einhorn's team of attorneys could be reached for comment yesterday.

In an interview with The New York Times last week, Dominique Tricaud, one of Einhorn's French lawyers, said, "There was a lot of American pressure, but despite that, a French court taught Americans a lesson in human rights."

Luminous, blond and smiling gently, Heien "Holly" Maddux still lives in the black-and-white photographs scattered on the coffee table in Buffy Hall's spacious southern Tarrant County home.

Prosecutors said Einhorn fractured Maddux's skull at least seven times with a blunt object after she told him she intended to leave him.

Einhorn insisted that he had been framed.

# IN THE MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Javier C. Hinojosa, son of Manuel S. and Ana R. Hinojosa, Big Spring, recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

The 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Navy in November 1996.

Derek Hicks, a graduate of Big Spring High School, earned the title "United States Marine" upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. He will continue his training as an Infantry Support and will serve four years in the Marine Corps. He is the son of Virginia Taylor, Big Spring.



HICKS

Marine Sgt. Thomas W. Moore, son of Jettie A. and Thomas W. Moore Jr., Big Spring, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in September of 1988.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Christopher R. Johnson, son of Lerla L. and Sarah E. Johnson of Big Spring, recently reported for duty with Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The 1975 graduate of Forsan High School joined the Navy in April of 1980.

Air Force Airman Jeremy J. Mosley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. His wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Gentry of Big Spring.



MOSLEY

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Michelle B. Claw, daughter of Karen K. and stepdaughter of Elias Ramirez of Big Spring, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

She is a graduate of Howard College, Big Spring.

# BSSH says thanks

As we conclude our journey through 1997, Big Spring State Hospital employees would like to thank the entire community for the help and support over the past year. Many groups and individuals help at Christmas, but some help throughout the year. Whatever your contribution, large or small, the gift of self or money, it is all appreciated.

There are few civic, church or social groups that do not help in some way. Thanks to one and all listed below:



Kathy Higgins  
State Hospital

ABWA - Scenic and Cactus Chapters, ABC Club, East Fourth Baptist Church, Mary Martha Circle, Evening Lions Club, Downtown Lions Club, Greater Big Spring Rotary, Big Spring Rotary, Ackerly Baptist Church and Ackerly Volunteers, Women's Forum, RSVP, Kiwanis Club, Salem Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, College Baptist Church, 14th and Main Church of Christ, Willing Workers Midway Baptist Church, 1948 Hyperion Club, 1930 Hyperion Club, 1905 Hyperion Club, 1953, Hyperion Club, Odessa VFW, Optimist Club, Elbow Home Demonstration Club, Wal-Mart, Lawrence IGA, Church Women United, Suez Shriner Brigade, Quail Dobbs, Forsan Band, Howard College Cheerleaders and Jayhawk, Flynn Long, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Senior Citizens Line Dancers, Alex Edgemon, Mert Remley.

A special thank-you to all who give donations to the State Hospital fundraisers throughout the year. Without the caring and help of this community, BSSH patients would not have special events and activities, Christmas gifts, or many of the personal touches that make life a little brighter. From all of us - Thanks Big Spring for a good year, and happiness to all in 1998.

Kathy Higgins is the Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital, which includes the Volunteer Services and Public Information Department.

# ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER  
MONDAY- Chicken, rice, mixed vegetable, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, cookies.

WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, green beans, gelatin salad, cornbread, milk, pudding.

THURSDAY- CLOSED.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FRIDAY-Catfish, potatoes, coleslaw, okra & tomatoes, milk/rolls, fruit.

# HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Mork & Mindy" Keeshounds, male and female - need to go as a pair. Adult dogs, good personalities.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Elbow" Weimaraner mix, young adult male, shy, but very, very cordial, beautiful grey with white on chest.

"O'Brian" Small wire-haired Terrier. Red, neutered male, weighs less than 10 pounds, would be good with older person.

"Marty" 6-7 months old Doberman mix, docked tail, white bib with spots, playful and bouncy.

"Kip" Gorgeous pure bred Collie, young adult male, very friendly, neutered.

"Mugsy" 6-month-old Akita mix, short haired full coat, golden with black markings.

"Puppy" Shepard-American Bulldog mix, white with brown and black spots, 6-weeks old.

"Damascus" Walker Coon Hound, 5-year-old female, gentle and would be good with kids. House broken, spayed, all shots.

"Nancy" Brown Collie mix, young adult female, very friendly needs kids and room to romp.

"Poncho" Belgian Shepard, big black, very calm, would make a good yard dog.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

# NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Ken and Robin Teters, Canyon City, Colo., and Midland. They are both employed by the FCI as correctional officers.

Sherry Leon and Tawanda Johnson, sons Akeem, Raheem and Rasheem and nephew Eric, Dothan, Ala. He is employed by the FCI.

Lynda Davis, Ennis. She is retired from AT&T Telephone Co.

Guido R. and Nina Toscano, daughter Nina and sons Guido Jr., Alex and Andrew, Golden, Colo. He is an internal medicine doctor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Cezary and Anna Kupiranowicks and son Martin, Riverdale, N.Y. He is the Pulmonologist doctor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

William and Belina Mendoza, Jr., Odessa. He is retired from the restaurant business.

Daniel and Lori Mendoza, son Daniel Jr. and daughters Briana, Ashley and Brittany, Sweetwater. He does food service work.

Earl Lawson and Jean D. Anthony and daughter Shrada, Post. He is employed by B&E Roustabout.

# One drink a day may give some longevity edge

By LEE BOWMAN  
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Taking a drink or two a day gives adults over 30 a slight edge in longevity compared to non-drinkers, a new study that followed nearly half a million Americans over a decade concludes.

The study, led by Dr. Michael Thun of the American Cancer Society, found that for people in middle to old age, the benefits of drinking in reducing incidence of heart disease and stroke modestly outweigh the heightened risk of death from some cancers, cirrhosis, alcoholism and violent injury associated with regular drinking.

The results are presented Thursday in The New England Journal of Medicine. Findings were based on a survey of 490,000 adults ranging in age from 30 to 104 launched in 1982 by Cancer Society volunteers. The study also took into account tobacco use and excluded former drinkers from the comparison group. Over nine years, 46,000 of the study group died and the causes of their deaths was noted.

Thun and his colleagues noted that the study's subjects were overwhelmingly middle-class and excluded a number of high-risk groups for whom alcohol is much less a positive health influence, such as young adults, adolescents, binge drinkers or very heavy drinkers, poor people and others for whom the risk of death from accidents, violence and other external cases exceeded that from heart disease and stroke.

"In most subgroups, the rates of death from all causes was lowest among people who

reported one drink of alcohol daily, the researchers said.

Because the study excluded people under 30, it didn't take into account the toll from accidents, violence and suicide associated with increased alcohol consumption, particularly among men 15 to 29. Among men 60 and older, those external causes account for just 3 percent of deaths, while circulatory conditions account for more than 45 percent.

While "it is not known how long moderate alcohol consumption must continue for benefit to occur, Thun and his colleagues suggest that "consumption beginning in middle age might suffice, while averting much of the risk of accidents and cancer associated with drinking."

The study found, though, that smoking a pack of cigarettes a day more than doubled the risk of death from heart disease.

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## Sharp: Farmers, ranchers recovering from 1996 drought

AUSTIN (AP) — While most of Texas suffered through devastating droughts in 1995 and 1996, this year has been a time of recovery for many Texas farmers and ranchers. And although prices for many agri-products remain low, farmers and ranchers can look forward to a better 1998, Comptroller John Sharp said this week. "This year, Texas producers knocked off the dust from the '96 drought," the comptroller said. "Most were blessed with

much-needed rain, and prices began to return to profitable levels." According to state officials, the drought cost ranchers and farmers some \$2 billion. More than half of the state's 254 counties were declared disaster areas because of the drought and the state's economy lost about \$5 billion. Sharp said prices soybeans and beef cattle rose from 1996 to 1997, but prices for corn, cotton, sorghum, rice and wheat fell.

Farmers, from 1996 to 1997, increased their production of wheat and soybeans but cut down on acreage used for cotton, sorghum, corn and rice. Farm Bureau publications director Mike Barnett warned that he was still concerned about economic conditions for Texas farmers and ranchers. "They are still facing some issues," Barnett said. "Prices may be a little higher, but they aren't high enough." He added that while beef cattle prices have gone up, many

Texas ranchers sold off their herds last year when the cost of shrinking feed supplies was high. Sharp said while rain levels were up in 1997 — and appear good for 1998 — farmers will have to contend next year with cuts in federal subsidy and conservation programs. The National Weather Service on Wednesday said rain levels over most of the state are up this year. For example, as of Tuesday, the Brownsville area in South

Texas had received 35.99 inches of rain, nearly 10 inches more than normal. Rainfall levels as of Tuesday, and the normal rainfall leaves for other areas of the state include: — Abilene: 26.83, normal 24.16 — Amarillo: 24.85, normal 19.46 — Bryan-College Station: 42.01, normal 38.38 — Dallas-Fort Worth: 44.83, normal, 33.30

— El Paso: 9.49, normal 8.70 — Houston: 60.19, normal 45.19 — Lubbock: 22.40 inches, normal 18.57 — Midland: 17.07, normal 14.86 — San Antonio: 33.39, normal 30.64 Barnett said while rain appears plentiful now, it is too early to know if enough — but not too much — will fall next year. "Right now, we're optimistic," he said.

## Peanut promotion a hard sell in some states

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Georgia peanut producers say a proposal to collect money from growers in nine states to pay for a \$10 million-a-year national promotion appears to be a tough sell. The Georgians say resistance is strong in Texas and Oklahoma, where there is some sentiment that Georgia would have too much say-so on the promotion campaign's board. "Hopefully we'll be able to straighten this out," said Billy Griggs, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

Another meeting on the proposal, which took a year to put together, is scheduled for January in Washington, D.C. Grower groups in Georgia have embraced the proposal, which calls for collecting \$10 million annually through a check-off of 1 percent of each farmer's selling price to boost sales of peanuts and peanut products.

A 10-member board — one producer from each state and a member from a fringe state — would be in charge.

The plan emerged from a meeting of grower groups on Oct. 24 in Texas, the nation's second-largest peanut producer behind Georgia.

"We had a mutual agreement in Texas on the direction we should be approaching this," Griggs said. Mike Kubicek of the Oklahoma Peanut Commission said no deal was sealed. He said committee members left the Dallas meeting to discuss the proposal with their boards in advance of the January talks.

"I don't think we've thrown a wrench into anything," Kubicek said. "It was never considered to be concluded."

Griggs conceded some of the members might have been unable to sell the proposal to their boards. Oklahoma doesn't oppose national promotion, just some elements of the proposal, Kubicek said.

Kubicek, one of the original organizers, and his counterpart in Texas, Mary Webb, said the proposal unfairly limits the board's financial decision-making.

The plan drafted by a committee calls for spending only 40 percent of the funds for national promotion, education and research. Another 20 percent would be spent on promotion in specific regions of the country, while 25 percent would be returned to the states to finance research there.

"If we're going to be soliciting funds for promotion, it should be used for promotion," said Kubicek.

"We think those kinds of decisions should be left to the national board," Mrs. Webb said.

According to the Texas position, presented by peanut leader Clifton Stacy and supported by the Texas board, the plan unwisely limits administration expenses to 10 percent of the funding, putting "the board in a position that it may not be able to pay its bills."

It also questions the voting power of national board members, with the "weight" of each vote being determined by the crop value in the member's state rather than tonnage.

### SCENIC MOUNTAIN MULTI-SPECIALTY CLINIC



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Drs. Guido R. Toscano, internal medicine, and Cezary Kuprianowicz, pulmonary, critical care and internal medicine (front center) are joined by members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors group as they cut the ribbon welcoming Scenic Mountain Multi-Specialty Clinic to Big Spring. Scenic Mountain Multi-Specialty Clinic is at 1605 West 11th place (next to Scenic Mountain Medical Clinic).

## IJR shut down because of improper jet engine repairs

MIAMI (AP) — A maintenance contractor has been shut down for improperly repairing jet engine parts and falsifying records on the work before the parts were delivered to Air Canada, federal regulators said Wednesday.

International Jet Repairs Inc. "no longer possesses the degree of care, judgment and responsibility required to hold an air agency certificate," the Federal Aviation Administration wrote in its order. Air safety was "significantly compromised" by the suburban Hialeah company.

Without using the parts, the Canadian airline sent them back to the sender, Dallas Aerospace Inc., which notified the Federal Aviation Administration of the problems.

Inspectors who checked the inventory of the Carrollton, Texas-based contractor counted at least 168 Pratt & Whitney engine combustion chambers that had been improperly repaired by IJR from September 1996 to July 1997.

The parts are used in Boeing 727s and 737s and DC-9 aircraft. "The issue here is how did these parts get found?" said aviation consultant Mike Boyd of Aviation Systems Research Corp. in Golden, Colo. "The airline found them. The FAA doesn't have a clue."

The agency also was criticized after the ValuJet crash in the Everglades, which killed 110 people May 11, 1996. A maintenance contractor improperly packaged parts shipped as cargo and blamed for igniting a cargo fire, and the FAA's failure to adequately monitor maintenance was blamed as a contributing factor.

Although the revocation order dated Friday was sent by certified mail, employees were on the job Wednesday at 10-year-old IJR and seemed unaware of the FAA's shutdown order.

"They are no longer able to operate this week," said FAA spokesman John Clabes in Fort Worth, Texas. "We have shut them down. They lost their cer-

tificate." Official repair stations hold an FAA certificate specifying the work they are allowed to perform. Without the certificate, aviation contractors are out of business.

The revocation order was addressed to IJR general manager Jorge Angulo. A call by The Associated Press was referred to a manager named Jorge. He did not give his last name but said, "At this time, we're not able to comment on this."

Combustion chambers, where air and fuel are mixed and ignited, came under scrutiny from safety experts after a British Airways 737 engine exploded on takeoff in Manchester, England, killing 54 people in 1985.

"When things go bad back there, it gets real ugly real quickly," Boyd said.

Under Pratt & Whitney specifications, a bushing, or cylindrical metal sleeve, used in the chamber must have a tough tungsten-carbide coating on the inside.

### FAMILY PRACTICE CENTER



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Employee Carrol Rogers and Dr. Rory Minck are joined by members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors group as they cut the ribbon welcoming Big Spring Family Practice Center to Big Spring's business and medical community.

## Harvest is complete, but production down

Well, the 1997 crop year has nearly come to a close. Ninety-nine percent of the crop has been harvested and most gins are through or will be through very soon.

Most agricultural producers have made a good yield per acre, but the price of the cotton they grew is less than desirable. This is due to several factors. Although cotton products are in high demand as well as cotton mill usage, production remains good as we look at the world production of cotton.

Our cotton producers have to compete on the world market where many countries' expenses to make a crop are much lower than for U.S. cotton producers.

Cotton production for the U.S. is estimated to be 18.8 mil-

lion bales, 120,000 bales less than last year's crop. Cotton mills are projected to use 11.4 million bales within the U.S. and exports of cotton are projected to be 7.1 million bales. That puts the expected cotton use in the U.S. at approximately 18.5 million bales.

We currently have a carry-over of 4.3 million bales from previous years. Therefore the cotton market is responding to the seemingly adequate supply of cotton. World production remains balanced for the most part with both production and consumption are projected at near 90 million bales.

Therefore no large rallies in cotton prices are expected in the immediate future. Hopefully producers can sell their product on small rallies during the next four months. One thing is for certain, agriculture producers are going to have to look at some different methods on how to market their crop in the future.

With the current farm bill, producers will be forced to compete on the world market with the product.

## Some states do little to protect working children

When the federal government falls short in its responsibility to protect the nation's working children, advocates look to the states. But in many cases, they don't find much.

Some states' laws governing child labor are vague and difficult to enforce; other states lack resources or commitment to pursue reports of children working illegally.

The variations in state laws can be dizzying. Some are more stringent than federal child-labor laws, others more lenient.

Some state officials acknowledge the shortcomings openly.

"Our enforcement efforts are woefully inadequate," said Paul Shirr, a spokesman with the Texas Workforce Commission.

To be sure, some states have made inroads. The New York State Labor Department's Apparel Industry Task Force, for example, conducts regular inspections of urban garment factories to track violations that include child labor. But some states' approaches to enforcement appear either toothless or misdirected.

Consider Florida. It toughened its child labor laws in 1991. Six years later, an Associated Press investigation found Florida's enforcement efforts remain almost entirely aimed at teens packing groceries, taking fast-food orders and working after-school jobs — leaving children picking crops overlooked and vulnerable.

The pattern, also seen at the federal level, is common to many states. "If we know about it, we investigate it," said state child labor coordinator Michelle Collins.

However, a review of records shows the state Department of Labor has investigated only three cases of children working in Florida fields over the past five years. Two involved youngsters killed in citrus groves. The third began when a labor investigator happened upon a van accident involving migrant workers — including a 15-year-old girl picking tomatoes full-time.

The results: one warning to a labor contractor.

In contrast, the AP interviewed 28 children who worked picking tomatoes, beans, ferns and okra, all in apparent violation of the law, in just the opening weeks of this season's Florida harvest.

In Georgia, which has a \$5.3 billion agricultural industry and no good count of child laborers, state law offers no protection for children who pick and plant crops. Federal law sets limits but allows children younger than 12 to work in the fields under certain circumstances.

To enforce the law, Georgia's Child Labor Division must borrow investigators from another office to check complaints. And it has no power to levy fines.

In Washington state, the vast majority of state enforcement activity focuses on fast-food restaurants and grocery stores, not on agriculture, state officials acknowledge.

Margarita Prentice, a Democratic state senator who led a 1990 fight to make the state's agricultural child labor law considerably tougher than the federal law, doesn't blame the labor department for the continued existence child labor.

"They are overworked because we, the legislature, don't give them the resources they need," she said.

In Texas, where state law allows farm work at any age, and where enforcement of federal law is negligible, even toddlers are out in the fields.

The Texas Workforce Commission, the state agency responsible for enforcing state labor laws, has a \$780,000 budget this year with eight investigators and one supervisor to enforce the law. The agency has investigated more than 1,700 cases of child labor this year.

The statewide investigations resulted in fines to about 50 employers.

No fines were levied for children working in agriculture.

In contrast, New Jersey is among a handful of states that enforce child labor laws more vigorously.

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# Growing demand forcing Kansas farmers to white wheat

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas farmers appear to be on the verge of shifting their loyalties away from the hard red winter wheat that made Kansas and other Plains states the breadbasket of the world.

The change is being driven by growing worldwide demand for white wheat, particularly in Asia, and a shift toward white wheat in the university and private breeding programs that supply the industry. Kansas State University alone is preparing to release two new white varieties next year.

"There's no place in the world that prefers a red wheat. They all prefer a white wheat if they can get it," said Joe Martin, a wheat breeder at the Fort Hays Experiment Station run by Kansas State University. "We've pretty much shut ourselves out of half

of the world market by not having a noodle-quality hard white wheat."

At the recent Kansas Agribusiness Expo in Wichita, Terry Garvert of Goertzen Seed, a Cargill unit, pointed out that Australia's share of the Asian wheat market has grown from 24 percent in the mid-1980s to 33 percent today. Australia grows white wheat.

"Today, only Australian wheats are poised to capture that demand," he said.

Rollie Sears, a Kansas State wheat breeder in Manhattan, said switching to white wheat is "probably one of the easiest things we can do to significantly improve our quality."

To most consumers, wheat is simply wheat. It's used in bread, cookies, cake, noodles, pizza crusts and dozens of other foods that they eat every

day. In reality, though, different types of wheat have different uses and are grown in different parts of the country during different seasons.

Hard wheats both the winter varieties grown in Kansas and most of the central and southern Plains, and the spring varieties grown in the northern Plains are used primarily for baking bread. And they're almost entirely red wheats.

Other types of wheat produce flour that's better suited for other foods. The durum wheats of North Dakota, for instance, are almost entirely grown for use in pasta.

White wheat does not have the same red bran coating that gives flour from red wheat a somewhat bitter taste. That means more flour can be extracted from the grain, and

the bread and other whole-wheat products have a milder, sweeter flavor.

With white wheat, millers can leave in the bran, which provides fiber and nutrients.

Kansas farmers produced a record 506 million bushels of wheat this year, all but a fraction of it hard red wheat, or roughly enough to make 35 billion loaves of bread. This year's crop was worth an estimated \$1.6 billion in farm sales and hundreds of millions of dollars more in the form of flour and other wheat products.

Hard red winter wheat has long been the staple crop of Kansas agriculture. Russian Mennonite immigrants brought the first strain, known as Turkey Red, with them when they moved into central Kansas 123 years ago. It was well-suited for the region, and within

two decades, red wheat was the variety of choice.

But, recognizing the potential for white wheat and the changing world market, wheat breeders at Kansas State University and at private companies have been working for the past decade to develop white wheat varieties suited for Kansas.

Kansas State plans to release two varieties of hard white wheat in 1998, and it has others under development. How quickly farmers will adopt them is a matter of disagreement.

Some in the industry look for a rapid change, with white wheat overtaking red in as little as five years. Researchers are more conservative, anticipating a phase-in period of 10 to 20 years.

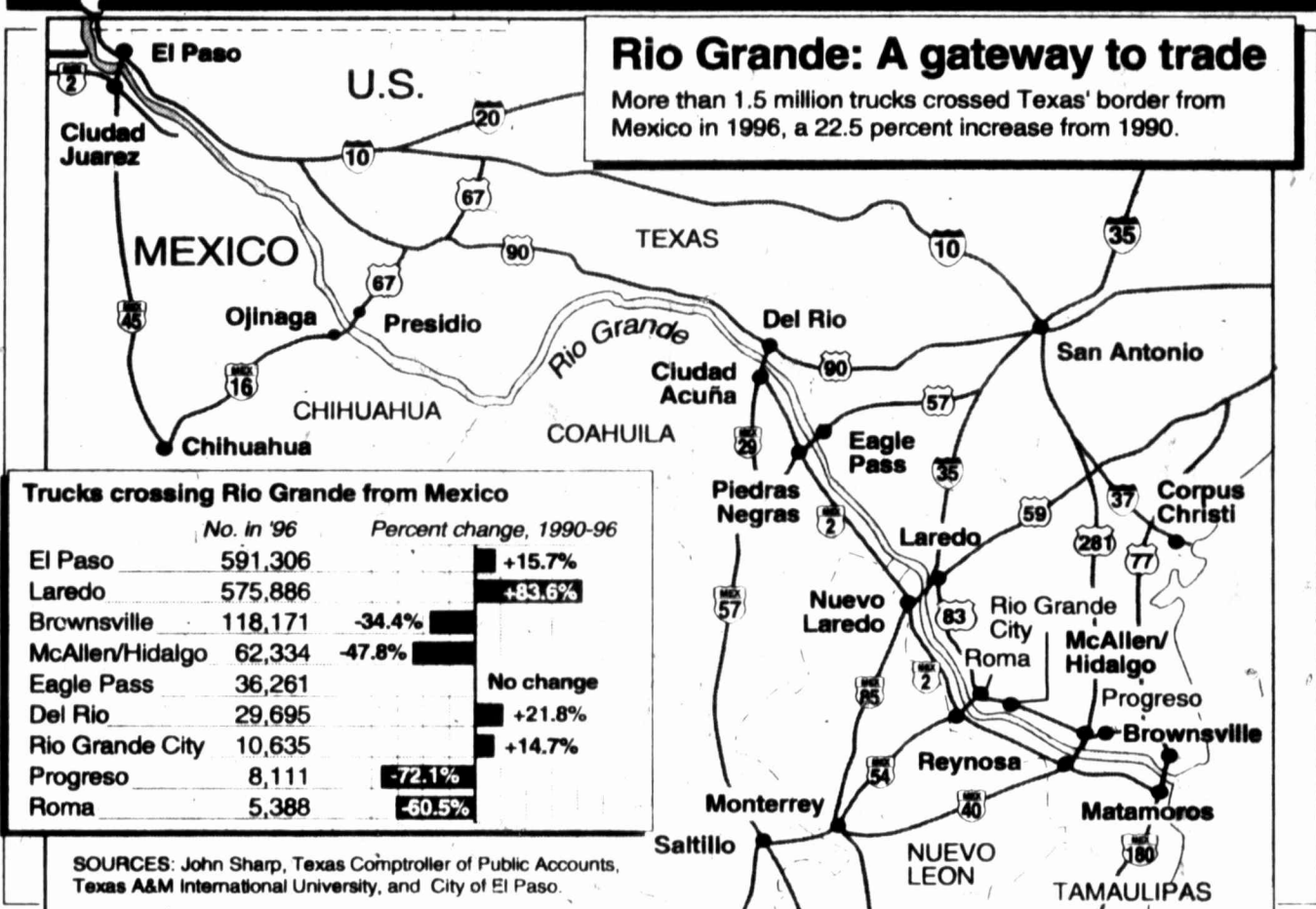
"I do know that with K-State coming out with a whole

pipeline of white wheat, and decreasing emphasis on hard red, there's going to be a wave started there that everybody needs to be aware of," said Jim Mock, manager of Hybri-Tech Seed International, a unit of Monsanto Co. based in Wichita. "We feel that wave is really starting to swell."

Some in the grain industry are waiting to be convinced that white wheat deserves much of a premium over red varieties. At the recent Kansas Agribusiness Expo, Dan Maltby, southwest grain operations manager for General Mills, said the additional flour production from white wheat appears to justify an extra 5 cents a bushel, not the 30 cents a bushel that he's been hearing in the trade.

"I think the industry is willing to give it a try," he said.

## Keeping an eye on Texas



## 1997 produced positives and negatives in real estate

By PAMELA REEVES

Scripps Howard News Service

It's been a pretty good year for home buyers:

— Mortgage interest rates currently are close to 7 percent, the low point of 1997. And rates have been attractive most of the year, lingering below 8 percent from May onward.

— The lending industry has improved. Technology — more of it and smarter use of it — has made getting a mortgage less traumatic. Barring complications, you can apply for a loan and go to closing within a few weeks.

— More people were able to buy houses. In the third quarter of 1997, the home ownership rate was 66 percent — the highest rate in decades. One reason: a long-term effort by federal, state and local governments to expand home ownership opportunities is finally paying off.

Many lenders now have special programs in place to guide lower-income families through the home-buying process. Help ranges from easier lending terms to advice on cleaning up a poor credit record and reducing debt. And many cities have outreach programs targeted to various ethnic groups.

— The limit for "conforming loans" will rise to \$227,150 in 1998, up from \$214,600 in 1997. A conforming loan is one that lenders can sell in the secondary mortgage market to such companies as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The bottom line: You get a lower interest rate if your loan falls within the conforming limits. Loans beyond the limit are called jumbo mortgages and cost a premium.

Despite these positive developments in the mortgage industry, negatives for home buyers remain.

Chief among them, for many buyers and owners, is nasty private mortgage insurance, widely known as PMI. This insurance, which the home buyer pays for, covers the lender in case the buyer defaults.

If you make a down payment of less than 20 percent, you generally will be required to buy PMI to protect the lender, and keep paying for it monthly. This burdensome expense is foisted on huge numbers of home buyers even though less than 1 percent of conventional mortgages go into foreclosure.

And in many cases it's almost impossible to cancel PMI payments no matter how much equity you have in the house.

So many people are angry about PMI that Congress is considering clamping down on the worst abuses. Even if a bill is passed in 1998, though, the relief it offers is likely to be minimal.

It's better to avoid private

mortgage insurance entirely by making a larger down payment. Alternately, make a down payment of 10 percent and at the same time take out a second mortgage for 10 percent of the purchase price. That effectively reduces the first mortgage to 80 percent and eliminates PMI.

Another industry boondoggle is the escrow account in which you pay your property taxes and homeowner's insurance to the lender and the lender then pays those bills for you.

If you find this practice annoying, make sure you don't get an escrow account the next time you buy a house or refinance. Escrow accounts are not required by law. If the lender insists, find another lender. If the lender wants to charge you extra for the privilege of paying your own taxes and insurance, find another lender.

Lenders like escrow accounts because they get to use your money during the time it's sitting in the lender's account before the bills come due.

Pay your own bills. It doesn't make sense to let someone else do it for you.

## Employees can be rewarded without breaking the bank

By PAUL TULENKO

Scripps Howard News Service

Kim "says" she really appreciates the bonus she received as a result of her efforts, but to her friends she says: "Yeah, they throw a few bucks at you now and then, but they don't really care. All they want is for you to work — work — work. They don't care about you as a person!"

If this sounds like something you fear may be happening in your business, it may be time to implement a three-prong program in part suggested by the folks at Sprint Business (1-888-435-7424).

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Here are three innovative ways you might use to reward your employees. Remember: "It's not just the money, it's about people."

1) LIGHTEN UP. Even the most staid of companies can lighten up the workplace with "planned spontaneity" such as an "ice cream and cake break," "pizza for lunch," "make your own sundae," or similar low-cost functions that break up the everyday operation of the business and at the same time tell your employees you appreciate their efforts. To make the "break" even more relaxing and exciting, offer token prizes for the best looking sundae construction, for the biggest balloon blown up, for the most outrageous "what I did on my vacation" photo or similar activities. Use your imagination!

2) TELL 'EM YOU APPRECIATE THEM. I'm sure you've heard the story about "Sam," who left the company for another position, who said on leaving, "No one ever said 'Thank You.'" Everyone likes

to see his or her name in print. Let me repeat that: "EVERYONE LIKES TO SEE HIS OR HER NAME IN PRINT!"

Send company-wide e-mails praising an employee for something they have done that makes a positive impact on your company. If you don't have that large a company, post a copy of the letter you send to the employee on your company bulletin board. Make sure the private letter is on company stationery and is addressed properly to the employee and is signed by you, not your secretary.

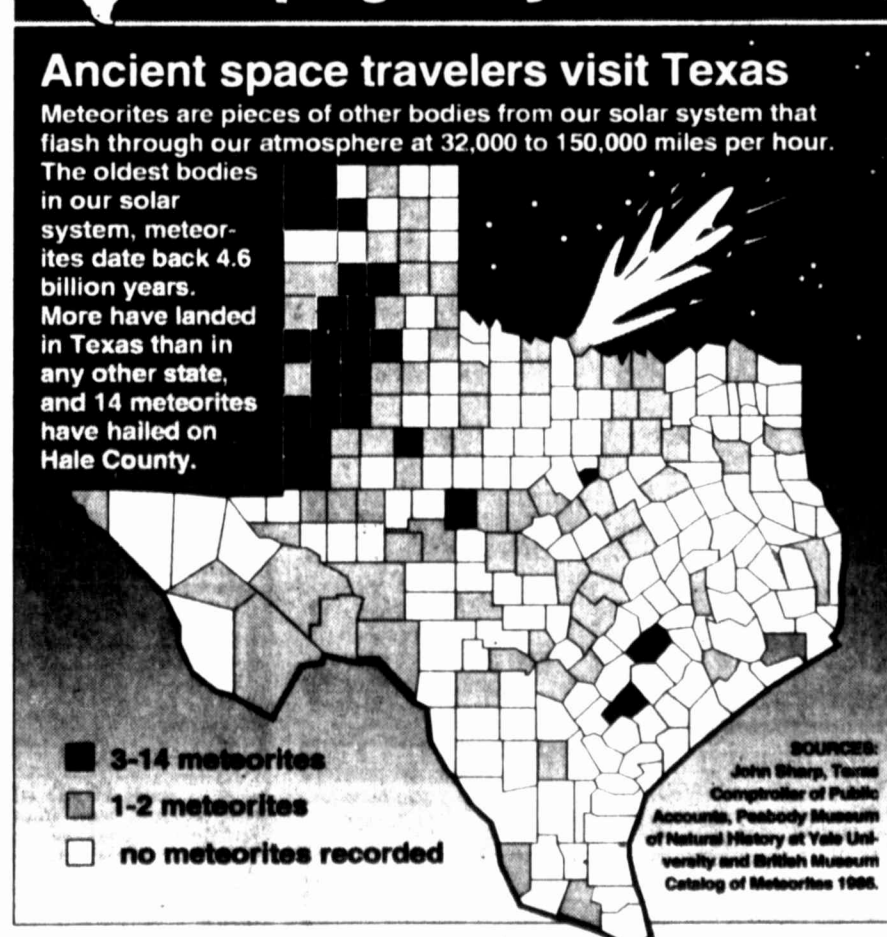
The recognition should be for a major event. Don't trivialize the recognition by thanking someone for something that is in his or her job description, but at the same time, don't overlook dedication and hard work above and beyond the ordinary. Recognizing day-to-day activities helps the employee understand their work is important and you recognize their efforts as necessary for the accomplishment of the company goals. Recognizing outstanding work can lead the employee to even greater effort.

3) GIVE GIFTS. Merchandise programs are wonderful ways to reward employees at a low cost to you. For example, Sprint offers their Caller's Plus Rewards and Benefits program offering goodies from major name-brand clothing and electronic companies. Amway has one of the most versatile gift programs I've seen. They offer catalogs presenting merchandise from major companies at prices to you from \$15 to \$500. The recipient can select from a variety of merchandise, and

the selection is delivered to his or her door.

You may also elect to select several items of merchandise in a range of prices, then allow employees to in-turn choose based on "points" earned. Although this has been traditionally a sales-oriented method of reward, there is no reason you cannot fashion your own "points" for all employees. Set up a measurement system, post the weekly reward points earned, and start some competition for production.

## Keeping an eye on Texas



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- Cook sugar for apples
- Watch pockets
- Wind-speed device
- Roundish shape
- L.A. suburb
- Turkish money
- Language suffix
- Texas shrine
- Warning
- Dined
- Religious wrongs
- QB turned golfer
- Requirement for a UFO: abbr.
- Boozer
- Raw material for a dresser
- Chem. chart figure: abbr.
- Island in New York harbor
- Hospital employee
- Sierra
- Hammerhead
- Oriental skills
- Bikini piece
- Animal's doc
- Beekeeper's milieu
- Rabbit
- Actress Lupino
- Spassky or Pasternak
- Cour d' ID
- H.S. subj.
- First governor of Alaska
- Of a classroom monitor
- Mil. group
- Unfettered
- Visualizes
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- Scoreless film of 1991
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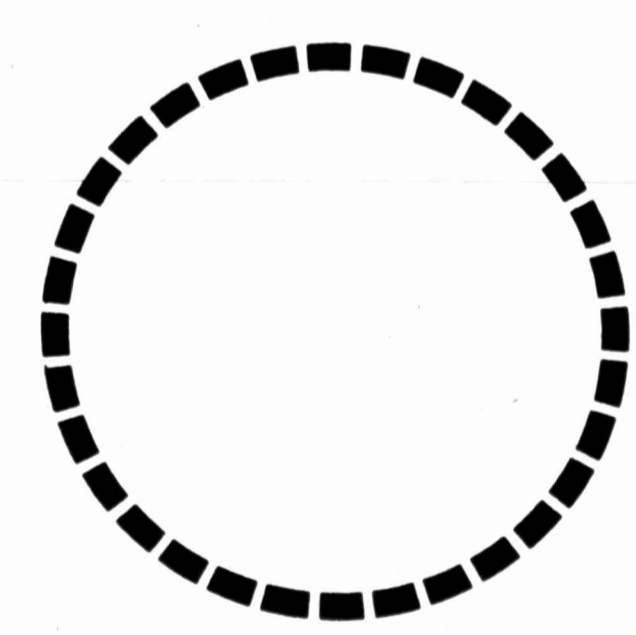
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You have the savoir-faire to make money this year, though you can also be great at spending it. Instincts are generally on; you know a good deal when you see it. Communications improve substantially in 1998. The pace will be busy; take time to reflect. The surer you are about what you want, the more successful you will be. If you are single, you pique others' interest and have many choices. 1998 could be a rewarding year for relating, single or attached. Consider making a major investment, perhaps a new home. SAGITTARIUS knows you too well!  
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Consider a day trip to visit friends you haven't seen in a while. Getting away places a new perspective on what is happening. Your good humor is contagious and creates better understanding. Talk with a partner or friend about the future. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
You feel relieved when you wake this morning; perhaps you have finally cleared the holiday frenzy. Turn to a loving friend you enjoy spending time with. Go to the movies, catch an art show, visit together. Though you are having a good time, you hash through some meaningful issues. Tonight: Out for dinner.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
There is nothing stopping you. An invitation is too much fun to refuse and promises adventure. Make the most of the day. You easily make new friends, and reconnect with old. You feel like you are at a

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Listen to another and get feedback. Though you have ideas and feel chatty, remember that there are different points of view. Your flirtatious manner makes another smile. Children find you full of play. You have the ability to enjoy errands! Tonight: Swap stories with friends.

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reunion. Share your happy vibes. Tonight: Write thank-you notes.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Take more time for yourself. You might be looking at some of the holiday damages beyond your checkbook. Visit a new gym, or begin a diet program. Consider a healthy resolution for the New Year. Clear out an errand or two while you are out. Tonight: Get together with friends.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Plan an adventure with a partner. Drive, go to a movie or do something they love. You need time alone and together to relax. You rejuvenate the relationship and have a great time as well. Don't hold back; just let it happen. Tonight: You are so frisky, you could wear yourself out.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Spend time with family, and don't push. You might need some time for thank-you notes, watching football (of course) and putting some of your new toys away. Once you relax, you are full of energy, ready to celebrate anything and all! Tonight: The fun begins again.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're still beaming in what you want. Listen to your instincts with a neighbor or friend. Your naturally spontaneous ways make you a sure winner. Make calls, reach out for others and get together with friends. After all, aren't you supposed to socialize at this time of year? Tonight: Make it an early night.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Share expectations in a quiet way with a loved one. Also, this might be an excellent day to work on your bills. Take time to drop a note of appreciation for a gift. Your gesture and caring mean a lot to others. Question what you want, and be direct. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Your jubilant manner has others cheering. Recognize your limits; you are likely to say yes too much, even for you. Aim for what you want and

make it happen. Broach a touchy subject with care, as not everyone is in your great mood. Tonight: Make it an early night, if you can.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Take on a project, perhaps because another simply cannot handle the pressure. Your willingness is appreciated. A parent thinks you are wonderful, and lets you know. You beam with confidence. Keep certain details and facts to yourself. Tonight: Now is your time!

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**Kindness of strangers creates a Christmas to remember still**

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to the letter you printed from Calvin S. Holm, Thiensville, Wis., referring to people who succeed in spite of the fact their parents could not afford to help them with finances for schooling or much of anything else. I, too, was a Great Depression child. I have a true story that I hope you will print in order to pass along the message that help is out there if you pray and hope:

**MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS**  
It was December 1932. In those days, \$1 was a lot of money, and \$5 was a fortune. We lived on a farm in the Colorado Rockies, 5 1/2 miles north of a small village called Divide.

The town consisted of a combination post office, general store, filling station, and an upstairs residence for the owner's family. There was one other filling station, perhaps five or six houses, a schoolhouse, and a community hall where neighborhood meetings, country dances, etc. were held.

The schoolhouse was a two-room building with two teachers. One room was for grades one through five; the other was for grades six through 10. There was a barn where we could tie up our horses, with a feed box in each stall for the horse. There was also a watering trough nearby.

I rode horseback to school every day, with my kid brother on the back of the saddle. It was cold at times.

Christmas was coming and things looked very bleak. I knew there was a benevolent organization in Colorado Springs called the "Mrs. Santa Claus Club" that gave warm clothes to poor people. So I stole a penny postcard from my mother's stationery (yes, a prepaid postcard cost 1 cent at the time). I addressed it to the Mrs.

Santa Claus Club and told them about our cold horseback rides to school. I asked if they had any warm clothes, shirts, pants or jackets for my 6-year-old brother or me. I told them I was 9, and said if they happened to have some toys for my 1-year-old baby brother, they would be very much appreciated.

The day before Christmas, we got a notice from the post office that there was a large box addressed to me. Dad picked it up. It was from the Mrs. Santa Claus Club. When we opened it, I could not believe what was inside: warm jackets, pants, shirts, underwear — all the right size for me and/or my kid brother. There were also small blankets for my baby brother, and to top it off, toys for each of us.

My parents were elated, and my mother forgave me for stealing the postcard. She said, "I think God knew what he was doing."

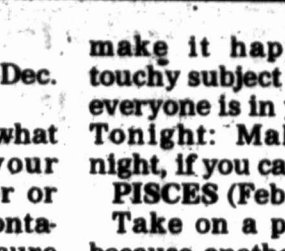
In addition, the two teachers at school had procured, at their own expense, a present for each kid in the school: a pair of lace-up boots for each boy, and a pair of fur-lined overshoes for each girl.

So, Abby, that's the story of the best Christmas I can remember — thanks to a very benevolent group of people and two generous schoolteachers. — **RETIRED ENGINEER, KIRKLAND, WASH.**

**DEAR RETIRED ENGINEER:** I couldn't get your letter in before Christmas, but thought my readers would enjoy it even a few days later. Thank you for sharing your touching story, and for the reminder that most of us can make the holidays a little brighter if we choose to. Since sometimes their parents are unable to do so, many children depend on it

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A special supplement to the Dec. 29, 1997 Big Spring Herald

# Year starts out with good news as Moore lands Signal Homes

The so-called economic "plum" for which the community had been searching for years might have been located in January, when Moore Development for Big Spring signed a contract to bring Signal Homes to town. At peak employment, Signal was expected to employ up to 150 persons with an annual payroll of \$2.5 million.

Signal was founded by a number of individuals who had spent their respective careers in the manufactured housing industry and said they wanted to build a high-specification up-scale home. With the Signal signing, Moore was able to close the door on one of its more infamous efforts, that of attracting Herb Wright and his Wright Fibers project to Big Spring. By year's end, the books would be closed on Wright and Signal would have increased production, although still not reaching their hoped-for target.

In other news during the month:

• W.B. "Bill" Jennings was sworn in as Howard County Sheriff. Jennings became the first Republican to hold the office since Reconstruction following the retirement of long-time sheriff A.N. Standard.

Jennings was easily elected, defeating Barney Edens, a deputy under the previous administration.

• Tabytha Ann Mendoza became the first baby born in Howard County when she arrived at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 2:44 p.m. on Jan. 2.

• Young Gatlin Howland,

15, died of leukemia on New Year's Eve. Gatlin underwent a bone marrow transplant on Dec. 2, 1996 and had gotten widespread community support in his fight for life.

• The City of Big Spring began interviewing prospects for director of the Housing Assistance Program to replace Marva Scurllark, Scurllark, who was fired in November 1996 after an audit revealed a misappropriation of funds, was still under investigation by the Texas Rangers at year's end.

• The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), lets \$3.5 million in contracts for the seventh in the eight-phase project to upgrade U.S. 87 north of Big Spring.

• In what would prove to be one of many contentious discussions held during the year by the Howard County commissioners, the topic of whether to ban smoking in the courthouse or not is brought up.

Before the month is over, commissioners decide to implement the ban over the protests of both courthouse employees and visitors to the courthouse.

• Members of the Big Spring City Council begin to weigh their options in regards to Comanche Trail Golf Course. Among them, whether or not to lease out the course to a management company or continue to operate it themselves.

The discussion came about when long-time golf pro Al Patterson announced his retirement effective at the end of the month. A



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Between 25 and 30 Big Spring Independent School District students escaped serious injury when the school bus in which they were riding turned over on an ice-slickened I-20. Five students and the bus driver, who was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions, were treated and released at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

review of the financial records for the course showed that it has been a big money-loser for years.

Before the end of the month, Roswell, N.M., golf pro Jack Birdwell had been hired to replace Patterson.

• Snow and ice hit the region three times during the month and, while there was never an appreciable accumulation of snow, area drivers were plagued by icy conditions that attributed to numerous accidents.

The one accident that brought the most attention came on Jan. 8 when a Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) bus turned over while attempting to leave I-20 at Exit 174.

BSISD officials said there were between 25 and 30 stu-

dents on the bus. Five students, as well as the driver, were treated and released at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The driver was later ticketed for driving too fast for conditions.

• In a marketing agreement heralded as a plus for the Big Spring Refinery, Fina and South West Convenience Stores (7/11) form a gas retailing partnership. Fina officials said the agreement would provide a long-term outlet for the Big Spring Refinery's products.

• On a chilly day, supporters and library patrons turn out for the dedication of the Dora Roberts Howard County Library.

• Craig Hoelscher is named "Top Hand" at the annual Glasscock County

Junior Livestock Show.

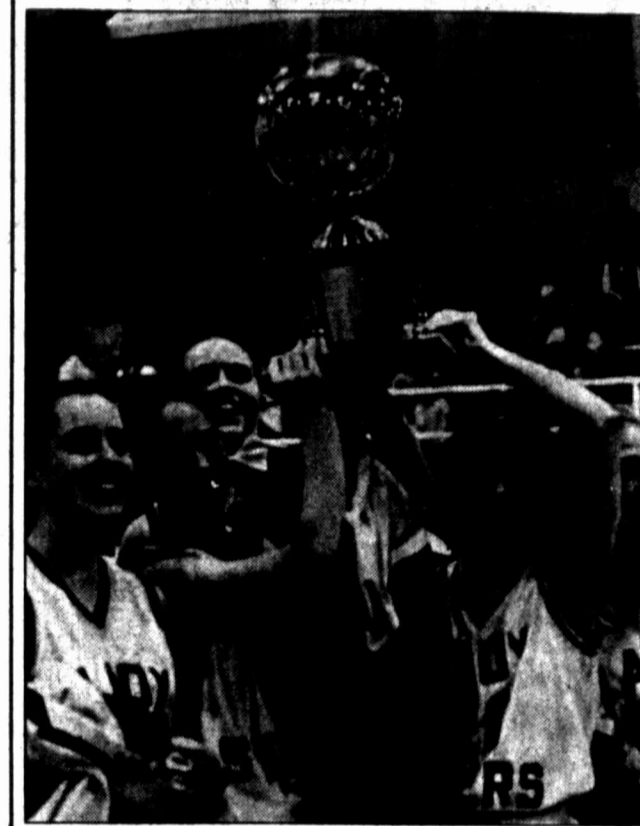
• Howard County farmer Lanny Fryar is one of four cotton producers nationwide selected to receive a "Producer of the Year" award by Cotton Farming magazine.

• Larry McCampbell is named "Top Hand" at the annual Martin County Junior Livestock Show.

• County commissioners are back in the news when Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan appears before the court to request permission for the department to hold bingo games to raise money for equipment.

This would be the first of several confrontations between commissioners and the volunteers during the year.

Sports



Big Spring's Lady Steers celebrate after winning their sixth straight district title.

January was a big month for Big Spring's Lady Steers, as they not only opened defense of their District 4-4A basketball championship, but by month's end had clinched a sixth-straight title with a 46-43 win over Andrews.

They accomplished that feat even with one weekend's entire slate of games being postponed or canceled as a result of a winter storm that created hazardous travel conditions.

The Lady Steers clinched the title in the win over Andrews behind the outside shooting of junior guards Kara Hughes and Maggie Haddad.

During the first week of the month, the Herald announced it's All-Crossroads Country 11-Man Football Team that was dominated by Stanton's Buffaloes.

Stanton's all-state wide receiver and defensive back Leo McCalister was named the team's most valuable defensive player, while Colorado City running back Arian Emerson was the most valuable on offense. Buffs coach Mark Cotton was named the team's coach of the year.

The offensive unit included several underclassmen, including a couple of stellar Stanton sophomores — quarterback Kyle Herm and lineman Jeremy Smith.

Among the juniors making the offensive unit were Big Spring's Antwoyne Edwards, C.J. Ashley and Kurt Miranda, as well as Stanton wide receiver Tyron Davis and Coahoma lineman Shawn Rye.

Rounding out the offense were Coahoma running back Marshall Wright and linemen Zach Love of Colorado City and Matt Moore of Stanton.

Defensively, the line included Big Spring's Jeff Denton, Coahoma's Isaac Martinez and the Forsan tandem of Logan Gamble and Chad Smith.

The linebacking corps included one player from each of the area's Class 2A schools with T.J. Lipham of Forsan joining Jody Louder of Stanton and Heath Blair of Coahoma.

In the defensive secondary Big Spring's tandem of Frankie Green and Todd McAdams joined Coahoma's Mike McMillan and Forsan's Paul Kinsey.

Among the month's other notable sports happenings:

• Howard College's Lady Hawks demolished third-ranked Midland's College's Lady Chaparrals.

• Coahoma's Bulldogs and Forsan's Buffaloes stayed atop the District 8-2A basketball standings throughout the month, with Coahoma holding a one-game lead on the Buffs.

• Big Spring's Slate Broyles was named the outstanding male swimmer at the District 4 Swimming and Diving Championships in Fort Stockton winning the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Teammate Stephen Smith was first in the 100 freestyle. They helped lead the Steers to a second-place team finish behind Pecos' Eagles.

• The Lady Steers swim team finished third in the District 4 standings behind first places by Somer Leubner in the 200 individual medley and Michelle Tuttle in the 100 backstroke.

## BIRTHS

Addy, Sydney Nicole, Jan. 7  
DeLaRosa, Dylan Jeffrey, Jan. 16  
Dykes, Charles Neal Jr., Jan. 26  
Gonzales, Destinee Rene, Jan. 13  
Grissom, Micheal Raye, Jan. 10

Iden, Braxton Kent, Jan. 9  
Kinman, Reagan Aleis, Jan. 5  
Mendoza, Tabytha Ann, Jan. 1  
Neighbors, Destiny Nichole, Jan. 12

Pearson, Jonathan Ryan, Jan. 13  
Risner, Andrew Colin, Jan. 26  
Segura, Mario Vicente Jr., Jan. 22  
Spaeth, Alexa Leigh, Jan. 27  
Strauts, Tyler Ray, Jan. 28

Stroman, Alfredo David, Jan. 3  
Torres, Gabrielle Nicole, Jan. 24  
Westbrook, Jasmine Shree Keyes, Jan. 13

## DEATHS

Adams, Ione Nichols (Granny), 91, Trent, formerly of Knott, Jan. 6  
Agee, Sherwin William, Arlington, formerly of Big Spring, 76, Jan. 4  
Anglin, Floyd, 68, Big Spring, Jan. 27  
Ashley, Virginia Irene, 77, Forsan, Jan. 24  
Black, Bertie L., 92, Big Spring, Jan. 4  
Blackmon, Austin J., 82, Big Spring, Jan. 20  
Bradford, Helen, 60, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 24  
Brewer, Alvis, 79, Odessa, formerly of Stanton, Jan. 18  
Brown, Hazel E., Novato, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 11  
Burchell, R.D., 69, Big Spring, Jan. 9  
Campsey, Wilda Arlene McQuatters, 86, Big Spring, Jan. 23  
Castle, Shelton, 40, Big Spring, Jan. 30  
Castrejon, Lucille, 60, Knott, Jan. 23  
Clawson, Hubert W., 87, Big Spring, Jan. 5

Cochron, Hugh, 69, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 29  
Conn, Lonnie R., 60, Big Spring, Jan. 10  
Cook, Ott, 90, Big Spring, Jan. 25  
Dawson, Lillian Shick, 88, Big Spring, Jan. 20  
Gilmore, Jimmy, 69, Big Spring, Jan. 17  
Henry, Don Lee, 71, Odessa, Jan. 13  
Herd, Albert, 75, Big Spring, Jan. 26  
Huitt, Vera Mae, 78, Big Spring, Jan. 15  
Iokua, Marguerite, 88, Big Spring, Jan. 20  
Jackson, Theresa Myrtle Anderson, 90, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 18  
James, Mrs. Allen "Judy", Big Spring, Jan. 23  
Jolly, Nadine, 86, Big Spring, Jan. 12  
Jones, J.W. Casey, 87, Ballinger, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 15  
Lamb, Claudia, 100, Big Spring, Jan. 22

Lay, Amanda Carnelia, 81, Coahoma, Jan. 5  
Maxwell, Johnnie Faye "Granny", 74, Big Spring, Jan. 21  
McCullough, Romona Faye, 66, Big Spring, Jan. 25  
Meek, Elizabeth, 82, Big Spring, Jan. 3  
Mitchell, Marion "Tom" Thomas, 83, Andrews, formerly of Ackerly, Jan. 4  
Mitchell, Ramona Louise, 82, Big Spring, Jan. 11  
Montgomery, Truman Everett, 66, Big Spring, Jan. 25  
Nalley, Jessie, 85, Asheville, N.C., formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 6  
Nanny, Ed, 44, Collinsville, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 10  
Noyola, Maria LeDesma, 67, Big Spring, Jan. 31  
Padilla, Humberto G. "Bert", Sr., 66, Big Spring, Jan. 5  
Phillips, W.E., 84, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 15  
Reyna, Juanita Garcia, 89, Big

Spring, Jan. 25  
Risner, Alice Louise, 75, Big Spring, Jan. 24  
Robertson, Norval, 81, Midland, Jan. 13  
Rogers, Geneva "Jay", 79, Big Spring, Jan. 2  
Shoemaker, Laura Mae, 91, Stanton, Jan. 24  
Simpson, Dr. Akin M., 74, Big Spring, Jan. 3  
Skalicky, Miloslav (Mike), 65, Big Spring, Jan. 8  
Shortes, Elmer Lee, 89, New Braunfels, formerly of Stanton, Jan. 17  
Stroud, Ola "Granny", 92, Big Spring, Jan. 19  
Taylor, Robert L., 58, Stanton, Jan. 13  
Tooley, Jacquelyn Lewis, 74, Big Spring, Jan. 7  
Trevino, Julian R. Sr., 90, Big Spring, Jan. 27  
White, Adell Lott, 57, Big Spring, Jan. 29

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# Furr's Cafeterias makes return to Big Spring

Big Spring residents were treated to somewhat of a family reunion in February as Furr's Cafeteria made its return to Big Spring following a three-year absence.

Several hundred Big Spring residents wasted no time getting a sneak preview of the new Furr's Cafeteria during a Feb. 8 open house, which turned into a spirit-filled walk-through of the facility.

Local residents were able to observe every aspect of what will take place on a daily basis in the cafeteria from where salad is prepared to the 2,600-pound capacity ice machine to where fresh bread is baked.

About 80 percent of the dining room is non-smoking and a large part of the dining room has pull curtains that can be used to turn two sections into private meeting rooms.

The 9,000 square-foot store has a dining area that can seat about 325 people and there is also the patio area out front capable of seating another 75 people.

The cafeteria officially reopened on Feb. 12 and has been billed as the cafeteria of the 21st Century.

Several of Furr's corporate officials including Vice President of Field Operations Jim Hale and Marketing Representative Donna Luna were on hand to welcome Big Spring residents as the toured the facility.

Luna spent several hours in Big Spring the two months prior to the grand opening of the cafeteria working on details of grand opening of the facility and was happy to be in Big Spring to see some of those plans taking shape.

"Things have turned out wonderful," Luna said. "It's great to be here."

Kate Irons and Harold Davis are named Man and Woman of the Year at the annual banquet of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

After nine months of research and analyzing a survey of local businesses, Moore Development



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**Big Spring High School student Rachel Ray addresses the Health Advisory Council as the group sought public input into the topic of teaching sex education in the classroom. By the start of the school year in September, a curriculum would be in place and a large percentage of students would be enrolled.**

For Big Spring Inc. held its first major employer forum, which focused on problems any local manufacturers may have had in the areas of labor, city hall, taxes or how to make the proper contacts on a particular issue.

The Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) conducted a public forum on the proposed curriculums to be used in sex education instruction in the district's seventh and eighth grade classes. The district's board of trustees approved the Health Advisory Council's recommended curriculums in June.

The United Way of Big Spring/Howard County allocated about \$144,000 funds to 11 member agencies, including the American Red Cross, Boys Club, Boy Scouts, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Salvation Army, Girl Scouts, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center and the YMCA.

Suspected rapist Ricky DeWayne Howell of Snyder was arrested in Lubbock on sexual assault charges. Howell was suspected of rapes that occurred in Big Spring and Odessa in December 1996. Howell faces trial on the Big Spring charges sometime in early 1998.

Mark Gentry of San Angelo hired to direct Big Spring's Housing Assistance Program. Gentry was hired, after a three-month search, to replace former Director Marva Scurlark who was

fired in November 1996 following an audit that revealed a misappropriation of funds and failure to follow personnel policies and procedures.

Three males members and one female member of the Big Spring High School Swim Team were accused of alcohol use during a regional swim meet in Lubbock and investigated by the Big Spring Independent School District. The matter was handled internally.

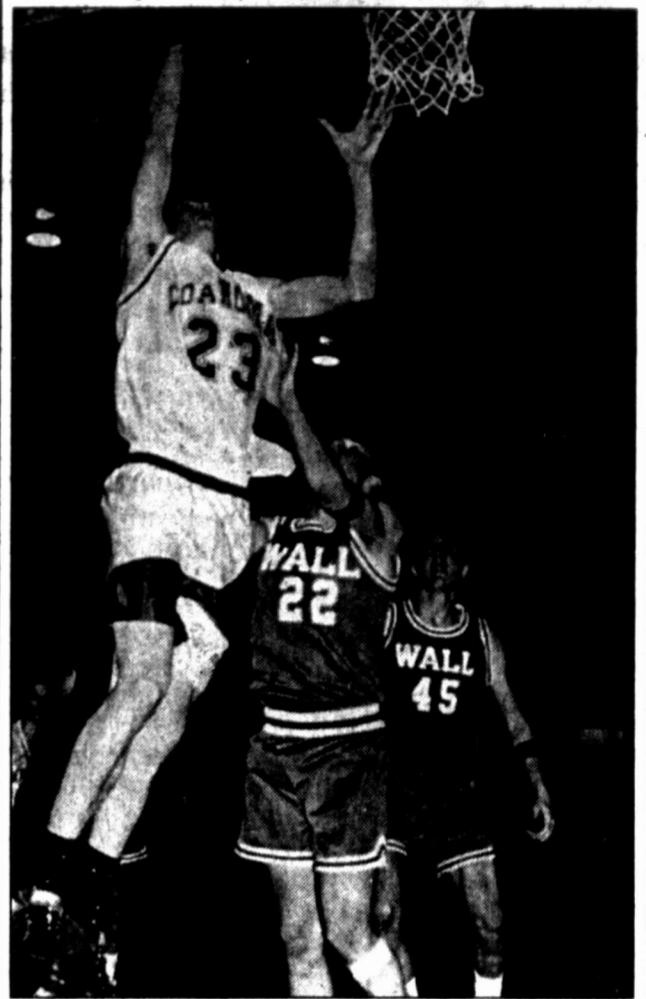
In yet another confrontation with volunteers, Howard County Commissioners told the Volunteer Fire Department to refrain from acting as a first responder on emergency calls because of the cost involved and the liability it posed for the county.

BSISD awards \$9.4 million contract to Wolforth-based Monterey Construction for the construction of the new Big Spring Junior High School.

Civil charges are filed against Danny Heckler, owner of Red Barn Auto sales, for allegedly rolling back the odometer on a vehicle and printing hundreds of improper dealer tags. At year's end, Heckler was still awaiting a decision from an early summer hearing.

Moore Development has Big Spring Inc. decides to drop pursuit of \$800,000 loan guarantee made to Wright Fibers, citing the effort was too costly to pursue for the potential amount of money to be collected.

Sports



**Coahoma and Wall squared off in a Class 2A basketball game at Bulldog Gym.**

Basketball is king during February. Big Spring's Lady Steers, who took a sixth consecutive District 4-4A championship — their eighth in 10 years — before falling victim to Hereford in the playoffs, dominated selections to the all-district squad.

Kim Robertson was named MVP, while Ron Taylor was his peers' choice for coach of the year honors. Joining Robertson on the first-team were Brandi Purcell, Maggie Haddad and Kara Hughes.

The Lady Steers also got a pair of honorable mention selections for Traci Bellinghausen and Krissi McWhorter.

Gary Tipton's Steers qualified for playoff action with a 71-66 win over San Angelo Lake View, thanks to Justin Myers 25 points. However, El Paso Parkland made Big Spring's stay in the playoffs a brief one with a 92-77 bi-district playoff victory.

Both Stanton's Buffaloes, who were ranked No. 5 in the state, and Coahoma's Bulldogs, the District 8-2A champion, ran afoul of Tahoka's Bulldogs.

The high flying Buffs, who had locked up the 6-2A title with a 100-67 win over Van Horn, suffered a 70-69 defeat against Tahoka.

Coahoma, which ended two years of frustration with a 63-48 win over Ozona to take the 8-2A championship, opened the playoffs with a 64-51 win over Hawley.

But Tahoka ended that playoff run with a 53-44 area round victory.

Blake Nichols would be named the most valuable offensive player when 8-2A coaches selected their all-district team and was joined on the first team by teammates Collum and Aaron Barr. Forsan's Josh Gaston and Robert Hillger, who was the defensive player of the year, rounded out the first team.

The second team was included Matthew Hamilton of Coahoma and Forsan's duo of Steve Osburn and Daniel Davis. The Bulldogs also got honorable mention selections for Adam Batson and Robert Lain.

The 8-2A girls' team included first-teamers Tara Sterling and Cassie Tindol of Coahoma. Second-team selections were Forsan's Ami Evans and Coahoma's Tori Elmore and Ellie Woods.

Coahoma's honorable mention picks were Krista Stanislaus and Tonia Sparks.

Elsewhere: Big Spring's Lady Steers softball team played its first game ever and pounded Lubbock Monterey, 27-1. Freshman Jessica Sisneros pitched the win. All nine Big Spring starters had at least two hits and three runs batted in. Melissa Mouton had three hits.

Big Spring's Steers took first place at the ABC Tiger Relays at Frenship-Wolforth, while Big Spring's Lady Steers finished second in the girls' division.

Howard College's Lady Hawks clinched a share of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball championship with an 84-41 win over Frank Phillips. The same evening, Howard's men qualified for Region V tournament play with an 82-71 win over Frank Phillips.



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**Kate Irons and Harold Davis are named Man and Woman of the Year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.**

## BIRTHS

Armstrong, Ashlynn Nicole, Feb. 24  
Bland, Alexis Jade, Feb. 16  
Bryant, Shanna Jeanne, Feb. 26  
Casillas, Antonio Luis, Feb. 24  
Coate, Debra Cheyenne, Feb. 11  
Cox, Kyra Maresa, Feb. 19

Cruz, Alexia Pearl, Feb. 24  
Elam, Kalie Ann, Feb. 24  
Ford, TaNashia DaShawn, Feb. 10  
Garcia, Emelio Miguel, Feb. 3  
Hernandez, Jose Steven Jr., Feb. 11  
Hilario, Lucario, Feb. 7

Mendoza, Briana Nicole, Feb. 11  
Nairn, Tyler Lee, Feb. 6  
Nelson, Belia Sue, Feb. 28  
Odom, Jessica Layne, Feb. 26  
Price, Carl Dean, Feb. 4  
Saiz, Israel, Feb. 7

Sanders, Kayla LeAnn, Feb. 17  
Schroyer, Kaitlyn Renae, Feb. 19  
Summers, Lindsey Divine, Feb. 20  
Watson, Kelly Wayne, Feb. 13

## DEATHS

Affleck, Marie, 88, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 13  
Barron, Billie, 76, Big Spring, Feb. 6  
Bigony, Bessie May, 99, Big Spring, Feb. 10  
Bostick, Hugh "Skinny", 78, Big Spring, Feb. 16  
Butler, Dr. Lee, 70, Big Spring, Feb. 20  
Cervantes, Jessie Martin, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 28  
Cheatheam, Terry, 48, Big Spring, Feb. 1  
Cole, Leita, Big Spring, Feb. 16  
Cramer, Swan, 95, Granbury, formerly of Howard County, Feb. 11  
Daniels, Gerladine "Jeni", 71, Big Spring, Feb. 2  
Dugan, Lillian Alice Tamsitt, 93, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 8  
Easter, Charles "Charlie", 82, Big Spring, Feb. 27  
Eggleston, Cleo E., 90, Big Spring, Feb. 16

Ernst, Fritz "Fritz", 75, St. Lawrence, Feb. 2  
Fierro, Patsy Correa, 20, Big Spring, Feb. 19  
Gandy, Carrie Magdalen, 88, Stanton, Feb. 19  
Hanson, Evelyn Parkhill, 77, Big Spring, Feb. 18  
Hood, Dot Cauble, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 25  
Humphreys, Dorothy Ford, 74, Big Spring, Feb. 5  
Hunt, Wanda Lee, 68, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 19  
Keese, Linnie Mae, 93, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 27  
Landers, Sarah Nixon, 92, Big Spring, Feb. 1  
Low, Jimmy Darrell Low, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 20  
Marshall, J. Arnold, 80, Big Spring, Feb. 22  
McCullough, John, 70, Sand Springs, Feb. 5

McCracken, Byron Ottis, Big Spring, Feb. 25  
McMichael, Dessie L., 85, Fort Worth, formerly of Lake Thomas, Feb. 6  
Montgomery, James "Elwood", 66, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 11  
Morales, Fernanda G., 71, Big Spring, Feb. 19  
Morrell, Ella Victoria, 85, Clovis, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 26  
Murphree, Scott, 33, Salina, Kan., formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 5  
Nunez, Natividad "Snydo" C., 62, Big Spring, Feb. 9  
Ogle, Gladys, 100, Big Spring, Feb. 6  
Overton, Raymond, L., Midway, Feb. 7  
Padilla, Guadalupe H., 71, Big Spring, Feb. 21  
Rich, Olan L., 85, Killeen, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 12  
Rowland, Mrs. J.D. "Bea", 74, Big Spring, Feb. 19  
Sayers, Mary, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 8

Self, Georgia Ola, 85, Coahoma, Feb. 15  
Shipman, Woodrow Granville, 80, Big Spring, Feb. 2  
Singleton, Virgie, 85, Big Spring, Feb. 19  
Singleton, Lois D., 92, Big Spring, Feb. 20  
Smith, Eugene L., 68, Jean, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 28  
Thompson, Linda, 51, Big Spring, Feb. 6  
Tovar, Mike, 48, Whittier, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 20  
Tucker, Helen K., 85, Big Spring, Feb. 5  
Vincent, Steve T., 75, Big Spring, Feb. 16  
Windham, Ruby J., 85, Big Spring, Feb. 25  
Wood, Pauline Harrell, 81, Stanton, Feb. 20  
Zubia, Juanita F., 69, Big Spring, Feb. 2

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**We invite you to become a part of any of these task forces and welcome your input. Please contact the Chamber office 263-7641 for more information.**

# March

## Trustees break ground on new junior high school

It was such a simple act — seven shovels dug a bit of earth out of the ground — but the symbolism behind the event was significant.

On March 6, the seven members of the Big Spring ISD board of trustees manned their shovels to participate in groundbreaking ceremonies to begin construction of a new junior high school.

The event marked the realization of a dream that had been building within school district personnel for the better part of this decade and kicked off the first major school construction in Big Spring in almost three decades.

The junior high building will replace Runnels Junior High (which was built in 1916) and is scheduled to open for the 1998-99 school year.

"The real beneficiary of this project is the community," school board president Glynda Mouton said at the ceremony. "Parents and students will know that they have a secure facility as well as a dynamic learning center. People looking at us can say this community puts education first."

But for district personnel, reaching that day was the result of years of hard work, and more than a few disappointments.

The district had tried

earlier in the decade to pass a bond issue to build a new junior high and elementary school, but that election, in 1991, failed by fewer than 500 votes.

District officials learned many lessons from that defeat, but perhaps the greatest was that they had to do a better job of presenting their case to the voters, assistant superintendent Murray Murphy said.

The solution to that problem was as simple as ABC — or Action to Build for our Children — a pro-construction group that began politicking for a new school months before the September 1996 bond election.

The group's actions were inarguably successful: Five years after the first bond issue's defeat, the revised \$12.5 million proposal passed by almost a 3-to-1 margin last September.

In other March news:

- Runnels eighth-grade student Sarah Sanghavi won the 1997 Howard County Spelling Bee, correctly spelling the words "turbulence" and "parachute" to claim the title.

- Elbow Elementary fifth-grader Kacy Liles placed second, while Washington Elementary fifth-grader Erica Stewart was third.

- Howard College President Cheri Sparks received the Service Above Self Award, to honor a life-



Big Spring ISD superintendent Bill McQueary, left, and assistant superintendent Murray Murphy participate in groundbreaking ceremonies at the site for the new Big Spring Junior High School building on March 6.

time of service, from Rotary International. Sparks serves as president of the Big Spring Rotary Club.

- State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, hosted a Town Hall meeting in Big Spring to discuss a variety of topics affecting state citizens. About 70 people attended the meeting.

- Ricky DeWayne Howell, a suspected serial rapist, was indicted in both

Howard and Lubbock counties on charges of aggravated sexual assault.

- Howard County agricultural extension agent Don Richardson, who had served since 1979, announced his retirement effective March 31.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center unveiled its new obstetrics unit.

- Howard County commissioners followed the city of Big

Spring's lead in adopting a teen curfew prohibiting teens from being out later than 11 p.m. on weeknights.

- Contaminated soil samples temporarily halted work on the Beals Creek Flood Control Project.

- The Big Spring Police Department dismissed Lt. Scott Griffin on charges that he altered governmental records. After lengthy appeals, he was later reinstated.



Sarah Sanghavi, an eighth-grader at Runnels Junior High, won the 1997 Howard County Spelling Bee. Seated at left is second-place finisher Kacy Liles of Elbow Elementary.

### BIRTHS

Brooks, Jonathan Michael, March 29  
Cano, Annissa Maria, March 26  
Cline, Brittny Rose, March 26  
Engelson, Tristin Haley, March 14  
Ganard, Timothy Douglas, March 23  
Garcia, Jacob, March 26  
Gilbert, Jalin James, March 25  
Gonzales, Miranda Marie, March 22  
Harbour, Kerigann Paige, March 20

Hicks, Briana Kaitlin Hicks, March 18  
Hinojosa, Aaron Christopher, March 9  
Ivey, Dustin Wayne, March 22  
Jones, Sabrina Dawn, March 12  
Leos, Jon Patrick Morris, March 9  
Long, Zachary Wayne, March 20  
Martinez, Victoria LaNell, March 22  
McCallister, Jatacia Tamie, March 25  
Minchew, Hannah Irene, March 17

Minter, Autumn Cherie, March 26  
Oliva, Sydni Rangel, March 12  
Olson, Christopher Thomas, March 15  
Perez, Tanya Marisol, March 18  
Proulx, Alexis Le Anne, March 27  
Richter, Des'Ree Kae, March 4  
Rios, Christopher Rollen, March 1  
Rodriguez, Francisco, March 10

Sosa, Nichols Nathaniel, March 28  
Templeton, Amye Louise, March 18  
Yanez, Victoria Ann, March 27  
Yarbar, Leksey Jensen, March 21

### DEATHS

Allen, Mary Jo, 67, Big Spring, March 17  
Arispe, Manuela, 77, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, March 20  
Armstrong, Dorothy Donaldson, Sand Springs, March 30  
Asbury, Elizabeth "Libby," 75, Big Spring, March 25  
Avants, Wamell F., 70, Big Spring, March 2  
Black, Michael Dewayne, formerly of Big Spring, March 2  
Blake, John M., 83, Big Spring, March 13  
Boyce, Steve Edward Jr., 77, Stanton, March 22  
Browning, Nellie Oregon, 52, formerly of Big Spring, March 9  
Burns, Mattie Pauline, 88, Carlsbad, formerly of Big Spring, March 26  
Calderon, Oscar, 34, Alpine, March 7  
Christian, Pam, 34, Folsan, March 5  
Cluck, Norman, 73, Ackerly, March 11  
Coleman, Lilah Lee, 74, Tyler, formerly of Big Spring, March 28  
Cox, Isa Mae, 86, Lenorah, March 24  
Dietrich, Lenora Mae, 81, Big Spring, March 27

Fann, Vernia Mae, 85, Big Spring, March 24  
Felts, Lucretia Joy, 57, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, March 5  
Flud, Lonnie (Hap), Jr., 78, Midland, March 6  
Franks, Oneita, 84, Wolfforth, formerly of Ackerly, March 13  
Grubaugh, Wanda, 70, Big Spring, March 5  
Harrell, Alvin, 59, Coleman, formerly of Big Spring, March 6  
Henry, Jaden Desiree, infant daughter of Jennifer and Roger Henry, Big Spring, March 16  
Hicks, Della, 92, Thornton, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, March 15  
Holbrooks, Cecil Warren, 84, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, March 10  
Holmes, Stephen P., 40, Big Spring, March 12  
Jennings, Marie H., 85, Big Spring, March 8  
Kinman, Carroll G. (Red), 63, Comanche, formerly of Big Spring, March 22  
Lawson, Minnie Jane, 101, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring,

March 31  
Lujan, Tomas, 84, Howard County, March 15  
Martin, Richard E., 56, Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, March 6  
Martinez, Pedro H., 65, Big Spring, March 2  
McDaniel, Roy G., 70, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, March 18  
Mitchell, Lillian, 80, Andrews, formerly of Ackerly, March 12  
Morrison, Walton S., 89, Big Spring, March 14  
Murphree, John "Revis", 80, Big Spring, March 12  
Murphy, Donald Lee, 64, Lewisville, formerly of Big Spring, March 2  
Ortegon, Nellie, 52, Fredericksburg, formerly of Big Spring, March 9  
Peters, Eugene "Gene," 79, Big Spring, March 24  
Poe, Eleanor Houston, 76, Stanton, March 12  
Powell, R.L. Jr., 81, Coahoma, March 3  
Priddy, Virgil L., 85, Big Spring, March 24  
Randell, Erma, 79, Big Spring,

March 26  
Richbourg, Louise L., 84, Big Spring, March 4  
Roberts, Jacob John, 16 month old, Sand Springs, March 23  
Robertson, M.D. "Rob," 71, Sand Springs, March 24  
Romine, Myrtle, 86, Big Spring, March 13  
Satterwhite, Sandra Crawford, 51, Duncan, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, March 2  
Sewell, Calvin J., Hamlin, formerly of Big Spring, March 25  
Silguero, Gregorio H. Sr., 68, Sand Springs, March 8  
Smith, Ila E., 91, Big Spring, March 9  
Tarango, Manuel C., 68, Stanton, March 19  
Trevino, Evaristo "Tito", 57, Big Spring, March 22  
Weiner, Mrs. Roybelle Pollard, 78, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, March 17  
Wilson, Cleo C., 81, Big Spring, March 4  
Woolverton, Raymond J., 72, Big Spring, March 21

### Sports

Howard College's Lady Hawks, having claimed the Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball championship, opened Region V tournament play in Cisco with a 90-70 win over the host team.

The Lady Hawks then pounded WCJAC rival South Plains, 80-66, to advance to the regional finals and a showdown with Weatherford College's Lady Coyotes to determine which team would advance to the NJCAA national tournament.

Weatherford, making the most of its international connection of Reda Kakerenaite, a 6-foot-1 Lithuanian; Andy Holubova of Slovakia; and 6-foot-5 post Olga Firsova of the Ukraine, took a 90-74 win over the Lady Hawks.

Using its size advantage, Weatherford controlled both the offensive and defensive boards, limiting the Lady Hawks to single shots down the floor, while the Lady Coyotes continually got second chances.

All-American Kyna Cosby led the Lady Hawks with 18 points, while La'Tonya Kindle had 15 points and Jenny Bland-Hodnett also added double-digit scoring.

Cosby would later be named the WJCAC's most valuable player, while Kindle and Shawnta Johnson were named to join her on the all-conference team.

When the WCJAC men's all-conference team was announced, four Howard players, who helped the Hawks to a 19-11 record and fourth-place finish in the league, earned spots.

Three freshmen guards, Will Jones, Elmer Brown and Clifton Cook were first-team selections, while another guard, Jack Owens, was an honorable mention selection.

The Herald's All-Crossroads Basketball teams were announced with Garden City's Tiffany Maxie taking the most valuable player honor on the girls' team and her mentor, Mike Meek, being named coach of the year. Stanton's Leo McCalister was the boys' most valuable, while Coahoma's Kim Nichols was coach of the year.

The girls' first-team selections were Kim Robertson of Big Spring, Tara Sterling of Coahoma, Mendi Floyd of Sands, Randi Simer of Stanton and Tarah Schuelke of Grady.

Boys' first-team selections included John Smith of Big Spring, Blake Nichols of Coahoma, Robert Hillger of Forsan, Kelly Lankford of Garden City and Marcus Washington of Stanton.

Girls named to the second-team included Kara Hughes of Big Spring, Cassie Tindol of Coahoma, Annie Evans of Forsan, Kim Harp of Garden City and Shauna Nichols of Sands. The boys' second team was comprised of Justin Myers of Big Spring, Kyle Herm of Stanton, Josh Collum of Coahoma, Brady Batla of Garden City and Chad Warren of Big Spring.

In other notable sports action in March:

- Big Spring's Steers took their first win of the baseball season after opening with eight straight losses. The first win came against Huntington in the first round of the Snyder Invitational Baseball Tournament.

- Sands' Mustangs won the boys' division of their own Mustang Relays, while Borden County's Lady Coyotes took the girls' title by sweeping all three relay events.

- The Mustangs built a comfortable lead in the field events with Josh Richter setting the tone, winning the long, triple and high jumps.

- McCamey's boys' and Ozona's girls took the team championships at the Coahoma Invitational Golf Tournament staged on the Comanche Trail Golf Course.



Howard College Lady Hawk Kyna Cosby plays in the Region V Tournament. Cosby would earn All-America honors.

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# April

## Month brings good economic news for community

April brought good economic news to Big Spring. With Signal Homes on line and reporting high hopes for the near future, two other local businesses announced optimistic plans.

Fiberglass Systems Inc. shipped the first truckload of pipe in 10 years from its local facility, on April 8, 1996. Help from Moore Development for Big Spring was credited with assisting expansion at the plant.

Earlier, Fraser Industries had announced it would join with two other pallet makers to form PalEX. Headquartered in Houston, the company planned to operate from 22 facilities in

nine states. Once again, this step was called a sign of an upturn for the local economy.

Other April events in the community included:

•At month's beginning, Big Spring State Hospital began the downsizing that would continue in coming months. Jobs would be lost through attrition as the hospital's census fell.

•On April 7, the state of Texas and some local companies entered into mediation to try to avoid a trial in the allegations of price fixing for retail gasoline.

•The city of Big Spring began seeking funding sources for its



In April, these Fiberglass Systems Inc. employees posed in front of the company's first shipment of pipe sent out in a decade. The shipment was part of the good economic news in April. Fiberglass Systems had gotten a grant from Moore Development to help create jobs.

funding sources for its Bealls Creek project. This plan was boosted by the April 8 announcement of support from the Corps of Engineers, which would help get the project going.

•Big Spring Independent School District on April 10 gave approval to its 7th and 8th grade sex education curriculum. This came following a special committee study, parent meetings, and public hearings all designed to familiarize people with the curriculum and gauge public opinion.

•Also on April 10, local industries voiced concern about the Colorado City

Municipal Water Roberts Rehabilitation Center April 17, after the board of directors requested that he leave the post.

•A pilot and small child made an emergency landing at the airport April 19 — no one was injured.

•Candidates for local office met April 21 for a public forum, where the most-discussed topics included the Settles Building and the possibility of a joint law enforcement facility for the county and city.

•Big Spring's Santa Claus, Toxie Cathey, died at age 76 on April 22.

•On April 25, economic news continued

good as Signal Homes shipped its first manufactured home to a Fort Worth dealer. The company said its was on-line to meet its production goals.

•The same day, local chiropractor Bill Chrene and former patient Edward Martinez were sentenced for their December 1996 convictions in a mail fraud scheme.

•On April 28, the County Commissioners began a months-long debate by "suggesting" that the volunteer fire department should "stay out of the rescue business" as the fracas between the two groups stayed public.

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The community mourned the loss in April of Meagan Stanley, who lost her battle at age 17 to leukemia. She was one of two local "heroes" who died in April. The other was Toxie Cathey, Big Spring's Santa Claus.

### BIRTHS

Arenivar, Nevada Rosemary, April 16  
Brown, Logan Garrett, April 1  
DeHoyos, Nicholas Daniel, April 10  
Gibbs, Alexandra Juliana, April 10

Green, William Lavonne, April 23  
Haynes, Mariah D'Chez, April 2  
Hilario, Jacob Andrew, April 19  
Jones, T'Nisha Authoria, April 1  
McCalister, Tedsasia Renee, April 1

Miller, Edward Sloan, April 11  
Nobles, Tyler Clay, April 15  
Poffin, Cassadie LaNae, April 8

Rinard, Tera Nicole, April 9  
Ritchey, Baylee Alexis, April 4  
Settles, Tanner Layton, April 1  
Williams, Fisher Kip, April 14  
Witkowski, Tyler Lee, April 21

### DEATHS

Anderson, Martin E., 85, Big Spring, April 20  
Askew, Bob, 63, Big Spring, April 24  
Beena, Mabel Deon, 77, Big Spring, April 1  
Boson, Jerome, 68, Fort Worth, April 6  
Brown, J. Lloyd, 79, Kermit, formerly of Big Spring, April 16  
Calvert, Charlie M., 79, Big Spring, April 1  
Cathay, Toxie R., 76, Big Spring, April 22  
Chapman, W.B. (Pete), 88, Dawson, formerly of Big Spring, April 7  
Clark, Billy Dee, 57, Big Spring, April 30  
Clark, Norma Mesker Nelson, 54, Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring, April 12  
Crenshaw, Roy, 84, Big Spring, April 6  
Crowell, Robert H. "Bob", 80, Big Spring, April 2

Day, Claude Lessing (Chubby), 52, Big Spring, April 20  
Douglass, Charles "Chili", 49, Big Spring, April 24  
Fisher, Dr. Allen Michael, 85, Stanton, April 11  
Fiveash, Daniel E., 56, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, April 19  
Gilbreath, Hoyt H., 88, Stanton, April 30  
Gonzales, Roberto S., 62, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., formerly of Big Spring, April 8  
Hensley, Cleo, 93, Big Spring, April 8  
Jackson, Rev. V. Ward, 77, Anderson, Ind., formerly of Big Spring, April 7  
Johnson, Richard V. (Buddy), 59, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, April 7  
Jones, Harrol G., 67, Big Spring, April 2  
Klaus, Twila, 59, Big Spring, April 20  
Kemp, Kenny, 36, Big Spring, April 27

Loefer, Estren, 85, Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, April 25  
Machley, Syble, 77, Midland, April 9  
McClure, Carol V., 51, Big Spring, April 22  
Miller, Ronald Joe, 60, Carroll, Iowa, formerly of Big Spring, April 23  
Newell, Mary, 89, Big Spring, April 4  
Nichols, J.M. "Jim", 97, Coahoma, April 3  
Nogler, Verna Mae, 58, Roby, formerly of Big Spring, April 16  
Norwood, Della, 94, Big Spring, April 25  
Patterson, Dome Lee, Big Spring, April 8  
Porter, Frances Elizabeth, 95, Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, April 8  
Posey, Sam A., 69, Big Spring, April 8  
Robinson, James M., 83, Breckenridge, formerly of Stanton, April 24  
Roden, Jack R. Sr., 77, Honey Grove, formerly of Big Spring, April 27  
Ruiz, Norberta, 71, Big Spring, April 15  
Sandell, Ester Lee, 91, Big Spring, April 16  
Sledge, John W., 92, Big Spring, April 17  
Snelling, Opal, 93, Big Spring, April 22  
Stanley, Meagan, Shea, 17, Big Spring, April 11  
Strickland, Trenton Ray, infant son of Terry and Lori Strickland, April 1  
Valdez, Eva C., 69, Big Spring, April 6  
Whiddon, Mildred Irene, 54, Big Spring, April 24  
Wiley, Demaris, 85, Big Spring, April 14  
Woods, Letha Elizabeth, 85, Big Spring, April 19

### Sports



Angle Phillips prepares to deliver the ball to the plate for the Lady Steers softball team as they headed toward the playoffs.

Stellar track performances seem to be the norm for Big Spring High School thinclads and there was no exception to that rule at the District 4-4A and Region 1-4A track meets.

The Lady Steers chalked up their third consecutive 4-4A crown scoring a whopping 236 points to run away from runner-up San Angelo Lake View and followed that with their second straight regional championship.

On the boys' front, sophomore speedster Tory Mitchell seemed rocket assisted during the district meet, chalking up record times in both the 100 meters and 200 meters.

Mitchell blasted through the 100 with a 10.27-second clocking before repeating in the 200 with a time of 21.26 seconds. He followed that up by winning both events at the regional meet.

At the same time, Big Spring's Lady Steers and Coahoma's Bulldogettes were having plenty of success on the softball diamond.

Although the Lady Steers opened the month with a loss to Andrews, they clinched a playoff spot when Fort Stockton lost to Lake View.

The Lady Steers were not content with just earning a playoff berth in their inaugural season. Facing El Paso Bowie in bi-district, Big Spring swept 6-3 and 8-2 wins and then knocked off El Paso Ysleta in the second playoff round.

The Bulldogettes, having advanced to the state tournament the year before, were again making a run through the playoffs, knocking off Eula, 18-7, in an area round game.

Big Spring's tennis team fared well, as top singles players Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal took the boys' and girls' singles titles at the District 4-4A tournament, while Drew McKimney and Kayne Stroup took the boys' doubles title.

Howard College Lady Hawks stars Kyna Cosby and Niki Sherlock signed Division I letters of intent — Cosby with UT-San Tech, while Sherlock inked her letter with UT-San Antonio.

Grady qualified five players — Jonathan Robles, Greg Gibson, Jim Bob Haggerton, Alison Cooper and Tarah Schuelke — for regional tournament tennis play, while Sands qualified one, Hollie Zant, for the Levelland tournament.

Forsan's Gary Simer and Cade Park qualified for the Region 1-2A tennis tournament after taking the District 8-2A doubles championship. Teammate Brian Fielder finished second in boys' singles to advance as well. Coahoma's Cassie Tindol qualified by finishing second.

Coahoma's Krista Stanislaus and Tara Sterling qualified for the Region 1-2A track meet in two events, while Aaron Barr earned a trip to regional in the triple jump.

Sands ran away with the District 15-1A track championships in both the boys' and girls' divisions, qualifying 11 competitors for regional.

Stanton's Tyron Davis edged Coahoma's Barr for second at the regional track meet, advancing to the state meet in Austin.

Garden City's Kelly Lankfort won the Class A regional high jump championship, qualifying for a trip to the state meet.



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# Incumbents turned away by city, school electorate

Three incumbents — two on the Big Spring City Council and another on the Big Spring Independent School District's board of trustees — were defeated in May elections.

Tommy Tune, an instructor at Howard College, defeated incumbent Tom Guess for the Place 4 seat on the city council while Oscar Garcia, an employee of the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute needed a run-off to defeat council veteran Pat DeAnda in Place 2.

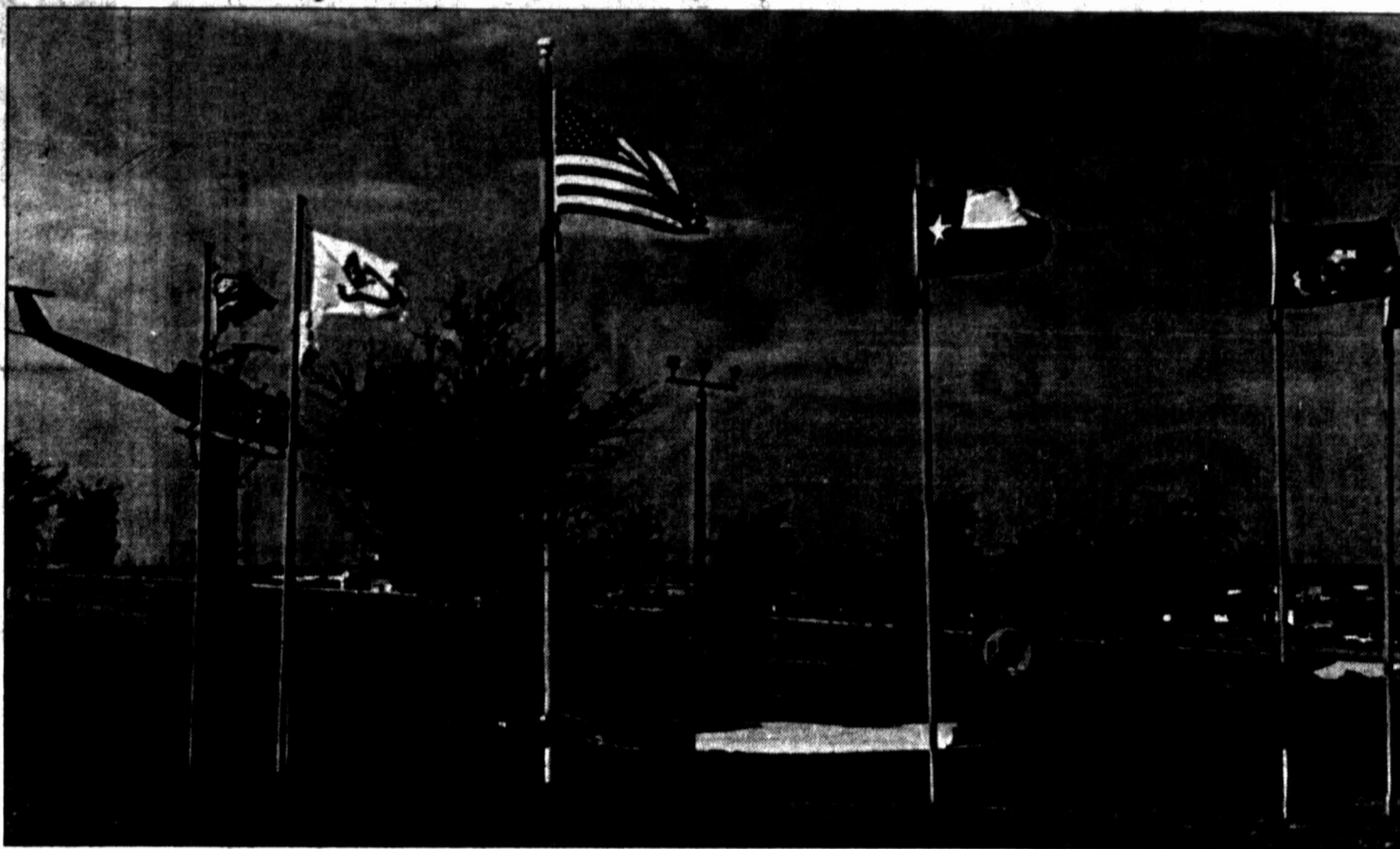
The council also added another newcomer, businessman Greg Biddison, who won a three-candidate race for the Place 6 seat. The election left the council with four members on the public payroll — Tune, Stephanie Horton at the VA Medical Center and Garcia and Jimmy Campbell at the FCI.

In the school district elections, first-time candidate Frank Long defeated incumbent Don Baker. In other races, incumbent Larry Hollar defeated insurance agent Steve Jeter and incumbent Steve Fraser, appointed to the board to fill the vacancy created when Dan Wise retired, defeated Mike Robinson.

Fraser had spearheaded the ABC Committee, which was the main force behind the passage of the school bond issue in the fall of 1996.

In other news during the month: More than 1,000 persons turn out on Memorial Day for the mounting of the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter at the Vietnam Memorial. The mounting of the Huey capped a year-long fund-raising project and left members of the Vietnam Memorial Association with two goals left — mounting an F-4 Phantom jet and building a chapel at the memorial.

Six local companies and three individuals reach a \$300,000 out-of-court settlement with the Texas Attorney General's office. The AG



The new UH-1 Huey helicopter after its mounting and Memorial Day dedication at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. By year's end, the Vietnam Memorial Association would acquire an F-4E Phantom jet to be restored for permanent display at the Memorial.

had accused the group of conspiring to fix gas prices at outlets they controlled in the Big Spring market. While reaching the settlement, the defendants did not admit any liability nor were any penalties assessed against them.

Big Spring High School's Steer Honor Band earns Division I ratings at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Odessa. The ratings were the best for the band in a decade.

Howard College and Signal Homes get a \$216,000 job training grant from the state in an effort to develop a skilled workforce for the manufactured housing facility.

More than 100 couples converge on Big Spring for the 28th annual Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival.

Fiesta Dodge joins the local business community following the purchase of assets of the former Big Spring Chrysler-Jeep-Eagle.

Failed sheriff's candidate Barney Edens and five other file complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), alleging

wrongful termination by newly elected sheriff W.B. "Bill" Jennings.

Big Spring High School's academic team wins the Permian Basin Academic Challenge. The team is made up of Rebecca McCarty, Zachary Dial, D.J. Green and Joe Rainwater.

After 40 years on East 3rd Street, Elrod's Furniture completes its relocation to the former Gibson's Discount Center on South Scurry.

Dr. Morgan Park is dedicated on the city's north side.

Twenty-one year school board veteran Al Valdes is elected president of the board of trustees.

Terri Newton is hired as the new executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Donna Kay Givens is sworn in as the new postmaster in Coahoma.

City police officials announce that bicycle patrols will resume in Comanche Trail Park on Memorial Day weekend. The patrols were begun in 1996 and received a positive response from the community.

City police officials clear 21 vehicle burglaries with three arrests

of three juveniles.

Work on the Beals Creek Flood Control Project resumes following negotiations between the city and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the disposal of contaminated soil and an increase in the cost of the project.

More than 200 graduate from Big Spring High School.

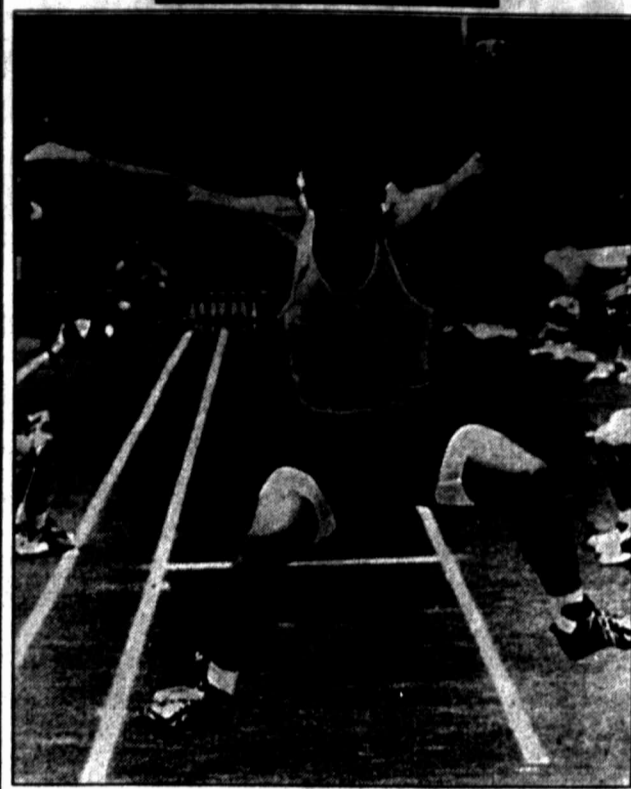
Goliad principal Jean Broughton retires after a 35-year teaching career.

The Veterans Administration Medical Center breaks ground on a \$2.82 million outpatient clinic.

City officials look at the financial condition of the city-operated ambulance and EMS service after it was disclosed the city lost \$104,000 during the first six months of the fiscal year.

Howard County Commissioners discuss the possibility of rural fire protection districts as a way to relieve the county from all liability regarding volunteer fire departments. The discussion arose because of the Howard County VFD's persistence at wanting first responder status.

## Sports



Sands' Josh Richter as he sets a new state Class A record in the triple jump.

It was perhaps one of the most outstanding individual performances at the UIL State Track and Field Meet, but for Sands' Josh Richter, setting the Class A boys' triple jump record was nothing but poetic justice.

Richter set the state record on the next-to-last jump of the competition at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

His leap of 47 feet, 8 1/4 inches provided the only gold medal awarded to an area athlete at the state meet.

In winning the event, Richter beat Vernard Love of Karnack in the same fashion Love had beaten him the year before.

In 1966, Richter led the triple jump competition until the final jump of the day when Love broke the meet record by flying out 47 feet, 61/2 inches into the pit.

But this time, Richter took the lead on his first jump of the day and held it until Love took his final jump — a 47-11/4 effort that was almost a half foot better than Richter's best jump of the day.

Prior to the meet, Richter's best jump of the year had been 45 feet, 1 inch.

Grady's Brad Cox finished fourth in the Class A triple jump.

Big Spring's Lady Steers, after dominating the District 4-4A meet and taking a Region I championship, managed just one bronze medal when Joclyn Owusu finished third in the 4A girls' triple jump.

Steers sophomore sprinter Tory Mitchell, who'd won the boys' 100 meters and 200 meters at both the district and regional meets finished third in both events at the state meet.

Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li didn't have that good an experience at the Class 4A state tennis tournament, either. He was eliminated in the first round of the boys' singles.

Weatherford's Lady Kangaroos brought an end to Big Spring's Lady Steers story book softball season taking a 15-1 win in the regional semifinals.

The Lady Steers closed their inaugural season with a 25-7 record.

Longtime head athletic trainer Everett Blackburn was inducted into the Howard College Hall of Fame during the college's annual athletic awards banquet. Bucky Williams was named recipient of the rodeo team's Top Hand Award, while the most valuable baseball player was Nathan Nelson. All-American Kyna Crosby was voted the women's basketball MVP.

Coahoma's Bulldogs clinched their fourth straight District 8-2A baseball championship with a 17-8 win over Wall's Hawks.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes were eliminated from the Class 2A softball playoffs, dropping the regional championship game to Hawley, 6-2.

Melissa Mouton was named the outstanding female scholar athlete at the Big Spring High School Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. Kim Robertson was presented the award as the outstanding basketball player and Sharon Fleming was the most valuable player in volleyball.

Eight Howard County Hawks baseball players were named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference all-conference team. Those earning spots on the first team included Nathan Nelson, T.J. Runnells, Ryan Price, Josh Jones and Brandon Plumlee.

After opening the baseball playoffs with a 7-1 win over Albany, Coahoma's Bulldogs took a 3-0 win over Tahoka in the area round and then knocked off Abernathy, 7-1, in the regional semifinal.

## BIRTHS

Alvarado, Karina Ytalia, May 29  
Barr, Morgan Rylea, May 7  
Carnero, Marianna, May 23  
Chavarria, Tommy Jr., May 18  
Cortez, Paul Anthony, May 23

Diaz, Stefanie Ann, May 14  
Flores, Brandi Nicole, May 21  
Gray, Wyatt Maverick, May 5  
Harris, Emily Louise, May 21  
Haug, Alyssa Nicole, May 27

Lopez, Jose Edgardo, May 12  
Luna, Joe Lee, May 20  
Martinez, Denise May, May 12  
Milby, Ryan Chance, May 7  
Mohn, Marisa Elaine, May 26

Moore, Autumn Paisley, May 14  
Ortega, Dami Nikol, May 19  
Richardson, Everlye Aris, May 5  
Steel, Jennie Ann, May 1  
Torres, Dennis Robert, May 20

## DEATHS

Airhart, Mrs. J.E. (Pearl), 80, Lamesa, May 7  
Arguello, Belen, 74, Big Spring, May 22

Beasonj, Earl, 74, Forsan, May 29  
Blackburn, Victor Lee, 50, Tyler, formerly of Big Spring, May 12  
Blaine, Mona, 60, Sand Springs, May 29

Carlile, Gladys, 89, Stanton, May 28

Christensen, Dorothy B., 66, Timberon, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, May 4

Churchwell, Virgil, 62, Big Spring, May 2

Clawson, Edith M., 73, Big Spring, May 21

Cole, Betty Sample, 66, Big Spring, May 12

Collier, E.L. "Babe", 69, Coahoma, May 27

Cramer, Ruby L., Midland, formerly of Coahoma, May 14

Crenshaw, Marietta "Mary", 75, Big Spring, May 17

Dean, Ludie, 72, Big Spring, May 25

Eubanks, C.R. "Red", 82, Big Spring, May 7

Farrow, Warren A. "Bud", 77, Big Spring, May 4

Fonville, Barbara Nell Barfield, 54, Garden City, May 12

Fortune, Gordon Cleveland, 89, Big Spring, May 6

Fry, Olive D Calverley, 67, Garden City, May 12

Garcia, Bernardo M., Big Spring, May 16

Glendening, Martin Alan, 31, San Diego, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, May 29

Gressett, Lucy Ava, 91, Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, May 27

Griffice, Ruth A., 64, Arlington, formerly of Big Spring, May 4

Hamilton, Richard G., 45, Big Spring, May 27

Hernandez, Jose I. "Jody", 29, Big Spring, May 30

Hines, Mark S., 34, Big Spring, May 20

Ingram, J.C., 66, Big Spring, May 16

Kennedy, R.R., 94, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, May 6

Latson, Esther Frances, 85, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, May 9

Lee, Robert Swann, 68, San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, May 16

Letcher, Marie, 78, Big Spring, May 8

Moran, Celia Ramirez, 28, Big Spring, May 5

Morgan, Edward Lawrence, North Hollywood, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, May 25

Murphy, James Marlin, 64, Big Spring, May 11

Pitts, Richard, 46, Lufkin, formerly of Big Spring, May 18

Power, Larkin Jackson "Jack" III, Livingston, formerly of Big Spring, May 18

Presley, Alva L., 83, Stanton, May 29

Randle, James T. "Randy", 69, Big Spring, May 21

Sayles, Richard, 67, Big Spring, May 14

Smith, Daniel R., 42, Big Spring, May 10

Thompson, E.R. "Shorty" Jr., 80, Big Spring, May 23

Thompson, Terrell V., 70, Big Spring, May 21

Wheeler, Faye, 82, Big Spring, May 20

White, Alice Mae, 63, Big Spring, May 29



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# June



a dust storm straight out of the 1950s

A wall of dust roared through Crossroads Country on June 16, destroying an estimated 7,500 acres of cotton in Howard County. Despite several acres having been replanted, the 1997 cotton crop was one of the best on record for area farmers.

Two months earlier, the Big Spring City Council authorized City Manager Gary Fuqua to renegotiate the lease agreement that Western Container had at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark in a continuing effort to satisfy Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) questions about the city's use of airpark funds.

As a result, the dust began settling where those questions had lingered as a result of the council's decision to take \$1.2 million of the \$3.7 million it received in 1996 from the restructuring of the management agreements of the city's three correctional facilities and reimburse the airpark fund.

For several months prior to the transfer of funds, the city had been involved in discussions with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) concerning the use of airpark funds to facilitate the expansion of Western Container as well as other expenditures at the airpark.

Questions were raised by the Texas Department of Transportation

Transportation's Aviation Division (TxDOT Aviation) about administrative fees, salaries at the airpark, fire station equipment costs and more than \$550,000 worth of sewer and waterline systems.

These funds came from the airpark fund, but in April 1996, the city proposed a plan to the FAA to reimburse the airpark fund for some of those expenditures.

A situation thought not to be a question at that time became one in June 1996, when the FAA began to ask questions about the Western Container deal.

Specifically, TxDOT Aviation questioned several airpark expenditures from the last few years, especially the lease agreement with Western Container.

TxDOT Aviation's big question was when and why the funds were spent, and how the city of Big Spring would get these funds back.

School district officials in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan announce that area students scored above average (compared to state averages) on the TAAAS.

Howard County property owners flood the Howard County tax office after hundreds receive new property tax appraisals showing an increase or decrease in the value of their property. Approximately 7,300 of 12,617 appraisal notices showed an increase in property value.

More than 300 Big Spring residents brave less than ideal weather conditions on June 8 to attend the dedication of the BSISD's new athletic facility.

Cornell Corrections' President David Cornell and several of the company's corporate officers attend a June 10 groundbreaking ceremony in Big Spring for Cornell's new \$13 million prison which is expected to open in April 1998.

Garden City producer and businessman Carey Niehues and Colorado City producer and businessman Woody Anderson are among 14 newly appointed members to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) Board.

Despite being as non-binding issue, the Big Spring City Council

passed a code of ethics for itself, causing some concern that the move was more to get around addressing certain issues openly rather than have the council self-police itself. Members of the council denied the charge.

BSISD officials, in a move preparing for the opening of the new junior high school, announced three major personnel changes. Brenda Gainey is named principal at Goliad Middle School; Bill Tarleton moves from Washington Elementary to become principal at Runnels; and Royce Cox moves from Runnels to Washington.

A wall of dust roared through much of Crossroads Country on June 16, destroying an estimated 7,500 acres of cotton in Howard County. Despite many producers having to replant, the 1997 cotton crop was one of the best crops in recent memory.

Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray decides to retire at the end of her current term after being associated with the county clerks office for 45 years.



Coahoma's Michael Cobb slides safely back into first base as the Bulldogs made their way to the Class 2A state tournament for the second time in three years.

Seemingly hopelessly mired in a post-season hitting slump, Coahoma second baseman Freddy Olivas picked the perfect time to break out of the doldrums, coming up with three runs batted in and power the Bulldogs to a 5-4 win over Memphis in the regional baseball finals.

The win propelled the Bulldogs to the state Class 2A baseball tournament for the second time in three years.

Going into the state tournament, the Bulldogs were paced by senior right-handed pitcher Mike McMillan, who not only had an impressive 1.60 ERA in the playoffs, but had the second-highest batting average on the team at .308.

The Bulldogs' leading hitter was first baseman Rodney Gressett, hitting .428, while left fielder Jerry Mann was hitting .300.

Alto's Yellowjackets brought a quick halt to the Bulldogs' campaign in Austin, however, taking a 5-2 win in the state semifinal game at the Burger Center.

Coahoma jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead when Marshall Wright tripled home McMillan and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Scott Goodblanket.

But Bulldog errors allowed Alto, making its first ever state tournament appearance, take a 3-2 lead and the Jackets never looked back.

The Dogs closed their season with a 21-3 record.

McMillan would be named the most valuable player in District 8-2A and earned a spot on the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association all-state team.

He was joined on the all-state team by Goodblanket, who also earned first-team all-district accolades.

Joining McMillan and Goodblanket on the all-district first unit were Shawn Rye, Gressett, Olivas, Vincent Garcia, Wright and Michael Cobb.

Jerry Mann and T.J. Green were honorable mention all-district selections.

Stephanie Stewart of Big Spring underwent surgery to remove calcium deposits from her right elbow in hopes of recuperating in time to defend her YMCA national gymnastics individual all around title. Stewart, a member of the Big Spring YMCA's Sidewinders gymnastics team, had taken the all around title the year before.

The American Minor League White Sox, after fashioning a 14-2 regular season record, won the Minor League City Tournament.

Howard College hired Natasha Taylor, a Division II Kodak All-American and the Lone Star Conference's most valuable player honoree at West Texas A&M University, as its new assistant women's basketball coach.

Kortney Kemper was named most valuable player of the Lady Hawk Basketball Camp at Howard College. She was joined on the "all-tournament" team by Stephanie Wardlaw, Jenny Rogers, Erin Matschke, Melissa Flenken and Elaine Sturgess.

Ben Garcia Jr. and Adolph Garza of Stanton birdied the final three holes on the second round of play to take a one-stroke win at the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Garcia and Garza fired a 60-64, 124 to win the tourney.

## BIRTHS

- Alvarado, Alexis Dolores, June 23
- Ballard, Garrett Lee, June 12
- Bernal, Isabelle Marie, June 30
- Biddison, Christopher Raef, June 4
- Brasuel, Paige Delynn, June 11
- Byrd, David Alexander, June 20
- Castanuela, Manuel Junior, June 23
- Dyer, Kendra Renea, June 28
- Elder, Katy Beth, June 17
- Hagins, Kenneth Paul, June 17
- Hajovsky, Valentin Joseph, June 2
- Hinkle, Presli Alexis, June 9
- House, Ashley Nicole, June 16
- Hunter, Erin Hope, June 7
- Jacobs, Morgan Scott, June 25
- Langford, Samantha Rae, June 23
- Larez, Julian Ross, June 7
- Long, Lexa Nicole, June 20
- Luna, Alexandra Ranea, June 7
- Martinez, Leonor, June 29
- Mills, Brody Chase, June 16
- Norman, Zackery Layne, June 7
- Rodriguez, Julianna, June 17
- Rodriguez, Rachel Lynn, June 28
- Smith, Mackenzie Paige, June 7
- Smith, Tyler Glynn, June 24
- Thompson, Brayden Eugene, June 3
- VanZandt, Trevor Jordan, June 6

## DEATHS

- Anderson, Willie Mae, 83, June 11
- Anderson, Willie Marie, 88, Big Spring, June 6
- Baker, Reba, 96, Big Spring, June 1
- Belk, Howard Estrell, 94, Mechanicsville, Md., formerly of Big Spring, June 25
- Black, Clara McMurray, 90, Big Spring, June 28
- Boren, Catherine "Kay", Big Spring, June 4
- Burcham, Mary Virginia, Big Spring, June 22
- Cluck, Lillian Clayton, 82, Big Spring, June 16
- Coccozza, Stella G., 81, Big Spring, June 12
- Cook, Armittie, 75, Big Spring, June 8
- Crayton, Mary Wilma, 85, Big Spring, June 2
- Drinkard, Troy Ballard, 81, Big Spring, June 29
- Dulske, Carol Ann Waszak, Big Spring, June 19
- Dyer, Ellis Wayne, 63, Ackerly, June 2
- Eason, Lois A., 90, Big Spring, June 26
- Elliott, Leona, 83, Saginaw, June 26
- Ford, John W., 72, Big Spring, June 29
- Gay, Alice, 82, Big Spring, June 21
- Goodwin, Virginia, 70, Big Spring, June 1
- Grandon, Bradley J., 33, Robert Lee, formerly of Coahoma, June 25
- Gray, Lloyd Zack, 69, Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring, June 14
- Hall, Dorothy Hayward, 71, Big Spring, June 3
- Hayes, Mary Elizabeth Hayden, Irving, formerly of Big Spring, June Hedrick, Nanette, Avery, formerly of Stanton, June 21
- Heith, Cecil B., Tyler, formerly of Vealmoor, June 11
- Hogg, Jim, 84, Big Spring, June 11
- Holguin, Cruz, 59, Big Spring, June 18
- Jenkins, Fay Little, Jal, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, June 7
- Johnson, Georgie K., 44, Big Spring, June 28
- Lawson, Mrs. C.D. "Marie," 87, Big Spring, June 8
- Ledesma, Eliza Rose, infant daughter of Becky Soliz and Orlando Ledesma, June 28
- Ledesma, Isiah Ray, infant son of Becky Soliz and Orlando Ledesma, June 29
- Liptrap, Vola, 93, Coahoma, June 4
- Lomax, Lillie Mae, 94, Alpine, formerly of Big Spring, June 5
- Mann, W.A. (Woody), 64, Big Spring, June 29
- Martinez, Juanita V., 68, Big Spring, June 21
- Moncada, Bartolo "Bart" T., 67, Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, June 21
- Neill, Ralph J. Jr., 82, Big Spring, June 18
- Nunez, Ramon Sr., 76, Big Spring, June 10
- Oakes, Dorothy "Dottie", 75, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, June 21
- Overton, Fannie L., 96, Lee's community, June 13
- Patilloe, Carter E. Jr., 71, Big Spring, June 29
- Rogers, Viola Edna Walker, 87, Medicine Lodge, Kan., formerly of Big Spring, June 15
- Snell, Modest, Midland, formerly of Ackerly, June 12
- Sparks, Robert (Sparky), 76, Big Spring, June 13
- Stalcup, Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie", 96, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, June 22
- Wagner, Charles H. (Herb), 62, Tarzan, June 13
- Webb, Netty Christine, 64, Brownfield, formerly of Big Spring, June 18
- White, Ivan Shaw, 85, Stanton, June 26

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# Civic leader Polly Mays dies during month

Big Spring lost one of its leading voices in July.

Polly Mays, a community leader, historian and civic volunteer, died July 7 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Local residents who knew and worked with her in many activities and causes called her death, at age 74, a great loss to the community.

"She was always available, never said no," former Big Spring mayor Wade Choate said. Choate served on the city council with Mays — the first woman elected to the council — from 1973-79.

"She was a very dedicated member of the council," Choate said. "She worked behind the scenes in the community and brought support to many organizations. I just can't say enough about her."

Among her many achievements were founding the West Texas Republican Women in the 1960s, and co-founding the Big Spring Humane Society.

Also known as a historian for the community, Mays served for more than 20 years as chair of the Howard County Historical Commission.

Among the many projects she spearheaded in that capacity was the Potton House preservation and the publication of "Howard County 1882-1982," which detailed area history.

She was also instrumental in a project that recognized local historic sites with informational plaques for visitors, and formed a walking tour of those places.

Mays helped restart the Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion in 1996 and worked on many Chamber of Commerce projects.

"She was a very good friend to the museum," curator Angie Way said. "But she was a friend to so many parts of our community."

In other July news:

• The Big Spring City Council debated the future of the city's ambulance service. Despite being operated as a for-profit corporation, the service was projected to lose money for the second year in a row, according to city figures.

• Mark Odle was named president of Norwest Bank.

• After a lengthy appeals process, Scott Griffin was reinstated to the Big Spring Police Department. He had been dismissed from the department in March for allegedly altering governmental records, but an administrative judge overturned the firing.

• The family of Margo Glickman received more than \$9 million from from a Lubbock hospital after it was found to

be negligent in her death two years earlier.

• High-quality counterfeit bills were discovered being circulated in Big Spring. The counterfeits, mostly \$20 bills, were very difficult to detect, BSPD officials said.

"These bills are of such quality that merchants and citizens are not noticing them until they get to the bank," BSPD Sgt. Victor Brake said.

Holland Cottonseed Co. was sold to Stoneville Seed, a Mississippi firm.

• Big Spring's proposal to be a site for a Veterans' Home was presented to the Veterans' Land Board in Austin. Big Spring was later selected as a site for one of four homes statewide.

• Two U.S. Army soldiers were convicted in Kansas for the 1996 murder of Big Spring native Dustin Waters.

• After a months-long search, Michael Hartman, former superintendent at Bronte ISD, was named to head the Coahoma school district.

• Vickie Ditmore of the local Texas Workforce Commission office was named Outstanding Woman in Texas Government for Community Involvement by the Governor's Commission for Women.



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Archie Kountz, manager of TCACable of Big Spring, and a Rotarian, puts up American flags on poles along Gregg Street in preparation for Fourth of July activities.

## Sports



Big Spring American League Blue All-Star Jon McKinnon takes a cut at the ball during the district tournament, held on Whipkey Field at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The winning of a national gymnastics championship by one team of local athletes and the bid by another for a state baseball crown were among July's top sports stories.

When defending junior division all around national YMCA gymnastics champion Stephanie Stewart underwent surgery to remove calcium deposits from her elbow in June, there was serious doubt whether Big Spring's Sidewinders would have a chance to win a long-sought national championship.

But Stewart rebounded from the surgery and made the trip to the YMCA National Championships in San Diego, Calif.

While she did not successfully defend her individual championship, but did finish second behind teammate Brooke Lawrence.

The Sidewinders parlayed that strong one-two finish into a team championship, edging the team from Flushing, N.Y., by one-half point.

Big Spring's American League Blue Junior League All-Stars put on impressive run in playoff action, taking the District Junior League Tournament they hosted along with the National League Red All-Stars and following that with a sub-sectional championship in Snyder.

The Blue All-Stars opened the district tournament with a 9-0 win over the Red All-Stars and followed that with an 18-6 clubbing of Midland North Central.

While Big Spring's Red All-Stars were eliminated in a 9-5 loss to West Midland, the Blue Stars were pounding El Paso Manning into submission, 9-4.

After losing to Midland Eastern in their fourth game of the tournament, they rebounded to take a 12-4 win over Midland Eastern, forcing a rubber game to decide which team would advance to sub-sectional play.

The third game turned into a see-saw battle the Blue All-Stars survived by capitalizing on Midland mistakes. The 12-9 championship game left them heading to sub-sectional play in Snyder.

The first sub-sectional game proved to be a marathon affair that went 10 innings before Lubbock submitted, 9-6. A tight 3-2 win over a strong Pecos entry followed.

Pecos returned from the loser's bracket, but without fresh pitching was not match for the Blue All-Stars, as Big Spring took a 9-4 victory.

The winning came to an end, however, when a power-hitting team with overpowering pitchers from Abilene swept two straight games in Abilene.

Award winners at the first Big Spring High School Football Camp included Jeremiah Baeza, Brandon Neagle, Zack Tuttle, Tye Butler, Dwayne Fulgham, Jon Lusk, Andrew Vizcaino and Bryson Hall.

Big Spring's Senior League All-Stars survived the elimination bracket of the District 3 tournament, but were defeated in their bid for a district championship.

Coahoma's Mike McMillan and Freddy Olivas were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A all-state baseball team. McMillan was a second-team selection, while Olivas made the third team.

Travis Reid of Coahoma piloted his "Can't Touch This" to first place in the pro limited jet class at the Southern Drag Boat Association-sanctioned Duel in the Desert at Moss Lake.

Big Spring's Division I and Division IV girls softball teams saw their bids for state championships fall short in final games, but both put three players on all-tournament teams. The Division I honorees were Alex Watkins, Chelsea Abner and Kyndra Watson. The Division IV award recipients were Jessica Canales, Mandy Morrow and Heather James.

## BIRTHS

Bustamante, Vicki Leann, July 25  
Canady, Shantezia La Shay Vanderbilt, July 5  
Canales, Anthony, July 12  
Carter, Patrick Cole Dewayne, July 8  
Cervantes, Breanna Nicole, July 15  
Chalker, Garrett Lee, July 22

Correra, Bianca Gabriela, July 21  
East, Braden Stephen, July 23  
Echavarría, Andrew John, July 16  
Espino, Joel, July 23  
Freshour, Blake Anthony, July 3  
King, Katie Ann, July 15  
Land, Katie Lynn, July 27  
Leos, Casandra Monique, July 13  
Massingill, Ian Garrett Jay, July 3

Massingill, Walker Evan Lee, July 3  
McAbee, Zachary Ryan, July 10  
McDaniel, Mary Ashley, July 31  
Nieto, Jared Martin, July 25  
Nunez, Julie Renaye, July 10  
Paredes, Andrew Leonard, July 6  
Qualls, Andrew Paul, July 17  
Rankin, Kaleb Andrew, July 22

Rios, Dominique Marie, July 9  
Rodriguez, Crystal Nichole, July 26  
Rodriguez, Dorian Ray, July 27  
Ross, Dylan Samuel, July 15  
Smith, Billie Dawn Adele, July 26  
Tubb, Hayden Hunter, July 17  
Warren, Aaron Nathaniel, July 15  
Welch, Brianna Marie, July 8

## DEATHS

Blackshear, H.C. (Horace), 83, Big Spring, July 26  
Brodie, W.H. "Dick", 84, Big Spring, July 11  
Brown, Steva Tamsitt, 92, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, July 10  
Campbell, Ruth Elaine, Midwest City, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, July 24  
Caufield, Jessie Pearl, 80, Big Spring, July 21  
Chavez, Arcenio "Arcy" Sr., 75, Big Spring, July 6  
Cline, Gladys, 86, Big Spring, July 27  
Cordes, Ed "Big Ed", 78, Big Spring, July 13  
Divine, Jo, 93, Big Spring, July 14  
Donaghe, Mabel, 80, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, July 27  
Doss, James "Bob", 62, Big Spring, July 18  
Fehr, Jacob, 45, Big Spring, July 5

Grafa, Otis W., 97, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, July 20  
Hall, Rutherford, "Red", 76, Odessa, July 12  
Hassell, Dorothy, 88, Forsan, July 15  
Johnson, Goldna, 79, Big Spring, July 13  
Klein, Donna Beth, 36, Stanton, July 18  
Klein, Vickie Ann, 36, Stanton, July 18  
LeBarre, Helen, 75, Big Spring, July 7  
Lujan, Lretta Cone, 77, Big Spring, July 3  
Main, Bill "Lucky", 75, Colorado City, July 13  
Mays, Pauline (Polly), 74, Big Spring, July 7  
McKee, Veda, 92, Big Spring, July 5

Moreno, Magdalena "Leno", 74, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, July 2  
Musgrove, Thelma Raye, 83, Big Spring, July 7  
Nalls, Katherine, 41, Big Spring, July 11  
Orr, Zettie Mae, 94, Yorktown, July 15  
Patton, Lillian Hilbun, 99, Big Spring, July 20  
Porter, Gladys Shaw, 83, Stanton, formerly of Big Spring, July 12  
Ramsey, Bob, 52, Coahoma, July 7  
Rawlings, June A., 70, Big Spring, July 14  
Rhine, Moveida E., 91, Denton, formerly of Big Spring, July 3  
Roberts, Enoch Jackson "Jack", San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring area, July 13  
Roberts, Maxine Virginia Howard, 75, Big Spring, July 30

Rocha, Olivia R., 66, Big Spring, July 13  
Russell, Edwin R. "Rusty", 82, Coahoma, July 18  
Scudday, D.E. "Coots", 76, Big Spring, July 19  
Snodgrass, Elisha Newton, 65, Big Spring, July 28  
Sturgill, Arthur "Jay", 64, Big Spring, July 21  
Tindol, Troy, 62, Big Spring, July 13  
Torres, Sr., Valentin G., 86, Big Spring, July 26  
Wainwright, Lorena Hodnett, Dallas, formerly of Howard County, July 26  
Weaver, A.W. "Buddy", 50, Big Spring, July 11  
Webster, Darrell H., 73, Big Spring, July 6  
Williams, Ynell, 63, Reagan County, July 2

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# August

## Big Spring lands one of four veteran's homes

August's top news story was the naming of Big Spring as one of four sites in the state for construction of a Texas Veterans Home.

The nursing home facility, which will be constructed adjacent to the Big Spring State Hospital on North Highway 87, was touted as a way to lend support to the state hospital, while further enhancing the mission of the local VA Medical Center.

This hard-won victory was a boost for Moore Development for Big Spring, local civic leaders, and State Rep. David Counts.

August was also the month that another school year began for the Crossroads area, including the Big Spring Independent School District's "year of transition." This was the last year students would occupy the Runnels and College Heights campuses. Students would be moving into the new Big Spring Junior High School for the 1998-99 year.

It was also the first year for use of a new air conditioning system at several campuses,



COUNTS



Lloyd and Marguerite Hardy are joined by granddaughters (from left) Stephanie Bell, Nelman Talbot and Krystal Bell after being named the Glasscock County Pioneer Family at the 72nd Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion.

which did not work exactly as planned. Within a week after school began, some students were sweltering, others freezing as the district tried to work out the kinks in the new system.

In other news this month:

•The Texas Education Agency ranked as exemplary, three area schools, including Kentwood and Elbow Elementaries, and Sands Schools. Other campuses also received high marks in the ranking.

• The 72nd annual Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion took place Aug. 2, which drew many former locals back to their "home town" for weekend that included visiting, bingo, and a dance.

•UPS workers began a nationwide strike Aug. 4 that would cripple some businesses, and become a boon for the U.S. Post Office. Locally 60-65 workers in the Big Spring, Midland and Odessa districts were expected to strike.

•Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker set off a firestorm when he suggested the county cut funding to the West Texas Centers for MH/MR. His comments, during preliminary budget hearings, continued to draw fire throughout the month.



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•Ricky DeWayne Howell, a suspected serial rapist who had committed his crimes in Big Spring, pleaded guilty Aug. 5 to sexual assault charges in Lubbock. He was later sentenced to two life terms.

•On Aug. 9, voters overwhelmingly approved an increase in the homestead tax exemption. The election result was not a surprise, but neither was the turnout for the election — less than 10 percent of registered voters.

•Wheat Furniture's Frances Wheat announced Aug. 14 that she would close the store after nearly 50 years of operation in the local community.

•Also on Aug. 14, County officials said they would hire Brandon McGinty as assistant county extension agent.

•The Hangar 25 Restoration Committee moved its efforts next door, to Hangar 44, which was said to be in better shape.

•Mid-month, votes were counted in an Aug. 1 referendum on boll weevil suppression. The vote was overwhelmingly against the measure.

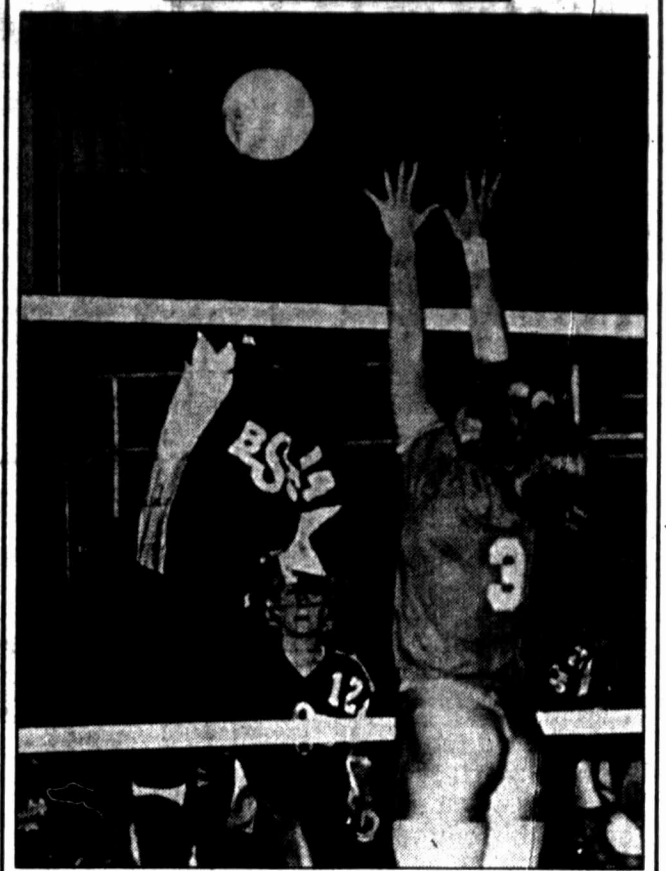
•Big Spring saw its own branch of the West Texas Food Bank open Aug. 21, as the first shipment of donated food arrived. The food bank would serve local charities, churches and organizations by distributing surplus non-perishable items. Expansion was planned in the near future.



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Cecial and Ruby Allred were named Howard County Pioneer Family of the Year during the 72nd gathering of the Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion. Approximately 500 persons attended the reunion, with the Mack Underwood Travel Award being given for the first time since being named in his honor.

## Sports



Big Spring's Keesha Lott goes up against a San Angelo Lake View player as volleyball season opened.

Fantastic finishes were the rule rather than the exception during the *Big Spring Herald's* City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course in August.

After having struggled over the front nine and then forged a one-stroke lead nine on the final day of the tournament, Charlie Garcia saw Mike Weaver hole a birdie putt to deadlock first place in the championship flight.

Garcia won the second hole of a sudden death playoff with a par. Both he and Weaver carded 138 totals.

Not to be outdone, Felix "Flea" Martinez and Carlos "Doc" Dimidjian went four playoff holes before determining third place in the top flight.

Martinez holed an eagle iron from 50 yards off the green to finally silence Dimidjian.

Susie Hernandez took the women's title, turning in a strong second round to overtake first-round leader Joan Daniel and take a one-stroke win. Daniel was, however, the senior women's champion, while Royce Cox took the senior men's division.

August also marked the start of a new school year, two-a-day football workouts and the kick-off to another high school volleyball season.

In addition, Big Spring's Steers opened the season's team tennis rankings at No. 5 in the state. They opened the season with top singles players Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal serving as captains and defeated Odessa High's Bronchos, losing just one match.

• Former Big Spring High School volleyball star and Olympic silver medalist Rose Magers Powell conducted a volleyball camp at Steer Gym.

• Christina Gwyn of Big Spring, pitching for the Young Guns of Odessa, struck out 19 batters and allowed just one hit in a 6-2 victory in the first round of the 12-Under USA Girls Softball National Tournament at Hogan Park in Midland.

• Maria Villarreal, a former Big Spring High School tennis star, signed to play her final two years of collegiate eligibility at Southern Illinois University. Villarreal had played her first two years at Collin County Community College where she helped lead the team to second- and third-place finishes in the NJCAA Division II championships.

• J.J. Aguirre of Big Spring was selected to play on the Mickey Allen Baseball School Select Team and compete in the Triple Crown World Series in Colorado Springs, Colo. He had the team's best slugging percentage with 11 hits that included three home runs, two triples and three doubles.

• Sandra Chapa, who won cross country and track titles her senior year at Stanton High School signed to run for South Plains College's Lady Texans.

• Big Spring's Lady Steers opened the volleyball season with a 1-15, 6-15 loss to Lamesa and a 9-15, 3-15 loss to Midland Greenwood in a three-way match.

• Big Spring's Steers swept their football scrimmage games following two-a-day practices, defeating both Lamesa and Midland High.

• Coahoma's Bulldogs took scrimmage wins over Reagan County's Owls and Tahoka's Bulldog version.

• Forsan's Buffaloes, after having thumped Water Valley 5-0 in a football scrimmage, but tied O'Donnell 2-2 in their final warm up.

## BIRTHS

Aldrige, Joy Katherine Marie, Aug. 30  
Beach, Ashton Leigh, Aug. 15  
Buchanan, Jaden Rae, Aug. 29  
Chavez, Maya Gabriella, Aug. 1  
Duenes, Aaron Angel, Aug. 31  
Fuentes, Ruben Esian, Jr., Aug. 14

Gee, Abbie Jordan, Aug. 8  
Gonzales, Roberto Dennis, Aug. 23  
Gonzalez, Joe Angel, Aug. 30  
Henry, Steven Victor Dasean Carl, Aug. 7  
Hernandez, Alicia Renae, Aug. 15  
Hernandez, Oscar Jr., Aug. 20  
Jewett, Jason Scott, Aug. 3

Kennedy, Bailey Marie, Aug. 25  
Martinez, Miranda Marie, Aug. 2  
Mata, Jasmine Alexandra, Aug. 14  
Moss, Addison Christian, Aug. 5  
Paige, Nicholas Zane, Aug. 7  
Redden, Cheyenne Dean, Aug. 28  
Rodriguez, Juan Pablo, Aug. 12  
Ruiz, Maricela Lucia, Aug. 20

Showalter, Madison Blair, Aug. 4  
Simmons, Christopher Warren, Aug. 28  
Starr, Angie Lee, Aug. 28  
Watson, Dylan Ray, Aug. 4  
Wheat, Bayleigh Raye, Aug. 25  
Wilson, Tiffany Christine, Aug. 24  
Wilson, Timothy Taylor, Aug. 24

## DEATHS

Anglin, Yolanda Ramirez, 45, Big Spring, Aug. 5  
Arnold, Arthur "Bill" J., 76 Big Spring, Aug. 23  
Burk, Betty Lee Eddy, 75, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 29  
Clawson, Louie Edgar, Jr., Monahans, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 19  
Conway, Elsie, 90, Big Spring, Aug. 14  
Cook, James, 64, Big Spring, Aug. 6  
Deason, Ima, Big Spring, Aug. 27  
Denison, Rev. Shell, 60, Seminole, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 10  
Fowler, Sam O., 90, Sand Springs, Aug. 6  
Fuller, Travis, 75, Big Spring, Aug. 26  
Grigg, Rosamond, 82, Big Spring,

Aug. 5  
Hale, Doris, 94, Coahoma, Aug. 16  
Haley, James Bradford "Jim", 53, St. Amant, La., formerly of Coahoma, Aug. 5  
Hammock, Marguerite Patricia (Pat), Austin, Aug. 25  
Hernandez, Raul F., 59, Big Spring, Aug. 1  
Hoelscher, Fred Joseph, 75, San Angelo, formerly of St. Lawrence, Aug. 31  
Hogg, Edward Lee Sr., Coahoma, 86, Aug. 11  
Hopper, Norma Jean, 63, Crowell, Aug. 9  
Kelley, Leslie, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 10  
King, Gladys Maire, 49, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 21  
McGarity, Rev. Lewis, 61, Big

Spring, Aug. 4  
Moore, Allie Mae, 86, Roswell, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 17  
Moore, Dollie, 89, Big Spring, Aug. 2  
Moore, Miles Elmer Jr., 73, Big Spring, Aug. 14  
Ortega, Joel Jr., 23, Big Spring, Aug. 17  
Parrmley, J.W. Jr., 59, Big Spring, Aug. 18  
Parras, Jesus, 45, Big Spring, Aug. 5  
Pineda, Manuel B., 81, Big Spring, Aug. 21  
Poteet, Linda Engle, 43, Plainview, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 17  
Poynor, Flossie D., 96, Big Spring, Aug. 13

Rhodes, Finley O., 92, Stanton, Aug. 17  
Santellan, Melecia Rosales, 87, Big Spring, Aug. 9  
Schramm, Arnold William, 85, Stanton, Aug. 20  
Sisson, David N. "Buster", 76, Big Spring, Aug. 3  
Stalcup, Rayford Ray, 73, Pittsburg, Texas, Aug. 6  
Stowers, John A. Sr., 60, Big Spring, Aug. 2  
Stump, Dessie Lee, 79, Brownwood, Aug. 26  
Tibbs, Garry Weldon, 34, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 16  
Warren, Douglas, 60, Big Spring, Aug. 18  
Zhea, Judy, 55, Big Spring, formerly of Bismarck, N.D., Aug. 10

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## Edwards' death, SWCID construction top news

Good news regarding Howard College's SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf was overshadowed by the sudden death of Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards. Edwards, 48, was in Lubbock's University Hospital and was undergoing an undisclosed heart procedure when he died. Edwards had been with the department more than 20 years and had risen through the ranks to become chief following the resignation of Joe Cook.

Edwards' funeral was attended by law enforcement personnel from all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

At SWCID, celebrating its 20th anniversary, ground was broken on the first new construction in the institution's history.

Backed by \$3-plus million in state funding, school officials start construction on a new, 96-student dormitory. Other construction targeted for the campus includes a combination gymnasium and recreation center and the renovation of the student union.

In other news:

- Colorado City becomes the smallest community in the state to be recognized by the Texas Economic Development Commission for their efforts to bring in a retirement community.

- The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kicks off its annual campaign, featuring former Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro defensive back Willie Mitchell as the keynote speaker. A campaign goal of \$212,500 — or basically the same amount raised the previous year — is announced. By late December, that goal will have been exceeded.

- The Howard County cotton harvest, despite a few early acres having been harvested, starts in earnest. It will prove to be the best crop in a number of years.

- Big Spring City Council members decide to hold the line on a tax increase, despite going back and forth on the issue. Still, it is decided to hike garbage rates another \$1 per month.

- Local unemployment continues to drop, reaching 4.3 percent. By year's end, the local unemployment rate would be the lowest in the Permian Basin.

- Howard College enrollment increases more than 4 percent over the previous year, with much of



A lengthy procession follows the hearse carrying the body of Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards. Edwards, 48, died suddenly in Lubbock's University Hospital while undergoing a heart procedure. Law enforcement personnel from across West Texas and Southeast New Mexico attended the funeral.

that increase coming on the San Angelo campus.

- County commissioners approve a slight decrease in the county tax rate.

- The City of Big Spring and Howard County sign on in an effort to help the community land a 660-bed Texas Youth Commission juvenile detention facility. The effort would fail as Big Spring would not make the final cut.

- Big Spring Independent School District officials hold the first of two orientation programs for sex-education classes scheduled to begin at Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior High. Good parental participation in the orientations led to a better-than-70 percent participation rate by students.

- A number of city offices are relocated to the newly named Polly Mays Municipal Annex, located at the corner of Runnels and Main streets.

The building was named in honor of Mays, the city's first female mem-

ber of the city council and a former mayor pro tem, who died earlier in the year after a two-year bout with cancer.

- The Howard County Fair begins its Silver Anniversary celebration over the Labor Day weekend. Stanton's Windy Woodfin is selected as fair queen.

- Planned Parenthood pulls out of Big Spring after 23 years. Officials cite duplication of services from other local providers and a high cost of maintaining the local office as reasons for the departure.

- The family of Rev. Floyd Green, Sr., is named Big Spring's "Family of the Year" by the Samaritan Counseling Center. Green, his wife, Sandra, and children Kathy, Stephanie and Frankie, would be honored at a banquet in Midland in October.

- Howard County Commissioners make the news again, although not only with the volunteer fire department.

Commissioners hear a proposal

from VFD Chief Tommy Sullivan on the firefighters' providing their own insurance in order to get back first-responder status. County Judge Ben Lockhart tells Sullivan if County Attorney Mike Thomas approves their proposal, he will support it.

Commissioners also hear again from angry residents after rainfall makes roads in front of their homes impassable. They also award the county's pharmaceutical bid to Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart was the only bidder in 1997 after commissioners had first awarded the bid to Leonard's a year ago and then gone back and rescinded that action.

- Lawrence IGA becomes Pricefighter IGA. Less than three months later, the store would close without comment from its operators.

- BSISD trustees hike taxes six cents per \$100 valuation, citing the need for five cents just for debt service on the district's newly issued bonds.

### Sports



Forsan ended 10 years of frustration against Coahoma with a 6-0 win in the season-opener for both teams..

Forsan's Buffaloes ended 10 years of frustrating losses to cross-county rival Coahoma's Bulldogs in September with a 6-0 win at Coahoma in the District 8-2A opener for both teams.

The win came on a night of big rivalry games and refused to take a back seat to the better known rivalry between Odessa High and Odessa Permian.

The Buffs ended their 10 years of frustration on the same night Odessa High defeated Permian for the first time in 33 seasons.

Calling it "a big win for our boys and for our program, as well," Forsan coach lauded the play of his team which scored the game's only touchdown with just 2:39 left in the game.

The hard-fought contest remained scoreless until Forsan running back Cory Walker capped a 20-play, 87-yard drive, dashing to yardline from 2 yards out.

While Walker provided the heroic touchdown run, Coahoma's Kurt Bennett was the leading offense producer, rushing for 86 yards.

Justin White paced the Buffaloes' attack with 65 yards rushing, but Walker had 52, including the most important pair.

Forsan improved to 2-2 with the victory, while Coahoma slipped to 0-4 on the year.

Earlier, Big Spring's Steers had opened their season with a 24-2 thrashing of Monahans and then survived a wild final minute as Joe Haden kicked a 28-yard field goal with six seconds remaining to give Big Spring an 11-9 win and a 2-0 record.

By month's end, another group of Buffaloes ... those from Stanton, began to get the attention they deserved, breaking into the Associated Press Class 2A high school football rankings.

The Buffs debuted at No. 9 after demolishing Midland Christian by a score of 56-7.

Sands' Lady Mustangs turned in one of their patented cross country finishes at the first ever Soreheads Cross Country Meet in Stanton, taking a 1-2-3 finish.

Holly Zant led the way with a 13.51 clocking over the two-mile circuit laid out on the Martin County Country Club, while Jessica Dewett and Trish Nichols followed close behind. Teammate Laci Webb was also a medalist, finishing ninth in the individual standings.

Elsewhere:

- After having prepared for the start of league play with a three-set win over Bronte's Lady Longhorns, Big Spring's Lady Steers opened District 4-4A volleyball play dropping a 15-12, 4-15, 15-13 loss to Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

- Former Big Spring High School star Daniel Franks scored the first touchdown of his collegiate football career, gathering in a pass on a fake field goal attempt that allowed Miami's Hurricanes to forge a 14-14 tie with the Pitt Panthers. Pittsburgh was able to regroup and took a 21-17 win.

- Horace Rankin of Big Spring — a two-time world champion on the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association circuit — was inducted in to the NSPRA Hall of Fame in Rifle, Colo.

- Howard College Lady Hawks assistant coach Natasha Taylor was named a finalist for the NCAA's Woman of the Year Award.

- Big Spring High School's Steers and Lady Steers opened District 4-4A team tennis play with a 15-3 win over Sweetwater.

- A ceremony honoring Big Spring's AL Blue Junior League All-Stars was held at the Roy Anderson Complex. The team presented the District 3 trophy to city and county officials.

- Travis Reid of Coahoma drove his "Can't Touch This" drag boat to a win in the top fuel flat class at the Arkansas Nationals in Pine Bluff. In so doing, Reid claimed his second consecutive Southern Drag Boat Association title.

### BIRTHS

Bermea, Jon Nicholas, Sept. 23  
Billingsley, Ryan Marcus, Sept. 12  
Blackshear, Toby Ray, Sept. 25  
Castaneda, Lauren Micaela, Sept. 30  
Castillo, Brandee Lea, Sept. 17  
Doucette, Alyssa Brooke, Sept. 12  
Gamez, Edward Javier Jr., Sept. 2

Gray, La Quana Rena, Sept. 29  
Haggard, Benjamin Charles, Sept. 13  
Hernandez, Angelina Vanessa, Sept. 11  
Hernandez, Destiny Mariah, Sept. 19  
Hilario, Miranda Marie, Sept. 24

Kennedy, Mackenzie Kade, Sept. 25  
Martinez, Austin Presley, Sept. 9  
Martinez, Mariah Bianca, Sept. 23  
Mier, Brandy Marie, Sept. 22  
Mier, Talia, Sept. 18  
Montemayor, Frank Andrew, Sept. 11

Peterson, Brook Lynn, Sept. 23  
Roper, Jimmy Wayne Jr., Sept. 2  
Smith, Lydia Nicole Rose, Sept. 9  
Valencia, Lexus Marie, Sept. 2  
Viasana, Jonathan Jose, Sept. 2  
Viasana, Nathan Saige, Sept. 11  
Yanez, Isiah Anthony, Sept. 22

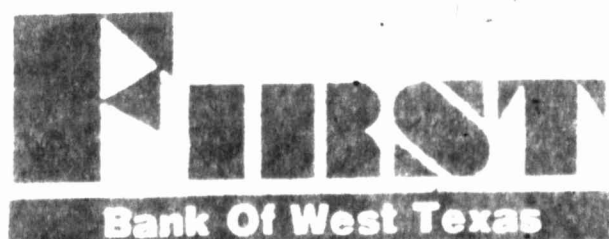
### DEATHS

Anderson, Melva (Dean), 60, Big Spring, Sept. 12  
Bailey, E.M. "Rip", 81, Forsan, Sept. 2  
Bayer, Mona, 85 Lovington, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 25  
Box, Charlotte, 77, Big Spring, Sept. 24  
Canady, Shantezia Vanderbilt, 2 months old, Big Spring, Sept. 6  
Correa, Magdalena, 71, Big Spring, Sept. 10  
Court, Amanda Beth, 8, Big Spring, Sept. 3  
Dalton, Betty, 65, Big Spring, Sept. 18  
Davila, Jaime David, 28, Big Spring, Sept. 28  
Edwards, Jerry G., 48, Big Spring, Sept. 8  
Elliott, Richard "Slim" Jr., 55, Big Spring, Sept. 10

Everett, Edward E., 84, Denison, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 28  
Franklin, Miriam Yell, 72, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 1  
Gaines, Edward Douglas, 80, Sand Springs, Sept. 29  
Gidley, Helen Kathryn, 76, Big Spring, Sept. 20  
Haney, Hester Weems, 85, San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 7  
Hensley, John H., 68, Big Spring, Sept. 20  
Hill, Lillie Beatrice Norrell, 84, Enid, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 23  
Hogue, Lee Brunson, 69, San Diego, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 14  
Jordan, Beulah "Jackie" Biby, 76, Big Spring, Sept. 30

Knowles, Lola (Honey), 69, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 15  
Lockhart, Lucille, 83, Big Spring, Sept. 4  
Lopez, John Michael Sr., 40, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 20  
Lynch, Mark S., 27, Greenwood, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 12  
Marquez, Pilar, 86, Crosbyton, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 21  
Mashburn, Nelouse Dugger, 84, Midland, Sept. 27  
McCall, Adella, 89, Big Spring, Sept. 22  
McCarty, E.W. "Mac", 83, Big Spring, Sept. 15  
McMorries, Nellie, 95, Stanton, Sept. 5  
Meiser, Sharon L. Jolley, 50, Big Spring, Sept. 19

Miller, Darwin, 30, Big Spring, Sept. 22  
Phinney, Annie Laura, 84, Coahoma, Sept. 8  
Rutherford, Mrs. Hubert H. "Ruth", 92, Big Spring, Sept. 14  
Shortes, Willie Epley, Taos, N.M., formerly of Stanton, Sept. 2  
Spinks, Joe Henry, 63, Big Spring, Sept. 15  
Walker, Lucille C., 99, Big Spring, Sept. 7  
Walters, George C., 79, Big Spring, Sept. 29  
Warm, Mrs. Carl (Sadie), 82, Big Spring, Sept. 5  
Williams, Marjorie Taylor, 81, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 19  
Womack, Odell "Red", 78, Big Spring, Sept. 13



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# Signal delivers its 100th home during month

For the second time in less than two years, several Big Spring residents were complaining about a local business making promises to deliver a service and then disappearing.

The business in question was internet service provider Texcom.Net, which was located in Big Spring's College Park Shopping Center. Residents say the business closed without notice, leaving jobs half finished and with money and personal items belonging to unsuspecting customers.

Several residents suffered through a similar scenario in the spring of 1996, when First Choice Meats moved in on South Hwy 87 just north of Comanche Trail Park.

First choice promised customers specific packages of meats as well as deep freezers for various prices and never delivered on several orders or if they did deliver, customers would receive only half of what they had paid for.

Texcom.Net customers began noticing early in the month that the doors were locked to the business and a sign on the door read "closed for remodeling," and gave an emergency number to call.

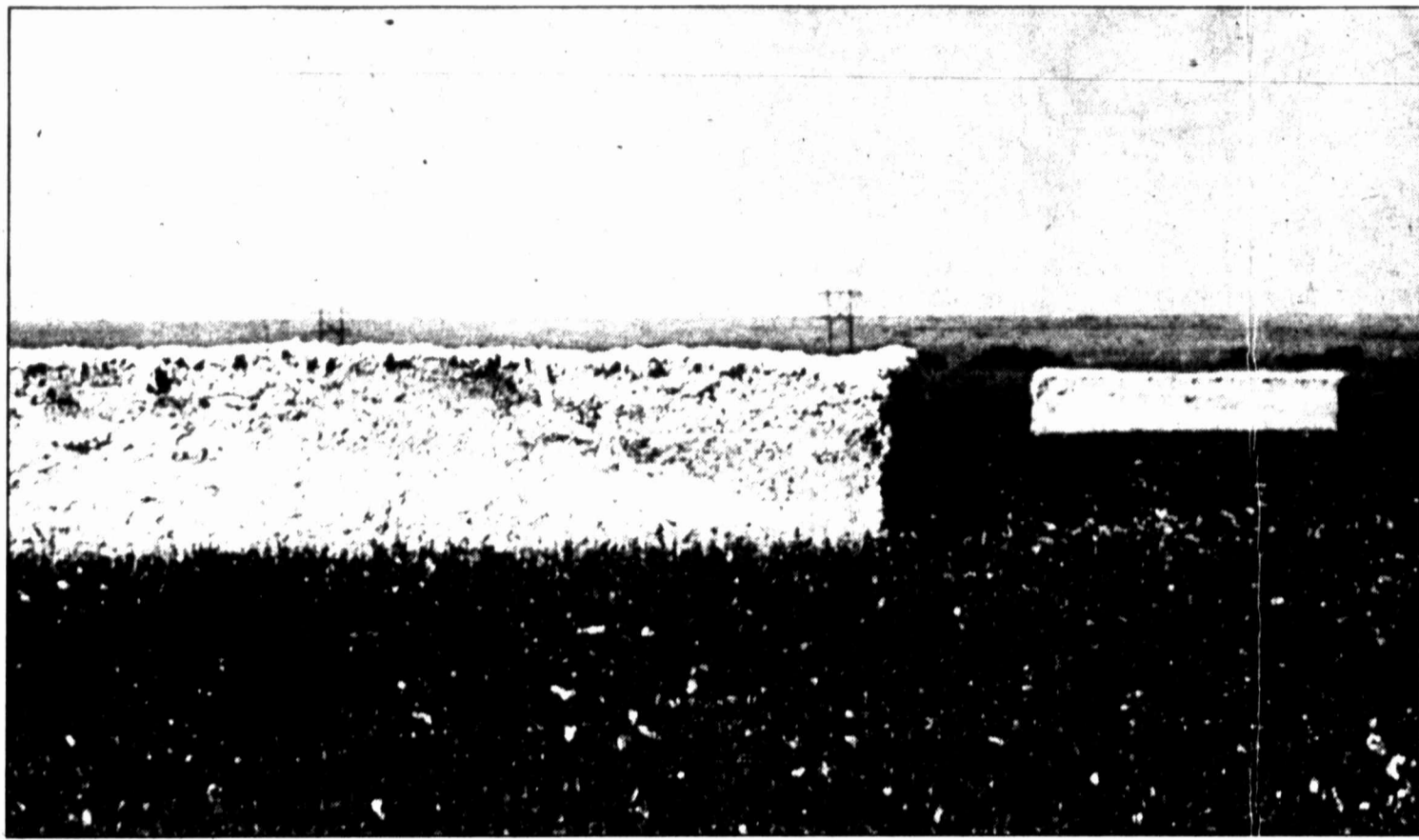
According to one Texcom.Net customer, the emergency number reached a business called Foot Depot, which claims to know nothing about Texcom.Net.

Texcom.Net was owned by Schell Walker, former Big Spring resident, who now resides in California.

Attempts by the Herald to call Walker in California reached either a recording or a male's voice taking a message for her, but, a representative of Walker eventually phoned the Herald to confirm that Texcom.Net was indeed out of business.

In November, some residents who dealt with the company began receiving partial refunds of money paid to Walker, prompting local authorities not to take legal action against the company.

Moore Development awarded its Enterprize Challenge awards to Universal Anchor Systems (UAS) in the amount of \$29,000 and Spencer Coating in the amount of \$21,000. Moore's grant award total was



HERALD file photo  
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increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000 in 1997.

Signal Homes delivers its 100th home since beginning production in Big Spring in March.

Moore Development Executive Director Danette Toone announces her resignation effective at the end of December.

Local agriculture producers met to discuss the possibility of forming the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which would serve Howard, Martin, Midland and Dawson (southern part) counties. The decision is now in the hands of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

According to statistics provided by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers Inc., 27 boll weevil traps in Howard County caught at least 15 weevils per trap during the week of Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 for a minimum total of 405. That number could have been higher. The same

statistics showed Martin County traps caught approximately 330 boll weevils during the same period.

The Hangar 25/44 Restoration Project came one step closer to beginning construction following the restoration committee's selection of Abilene-based CADCO Architectural for the design of what will be a memorial and museum of the former Webb Air Force Base and Big Spring's bombardier school.

What was once the Business Development Center (BDC) at Howard College became a partnership between the college and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin (UTPB) Small Business Development Center. Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks and SBDC representative Art Connors signed the contract during a special ceremony at Howard College to announce the partnership.

Figures released by the Howard County Tax Office showed the top taxpayers in Howard County for 1996-97 to include Fina Oil and Chemical Co., \$104,544,444; Power Resources, \$73,806,002; Western Container, \$70,373,680; Conoco Inc., \$42,149,773; Oryx Energy Co., \$24,430,540; Texaco Exploration and Production, \$21,353,600; Exxon Corporation, \$20,878,617; TU Electric, \$18,150,402; Anadarko Petroleum Corp., \$14,537,710; Wal-Mart Stores Inc., \$14,281,194; Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., \$12,759,351; Scenic Mountain Medical Center, \$11,859,183; MAPCO Inc., \$10,176,340; Cobra Oil and Gas Corp., \$8,917,530; Cap Rock Electric Coop Inc., \$8,743,985; Enserch Oil and Gas Inc., \$8,660,410; Sid Richardson, \$8,288,633; Chevron USA Inc., \$6,482,784; Missouri Pacific Railroad Co., \$6,063,120; and Marathon Oil Co., \$5,963,770.

Sports



Cross country runners wouldn't let football take the limelight during October, as evidenced at the Big Spring Invitational.

While the Crossroads Country's high school football teams were embroiled in the middle of their season, October was the focus for the area's cross country runners.

Early in the month, Forsan's Buffs and Sands' Lady Mustangs had joined San Angelo's Bobcats and Lady Cats in taking the team titles at the Big Spring Invitational Cross Country Meet.

The Lady Mustangs followed that up with dominating the District 15-1A meet, taking six of the top seven individual places. Hollie Zant, Trisha Nichols and Jessica Dewitt finished first, second and third, respectively.

Grady's Sheree Rivas finished fourth, but the Lady Mustangs took the next three places with Starr Hopper, Laci Webb and Brianne Fryar taking fifth, sixth and seventh places.

LaDonna Dennis finished seventh in the District 8-2A cross country meet, qualifying for regional.

Stanton's Lady Buffaloes took the District 6-2A cross country title in much the same fashion. Sands did in 15-1A. Erika Benavidez and Wendy Woodfin paced the Stanton effort by finishing second and third individually, while Jessica Carroll, Tiffany Madison and Jonna Moore were seventh, eighth and ninth. Teammate Emily Woodfin was 11th.

Garden City's Lady Bearkats also had a strong cross country contingent during the District 7-1A meet held at Mertz. Tiffany Kujawski and Michelle Fuchs finished first and second individually, while M'Lynn Niehues was fourth, her sister, J'Layne, was seventh, Lucy Gonzales was eighth and Meagan Goodwin was ninth.

Elsewhere: Mike Elliott of Big Spring rolled a perfect 300 game at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama while taking part in Men's Caprock League play.

Big Spring High School's Steers and Lady Steers swimmers opened their season with a dual meet against Andrews and dominated from start to finish.

Joan Daniel and Lane Reynolds were runaway winners of the Big Spring Country Club's Ladies Club Championship tournament. Daniel took a 22-stroke win in the gross score division, while Reynolds had a nine-stroke margin of victory in net scoring.

Stanton's Buffaloes grabbed the No. 5 spot in the Associated Press Class 2A high school football poll, after having debuted at No. 9. They would slip to No. 6 before the month was finished, despite never coming close to losing a game.

Jeff Henderson of Abilene won the Disc-Over Big Spring disc golf tournament, taking the championship flight win. Brian Bentz of Midland was the amateur division champion, while David Brooks was the junior division champ.

Howard College's Lady Hawks opened their 1997-98 basketball season with a lopsided win over Western Texas College in Snyder.

Big Spring's Lady Steers close their volleyball season on a losing note, falling to Andrews in a game that would clinch the District 4-4A championship for the Lady Mustangs. Ten seniors on the Lady Steers roster said a tearful goodbye during a ceremony sponsored by the Lady Steers Booster Club.

BIRTHS

Allen, Kelsey DeAnn, Oct. 26  
Brown, Ellis Elizabeth, Oct. 8  
Castilaw, Julia Ashton, Oct. 30  
Chappell, Clayton Lee, Oct. 23  
Coker, Kassi Lea, Oct. 20  
Creswell, Kaitly Mae, Oct. 28  
DeLaPaz, Kimberly Rene, Oct. 24

Douglas, J'Tayvion Andre, Oct. 5  
Fierro, John Edward, Oct. 23  
Galvan, Manuel, Oct. 2  
Galvan, Nancy Marcela, Oct. 8  
Garza, Mikaela Nicole, Oct. 16  
Gipson, Anthony Ray II, Oct. 17  
Hinojosa, Myrah Lynn, Oct. 21

Jetton, Dylan Ray, Oct. 31  
Karwensky, Lee Seishin, Oct. 22  
Mackenzie, Danta, Oct. 27  
Martin, Justin Alexander, Oct. 6  
McIntyre, Cody Novell, Oct. 7  
Perez, Devin Michael, Oct. 28  
Reid, Mason Shane, Oct. 16

Robinson, Tara Lacey, Oct. 29  
Small, Justyce Brianna, Oct. 7  
Torres, Joe Angel IV, Oct. 4  
Trevino, Hannah Alexis, Oct. 8  
Ward, Kaleb Aaron, Oct. 29  
Yzaguirre, Samuel Ray, Oct. 18

DEATHS

Allen, Alton G., Big Spring, Oct. 27  
Allen, Vrigie, 83, Big Spring, Oct. 1  
Banks, Vernice G., 83, Big Spring, Oct. 1  
Barber, Robert, 66, Stanton, Oct. 11  
Bartlett, Ethel Pearl, 96, Big Spring, Oct. 9  
Bryan, Bobby, 62, Stanton, Oct. 11  
Burns, Vernis Rose, 70, Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Cantu, Domingo Sr., 78, Big Spring, Oct. 10  
Cook, Thomas, 73, Big Spring, Oct. 26  
Garfias, Nora Juarez, 43, Big Spring, Oct. 15  
Gomez, Maria, 77, Coahoma, Oct. 8  
Henson, Leman, 83, Stanton, Oct. 22  
Hill, Ross, 93, Big Spring, Oct. 24  
Hughes, Richard G., 61, Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring,

Oct. 25  
Hutto, Thomas Louie, 85, Big Spring, Oct. 28  
Johnson, Anna Sue, 76, Brady, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 11  
Johnson, Muriel Dancer, 88, Big Spring, Oct. 11  
Jones, Wilton N. MD, 73, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 18  
Kelly, Lucile Wagy, 86, Big Spring, Oct. 21  
Kinard, Charlie Mae, 93, Big Spring, Oct. 7  
Lagourney, Hattie L., 71, Palmetto, Fla., Oct. 13  
Land, Donna, 33, Big Spring, Oct. 4  
Lane, Danny R., 50, Corpus Christi, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 23  
Latimer, Robbie Lee, 67, Sand Springs, Oct. 12  
Leach, John C. Jr., 62, Big Spring, Oct. 13  
Manning, Leona, 89, Stanton, Oct.

14  
McDowell, Rosemary Elizabeth, 97, Glasscock County, Oct. 16  
Miller, Nettie, 82, Oct. 24  
Miranda, Angel, 36, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 5  
Narbaiz, Kasey Lynn, 15, Big Spring, Oct. 2  
Nix, Minnie Lou, 76, Eastland, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 26  
Nuckolls, Louise, 74, Big Spring, Oct. 23  
Paredes, Emma, 82, Big Spring, Oct. 9  
Pedro, Henry, 76, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Ramirez, Ruth "Vidala" Abreo, 86, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Riddle, Olevia Pettus, 77, Damascus, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 21  
Rutherford, Robert F. "Bobby", 66, Big Spring, Oct. 19  
Smith, Winnie Augusta, 75, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Sneed, Ramond Keith "Reverend",

53, Big Spring, Oct. 26  
Soles, Brad, 22, Midland, Oct. 29  
Starks, Daisy Lorene, 76, Collinsville, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Stewart, T.B. Jr., 89, Stanton, Oct. 26  
Swift, Harrold Dec, Sr., 71, Brazoria County, formerly of Big Spring, 27  
Tompkins, Nelia I. McDaniel, 99, Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Tubb, Ola, 92, Big Spring, Oct. 16  
Underwood, Arvil, 61, Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 18  
White, Dalty "Salty", 83, Coahoma, Oct. 4  
Wilkerson, James Harvey, 77, Odessa, formerly of Vealmoor, Oct. 17  
Wilkerson, Ralph (Ho Hum), 61, Big Spring, Oct. 18  
Witte, Lela M., 100, Big Spring, Oct. 18

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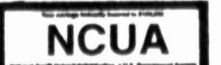
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# November

## Farmers get early 'white Christmas' with crop

Area farmers had a White Christmas at least a month early this year.

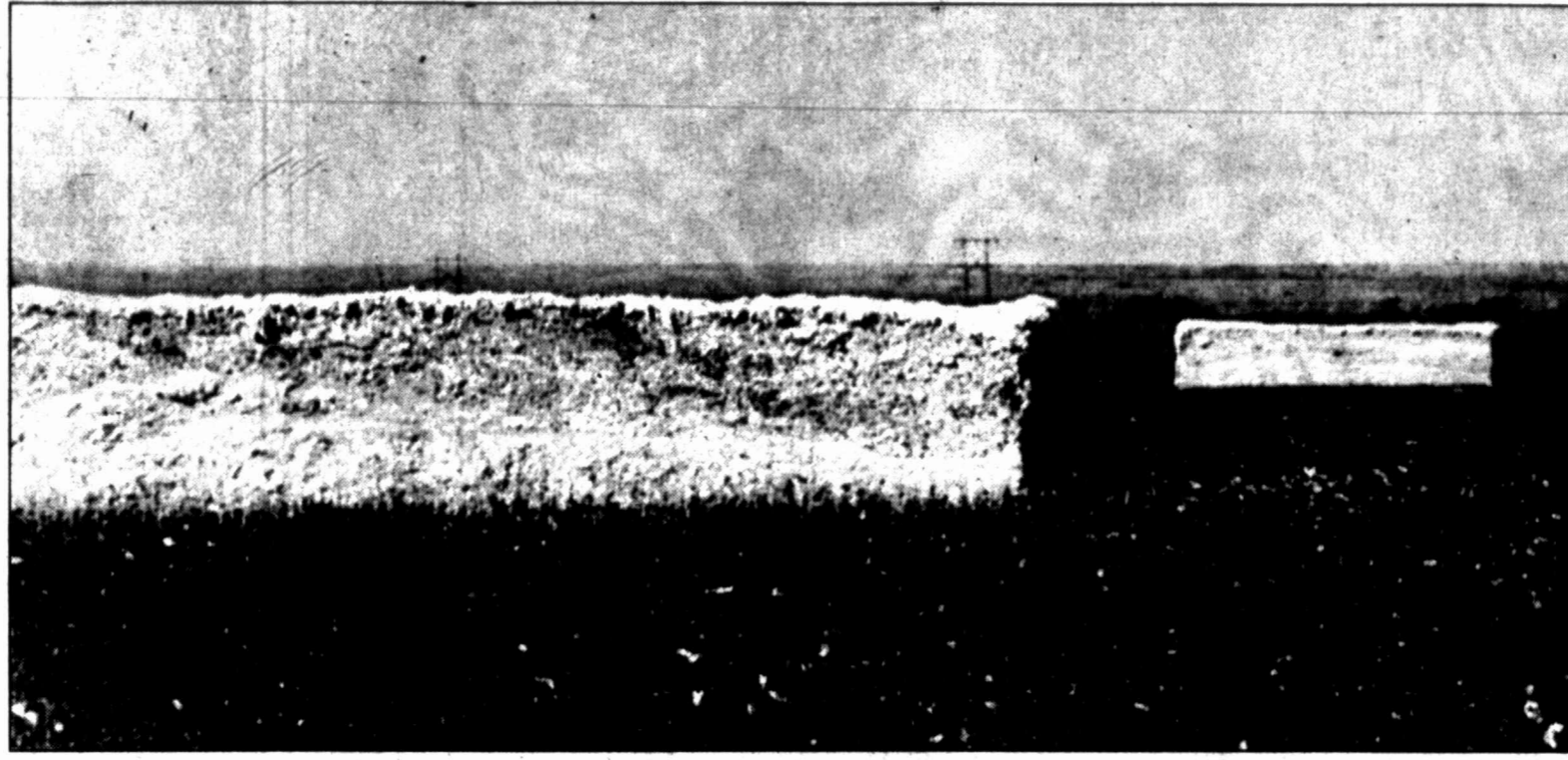
November brought a sight that hadn't been seen by area farmers for the past few years — fields white with healthy cotton. And there were a lot of those kind of sights in the area.

Although some ginning remained to be done at year's end, most of this year's cotton harvest was complete by the end of November, and it was one of the best harvests in years.

When all was said and done with the 1997 cotton crop, area farmers harvested more than 250,000 bales, a dramatic increase from last year.

Official estimates from Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties put this year's area harvest at around 265,000 bales. That figure is more than six times the figure reached in 1996, when this area was still in the throes of a drought.

Martin County farmers had the highest yields in the area, with estimates rang-



Area cotton fields began to fill with cotton modules as producers continued what many described as the best cotton crop in a number of years. An estimated quarter-million bales of cotton were harvested in the Big Spring and Howard County market area.

ing up to 130,000 bales. Howard County was next in line, with an estimated yield of 85,000 bales. Glasscock County were

expected to harvest around 50,000 bales this year.

Those figures will translate into more than \$100 million in direct sales, with an estimated overall economic impact to this area of about \$700 million, according to Extension Service estimates.

The major difference was that this area received plenty of rain this year. That, combined with a hot summer, provided almost ideal growing conditions.

"We had some rains at the right time, and we had some good September weather. That determines how good the crop will be a lot of times," said Gerald Hanson.

Also helping the harvest out was the relative absence of boll weevils. Although almost every area farmer reported some level of infestation, the pest didn't do as much damage to area crops as feared.

"Everybody I've talked to has been real pleased," said Rob Haney, president of the Howard County Cotton Growers Association. "It's not an excellent, excellent crop, but it sure made a difference over what we've made the last three or four years."

In other November news:

- The Boy Scouts' annual Good Turn Canned Food Drive collected about 3,600 food items, 1,300 more than last year.

- The Benton Street Bridge was one of two in Howard County cited by the Federal Highway Administration as in need of repair or replacement.

- The new deck at the historic spring was dedicated. The original deck was burned by vandals in 1994.

- Scott McLaughlin, who was narrowly defeated by David Counts in the District 70 state representative elec-

tion, announced he would run again for the seat.

- Frances Wheat was named to head the Big Spring regional office of State Sen. Robert Duncan.

- Howard County received a share of \$100 million from FEMA to help feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

- Big Spring Police Department officials said a partial refund of money and equipment would be enough for Texcom.net owner Schell Walker to avoid facing criminal charges.

- Four finalists were named in the search for a new Big Spring police chief. BSPD Capt. Lonnie Smith was named to the post in December.

- The Salvation Army fed more than 200 people at its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and provided food baskets to more than 150 local families.



Jennifer Payne packs food baskets at the Salvation Army during its Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Salvation Army provided more than 150 baskets of food to needy families.

### BIRTHS

Allen, Kelsey DeAnn, Oct. 26  
Brown, Ellis Elizabeth, Oct. 8  
Castilaw, Julia Ashton, Oct. 30  
Chappell, Clayton Lee, Oct. 23  
Coker, Kassi Lea, Oct. 20  
Creswell, Kaitly Mae, Oct. 28  
DeLaPaz, Kimberly Rene, Oct. 24

Douglas, J'Tayvion Andre, Oct. 5  
Fierro, John Edward, Oct. 23  
Galvan, Manuel, Oct. 2  
Galvan, Nancy Marcela, Oct. 8  
Garza, Mikaela Nicole, Oct. 16  
Gipson, Anthony Ray II, Oct. 17  
Hinojosa, Myrah Lynn, Oct. 21

Jetton, Dylan Ray, Oct. 31  
Karwedsky, Lee Seishin, Oct. 22  
Mackenzie, Danta, Oct. 27  
Martin, Justin Alexander, Oct. 6  
McIntyre, Cody Novell, Oct. 7  
Perez, Devin Michael, Oct. 28  
Reid, Mason Shane, Oct. 16

Robinson, Tara Lacey, Oct. 29  
Small, Justyce Brianna, Oct. 7  
Torres, Joe Angel IV, Oct. 4  
Trevino, Hannah Alexis, Oct. 8  
Ward, Kaleb Aaron, Oct. 29  
Yzaguirre, Samuel Ray, Oct. 18

### DEATHS

Allen, Alton G., Big Spring, Oct. 27  
Allen, Vrigie, 83, Big Spring, Oct. 1  
Banks, Vernice G., 83, Big Spring, Oct. 1  
Barber, Robert, 66, Stanton, Oct. 11  
Bartlett, Ethel Pearl, 96, Big Spring, Oct. 9  
Bryan, Bobby, 62, Stanton, Oct. 11  
Burns, Vernis Rose, 70, Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Cantu, Domingo Sr., 78, Big Spring, Oct. 10  
Cook, Thomas, 73, Big Spring, Oct. 26  
Garfias, Nora Juarez, 43, Big Spring, Oct. 15  
Gomez, Maria, 77, Coahoma, Oct. 8  
Henson, Leman, 83, Stanton, Oct. 22  
Hill, Ross, 93, Big Spring, Oct. 24  
Hughes, Richard G., 61, Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring,

Oct. 25  
Hutto, Thomas Louie, 85, Big Spring, Oct. 28  
Johnson, Anna Sue, 76, Brady, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 11  
Johnson, Muriel Dancer, 88, Big Spring, Oct. 11  
Jones, Wilton N. MD, 73, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 18  
Kelly, Lucile Wagy, 86, Big Spring, Oct. 21  
Kinard, Charlie Mae, 93, Big Spring, Oct. 7  
Lagourney, Hattie L., 71, Palmetto, Fla., Oct. 13  
Land, Donna, 33, Big Spring, Oct. 4  
Lane, Danny R., 50, Corpus Christi, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 23  
Latimer, Robbie Lee, 67, Sand Springs, Oct. 12  
Leach, John C. Jr., 62, Big Spring, Oct. 13  
Manning, Leona, 89, Stanton, Oct.

14  
McDowell, Rosemary Elizabeth, 97, Glasscock County, Oct. 16  
Miller, Nettie, 82, Oct. 24  
Miranda, Angel, 36, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 5  
Narbaiz, Kasey Lynn, 15, Big Spring, Oct. 2  
Nix, Minnie Lou, 76, Eastland, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 26  
Nuckolls, Louise, 74, Big Spring, Oct. 23  
Paredes, Emma, 82, Big Spring, Oct. 9  
Pedro, Henry, 76, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Ramirez, Ruth "Vidala" Abreo, 86, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Riddle, Olevia Pettus, 77, Damascus, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 21  
Rutherford, Robert F. "Bobby", 66, Big Spring, Oct. 19  
Smith, Winnie Augusta, 75, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Sneed, Ramond Keith "Reverend",

53, Big Spring, Oct. 26  
Soles, Brad, 22, Midland, Oct. 29  
Starks, Daisy Lorene, 76, Collinsville, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Stewart, T.B. Jr., 89, Stanton, Oct. 26  
Swift, Harrold D., Sr., 71, Brazoria County, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 27  
Tompkins, Nelia I. McDaniel, 99, Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Tubb, Ola, 92, Big Spring, Oct. 16  
Underwood, Arvil, 61, Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 18  
White, Dalty "Salty", 83, Coahoma, Oct. 4  
Wilkerson, James Harvey, 77, Odessa, formerly of Vealmoor, Oct. 17  
Wilkerson, Ralph (Ho Hum), 61, Big Spring, Oct. 18  
Witte, Lela M., 100, Big Spring, Oct. 18

### Sports



Big Spring's Steers break through the banner prior to defeating Ysleta in the Class 4A bi-district playoffs.

It had been quite some time since the Crossroads Country had seen four teams enter the playoffs in the same year, but 1997 was the year for Big Spring's Steers, Sands' Mustangs, Grady's Wildcats and, of course, Stanton's Buffaloes to extend the season.

Grady's Wildcats, who earned the runner-up's six-man playoff berth in District 7 after falling to Sands, 54-8, in the loop's title game were the first to be eliminated in a hard-fought loss to highly-rated Grandfalls-Royalty in bi-district action.

Big Spring, which had pulled off a monumental 28-25 win over Andrews in the final game of the regular season to finish second in the District 4-4A standings, took a 23-0 bi-district win over El Paso Ysleta's Indians in the Class 4A, Division I playoffs behind senior fullback Antwoyne Edwards' 158 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown.

Junior speedster Tory Mitchell would also play a pivotal role in the win over Ysleta, breaking loose on a 62-yard reverse play for a touchdown. Short-yardage specialist Brock Gee added the Steers' third touchdown on a one-yard dive play and kicker Joe Haden boot-ed an insurance touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Steers' season would come to an end the next weekend on the artificial turf at Jones Stadium on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. That's where they ran afoul of Canyon Randall's Raiders.

Randall capitalized on a pair of turnovers during the Steers' first three plays to take a 14-0 lead and would never allow Big Spring to wrest the momentum away.

The Raiders took a 37-12 win and then knocked off Brownwood before being eliminated.

Sands' Mustangs, having somewhat of a Cinderella season since they were picked by few to go undefeated in District 7, knocked off Sanderson and Westbrook in the playoffs before running afoul of No. 2-ranked Lazbuddie's Longhorns.

The Mustangs gave the highly-touted 'Horns all they wanted, however, and Lazbuddie was forced to rally for a 52-44 comeback win. Lazbuddie would fall victim to Borden County's Coyotes, another enchanted team in 1997, as they would go on to demolish Panther Creek and claim the school's first ever football championship.

Stanton, which would have a protracted playoff run in December, finished the regular football season ranked No. 4 in the Associated Press Class 2A high school football rankings.

November was also the month that Howard College's Lady Hawks would provide a thrilling 98-95 overtime win over Weatherford College's Lady Coyotes — the team that had eliminated them in the Region V tournament finals a year ago and denied them a chance to the NJCAA national tournament.

The win, which they would later parlay into a 13-0 record prior to the semester break, earned them instant notoriety. As a result, the Lady Hawks debuted at No. 5 in the first regular season NJCAA women's basketball poll released Nov. 30.

Krissi McWherter led a foursome of Big Spring Lady Steers to earn spots on the District 4-4A all-district volleyball team. McWherter, a senior middle blocker, was Big Spring's only first-team selection, but middle blocker/outside hitter Keesha Lott and setter Jessica Cobos, also seniors, earned second-team positions. Another senior, outside hitter Honey Belew, received an honorable mention selection.



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# December

## Council backs off on parking on grass ordinance

December found the Big Spring City Council backing off on an earlier plan to limit where homeowners could park on their own property.

The council had in November approved on first reading an ordinance that would prevent people from parking their cars on their yards — despite the fact that they owned the property.

But weeks of public outcry took its toll, and the council voted 6-1 against the ordinance on second reading. The first reading had been 4-3 in favor. Among those changing his mind the second time was Mayor Tim Blackshear, who said he still believed the ordinance was a good one.

Other December events included:

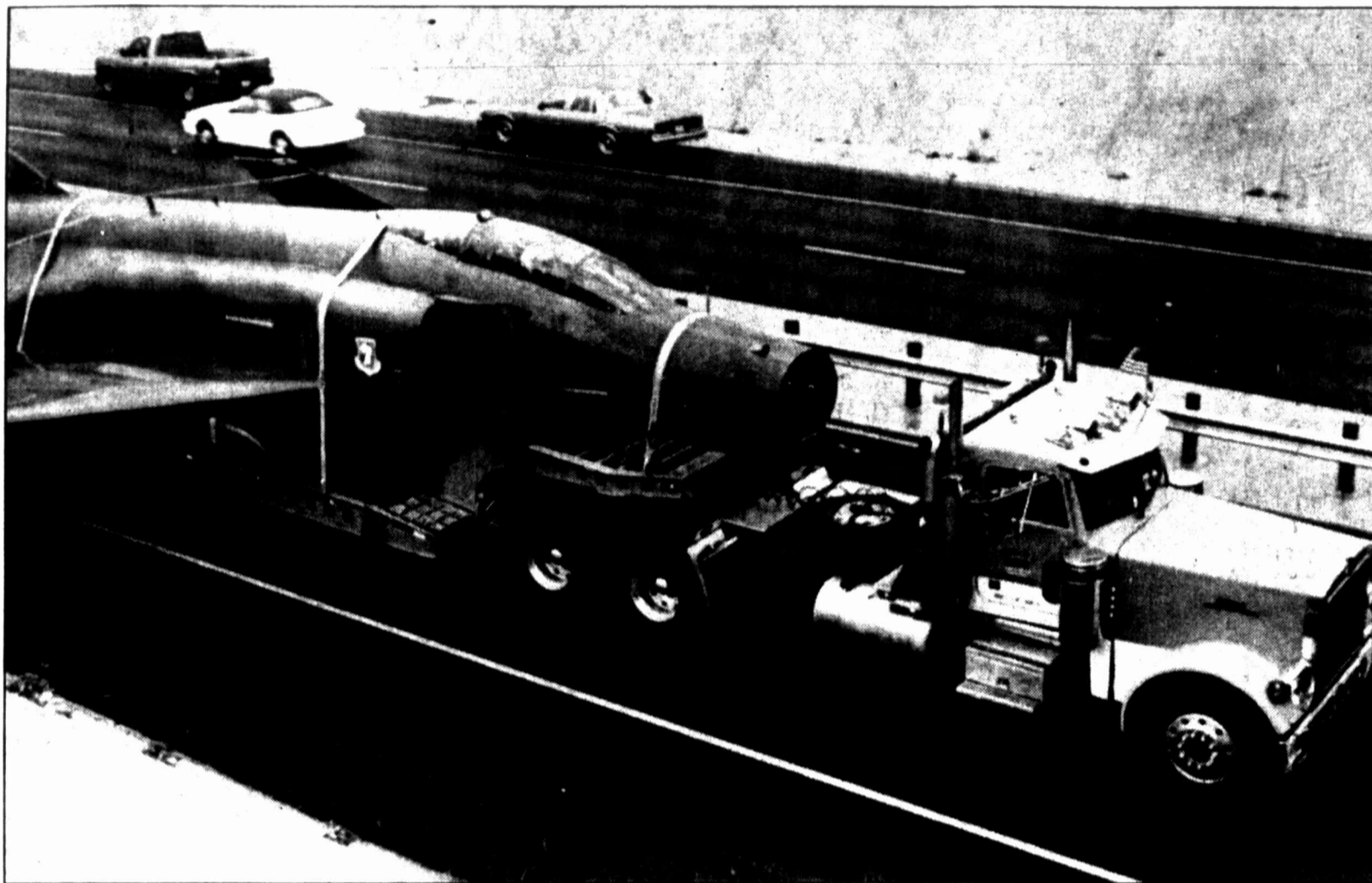
- On Dec. 1, the cotton harvest was in full swing; more than 250,000 bales were expected area-wide.

- Howard County Volunteer Fire Department announced Dec. 2 that it would be on-line as a first responder unit at the first of the new year, capping an entire year of controversy over the VFD's role in rescue work.

- Dec. 6, the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade brought thousands of onlookers to Gregg Street. Later, the visited Trail of Lights events in downtown.

- The F4 Phantom arrived Dec. 7 to take its place of honor at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The 19,000 pound jet was accompanied by 22 vehicles on the trip from Wichita Falls to Hangar 18 for restoration.

- The San Angelo Diocese announced Dec. 9 that missing \$200,000 would not affect local churches.



**The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Association transported an F-4E Phantom jet from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls to be refurbished for display at the Vietnam Memorial. The Phantom will be placed alongside the UH-1 Huey on static display.**

•Lonnie Smith was named Big Spring Police Chief Dec. 10 after a three-month search. He later promoted Pam Jordan to the position of captain.

•The Salvation Army announced on Dec. 12 that 276 of its Christmas "Angels" had not been adopted through the holiday program for the local needy. The agency extended the deadline to Monday and all but 47 were adopted over the weekend.

•At mid-month, police were searching for three men in the abduction-rape of a young local woman.

•Dec. 15, Methodist Malone Hogan announced formally its affiliation

with St. Mary Medical Group.

•That same day, Salvation Army staff went on a shopping spree with \$662 collected at a Toys for Tots drive the previous weekend. The toys were distributed, along with food and other items, to local needy families Dec. 22.

•The city was aglow most of the month as residents decorated their homes, businesses and the community with lights and other signs of the season. Even the historic spring in Comanche Trill Park was lighted, and thousands stopped by to view the display in its first few weeks.

•Stanton's Martin County Hospital on Dec. 14, was awarded its trauma certification by the Texas Department of Health.

•Six area campuses were awarded grants from the Texas Successful Schools Award System. They included: Big Spring Moss and Kentwood Elementaries, Coahoma Junior High and High School, and Forsan's Elbow Elementary and Forsan High School.

•The United Way on Dec. 19 wrapped up its 1997 campaign in the black, with room to spare. The charitable fund drive brought in \$215,952, exceeding its goal of

\$212,500. Volunteers were credited with making the difference.

•Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. announced Dec. 22 the applicant list for the executive director spot had been trimmed to five. They were expected to name the new ED by year's end. Danette Toone was leaving the job because of a family move.

•It was a white Christmas for Big Spring, although a little later than some may have wished. Snow began falling on the evening of Dec. 25, blanketing the local area with as much as six inches, and making the community a winter wonderland.

### Sports



Facing record-setting quarterback Patrick Hutka and the Rogers Eagles in the Class 2A state championship football game, Stanton's Buffaloes had a plan and worked it to perfection en route to a 33-7 victory.

After winning the coin toss, the Buffs deferred, putting Hutka and his Rogers Eagles' offense on the field in a driving rainstorm.

It worked. Although the Eagles were able to take a lead — the first time all season Stanton had trailed any opponent — it would be a short-lived lead.

The rain forced the Buffs to simply their offensive attack — concentrating on the ground game and playing a defense that would allow Hutka completions, but not big plays.

In the end, the Eagle would crumble just like semifinals opponent Italy's Gladiators had — too much Buff defense, too much power offense. In fact, the most troublesome opponent the Buffs faced in the final analysis was regional finalist Lockney's Longhorns, who fell a two-point conversion short of ending Stanton's dream season.

Junior quarterback Kyle Herm may have had to take a back seat to Hutka on the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A all-state team, but he proved to have the magic.

Mixing in fullback Jody Louder, wide receiver/return specialist Tyron Davis and the Buffs' offensive and defensive lines made Stanton virtually unstoppable.

In fact, after a 20-yard run by Jody Louder put the Buffs on top 12-7 with 5:30 left in the first half, there was little Rogers could do to stop Stanton — especially after the Buffs made both offensive and defensive adjustments at the half.

"We pinched them in to stop their (defensive) rush," Buffs assistant coach Doug Gordon explained. And on defense, the Buffs started to jam the middle to take away Hutka's quarterback draw.

"We wanted to come out in the second half and take control of the game," Herm said, adding that he wasn't comfortable with the outcome of the game until the Buffs held a 33-7 lead.

Cotton was comfortable before then. "When we went up 20-7, I felt like they were going to have a real hard time stopping us. We had taken the ball and just marched it down their throats (72 yards on 10 plays) and had the momentum," he said.

And the Buffs wanted Rogers to know that momentum was on their side.

A fumble recovery by Kason Anderson gave Stanton the ball on the Rogers 40 to set up the next scoring drive — highlighted by a 33-yard pass to James Jenkins and capped by a 1-yard run by Louder to make the score 26-7 with 9:43 left in the game.

Louder picked up his third touchdown on a 6-yard run with 3:57 left in the game, carrying Nelson Kortis all the way into the end zone.

"I told them they would always remember this moment ... the fact they were 16-0 and state champions ... and the fact that will be with them a lifetime," Cotton said.

• While Stanton had six players on the APSE Class 2A all-state team — Davis, Herm, Louder, Chad Smith, James Taylor and Jeremy Smith — Big Spring's Steers placed three on the Class 4A honorable mention list — fullback Antwoyne Edwards, linebacker Brock Gee and defensive end Jeff Denton.

• As expected, Sands Mustangs and Grady's Wildcats dominated the District 7 six-man all-district team. The Mustangs had five on the first-team all-district list including Jerrod Beall, Anthony Cantu, Cal Zant, Jesus Porras and Josh Long. Grady's contingent included Brady Peugh, Frankie Garza and Greg Gibson.

• Former Big Spring High School football star was named to *The Sporting News* Freshman All-America Football Team. A red-shirt freshman tight end, Franks led the Miami Hurricanes in touchdown receptions.

• Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes swept their own Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament.

### BIRTHS

Billings, Chase Brett Vonnie, Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Miramontes, Kami Rene, Dec. 16	Spivey, William Louis, Dec. 5
Gartman, Madyson Leola Gene,	Gutierrez, Caelan Bryan, Dec. 4	Rawls, Destanie ZeAnndra, Dec. 15	Vanderbuilt, Eugene III, Dec. 15
	Lopez, Audrey Nicole, Dec. 11		Yanez, Margarito Oden III, Dec. 12

### DEATHS

Anderson, Billie Jo, 69, Gardenale, Dec. 9	Fryar, Lillie Mae Barnard, 67, Big Spring, Dec. 2	Lozano, Emeterio "Milton" Jr., 49, Big Spring, Dec. 4	Dec. 1
Barber, Maryon Hutto, Big Spring, Dec. 6	Galloway, Margaret, 84, Big Spring, Dec. 16	Mims, Bonnie Reid, 69, Big Spring, Dec. 13	Springer, Denver Allen I, 81, Lenorah, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 24
Birrell, Mrs. G.W. (Zay), 79, Big Spring, Dec. 24	Gilmore, Agnes Lee (Sims), 53, Big Spring, Dec. 2	Moore, O.C., 90, Big Spring, Dec. 6	Thompson, Rance, 26, Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 12
Cannon, Carroll T., 66, Ruidoso, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 6	Girdner, C.L., 62, Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 4	Newton, Albert Lindell, 67, Big Spring, Dec. 18	Turner, Lady Jane Gray, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 1
Christensen, Joseph Lesley, 74, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 21	Gordon, Joseph "Joe" P., 87, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 14	Ortega, Jesus (Jessie), 84, Sand Springs, Dec. 7	Wells, Joyce O'Brian, 73, Stanton, Dec. 14
Clement, Will W., 82, Dec. 17	Harmonson, Peter C., 78, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 17	Partee, Rev. Sam, 73, Big Spring, Dec. 23	White, Dean, 73, Big Spring, Dec. 2
Cline, Rodney D., 55, Big Spring, Dec. 23	Phillips, Dewey Jr., 73, Big Spring, Dec. 18	Phillips, Gladys L., 87, Slidell, La., formerly of Stanton, Dec. 4	Wilson, Jo Nell "Jody", 70, Big Spring, Dec. 15
Coffey, John Askew, 92, Big Spring, Dec. 5	Phillips, Gladys L., 87, Slidell, La., formerly of Stanton, Dec. 4	Plowman, Dan, 52, Big Spring, formerly of Abilene, Dec. 9	Wright, Claude Irving Jr., 74, Big Spring, Dec. 6
Czerkus, Rev. Paul, 94, Big Spring, Dec. 22	Pollard, Clarence Jr., 41, Big Spring, Dec. 4	Reynolds, Dorothy "Dottie Jo", 67, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 22	Wright, Patricia, 65, Big Spring, Dec. 11
Dorsett, Jack Wayman, 44, Merkel, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 10	Rocha, Joe Jr., 40, Big Spring, Dec. 15	Shafer, Winnie Faye, 93, Lamesa, formerly of Howard County, Dec. 15	
Duncan, Lloyd H., 74, Big Spring, Dec. 14	Sheppard, Lola, 88, Big Spring, Dec. 1		
Dzinglewski, Stanley R., 54, Big Spring, Dec. 18			
Easterling, Wayne, 53, Big Spring, Dec. 24			

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