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WEATHER

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Mitchem offers 'tipsy' service

For the 13th year, Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service is providing free taxi rides home and free towing for anyone drinking too much alcohol while celebrating New Year's Eve. From 8 p.m. tonight until 2 a.m. Saturday, call 267-3747 if you or someone you know has had too much to drink and should not drive. Mitchem and Sons Wrecker will send a taxi to take you home, and will also provide a free tow home for your vehicle. The service is limited to the city limits, and only one tow or taxi ride per person is allowed.

WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- MONDAY
- Texas Tech Ex-Student Association Big Spring Chapter, 8 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
 - Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

- TUESDAY
- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
 - Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
 - VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
 - Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

- WEDNESDAY
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
 - Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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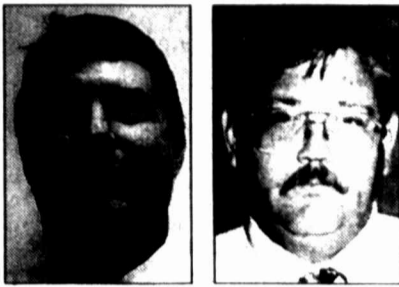
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Celebrate the new year, but don't drink and drive, officers warn

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Local law enforcement personnel have a message for would-be partygoers tonight: Don't drink and drive. "It's a time of the year for celebration and parties and we ask that people who participate to do so sensibly," said Kerry Fritz, chief deputy with the Howard County Sheriff's Office. "Law enforcement will be



FRITZ SMITH more visible due to it being the new millennium. Anyone going to parties and drinking needs to

be extra careful they make sure they have a designated driver lined up. Other than that, we wish everyone a safe and happy New Year," Fritz said. "Actually, anyone who has been drinking and takes the chance of getting behind the wheel late tonight runs an even better than usual chance of getting stopped. That's because extra law officers will be on the street to respond in case of a Y2K problem.

"We'll have zero tolerance on DWI of course," said DPS Trooper Sgt. Lawrence Meadors. "If we do apprehend you for driving while drinking, you will go to jail." The DPS is predicting as many as 32 people will die from traffic accidents today through Sunday. Many of those accidents will be alcohol related, according to the DPS. "During the New Year's week-end period everybody will be

available across the state," said Sgt. Meadors. "Those who aren't actually on shift will be available if called." "We wish everyone a happy holiday period and a safe trip if they get out on the road. For that to happen, we need people to buckle up, slow down and don't get behind the wheel after they have been drinking," Meadors said. See ALCOHOL, Page 2A

Local expert says Y2K will pay high dividends in the future

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Ask most people what Y2K means to their business and you're likely to hear a lot of moaning and groaning. Ask John Scott, and you'll hear something distinctly different. "I think this is great," said Scott, president of the First Bank of West Texas. What? What about all those system checks and rechecks? Those costly upgrades? The extra manpower put on to make sure everything runs smoothly when the clock strikes midnight Friday? "There are two sides to everything. They say it's cost \$650 billion or whatever. But how many old programs that should have been abandoned years ago are being refitted? You will see in our economy that the money spent on new programs will be a boon. It will be a boon to American commerce," said Scott.



SCOTT

"Our economy will boom that much more for it. We will again be the leaders in technology. It is going to pay a big dividend. This has forced American business to go back and restructure and become productivity minded again." According to Scott, all the money spent on Y2K compati-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Josh Long, left, and Ben Moses, employees of Culligan Water Conditioning, stayed busy this week with water deliveries to customers stocking up on water for the new year.

bility will result in vastly improved efficiency. "I'm aware of businesses that I would have gone in and replaced systems a long time ago, but they didn't until now. They had to. And they are seeing how much it is paying off. I think this is great," he said. Which doesn't mean that you have to spend a lot of money

upgrading your home system, though. Most of what you need is free on the Internet. "The thing to remember is if you have not updated your PC (personal computer) based software in the last six months, you need to do that. Both the Windows 95 and Windows 98 have updates, for instance. Even version 11 of Windows 98

has an update," said Scott. There are some ways around Y2K, which is date based. Basically, when computer-chip-reliant programs see the date 2000, they are likely to read it as 1900. "That's the basic foul-up that has everyone concerned." See GREAT, Page 2A

Water going at brisk pace, retailers note

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents have bought several thousand gallons of drinking water from local retailers within the past week as a precautionary measure in the event water services are disrupted at the new year. "We have sold around 750 gallons a day just from the front of the store," said Teresa Brumley, an owner of Big Spring Water and Ice. "We have run out of bottle containers but not of water." That does not include the gallons of water the company delivers to its customers each day. "I estimate that we have sold about 2,000 gallons of water in the last week," said Wal-Mart Manager Daryl Holley. "They are buying water in buggy loads." Holley said people are buying See WATER, Page 2A



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Mary Miller, owner of Skipper Travel, said her business is down from last year at this time.

Y2K, warnings of terrorist acts, high prices keeping people at home, travel agents say

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

According to local travel agents, Big Spring residents are staying in town for tonight's millennium celebrations as warnings of terrorist acts, Y2K, and exorbitant prices affect decisions to travel this year. "Not many people are going anywhere," said Mary Miller, owner of Skipper Travel. "Everyone I have talked with is staying home for New Years." Local travel agents report that business is down from bookings made at this time last year. With the recent warnings of terrorist acts and Y2K constantly in the news, many people are staying on the side of safety in their traveling arrangements. "The hijacking of the Indian Airlines plane and Seattle clos-

ing its festivities in the news, I think has caused people who read or hear about it to unconsciously make a decision not to travel," Barbara Couch, owner of Places and Pleasures, said. According to the some of the local travel agents, not all plans to stay home this New Year's is a result of Y2K and warning of terrorists acts. "When people, who started planing early for this New Year's celebration, saw the exorbitant prices that the airlines, hotels, and cruises were charging, they decided to stay home, according to Miller. "Two years ago, my family decided to go to Disney World for the millennium celebrations," Miller said. "I tried to make reservations in January 98, but Disney told me they were booked up. Now Disney is offering travel agent rates and discount rates for regular trav-

elers for the millennium. So are many cruises." According to Miller, the airlines have empty seats that they are now trying to sell at discount prices. "A couple of months ago, the airlines said they had sold out of their peak days," Miller said. "Now they have released more seats for discount fairs." Couch also blames the decrease in her business to the public turning to the Internet to purchase tickets. She had one client call her about booking a ticket on one of the major airlines. The airlines quoted the client a price that was around \$600 more than the price Couch quoted the client. "This person did not ask the right questions," Couch said. "The airlines are not obligated to find the cheapest price for the client."

Most folks maintain cautious skepticism about 'bug'

MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Some citizens remain cautiously skeptical about impending Y2K problems, while others believe the "millennium bug" might spell disaster. "I'm not worried about Y2K. I'll stay home and see the new year in watching television, said Caradine Hopper. "I may plan ahead and have some groceries, but what could happen could also not happen, and I'm using common sense." Hopper, along with several other individuals, said Y2K may be just a ploy for making money. "I think Y2K is a bunch of hoey, and I don't believe there will be any problems," said Mildred Wooten.



HOPPER SCHROEDER TORRES SANCHEZ

Wooten said she intends to see the new year in by staying home as well. Austin resident Charles Schroeder, who was visiting his wife Rois' brother Daron Moore, said he believes Y2K is a media-induced hysteria. "I think this is all a joke. I intend to spend New Year's Eve with my wife and we will go to the movies, like we do every

year. Tickets are \$150 to \$200 in Austin for parties we will not be going to, and I'm not worried about Y2K," Schroeder said. His wife said she intends to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day, and she also doubts any problems will occur as the new year clicks in. "I'm ready for a good year. I believe 2000 will be the best

year yet," Rois Schroeder said. Moore, Schroeder's brother, said he is not worried about any loss of services or problems with the onset of 2000. "I think this has all been a big joke. To me, it's just another day," Moore said. However, Lisa Garcia and Cody Cantu, parents of two small children, said they will stay home today with family and friends, and they intend to be ready for problems. "We'll have flashlights, just in case, and candles. And water, diapers and groceries," Garcia said. "I don't know that I believe in all the exaggeration," Cantu said. "Something might happen but then again, something See Y2K, Page 2A

Y2K REMINDERS

- Begin conserving water about 11 p.m. today.
- Refrain from unnecessary releases into the sewer system, such as dishwashers and washing machines.
- Make advance preparations for a drinking water supply with bottled water. Fill up bathtubs with water to provide flush water for toilets.
- Don't call 911 at midnight unless you have an emergency.
- Don't plug up the phone to check for a dial tone at midnight. It ties up circuits.

DECEMBER 31 1999

OBITUARIES

Ervin Newby

Funeral service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for Ervin "Dick" Newby, 56, Big Spring. He died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at his residence.

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"If you have a VCR, what you can do if you don't think it will roll over is set the date back to 1972," said Scott. "It will work for another 28 years." Set the date for 1/1/72, and the days and dates, except for the year, of course, will match. "If you have an old PC you like, turn the date back to 1/1/80. The days of the week won't be the same, but the dates will be the same. Some computers you can change to 1/1/72, but some won't work, and you'll have to use 1/1/80," he said. So according to Scott, Y2K isn't a bad thing at all. It can be coped with at home with updated software or date changes, and on a business level, by upgrading to better, more efficient software. The dollars spent will pay for themselves through an increase in efficiency.

"I think it's great," he said. "Yeah, I am ready for it (Y2K) to be over, for sure. But I think this will have a profound effect on our economy for years to come. This has been a great thing."

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more bottled water than water from the water machines, although the water machines are selling well.

According to Rainbow Water office assistant Nevada Brinkley, they have sold five-gallon, 25-gallon, and even tanks of water at a time.

"Most of the tanks of water we have sold are to business, but we have sold some to private individuals," Brinkley said.

According to local retailers, many people are purchasing water in larger quantities than normal as a precaution against any Y2K glitches that could affect normal water service from the Big Spring Water Department system.

James Wright, the owner of Culligan, has encouraged his customers not to start overstocking water.

"The sun will come up in the east and set in the west, the rivers will flow, corn is gonna grow, and babies are going to wake up hungry with a dirty diaper, just like it's been for a thousand years," Wright said.

Wright believes if there is a glitch in the water system that may disrupt service it will be more likely a mechanical problem and should not disrupt service for long.

For those who are worried, Culligan will be open on Saturday to sell water and ice.

"For those people who stayed up and partied too much, we will have ice to put on your head for the same old headache as every year," Wright said.

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might not."

Pedro Torres, a father of four young children, said he also intends to see the new year in quietly at home.

"I think we'll just be sitting around the house with our relatives. As for Y2K, I don't really have anything to say. I guess they've made a big deal about it," he said.

Big Spring High School senior Priscilla Sanchez said she is concerned about impending disasters with the new century.

"I think Y2K is scary. We're saving canned foods and stuff like that, and hopefully our family with gather together. We have a large family. There are six of us at home, and I have 13 aunts and 16 uncles," Sanchez said.

Her younger brother Leandro said he's not afraid of Y2K, but he intends to spend New Year's Eve with his family.

ALCOHOL

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"For the people who are celebrating tonight, I encourage them to take advantage of using a designated driver or the Mitchem Wrecker Topsy Wrecker and Taxi Service," Lonnie Smith, chief of the Big Spring Police Department said.

"Our officers are following suite with the DPS on zero tolerance for drunk drivers. With the lower blood alcohol level that has passed, some people might not feel drunk, but if they alcohol level is .08, they are legally drunk."

Staff writer Lyndel Moody contributed to this report.

City offers suggestions to prepare for Y2K

Big Spring city officials are offering suggestions to local water customers as a means for preparing for Y2K without overburdening the wastewater treatment plant.

"These are just suggestions, and we're not requiring anyone to participate. This is voluntary effort, and we remain optimistic that the new year will not bring any problems," said Kenny Scott, water and wastewater treatment plant supervisor.

"If people will just abstain from unnecessary water use and only operate those things which are necessary Friday night, this will help us as well," he said.

Scott said available water storage tanks in Big Spring will be filled to capacity, and these tanks hold enough water to supply the city needs for several days, in the event of an emergency or other problem.

And as a volunteer effort, he offered these suggestions to water customers:

- Begin conserving water about 11 p.m. Friday. Yard irrigation systems and other high-volume water systems should be turned off.

- Refrain from unnecessary releases into the sewer system, such as dishwashers and washing machines at that time.

- Make advance preparations for a drinking water supply with bottled water. Fill up bathtubs with water to provide flush water for toilets.

Houston seeks answers in abandonment of 13 babies

HOUSTON (AP) — The newborn babies were found on doorsteps, in streets, at schools and in trash bins. With each new discovery, authorities grew more and more incredulous.

Abandoned children are a sad reality in the nation's fourth-largest city, but by the time the rash ended in September, the total — 13 discarded babies in 10 months — stunned child-protection officials.

"If we get one or two a year, that wouldn't be unusual," said George Ford, executive director of Harris County Child Protective Services. "But to have 13 within this time period is certainly extraordinary."

The reasons for the increase aren't clear. But officials hoping to prevent a tragic trend have organized the Harris County Baby Abandonment Task Force, which has begun an educational campaign targeting poor, pregnant teenagers such as those thought responsible for most of the 13 abandonments. Three of the 13 were found dead.

"Don't Abandon Your Baby!" say 75 billboards going up around the city. The signs, along with radio and television announcements that begin airing Saturday, urge women to call a toll-free number (1-877-904-SAVE).

Counselors will direct callers to agencies providing temporary housing, prenatal health care, adoption, abortion or other services.

"If she's saying, 'Come pick up the baby right now,' we can do that," said task force member Marie Dixon, an aide to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat from Houston.

The billboards and advertisements also refer to a new Texas law that encourages mothers to take newborns to hospitals or fire stations rather than abandoning them. The law, which took effect Sept. 1, allows a person who delivers a newborn to an emergency medical services provider to use that as a defense against prosecution.

Most of the babies that survived after being abandoned in the Houston area in the past year have been adopted.

Murders down nationally, but rise seen in some cities

NEW YORK (AP) — Homicide rates fell in many American cities this year — thanks to the aging of baby boomers, a keener sense of community and the decreasing use of crack cocaine, criminologists said.

But a slight rise in murders in several big cities — including the nation's two largest, New York and Los Angeles — has experts worried that sweeping gains made by strenuous crime-fighting in recent years could be reversed by complacency.

New York City will finish the year with the country's highest murder tally — as of Wednesday, there were 661 murders, compared with 629 in 1998. As of Dec. 14, Los Angeles had 414 murders, compared with 404 on that date last year.

"The economy is good, crime is down, so we turn our atten-

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

tion to other things," said James Alan Fox, a criminal justice professor at Northeastern University. "The problem with crime is if we don't pay attention to it, the rate of crime can rise as quickly as it fell."

FBI statistics, complete only through June, show a drop of 13 percent in murder across the country and a 10 percent drop in all violent crime. An Associated Press survey of the 10 largest cities shows murders up in five and down in the other five.

Overall, the number of homicides is far below the figures of a decade ago — even in those cities showing a rise.

For instance, New York City had its highest murder tally, 2,262, in 1990. The dramatic drop in killings has left the city with a murder rate comparable to the 1960s. In fact, five of the city's 76 police precincts have had no murders at all this year — four are in Manhattan and one is in Staten Island.

Fox said several large cities seem to have reached a homicide rate plateau after seeing dramatic declines.

Other large cities with homicide increases include Phoenix (234 so far, 202 in 1998); San Antonio (95, 89 in 1998); San Diego (58, 42 in 1998); and San Francisco (59 through November, 58 during that same period last year).

Chicago, the nation's third-largest city, had the highest number of murders in the country last year with 703. This year, it could have its lowest rate in more than 30 years; through Monday, 632 murders had been reported in the city.

Other large cities posting declines are: Baltimore (306, 314 in 1998); Boston (31, 35 in 1998); Dallas (159 through November, 222 through November 1998); Detroit (411 through November, 500 in 1998); Houston (237, 254 in 1998); Philadelphia (295, 335 in 1998); and Washington, D.C. (226, 252 in 1998).

Cities across state finalize plans for Y2K

DALLAS (AP) — With only hours remaining until the turn of the New Year, officials in many Texas communities say they are taking a breather from months of preparations.

City and county leaders say they don't expect a last-minute frenzy to get computer systems ready and emergency personnel in place.

"We are in a wait and let-it-pass mode," said Fort Worth spokesman Pat Svacina.

He said the city has finalized plans to combat possible Y2K-related computer glitches on Jan. 1, when uncorrected machines could misread the last two zeros of the date as 1900 and shut down.

Like most cities, Fort Worth will have extra police and fire personnel on duty New Year's Eve and will man a central emergency operations center.

In Mentone County, all law enforcement personnel — one person — will be on duty to ring in the millennium.

Sheriff Richard Putnam will be charged with policing the West Texas county's entire 600 square miles — a seemingly burdensome task until you con-

sider that the county has only about 100 residents.

County Judge Donald Creager said he expects no problems in the county, believed to be the least populated in the nation.

"It should be a quiet and laid-back place," he said. "I plan on going to bed at 9:30 p.m. and waking up and seeing what's working."

The biggest crisis so far: one resident told the judge she drove 20 miles Thursday to the nearest major store and found they were out of toilet paper.

Austin officials are working to station 100 volunteer amateur radio operators New Year's Eve across the city in case the phones go down and the power goes out. If that happens, the operators will switch on their equipment and become a vital communications link.

Austin leaders also were preparing for a huge celebration marking the arrival of the year 2000.

On Thursday, the city closed off access to 44 downtown blocks to erect huge staging areas for the city's "A2K: Austin on the Verge" concert expected to draw about 250,000 people.

Preparations also were in full gear for big celebrations in Dallas, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio.

More than 150,000 people are expected to fill downtown streets in San Antonio.

But police are warning the revelers not to get too "silly." Silly String, a brightly colored clingy substance, has been banned from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Saturday because of over concerns that the gooey projectile could cause fights.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is encouraging partygoers to take bus and train service to the downtown event expected to draw 45,000 revelers.

DART says it expects no operating glitches from any millennium computer bugs. But just in case, they'll be pulling the plug on buses and trains for 15 to 20 minutes, beginning a few minutes before midnight Friday.

DART officials say they want to make sure that if a glitch happens, passengers won't be stranded on any bridges or in any tunnels.

Work crews in Dallas, Harlingen and many other Texas cities also were making sure they had enough stop signs in case the traffic signals go out.

In Corpus Christi, police plan to use emergency lights and patrol car headlights to supplement streetlights in case of power failures.

Houston police will be deployed in record numbers as the year 2000 rolls in.

More than 1,800 officers will be on duty at midnight Friday, compared with the normal 500-600. Another 800 uniformed officers will be on call.

And while some might dread getting paged in the middle of their New Year's celebrations,

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Daily: 2:10 & 4:10
End Of Days (R)
Daily: 7:10 & 9:40

employees in McCulloch County will be hoping for it.

"One of the innovative things is that, to everyone in the county with a pager who works in emergency management, at 12:15 a.m. a negative response page will be sent out," McCulloch County Judge Randy Young said. "If you get this page, then all is well. However, they know that if they don't get the page, they are to respond to their particular departments."

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SUPPORT GROUPS

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- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

- Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

- Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

- NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad, Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

- Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

- NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

- Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

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FAA makes last-minute repairs to air safety systems computers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal aviation officials made last-minute Y2K repairs Thursday to one of their most important air safety systems while 352 U.S. employees and family members left Russia and three other countries as a precaution against any New Year's problems.

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey said the late software patch was applied to the agency's critical "HOCSS" computers, which process flight

plan and radar data and send it to controllers.

Garvey said the problem, which she described as minor, turned up during continued testing of the agency's systems.

"We're continuing to test right up to the last moment. We erred on the side of caution," she said. "The patch is in, it's been fixed. It's a very, very minor issue."

But the union representing FAA employees, the Professional Airways Systems

Specialists, charged that the bug could have caused air traffic controllers to lose data from their screens and endanger passenger lives. The union, which is in negotiations, first disclosed the repairs.

"Once again, the FAA took shortcuts and nearly put passenger safety in jeopardy," said Tom Damske, a regional vice president for the union. "After bragging about compliance, the agency has to scramble at the last minute to meet its responsi-

bilities. The FAA's primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of the flying public and it is failing."

FAA spokesman William Shumann said the agency determined that, under unusual circumstances, a storage drive in the computers could have failed at 7 p.m. EST — when the FAA's computers will roll over into 2000 — and caused technicians to restart the system, which takes seven minutes.

Each of the affected comput-

ers is equipped with a redundant backup, Schumann said. He blamed the mistake on problems in 10 lines of software code.

Also Thursday, the Coast Guard disclosed that about two dozen of the world's 16,000 cargo ships have been "red-flagged" and will not be allowed to enter American ports during the New Year's weekend because they were unable to convince officials they could operate safely.

Coast Guard Rear Admiral

George Naccara declined to identify the ships or the countries where they were based.

Among the 352 U.S. employees who left Russia and the other countries, 95 are nonessential U.S. employees and 257 are dependents. All were free to go home with U.S.-paid transportation.

In the United States, hundreds of federal emergency officials have fanned out across the country and will await the stroke of midnight.

Government links Vermont, Washington border arrests

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A Canadian woman and an Algerian man arrested at border entries in Vermont and Washington state are members of the same cell of an Algerian militant organization, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

The prosecutors described the link in their request that a magistrate continue to deny bail for Lucia Garofalo until her trial on immigration charges. Magistrate Jerome Neidermeier granted the request late Thursday morning.

"This is a defendant who is working to assist terrorist organizations," Assistant U.S. Attorney Tristram Coffin said in court.

Ressam other than their alleged membership in the same GIA cell.

The prosecutor said the information he used in his court filing came from a foreign government, which he did not identify. Authorities in France have closely tracked the GIA for years, and French anti-terrorism officials traveled to Canada in October in an attempt to meet with Ressay but failed to find him.

The document says that Ms. Garofalo's husband is Yamin Rachek, an Algerian national who was expelled from Canada after presenting a false passport.

of the GIA are in the same cell of that organization as Ahmed Ressay, the man recently arrested in the Seattle area," Kirby said in his court filing. The documents did not elaborate on the size of the cell.

Ms. Garofalo and another man, Bouabide Chamchi, were arrested Dec. 19 at the remote border crossing at Beecher

Falls.

Chamchi, an Algerian national, already has been ordered held without bail until his trial, also on immigration charges.

The arrests of Ms. Garofalo, 35, and Chamchi, 20, combined with the arrest a week earlier of Ressay, have stirred fears of terrorist attacks, perhaps timed to New Year's Eve.

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In court documents, prosecutors said Ms. Garofalo and Ahmed Ressay were in the same cell of the Armed Islamic Group, which is known by its French initials, GIA. The GIA is a fundamentalist faction held responsible for some of the bloodiest attacks in Algeria's nearly eight-year civil war. It has also been blamed for bombings in France in 1995 and 1996 and an airplane hijacking in 1994.

Ressay faces charges of trying to smuggle explosives and timing devices into Washington from Canada on Dec. 14. Authorities originally believed Ressay was carrying the common nitroglycerine when he was arrested.

The liquid turned out to be RDX, or cyclotrimethylene trinitramine, which is used by military forces around the world for demolition.

Ms. Garofalo was arrested five days later at a Vermont border crossing with an Algerian man. At present, both face only immigration-related charges. Authorities had already linked her to the GIA, but not to Ressay.

Deputy U.S. Attorney David Kirby made no direct links between Ms. Garofalo and

Rachek, who now lives in Italy, was arrested in London in 1996 for allegedly using an altered Greek passport, and was later released. He also faces an outstanding arrest warrant in Germany for theft, authorities said.

Ms. Garofalo has sought unsuccessfully to persuade Canada to allow Rachek back into the country.

In 1997, she allegedly arranged with a man named Said Atmani to buy her an airline ticket to travel to Germany and to hire a lawyer for her husband, Kirby said.

"The information discloses that she and her husband have clear links to the GIA," Kirby wrote.

"The foreign government reports that Atmani is a documents forger for the GIA," he wrote. "The foreign government also reports that at one time Atmani and Ahmed Ressay, the man recently arrested in the Seattle area, were roommates."

Kirby said the foreign government reported that in 1997 it monitored a conversation between GIA members who spoke of a man living at the time in Germany whose Italian wife lived in Canada.

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OUR VIEWS

Be responsible when celebrating the new year

While we're all tired of hearing about Y2K and while we've all been told over and over again that we're heading into a new millennium and new century, the fact of the matter is that when the clock moves past midnight tonight, we'll have done nothing more than enter a new year.

Because of the lack of cooperation from the media, the United States Navy's Naval Observatory has had a hard time getting the word out that we're still a year away from the new millennium or new century.

But since we follow the Gregorian calendar, sponsored by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, the reality of things is that tonight will only usher in a new year.

Even so, there are things we need to remember to do — such as celebrate sensibly.

There's no reason to put a damper on the holiday season by doing something to create a tragedy. That's why we offer you a suggestion or two.

First, if you party away from your home, make certain you have a designated driver.

Second, if you host a party, be a responsible host and make certain your guests are able to drive home when they leave. Remember the saying "Friends don't let friends drive drunk"?

Third, take advantage of the free taxi services, such as Mitchem Wrecker's "Topsy Taxi" if you have too much to drink.

Fourth, if you party at a commercial location, look for one where taxi service is provided, such as Mel's Restaurant.

Finally, consider spending a few extra dollars and call a cab to pick you up and take you home.

None of these suggestions will do anything to make your celebration of the new year any less enjoyable, but they could add years to your life and the lives of others.

Happy New Year!

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton says while he is probably legally entitled to reimbursement for all the expenses caused by the independent counsel offices investigation, he's not inclined to seek the money.

Our first reaction is to be sarcastic and to say, well, thanks a lot Mr. President. Thanks for letting us taxpayers off the hook for your sex play with a White House intern and your lies under oath. That is generous of you. Mighty generous.

Our second reaction continues to be that he should be responsible for the \$10 million himself, but doubt begins to creep in.

On the one hand, his legal defense fund has already paid half and may come up with the remainder. And you cannot forget, either, that Clinton will have the

ability to make large sums of money after he leaves the presidency. ...

He is apparently entitled to reimbursement under a law protecting government officials. It says they can appeal for money to a panel of judges when an independent counsel is through with his work. But what about the vast majority of us who have no such law to protect us when we are caught up in some ghastly civil suit? ...

It hasn't seemed to bother him that many people can be thrown into insurmountable debt by such suits even when they emerge victorious. These people usually do not have defense funds to fall back on, and they cannot earn tens of thousands of dollars by giving occasional speeches.

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Covering the Courts: Harvesting a windfall

The American Home Products Co. may have deserved the punishment, but does Douglas J. Axen have a right to take half of it home?

We are talking about an award of \$20 million in punitive damages against the pharmaceutical company. In a case from Oregon now pending on a petition for review, the Supreme Court is asked to take a look at a relatively new development in tort jurisprudence. The states have entered the orchards of civil litigation, ready to pick up any windfalls that come their way.

This is the story as told by Oregon's Court of Appeals: In 1994 Douglas Axen collapsed while running. He was then 56 years old. His cardiologist diagnosed his condition as severe and life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia and recommended a drug known technically as amiodarone, marketed under the trade name of Cordarone. The Food and Drug Administration had approved the drug in 1985.

Beginning in 1986, medical studies began to link Cordarone with vision loss and optic neuropathy. The company knew of these critical studies. In August 1994, when Axen began taking the drug, the package insert warned of many serious side effects. Among these were "optic neuritis," or inflammation of the optic nerve, said to occur in fewer than 1 percent of the patient population. The package contained no warning against optic neuropathy.

It took only a month for Axen to notice changes in his vision. In November his cardiologist took him off the drug, but the deterioration continued. Because of "irreversible degeneration and atrophy of the optic nerve in each eye," Axen is now legally blind.

Axen sued American Home Products for intentional failure to warn that Cordarone could cause permanent loss of vision. His wife joined in the suit. Eventually a jury awarded her \$936,000 (reduced to \$500,000), but this is no longer at issue. The total award amounted to \$22,843,657, including \$20 million in punitive damages. The company protested that the award was irrational, ill-considered and excessive, but this was only part of its complaint.

The company also challenges an Oregon law by which the state itself takes roughly half of an award of punitive dam-

ages. Since 1990 at least half a dozen other states have adopted similar laws. The Eighth Amendment says that "excessive fines shall not be imposed." If Oregon makes off with half of the \$20 million awarded in this case, has the Eighth Amendment been implicated? Is the 50-50 allocation tantamount to a "fine"? That is the company's contention.

It strikes me as a close point. True, the state of Oregon did not initiate or prosecute an action against American Home. Its criminal courts did not "impose" the punitive award, but the state treasury benefits nonetheless. By its own legislation the state has created its own windfalls.

I like the principle. In theory, at least, before a jury considers an award of punitive damages, the jury already has taken care of the plaintiff. In the Axen case, the jury awarded Axen \$207,000 in "economic damages" plus \$1.5 million in "noneconomic damages." Then it tacked on the \$20 million to punish American Home Products.

The company may have deserved it.

But should Axen and his lawyer share in a bonanza? Under the Oregon law, the attorneys' fees are first deducted from the \$20 million. Counsel and the plaintiff have thus been fully compensated.

What line of reasoning sup-

ports the additional payment of a huge fine to them, rather than to the state?

In their petition to the Supreme Court, Axen's attorneys note that Georgia, Indiana and Iowa take 75 percent of an award of punitive damages. Missouri and Utah claim up to 50 percent. In Illinois a trial court may apportion an award in its discretion.

State judges in Wyoming, Texas and California have commented favorably on the system. In a 1983 case, Chief Justice William Rehnquist made his own view clear: "Even assuming that a punitive 'fine' should be imposed after a civil trial, the penalty should go to the state, not to the plaintiff — who by hypothesis is fully compensated."

I venture no opinion on whether the \$20 million in the Axen case was "excessive." The Food and Drug Administration in 1989 sharply criticized American Home for promoting Cordarone in a manner inconsistent with its package insert. Oregon's Court of Appeals ruled that, given the gravity of the company's misconduct and the extent of Axen's injuries, the sum was not constitutionally excessive.

Maybe so. All I am saying is that just compensation is the province of a jury.

Beyond that point, punishment becomes the business of the state.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



Time to dump 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy

They got it half right: Don't ask. All this fuss about gays in the military is a peacetime phenomenon. After all, how many draft boards rejected men for service in any

of the wars fought this century? How many anti-Vietnam protesters were able to duck service by claiming a homosexual sexual orientation?

People secure in their own sexuality do not concern themselves with the subject. What soldiers in combat look for are fellow soldiers who are willing to do their duty. To paraphrase Sen. Barry Goldwater, the father of modern-day conservatism, "I care how straight a man shoots, not how straight he is."

We have seen this phobic attitude before. When President Truman signed an executive order in 1948 ordering the racial integration of the armed forces, there was massive resistance within the military. General Omar Bradley, then the Army chief of staff, pub-

licly questioned why the military should integrate when the rest of society remained segregated. Echoes of the uproar over black people serving alongside white people in the armed services can be found in today's controversy over whether gay people should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

The same argument is made today that was made then, that the military shouldn't be used for social experimentation. Lawrence Korb, a former Defense official in the Reagan administration, says the military doesn't exist only to protect a piece of geography, but to protect a way of life. The concepts of equality and freedom of speech embraced by the Founding Fathers don't exclude gay people, or anyone else who wants to serve their country.

Attitudes toward gay people have undergone a sea change in recent years, reflecting their clout in the political process. Domestic partnerships are increasingly recognized by corporations in allocating health and pension benefits, and President Clinton has named a number of openly gay people to serve in his administration.

It is a measure of Clinton's naivete about the military that he thought he could end discrimination against gay soldiers with a sweep of the pen,

the way Truman did with segregation. Disappointed Clintonites say the new president should have stood his ground. But let's remember what Clinton was up against when he abandoned his executive order and sought a compromise with the Pentagon and Congress. Colin Powell, one of the most revered leaders in the country, opposed gays openly serving. The ranking members of the Senate Armed Forces committee, Democrat Sam Nunn and Republican John Warner, made a highly publicized visit to a submarine to dramatize the difficulty of serving in close quarters with homosexuals. Members of Congress, some genuinely opposed and others fearful of offending constituents, told Clinton they would not support him if the measure came to a vote.

The emotionally explosive issue crippled Clinton's young presidency, and led to the crafting of the ugly compromise known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Ugly because it tramples on First Amendment rights, forcing gay people to conceal their sexual orientation, and perpetuating a life of secrecy.

In theory, the compromise was designed to end the harassment of soldiers suspected of being gay. In practice, the harassment continued unabated, and the number of people discharged from the military for being homosexual reached 1,145 in 1998, up from 597 in the policy's first year.

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Has it really been 'such a long time?'

For God, 2,000 years isn't even a blip on the heavenly screen, and Y2K means nothing

I graduated from Sterling City High School in 1978. At the time, one of my favorite songs had been around for a couple of years. It was recorded on the first album (you know, the big round discs) by the rock group known as Boston. The song is called "Long Time."

After a lengthy prelude (which they call "foreplay"—I won't go there!) the lyrics go like this: "It's been such a long time, I think I should be goin', yeah. And time doesn't wait for me it keeps on rollin'." I have absolutely no idea what these lyrics mean, but then again, in the 1970s nobody cared what the lyrics meant. We only cared about guitar riffs and drum rolls.

Nevertheless, it has been such a long time. Today, believe it or not, is by 40th birthday. When I found out my column was scheduled for today, I got this "woo-woo" kind of feeling, you know, the kind of feeling one gets when they pick up the phone to call someone and that person is already on the line.

Anyway, time doesn't seem to wait for me at all. Despite my best efforts it "keeps on rollin'." I'm not quite sure whether to be down in the dumps or grateful. On the one hand, turning 40 means you're too old to be a professional athlete, your annu-

al checkups should be just that, annual, and you are no longer targeted by the entertainment industry as a major source of income.

On the other hand, turning 40 means people might actually listen to one of my sermons, because I am no longer the young, inexperienced-in-life minister.

It also means I can drive a red sports car without being targeted by the police (of course, ministers can't afford red sports cars!), and I don't have to worry about teenagers wanting to chat with me over a milkshake any longer.

Besides all the obvious perks, another reason turning 40 is so intriguing to me is because of the symbolic importance of that number in the Bible.

You may recall that the earth was saturated for 40 days and 40 nights under Noah's watch. The Israelites wandered around in the wilderness for 40 years eating a flaky substance called "manna."

Moses camped out on Mount



JIMMY WATSON

My advice: stop contributing to the marketing exploitations of wannabe prophets. Instead of burying ourselves in spiritual foxholes, let's go out into the street and figure out what it means to follow Jesus by loving our previously neglected neighbors.

Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights barbecuing stone tablets. Political officeholders seem to have been able to withstand any serious challenges to their thrones for 40 years: Noteworthy to mention are Eli, the priest under whose leadership the ark of the covenant was stolen, King David, and his son Solomon (must have been a genetic thing).

Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights, sustained by a single meal prepared by an angel (must have contained a lot of protein). Ezekiel proclaimed that Egypt's cities would be desolate for 40 years.

Not to be outdone, Jonah proclaimed that the city of Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days if they did not repent. And, finally, Jesus began his ministry by fasting 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, which may be the reason medieval art always has him looking so pale and thin.

Do we see a pattern here? It is obvious to most scholars who

don't put their pants on backwards that the number "40" in the Bible is not to be taken literally. "Forty" was common lingo for "a long time."

If the rock band Boston had performed in biblical days, the lyrics to the above-mentioned song would be slightly altered to: "It's been 40 years, I think I should be goin', yeah. And time doesn't wait for me it keeps on rollin'." Of course, if Boston had performed in biblical days all their music would have been "unplugged" and they would not have been near as successful.

I really have no obvious "spiritually-anointed" message to deliver today. As you can tell, I have mixed feelings about turning 40. Part of me wants to act all grown up, and part of me wants to maintain my youthful aura.

Nevertheless, since I am now a respectable member of the 40 and over crowd, and since we are on the eve of a new millennium, let me offer you a

provocative thought: Jesus is not coming back tomorrow! I've already call a bookie and placed a bet. As George Bush would say, "Not gonna happen."

Now that I'm older and wiser I just wanted use my influence to make sure none of you quit your jobs, leave your families, or cancel your airline reservations because you're afraid the pilot will be raptured and you won't.

Despite Tim LaHaye's best efforts so scare the dickens out of everybody, Y2K means absolutely nothing to God. For God, 2,000 years isn't even a blip on the heavenly screen. Two thousand years isn't even a "long time." It is a completely arbitrary number.

And, according to those same scholars who put their pants on correctly, Jesus was probably born in about 4 B.C.E. That makes him 2,004 years old. My advice: stop contributing to the marketing exploitations of wannabe prophets. Instead of burying ourselves in spiritual foxholes, let's go out into the street and figure out what it means to follow Jesus by loving our previously neglected neighbors.

Well, I've said enough. As the song says, "I think I should be goin'." Happy New Millennium. Jimmy Watson is pastor at First Christian Church.

CHURCH NEWS

First Assembly of God Church

"Front seats for 2000 AD" will be the theme of the service tonight at the First Assembly of God Church, Fourth and Lancaster.

The service begins at 9 p.m. with praise and worship from the years 1900-1950. At 10 p.m., refreshments will be served for a time of fellowship.

At 11 p.m., praise and worship from the years 1951-2000 will be interspersed with sharing and praise reports from the past.

When the clock strikes midnight, each of those present will take the noisemakers they have brought, and will begin praising God for bountiful blessings during the century.

The congregation will recess to the parking lot, where this millennium will be concluded, and the new millennium begin with praise and celebration. Sunday morning at 10:40 and Sunday evening at 6, the celebrations will continue. Pastor Havener and the congregation invite the public to join them for this spectacular celebration.

First United Methodist Church

"Welcome 21st Century" (Psalm 23) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message on the first Sunday of the new year at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Jan. 2, 2000. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir is meeting at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 7 p.m. There is also a Bible study for senior highs on Wednesday night at 101 Washington. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning. We also have children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross.

Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40, and if you are a single adult you are invited to come and visit us!

A class for adults with special needs and talents is taught by Shelley Smith. There will be a "Welcome the Third Thousand Years of Christianity" service Friday at 11:30 p.m.

Seniors brunch will be Saturday, New Year's Day, at 9:30 a.m. in Garrett Hall. Wednesday noon Bible study will take place this week in Garrett Hall. Call the church at 267-6394 for more information.

Living Water Ministries

A New Year's Day community prayer meeting is planned at 7 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2000. Come join Christians from churches throughout the Big Spring area to pray on the first day of the new millennium as we pray for our community. Area pastors and leaders from churches and the community will come together and ask God to unite our hearts and see His kingdom come.

Guest speaker is Jean Kriese. There is no Sunday morning service planned at Living Water.

Trading places

Clergy in Houston switch pulpits to combat religious prejudice

HOUSTON (AP) — Rabbi Roy Walter has delivered thousands of sermons as senior rabbi of Congregation Emanu El. But what do you preach when you stand before hundreds of unfamiliar United Methodist faces during Sunday services?

Walter is among a number of Houston priests, ministers and rabbis who are trading pulpits during main worship services this fall in an effort to combat religious prejudice and discrimination. The exchange is part of the local Anti-Defamation League's Coalition for Mutual Respect, an interfaith program established five years ago.

Instead of preaching on interfaith relations, Walter opted for a sermon on living up to the responsibilities of role modeling. It was a sermon, he told St. Paul congregants, based on a WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) bumper sticker that he saw. "While Jews don't worship Jesus, we do have the concept of role modeling as an important way of passing on what behavior should be, in our case the Jewish religion," he said.

Walter said later he wanted to focus on a concept that both Jews and Christians understand but explore it from the Torah and Jewish tradition.

"The Coalition for Mutual Respect is really a wonderful idea," Walter said. "There is so much we share in common. There is so much we can talk about that if we spent more time on the things we share rather than focusing on the differences, what a much better world it would be."

Walter also spoke to an adult Sunday school class where he explained Judaism and answered questions.

"It's an opportunity to get to know someone in a different

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Regina Rogers, who initiated the program

faith tradition and that can help build bridges of understanding and respect," said the Rev. James Bankston, senior minister of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. "That's something our (St. Paul's) community and all communities desperately need."

Bankston, who is on the coalition's board, recently preached at Brentwood Baptist Church. Last year he spoke at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and Congregation Beth Israel.

"The program is not so that we tolerate each other but really learn to respect and love each other," said Regina Rogers, a Beaumont attorney who initiated the program.

Rogers established the program while chairing the Houston-based ADL's Southwest regional board in 1995. She initially wanted to establish an interfaith body of religious and lay leaders that could speak as one voice in reaction to hate crimes and discrimination. She assembled several leaders, including Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston and the Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church.

"I just thought we would meet a couple of times a year," said Rogers, who has dedicated the program to the memory of her late parents, Ben and Julie Rogers. The leaders would

come to know each other and that would promote fellowship, Rogers said.

But Jodie Bernstein, now senior associate director of the local ADL, suggested that the new group actively promote pulpit exchanges. "I thought (exchanging pulpits) was one of the most creative ways to involve religious leaders and a large segment of our community," Bernstein said. "Religious leaders through their institutions have an impact on their communities."

The program, which runs two months a year, began with 10 exchanges but now has more than doubled to 22, said coordinator Janice Gerber.

Gerber contacts churches and synagogues to invite them to participate and schedules the exchanges. "It is very hard, when you think about it, for a clergyman to give up his pulpit because that is the (main time) he tries to reach his congregants," Gerber said.

The program still seeks to bring together as many different denominations and faith traditions as possible during October and November.

On the same Sunday that Walter preached at St. Paul's, a Catholic priest spoke at Christ Church (Episcopal) Cathedral and a rabbi spoke at Bethany Christian Church.

When he preached recently at Congregation Brith Shalom, the Rev. Robert Newell of Memorial Drive Baptist Church tackled the sensitive issue of Southern Baptist-Jewish relations. Jews have been especially critical of being proselytized by evangelical Christian groups including the Southern Baptist Convention. Most recently, Jews were upset by calls for

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Publisher to rerelease 'Peanuts' gospel book

MONTICELLO, Ark. (AP) — Charles Schulz is retiring his "Peanuts" comic strip but a religious book about the strips is gaining new life. "The Gospel According to Peanuts" by the Rev. Robert L. Short, the best-selling nonfiction book of 1965, is being rereleased to mark its 35th anniversary in January.

Among the top 10 all-time religious bestsellers in the United States, the book also has been translated into 11 languages.

A Texas native, Short worked as an actor and a television production director in Dallas, and later served as the director of radio and television for the Dallas Council of Churches.

Short said his attention to comic strips began while attending Southern Methodist University, where one of his seminary professors used them to illustrate his lectures.

"I then began reading them religiously," Short deadpanned. He is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Monticello.

Schulz, 77, recently announced his retirement to devote energy to improving his health. He was diagnosed with colon cancer last month.

"I think it is very sad, I know that he didn't want to retire but he felt he had no choice," Short said. "I spoke with him (recently) and he feels he will overcome the health problems."

Schulz, who has drawn life into Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang for 50 years, has credited Short's book with helping make the comic strip a hit.

Schulz allowed the use of his comic strip but kept his dis-

'It is like a spiritual multivitamin. It is so easily taken and you are hardly aware of the beneficial effect.'
the Rev. Robert Short

tance from the theology. After the book was released, the two men met for the first time on a San Francisco television show to debate Short's observations.

"Schulz is very knowledgeable in his faith and the Bible," said Short. "We've enjoyed talking about theological things since we've known each other and we have become close friends over the years."

Short, who holds four master's degrees in theology, said some people were offended by his "unusual juxtaposition of serious theology and comic strips."

"This book is not shallow theology," he said.

Cartoons work best to illustrate a point, according to Short. They are graphic, verbal art forms that are attractive, funny and brief, he said.

"It is like a spiritual multivitamin. It is so easily taken and you are hardly aware of the beneficial effect," Short added.

He released "The Parables of Peanuts" in 1969 and "Short Meditations on the Bible and Peanuts" was released in 1990.

The foreword for the new edition is written by Martin E. Marty, professor at the University of Chicago's Divinity School and senior editor at The Christian Century.

Slice of life!

NEWS FOR DIETERS

BOSTON (AP) — A team of researchers has found a new way to burn energy, one calorie at a time: Chewing gum.

They calculated that chewing gum burns up about 11 calories an hour. That may not sound like much, but the researchers figured that someone who chews gum every waking hour for a year and does nothing else differently will lose about 11 pounds.

The calculations, made by James Levine of the Mayo Clinic and others, were published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

They experimented on seven volunteers who chewed sugar-free gum for 12 minutes while wearing face masks. A machine measured their energy expenditure by testing their breath before, during and after they chewed.

Since this was a scientific experiment, the researchers wanted to make sure all the volunteers chewed with equal vigor. They used a metronome to set the pace.

"Chewing of calorie-free gum can be readily carried out throughout the day," the researchers noted, "and its potential effect on energy balance should not be discounted."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday through the winter months to those persons 18 years and older, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are on Medicare we will file. The cost to others will be \$5. For more information call 263-9775.

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Food for the big night: Pizza, perhaps?

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — If you want a little extra cheese with your New Year's Eve, you won't be alone. If foie gras is more your style, a maitre d' is holding a nice table.

From pizza delivery chains to five-star eateries, the recipes this New Year's Eve range from peppery lobster.

Calls for pizzas will come not only from the many revelers expected to stay home, but also from an unprecedented number of offices where hungry employees will be hunched over computers awaiting any Y2K glitches.

Domino's Pizza is expecting one of the biggest nights for deliveries in its 40-year history, spokesman Tim McIntyre said. Domino's plans to deliver 1 million pizzas from more than 4,500 outlets nationwide — or 200,000 more than a normal Friday.

This New Year's Eve, the nation's top delivery company is expecting an extra chunk of business from those watching children while parents attend parties.

"We get a remarkable number of calls from baby sitters, pizza being the food of choice for baby sitters everywhere," he said Wednesday from the Domino's headquarters in Ann Arbor.

McIntyre said the company also is expecting a higher volume of calls because competitors, including Pizza Hut, are closing down early on New Year's Eve.

On the other end of the gastronomic rainbow, New York City's Chanterelle is offering a rich millennium menu including truffles, foie gras, lobster and black caviar.

Prices range from a mere \$300 for a six-course meal without wine, to \$2,400 for a 10-course dinner featuring one fine wine per course from each decade of the century.

No amount of money will get you into Le Bernardin, Union Square Cafe, or any of the restaurants owned by the celebrated chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten. The kitchens are closed.

"These owners wanted to be

home with their families, or they wanted their staffs to have the night off, or both," said Tim Zagat, publisher of the Zagat Survey and chairman of New York's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

More than 1,600 people are paying \$1,000 each to eat supper beneath the gigantic blue whale that hangs from the ceiling of the city's American Museum of Natural History, followed by a preview of the newly refurbished planetarium.

Of course, not everyone will be paying thousands to ring in 2000. The Monkey Bar — a favorite hangout for stars from the past like Tennessee Williams and Rita Hayworth — has a \$75 three-course meal with retro hors d'oeuvres like one of Noel Coward's favorites, lobster aspic.

One of the city's master chefs, David Bouley, could well be offering the deal of the century at his four-star restaurants, Bouley Bakery and Danube: \$250 per person for a sumptuous multi-course meal including canapes, soup, meat,

fish, sorbet and chocolate desserts.

At midnight, "a bunch of crazy chefs will come running through the dining room, banging pots and pans with wooden spoons," said Bouley. "In France, that's what they do."

Le Cirque 2000 also will be open — charging \$1,000 a person, with part of the proceeds going to a children's charity. Windows On The World is charging \$2,000 a head — and the view from the 107th floor of the World Trade Center is free.

There's even room: Chanterelle, Windows and Le Cirque 2000 all reported having a few tables available for New Year's Eve two days before the big night — as did many other restaurants around town.

"I think they misjudged the public's willingness to spend the kind of dollars they were asking," said Milford Prewitt, who covers fine dining for Nation's Restaurant News.

Prewitt said he was leaning toward spending New Year's Eve home with family or friends instead of eating out.

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conversion prayers during their High Holy Days.

"I reminded them that Baptist life is a patchwork quilt of many different denominational entities with overlapping" and autonomy, Newell said. "I told them that in my personal opinion, the recent statements and motions we have passed at some of our national meetings have been injurious to our relationships with Jews, that they have been insensitive to timing, and that I regretted that."

"But I said that Christians and Baptists are under obligation to give witness to Christ," Newell said. "We would not be people of compassion if we were the people of good news and failed to tell it to all the people."

Cantor Steven Berke of Brith Shalom said Newell's sermon was well received. "He was more accepting than we expected," Berke said. "He was very clear that there was no agenda."

Bankston, the Methodist pastor, said he was a little nervous when he spoke at Congregation Beth Israel. He had never preached to a Jewish congregation before. But he was soon put at ease by the warm, friendly reception. And although he had preached at African-American churches before, he had not preached to a black Baptist church until

Brentwood, one of the city's largest black churches. Bankston said he came away from his pulpit exchanges with a "much more personal understanding of different faith traditions and a deeper respect for those traditions."

Ministers who participate realize this is not a forum for proselytizing, Gerber said.

"We have to be careful so people don't use this to promote their agenda," Rogers said. "We are a guest in someone's church or synagogue."

Rogers said the numerous exchanges she has attended have resulted not only in better understanding between ministers but also between congregations, as well.

Rogers said the question facing the program is not whether to expand but how to expand. There have been suggestions that the program become year-round.

There are also efforts to add the city's Hispanic and Asian churches and mosques. The program has caught the attention of other ADL offices around the nation, but so far only Houston has a large-scale project.

"We are just reaching the point where we know the program is successful," Bernstein said. "We know it has merit, we know it has value, we know it has an impact. Now we can encourage others to adopt what we have done."

Artist paints Christ for a new millennium

TEXARKANA (AP) — When a couple of Michelle Karam's friends asked her to paint an image of Jesus Christ, she had no idea her work would be viewed in 96 countries around the world.

"I squealed with joy and must have bounced around for 10 minutes," Karam said as she described her reaction when she discovered a photo of her portrait published in the National Catholic Reporter last week.

Last August, the NCR, an international news magazine, published a worldwide invitation for artists to submit their image of what Jesus Christ may look like for the upcoming millennium.

Of the 1,678 paintings, photo illustrations and computer art representations submitted from more than 1,000 artists from 19 different countries, Karam's ranked in the top 60 renditions chosen for publication in the magazine's Dec. 24 issue titled "Jesus 2000."

Karam initially read an article about the worldwide solicitation in a Sunday news publication earlier this summer.

"At first I thought briefly about entering it, but then I thought 'I'm too busy to try,'" she said.

However, when two friends from church asked her to paint an image of Christ, her interest in the contest rekindled.

"They wanted me to paint this for an unrelated event, but when I mentioned the contest, they told me the National Catholic Reporter was sponsoring it."

Karam decided to look up the publication on the Internet and find out more about contest rules and deadlines.

"I found out I had only about two weeks left to paint," she said.

Her depiction of Christ became blessed with a variety of input.

"A dear friend gave me the idea of painting a homeless man, standing in a rundown part of town," she said. "For his eyes, I used my husband's (Chris') because he so often sees the good in others."

As the portrait began to take shape, Karam decided to start with her husband's Syrian features, since Christ was born in the Middle East, but for the nose she used more of her older daughter's, Erica's, features.

"The nose started as Chris' but ended more like Erica's, since we are called to be like children (before God)," she said.

Karam also thought about having Christ hold a sign, while another friend suggested it should say, "I Am For You."

"His mouth and beard are from a priest friend, who I believe truly is an oracle of God and the baseball cap bears the Isaiah 53 inscription because the chapter describes Christ," she said.

"A friend who knows scripture well gave me the verse and she often confirms other parts of the image with scripture."

Atop the cap rests a band of thorns suggested to her by several different people.

"But I only put the thorns there after a teen-age boy I know told me they were really needed," Karam said.

She said Christ's nail-pierced hands, which appear in the portrait, were inspired by a spiritual doctor friend "who must touch to heal people."

As for including some of herself in the portrait, Karam said the Christ's hair and ears are hers.

"The hair and ears are mine showing that I struggle to hear God tell me what to do next," she said. "Also a friend told me I needed to give Jesus my hair because it's something female and he's part of all of us."

Karam managed to work in the rest of Christ's body after she asked her father to pose for her, while a friend suggested placing the words Carpe Diem on the image's shirt.

As for the painting's background scenery, Karam chose a scene on Lelia Street, placing her rendition of Christ standing before a narrow road near a stop sign and a one way street sign.

Many will be praying throughout the night

NEW YORK (AP) — Sukhwinder Sandhu plans to welcome the New Year in a quiet place surrounded by flowers and glittering lights: his Sikh temple in New York City.

He has no doubt that God will be at all millennium observances, no matter how loud. "God is everywhere," he says, smiling broadly beneath his turban. "God will be in Times Square, too."

Still, while shouts of the crowds will mark the New Year for millions, legions of men and women throughout the country plan to herald the millennium in private prayer and communal worship.

Protestants will hold prayer vigils and Catholics will light candles, though the turn of a year is not normally a time of religious observances. Even those whose traditions do not recognize the Gregorian year 2000 are taking notice.

Buddhists will chant for peace. Pagans will celebrate beginnings and ends. And while the Christian milestone holds no religious significance for Jews and Muslims, some say that ushering in a new century carries its own spiritual weight.

"There's a large group of people in America who are making sure spirituality is somehow a part of New Year's Eve," says the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco.

When church members expressed a need for something spiritual at New Year's, Williams helped plan an interfaith celebration of music, dance, poetry and prayer to be held in Union Square.


"More people ... want something that gives meaning to their lives," Williams says. "Not just a rowdy yelling, screaming ... drunken experience. What they want is an experience of the spirit."

Sixteen-year-old Anna Whitlow agrees. She'll be spending the week at Winterlight, a Christian youth retreat in Hendersonville, N.C.

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IN BRIEF

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

Details are available at all three local courses.

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in kindergarten through the sixth grade for its youth basketball program.

The program fee includes a T-shirt, individual player award and a full service YMCA youth membership for January and February.

YMCA full members may register for for \$15. Basic program members pay \$25 and non-members pay \$32.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

TP&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan. 2 in Howard County.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is four deer with no more than two of them being bucks.

No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, but both antlerless deer and bucks must be tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

Wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

Sealy's Mills checking into Odessa Permian job

HOUSTON (AP) — T.J. Mills, whose Sealy teams won four consecutive Class 3A championships from 1994 to 1997, has been contacted by Odessa Permian and three other schools about coaching openings.

In an interview with Houston television station KRIV, Mills said he also has visited with Dickinson, Weatherford and Burleson.

Mills was contacted for a second time Tuesday by storied Permian. He said it was to gauge his interest.

It's MISSING

Results from Thursday's high school tournament games involving boys and girls teams from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton, Borden County, Grady and Sands are not included in today's edition of the Herald.

Those games had not been completed as the Herald went to press.

Results from games involving Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks were also unavailable.

ON THE AIR

Television
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
12:30 p.m. — Insight.com Bowl, Boston College vs. Colorado, ESPN, Ch. 30.
1 p.m. — Sun Bowl, Minnesota vs. Oregon, CBS, Ch. 7.
4 p.m. — Liberty Bowl, Colorado State vs. Southern Mississippi, ESPN, Ch. 30.
7:30 p.m. — Independence Bowl, Mississippi vs. Oklahoma, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
1:30 p.m. — Sugar Bowl Classic, LSU vs. Oklahoma State, FXS, Ch. 29.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
7:30 p.m. — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Tiger has found balance, as well as beauty in golf and in life

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The best golfer in the world turned 24 today, his fame and his fortune seemingly without bounds.

Tiger Woods will go into the 2000 PGA Tour season next week after putting together one of the most dominant seasons of the 20th century. Eight wins, unprecedented earnings of more than \$7.6 million and honors as the PGA Player of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year.

His fame is now worldwide. "He crosses over just golf," fellow pro Tom Lehman said this week. "Ask any kid and they all know who Tiger Woods is, even if they aren't involved in golf. It's the kind of popularity of a super famous athlete."

Woods recently signed new endorse-

ment contracts with Nike, Titleist and Buick that will bring him well over \$100 million over the next five years.

"Everything is right where I want to have it," Woods said Wednesday after another round in the 60s. "I'm very happy in my life."

This week, Woods is playing host to the \$3.5 million Williams World Challenge. It's brought together 12 of the best golfers in the world, but only David Duval could keep up with Woods' opening round of 5-under 65.

Afterwards, Woods talked about the serenity and stability he has found in his life.

"It's just balanced to where I have an understanding of what happens on and off the course," he said. "Things aren't in chaos. They're not unbelievable

highs. It's just a nice balance." Nice doesn't quite do it as a description for Woods' talent.

Despite not having played a competitive round for nearly a month, Woods made six birdies and just one bogey over the Grayhawk Golf Club.

"I hit a lot of good shots ..." Woods said. "Overall, I'm pretty pleased. My whole package was pretty solid today."

And while the Williams World Challenge isn't part of the tour schedule and doesn't count as far as the official money list or world rankings are concerned, Woods had no problem getting his competitive juices flowing once he birdied the 460-yard par-4 third hole with a 20-foot putt.

"I didn't want to go out there and make mistakes early. I played very conserva-

tive," he said.

A conservative Tiger was still too tough for everyone, but Duval in the chase for the \$1 million first-place payoff. By the time he and playing partner Sergio Garcia reached the back nine, Woods' iron shots were raining on the pins.

He birdied Nos. 10 through 12. His birdie putts on 11 and 12 were 4-footers, and he nearly holed his second shot on the 468-yard, par-4 12th, his ball stopping 18 inches away.

Woods' only mistake came on the par-5 fourth hole. He hit his drive into a patch of desert rough, had to lay up and then left his third shot 40 feet short of the pin. He three-putted from there, run-

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Sunday's game could be Marino's NFL swan song

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins' regular-season finale Sunday at Washington appears to be meaningless — aside from perhaps being Dan Marino's final game.

Regardless of whether the Dolphins (9-6) win or lose, they'll make the playoffs if Seattle or Kansas City loses. If Seattle and Kansas City win, Miami's season is over, regardless of how it does against the Redskins.

"You don't see this situation very often in this league," Marino said Wednesday. "It's a little strange. Hopefully, things will work out for us."

Marino, 38, offers no hint as to whether he'll retire after the season, but his recent play suggests it might be time. In five games since returning from a neck injury that sapped his arm strength, he has thrown 11 interceptions and led Miami to just one win.

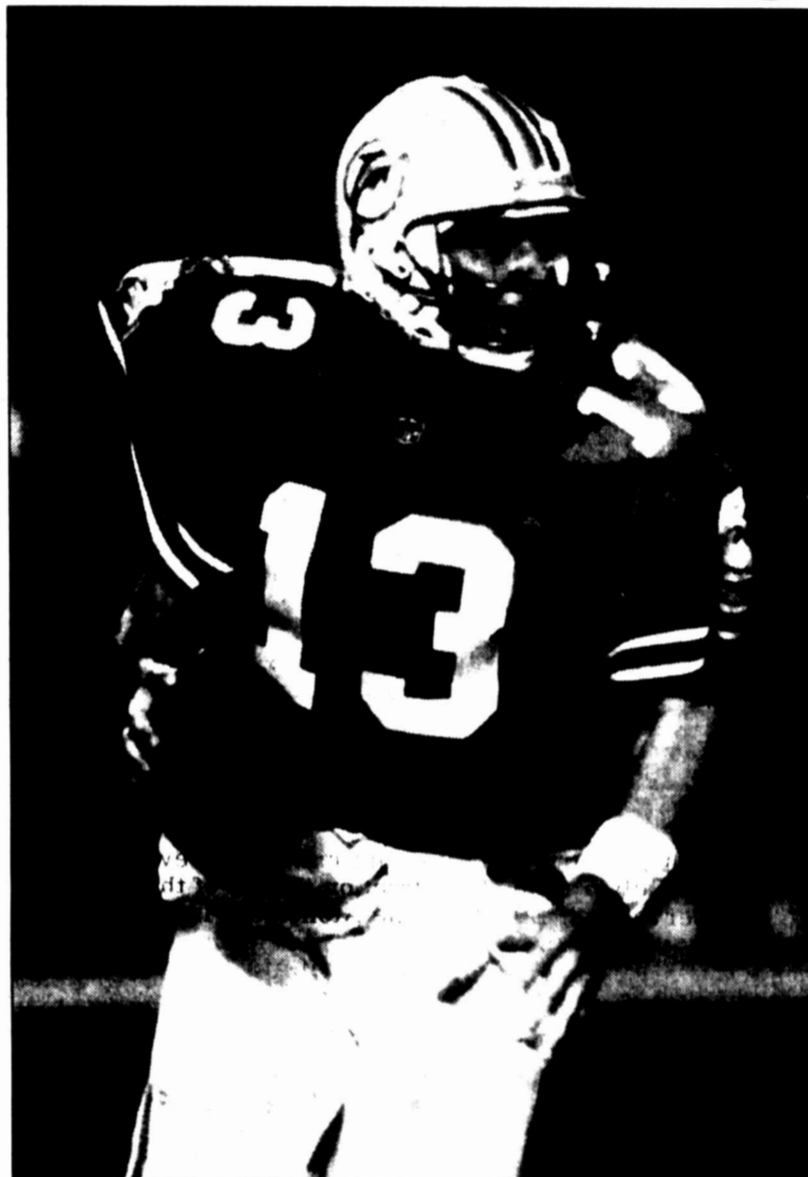
"I've struggled a little bit coming back from that," he said.

That's as close as Marino comes to acknowledging that he might no longer be up to the job. He said he feels fine physically and remains confident in his skills, but his quarterback rating of 69.1 is by far the lowest of his career.

Too often, Marino looks flustered and his arm looks tired, a combination that produces bad decisions and ugly passes. He threw for three touchdowns Monday night in a 38-31 loss to the New York Jets, but he also threw two costly interceptions, and four potential interceptions were dropped. In the fourth quarter, when Miami needed a comeback, he went 6-for-19.

"There are times he looks like the Dan of always," said Redskins receiver Irving Fryar, once Marino's favorite target in Miami. "And there are times he looks like he does struggle."

Washington coach Norv Turner remembers well the first time he coached against Marino. Turner was an assistant with the Los Angeles Rams in 1986 when Marino threw for 403 yards and five touchdowns to help Miami win 37-31 in overtime.



Miami quarterback Dan Marino, pictured here in action against the San Francisco 49ers in 1995, could be playing his final game in the National Football League on Sunday when he leads the Dolphins against the Washington Redskins. The key to whether the Dolphins make the playoffs or not hinges on how Seattle and Kansas City fare this weekend.

"He hit the game-winning touchdown pass, one of his many," Turner said. "He put on an unbelievable show." And how does the Marino of today compare?

"Well," Turner said with a chuckle, "that was a long time ago."

Marino would surely agree. Jimmy Johnson, whose criticism of Marino earlier this season triggered a fan backlash against the coach, chooses his words carefully when asked about his quarterback.

"Dan has been inconsistent since he has come back off the injury," Johnson said. "That

was to be expected. He did some outstanding things Monday, and obviously we're disappointed with some of the play."

Johnson's own future is in question, and his decision regarding retirement might influence what Marino does. Given their clashes, it's considered unlikely that both will be back with the Dolphins in 2000.

"I'm not thinking about next season right now," Marino said.

"We've got a chance to get in the playoffs, and I think that's more important than all this other talk."

Cotton Bowl may decide future QB situation at Texas

IRVING (AP) — Major Applewhite insists he's not looking past the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas.

While many view the plan for both Applewhite and highly touted freshman Chris Simms to play New Year's Day as a precursor to next season, the sophomore starter doesn't want to discuss it.

"It seems ridiculous to try to predict the future when you have an Arkansas ballclub that's sitting here fired up and ready to whip you," Applewhite, the Big 12 offensive player of the year, said Wednesday.

"Why are we thinking about August? It's time to play football Jan. 1, not August 2000."

No decision has been made on how the two quarterbacks will split time, but Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis said both would play and that Simms would see action in both halves.

Davis denied, however, that the bowl preparations are providing any kind of head start for spring practice, saying that the most important issue for the Longhorns (9-4) is beating Arkansas (7-4) on Saturday.

"Winning is most important. We can sell all of those other things in spring training," Davis said. "(Coach Mack Brown) and I have played two

quarterbacks in the past. We are about winning the game, that's all we're about so we are not opposed to playing two quarterbacks."

"If we have two guys who can go in and win, we'll certainly do that."

Applewhite has started 12 of 13 games, throwing for 3,357 yards and 21 touchdowns.

When Applewhite had a stomach virus before the regular-season finale against Texas A&M, Simms, the son of former NFL quarterback Phil Simms, got his only start and played the first three quarters in the 20-16 loss.

Applewhite finished the A&M game and then played in the entire Big 12 title game, a loss to Nebraska.

Applewhite has no problem with the plans for the Cotton

Razorbacks' defensive coordinator 'auditioning'

DALLAS (AP) — Bobby Allen is trying to forget that he has a job audition in front of 68,000 on Saturday.

Allen took over as Arkansas' defensive coordinator when Keith Burns left the Razorbacks Dec. 7 to become head coach at Tulsa. Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said it would be awkward to name a coordinator immediately and that he would make a decision after the Cotton Bowl game against Texas.

Allen was Nutt's defensive coordinator at Murray State and Boise State before following Nutt to Arkansas.

"This game is so much bigger than about trying to get a job," Allen said. "It's about going out there and playing the University of Texas and having the opportunity to play in the Cotton Bowl."

Besides, he said, "I think every time you go out there, it's an audition. The way we always felt on the defense, it might be Keith's name out there but we're all ultimately responsible when it's all said and done."

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Just remember, 'Those who don't know history ..'

Remembering the best moments from sports during the century is rewarding. Remembering the worst is an obligation.

If anybody needed reminding why, that came Monday when the Golden State Warriors finally fired coach P.J. Carlesimo, little more than two years after Latrell Sprewell's fingers had to be pried loose from his windpipe.

Carlesimo's firing wasn't the last indignity in his long slide down the back side of the sporting landscape, only the latest. Sprewell's makeover, his growing popularity and an apparent lack of conscience practically guarantees there will be more.

The Spree who comes into our living rooms now has been made safe for consumption — a fierce competitor, not a madman. This Spree didn't slip over the edge, in the revised version of events, he was pushed by Carlesimo,

then left to free-fall by an organization that could have saved him.

Even if Carlesimo winds up working in television, as expected, his side of the story will be told less and less. More and more, he'll be remembered as the guy who got what was coming to him.

For that reason alone, hang onto the memory of what really happened and some of the anger this episode generated the first time around. It will come in handy when the time to duck next rolls around.

And be sure it will: Sprewell is hardly the only guy in sports who would rather beat someone over the head with the proverbial slate than wipe it clean. In fact, Spree's chokehold on Carlesimo didn't even crack the top 10 "most infamous moments" in sports listed recently on ESPN's Web site.

Ranking the worst is much less satisfying than ranking the best, so we won't bother quibbling with the order. More interesting is what the moments tell us in totality: that no sport is immune; that the history of play is also a history of men (and at least one woman) playing badly; and that every-

one ballplayers, coaches, officials, fans and even several bands — have contributed to the mess.

Mike Tyson finished first, which is pretty much what we might expect, given the head start boxing enjoys — even before we factor in Don King. That Tyson had to bite another boxer in full view of millions to nail down the top spot tells you just how good the competition was.

College football took second with the Cal Stanford game, but that was far from the worst transgression in the sport, and it wasn't even the worst behavior by a college band. The Stanford band rushed onto the field with its team up 20-19 and Cal trying to return a kickoff as time expired. After the fifth lateral and considerable weaving, Cal's Kevin Moen runs into a tuba player in the end zone for a 25-20 win.

But "infamous moment" No. 8, in which the late Ohio State coach Woody Hayes punched Clemson's Charlie Bauman after he intercepted a pass in the 1978 Gator Bowl with two minutes left, featured better contact. And as for bands, the September 1998 battle between the marching bands from

Southern University and Prairie View included students hitting each other with drumsticks and trombones, besides thousands of dollars in damage to instruments and uniforms.

Fans get credit for three spots in three different towns. No. 3 was awarded to the locals who rioted in Montreal in 1955 after the National Hockey League suspended Maurice "Rocket" Richard for the season's final three games and playoffs after he attacked a player with his stick and scuffled with a linesman.

No. 4 was the Tiger Stadium crowd that responded to being blown out on Game 7 of the World Series by pelting St. Louis' Joe Mendenhall with so much garbage that then-commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis had to order the Cardinals to replace him.

Both episodes pale, however, alongside No. 7. That was the famed "Disco Demolition Night" in Chicago, where any fan with a disco record could buy a ticket for 98 cents. The idea was to blow up all the records on the field between games of a doubleheader. What got

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Saturday, Dec. 18 Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas Payout: \$1.2 million Utah 17, Fresno State 16 Heritage Bowl At Atlanta Hampton 24, Southern U. 3 ... Wednesday, Dec. 22 Mobile Alabama Bowl Payout: \$750,000 Texas Christian 28, East Carolina 14 ... Saturday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Gray 22, Blue 22, tie Aloha Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$800,000 Wake Forest 23, Arizona State 3 Oahu Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$800,000 Hawaii 21, Oregon State 17 ... Monday, Dec. 27 Motor City Bowl At Pontiac, Mich. Payout: \$750,000 Marshall 21, Brigham Young 3 ... Tuesday, Dec. 28 Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Payout: \$1.2 million Ohio St. 24, Texas A&M 0 ... Wednesday, Dec. 29 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. Payout: \$750,000 Louisville 13, ... Friday, Dec. 31 Insight.com Bowl At Tucson, Ariz. Payout: \$750,000 Michigan 10, Colorado 6 ... Saturday, Jan. 1 Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Payout: \$1 million Oklahoma 74, ... Saturday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$1.9 million Florida 10, ... Saturday, Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl At Dallas Payout: \$2.5 million Oklahoma 74, ... Saturday, Jan. 1 Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Payout: \$1.4 million Miami 84, ... Saturday, Jan. 1 Ohio Bowl At Columbus, Ohio Payout: \$1 million Michigan State 19, ...

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Veteran hunter finds challenge in bowhunting

VICTORIA (AP) — Hunting the white-tailed buck with a rifle is a challenge for any hunter.

G. Gardner Brown is among a small group of hunters who takes the pursuit of the state's top big-game animal a step further.

"I think it's more challenging to hunt deer with bow and arrow than with a rifle," said the Victoria bowhunter. "I have killed wild hogs with a bow and javalina. It's more of a challenge to hunt with a bow."

Brown regards himself as a bird hunter, with quail among his favorite birds to hunt, but he decided to take up hunting deer with a rifle in 1990. His best kill was a South Texas 8-pointer with 17-inch spread and scoring 125 points Boone and Crockett.

He turned to bowhunting four years ago because "I was always intrigued by it. I always wanted to bowhunt. I bought a bow and there were people who taught me how to use it. I started using a bow, liked it and continued on."

While pursuing whitetails in Kansas and Texas, Brown's efforts and patience paid off when he killed a buck in the yearling category and he added a long-awaited trophy buck in late November during a trip to Kansas.

"This was the second deer I ever killed with a bow, but also the best deer I ever killed with a bow or gun," Brown said. "I stalked the buck for over 100 yards before making the shot at 25 yards. He was bedded down in wheat field during the rut." Using a Hoyt Fast Flight bow with 62-pound pull, Carbon arrow and Muzzy 100-grain broadhead, Brown brought down a 10-pointer with 18-inch spread during the Thanksgiving holiday. The buck weighed 250 pounds and scored 140 points in Pope and Young.

Brown says that when he travels to Kansas "I usually stalk deer there. When I hunted in South Texas, I used a tree stand or ground stand, depending on the time of season. South Texas hunting usually isn't good until mid-December when the bucks start rutting."

Brown says, "It's important to know the distance of a deer. I've missed a lot of bucks not knowing how far it was. I want to know what an arrow will do at 10, 20 and 30 yards. I make adjustments on the sight when I sight-in."

"Sighting in a bow follows the same principles as sighting in a rifle. You want to know how the arrow will travel at a certain distance and what happens if you shoot high or low."

"A deer needs to be 30 to 35 yards away before you can make a clean kill. If you shoot past 35 yards, you're not going to be too accurate. I don't shoot unless a deer is 30 yards in or closer."

While a whitetail buck is always a challenge, Brown says hunting the South Texas Brush Country presents another problem.

"It's more difficult to hunt in South Texas because there is so much brush and cover. If a buck takes off, you don't know where it went. In Kansas, you have creek bottoms and rolling agricultural land or open fields that can be to your advantage. You can see where a buck goes and you can stalk it. You can track deer easier in Kansas and see the scrapes and rubs made with their antlers."

"You don't have that in South Texas. You have cactus and mesquite. The terrain is more difficult in South Texas and you have to hunt from a stand."

Brown says "bucks are bigger in Kansas but they're still as wary as the bucks in South Texas. The buck I killed wouldn't have been in the open if it hadn't been with a doe. He let his guard down. I never saw the doe. She was bedded down."

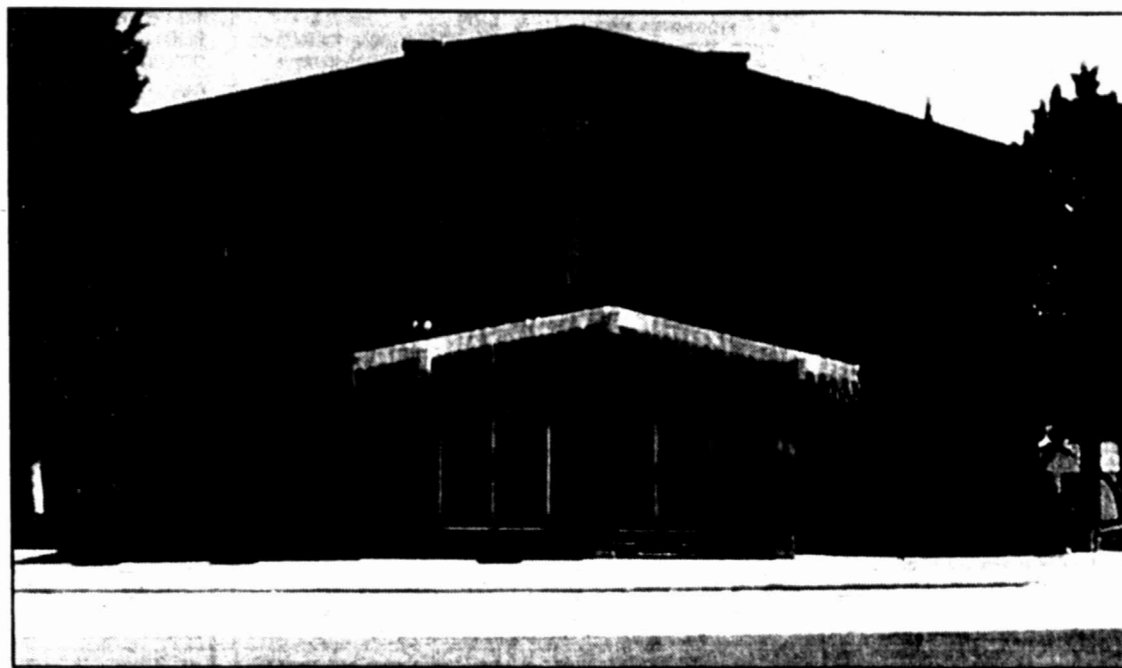
"I go to Kansas in November because that's when the deer are rutting and most active and they move around a lot. After the rut, you don't see many deer. They're feeding and getting ready for winter. I passed up a 6-pointer the first day. I wanted a bigger deer. I didn't want another young buck."

"To get a whitetail deer with a bow is probably the biggest challenge. You don't sneak up on them. Kansas also has mule deer, but they will stand there and look at you and get shot. They're easier to kill."

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 On Nov. 8th Dr. Haddad's office, black wind suit jacket, sun designs on each of the vest it was from my mother means much to cash reward is offered questions call 915-728-5948. A Dorothy or lea message.
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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000:
Don't settle for anything less than you desire this year. You are grounded in a more secure point of view than in previous years, and when your emotions do fluctuate, you handle it well. Your even approach and high level of creativity combine to make you a winner. If you are single, romance blossoms. Others clearly enjoy your gregarious and happy personality. If attached, you work well as a team, making a shared desire a reality. Create more romantic scenarios together. SCORPIO is a friend above and beyond the call of duty.
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)
**** Establish stronger connections with full knowledge of what you want. Discussions with parents, older relatives and those in charge are critical. Do not minimize a friend's importance. Unexpected news comes your way. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Go for quality time.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Others seem to have the control you want. Let go and relax. For once, it isn't your responsibility. Your commitment to understanding and walking in others' shoes helps you make friends easily. Others' behavior could be out of whack! Tonight: Socialize.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You have only so much energy and have been covering a lot of bases, filling in for nearly everyone and keeping up others' spirits. Turn down some tasks if you want to. Make it OK to take some time for yourself and relax. News could jolt you! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Your energy might be a bit frivolous, but it adds a lot of fun to everyone's day. Friends could be serious. Lighten up the mood and present another side. A partner might stun you and go another direction. Let feelings flow. Others clearly adore you. Tonight: Have some fun!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Another encourages you to take a stand, but you would rather kick back and enjoy yourself. Build on established groundwork. The unexpected occurs. Others in your life seem unpredictable. Go with the flow. Tonight: Spend a night at home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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**** Reach out for another. Touch bases with friends at a distance. An older relative cares a lot about you. Be more playful and open to change. Read between the lines with a co-worker or day-to-day acquaintance. You know what to do. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Possessiveness marks a relationship. A child or a loved one acts up. Pressure builds financially. You cannot put an important matter on the back burner. Discussions with a difficult partner prove to be somewhat successful. Tonight: Turn in early for some 21st-century beauty rest.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Make resolutions to get more out of life. You are personality-plus, allowing others the space to express themselves. Finally, someone who has been reserved or distant opens up. Keep the line of communication open. Be more spontaneous. Tonight: Beam in what you want.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Take some time off from the hoopla and celebrations. Pace yourself; take time to evaluate finances and recent decisions. You might need to talk to a key work associate. Make an effort to keep communication clear. Laugh at surprises. Tonight: Do what you need to do for you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Reach out for a loved one who has a case of the blues. Listen carefully to another's woes. You can help work them through. Your steady point of view is highly valued. Use caution with money - anything can happen in this area. Tonight: Share your happiness and hopes.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Sometimes your unpredictability can be very unsettling to those around you. Dance around problems and remain on top of responsibilities. Another definitely does care about you. Let feelings be expressed. You could feel vulnerable. Tonight: A must appearance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Work past negativity and a potential problem that occurs. Loosen up when dealing with a friendship. Learn to be more understanding. Not everyone thinks like you. Encourage others to join you at a special New Year's event. Tonight: Continue enjoying the parties.
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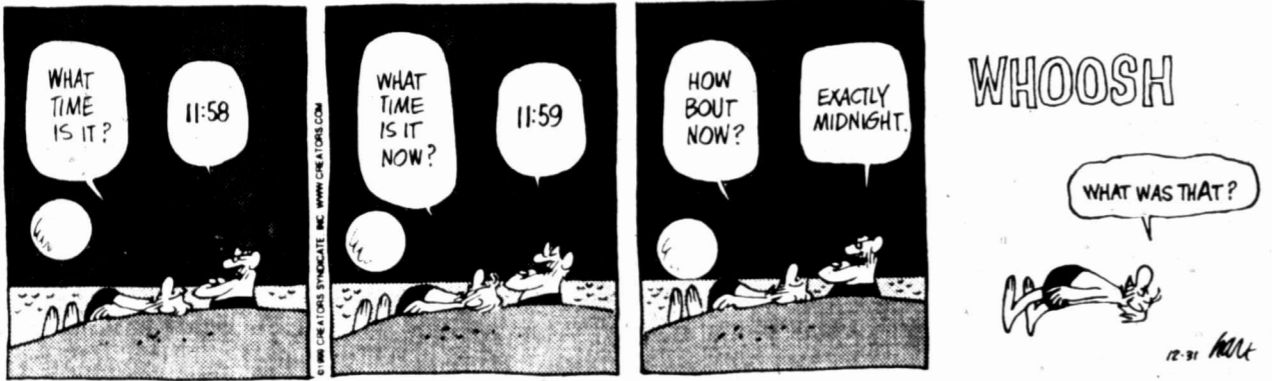
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1999: The Year in Review

January

A special supplement
to the Dec. 29, 1999
Big Spring Herald

Community greeted '99 with optimism

January 1999 blew in with a wave of optimism in the community as the Harley Owners Group began a campaign to raise \$15,000 for a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

The camera is able to detect heat within a location that may be blinding due to loss of light or heavy smoke. The biker group conducted fundraisers throughout the next seven months.

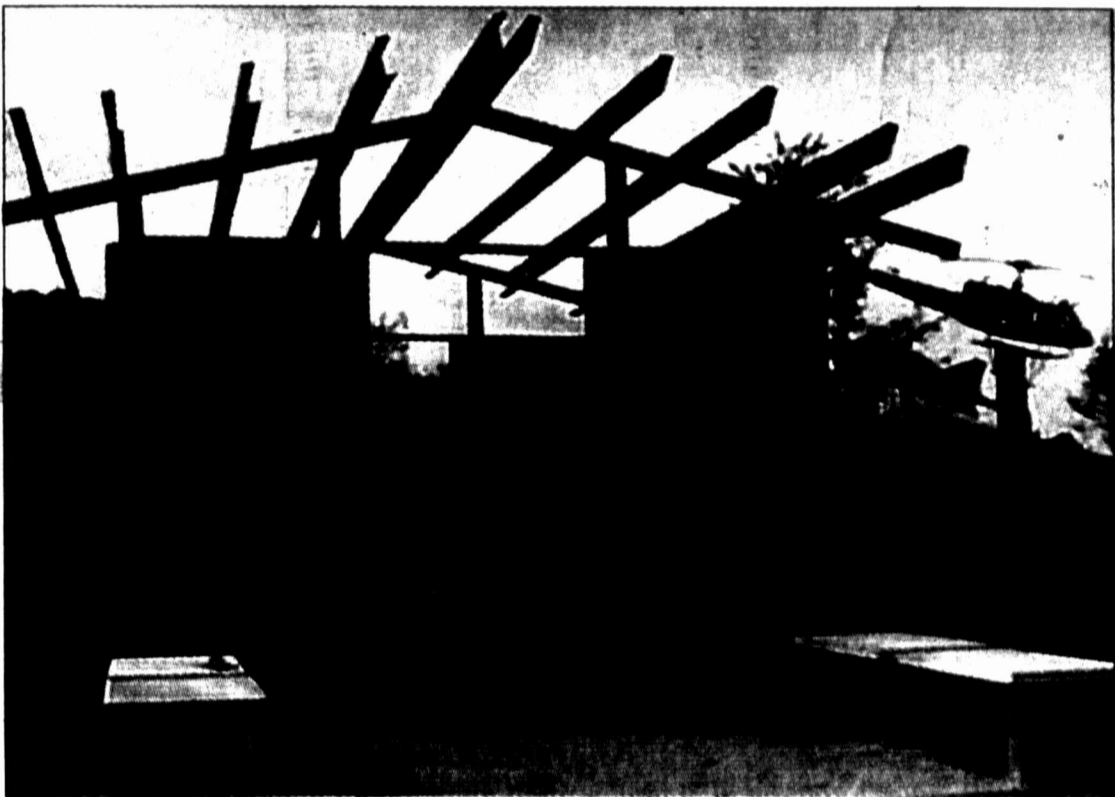
Yet not all the news in January was bright. County appraiser Keith Toomire's provided gloomy predictions that the county would face a 40 percent loss in tax evaluations, according to his sources in Austin.

Also in January, the first conviction from Operation Purple Cow, a massive frontal attack on drug dealing in Big Spring, made headlines. On Jan. 22, Michael Shay Vanderbilt, 24, was found guilty of conspiracy to manufacture, possession with the intent to distribute, and distribution of five or more grams of cocaine base (crack). He was sentenced to 10 years to life in federal prison.

Following Vanderbilt's sentence, some 23 other individuals pleaded guilty and received prison sentences.

In other news this month:

- Bealls announced its decision to open two separate stores in Big Spring Mall.
- Isabel Marie Solis, the first baby born in Big Spring in 1999, arrived Jan. 4.
- Howard County was awarded \$571,212 in a legal settlement with the tobacco industry on Jan. 8.
- Several months before the Columbine tragedy, a student was caught with a gun at Goliad Middle School Jan. 11.
- Kenneth Randall resigned as chief operating officer for Scenic Mountain Medical Center Jan. 13 to take a position with a hospital in California. Loren Chandler, current CEO, was named interim following Randall's resignation.
- Jaime Cuellar was found guilty Jan. 13 in 118th District Court of sexual assault of a child. He received 99 years in prison.
- Jan. 14, Big Spring YMCA declared its intention to begin an \$835,000 remodeling of the 40-year-old building.
- Ben Bancroft and Pat Simmons were named Man and Woman of the Year at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.
- Construction began on the Gold Star Chapel at the



Construction began on the Gold Star Chapel at the Vietnam Memorial in January. The partially completed chapel is shown here with the Huey helicopter display in the background.

Vietnam Memorial. Wilderness Camp inmates provided the labor and committee members raised funds.

• Northside Community Center received \$35,000 in grants for a basketball court, with groundbreaking ceremonies Jan. 19.

• Covenant Health Care Systems officially merged with Methodist Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, and became the owner of Malone Hogan Clinic.

• A student in Coahoma challenged the district's compliance with University Interscholastic League rules when a student in the Alternative Education program was allowed to compete. Trustees apologized for the incident Jan. 26.

• Charles Stenholm visited Big Spring Jan. 26 to talk with oil and gas officials concerning the oil patch and the oil business in Howard County.

• Big Spring Independent School District officially opened the girls \$300,000 softball complex Jan. 29.

Sports



Larry Allaway shoots for the Howard College Hawks during a game in January 1999.

The final year of the 1990s began with both football and basketball dominating the Crossroads Area sports scene.

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks began their Western Junior College Athletic Conference campaigns after impressive tournament showings, while the area's high school teams opened district play.

At the same time, a number of area athletes continued to garner honors for their performances during the 1998 football season.

Five players from the Crossroads — Grady's Greg Gibson and the Borden County foursome of Colt McCook, Fernando Baeza, Colt Miller and Ryan Grant — earned spots on the Texas Six-Man All-State Football Team.

McCook, who'd guided the Coyotes to the six-man state championship game for a second straight season, earned his second consecutive first-team honor at quarterback, while Baeza earned his second honor as a first-team running back. Grant was also a second-time honoree as a defensive lineman. Second-team accolades went to Miller at linebacker and Gibson as a defensive lineman.

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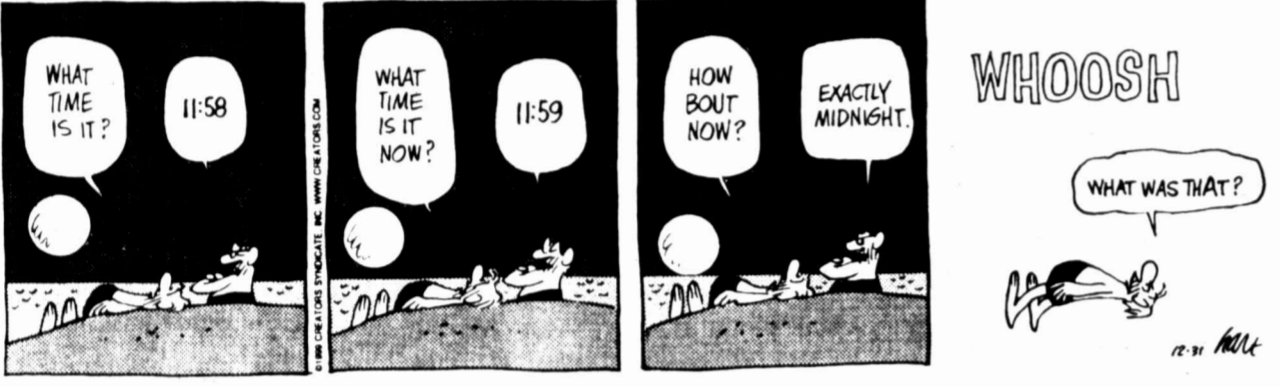
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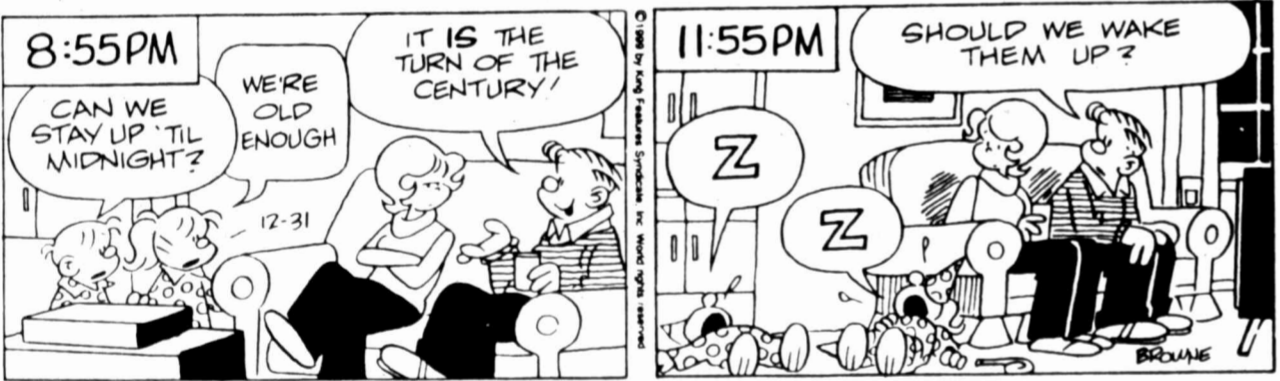
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 1999.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

Gen. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1897, Brooklyn, N.Y., was on the eve as a separate entity before becoming part of New York City.

In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1974, Americans were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the last time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the United States.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people died in a fire aboard a DC-3 while they were en route to Dallas for a New Year's Eve performance.

In 1986, fire killed 97 people in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.

In 1997, Michael Kennedy, 39-year-old son of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir fired Science Minister Ezer Weizman, accusing him of meeting with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

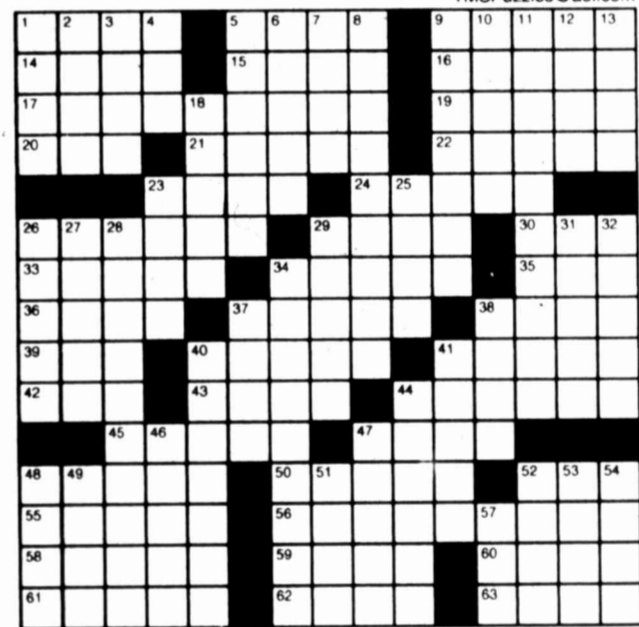
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One year ago: Europe's leaders proclaimed a new era as 11 nations merged currencies to create the euro, a shared money they said would boost business, underpin unity and strengthen their role in world affairs.

Today's Birthdays: Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal is 91. Folk and blues singer Odetta is 69. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 62. Actress Sarah Miles is 58. Rock musician Andy Summers is 57. Actor Ben Kingsley is 56. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 55. Fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg is 53. Actor Tim Matheson is 52. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 52. Singer Donna Summer is 51. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 51. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 48. Actor James Remar is 46. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 41.

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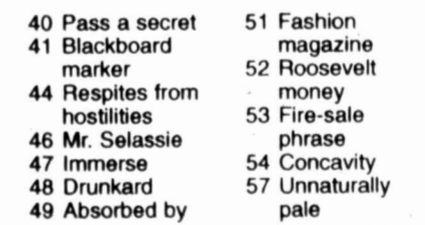
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1999: The Year in Review

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A special supplement
to the Dec. 29, 1999
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Community greeted '99 with optimism

January 1999 blew in with a wave of optimism in the community as the Harley Owners Group began a campaign to raise \$15,000 for a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

The camera is able to detect heat within a location that may be blinding due to loss of light or heavy smoke. The biker group conducted fundraisers throughout the next seven months.

Yet not all the news in January was bright. County appraiser Keith Toomire's provided gloomy predictions that the county would face a 40 percent loss in tax evaluations, according to his sources in Austin.

Also in January, the first conviction from Operation Purple Cow, a massive frontal attack on drug dealing in Big Spring, made headlines. On Jan. 22, Michael Shay Vanderbilt, 24, was found guilty of conspiracy to manufacture, possession with the intent to distribute, and distribution of five or more grams of cocaine base (crack). He was sentenced to 10 years to life in federal prison.

Following Vanderbilt's sentence, some 23 other individuals pleaded guilty and received prison sentences.

In other news this month:

• Bealls announced its decision to open two separate stores in Big Spring Mall.

• Isabel Marie Solis, the first baby born in Big Spring in 1999, arrived Jan. 4.

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• Several months before the Columbine tragedy, a student was caught with a gun at Goliad Middle School Jan. 11.

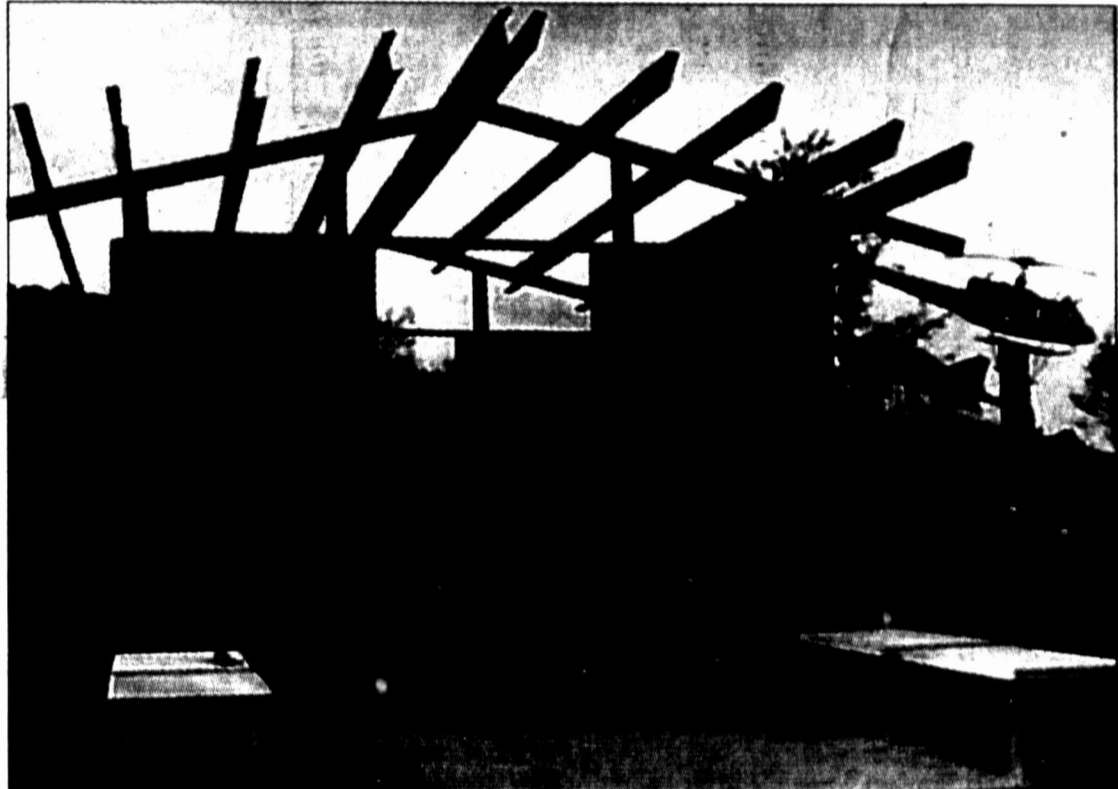
• Kenneth Randall resigned as chief operating officer for Scenic Mountain Medical Center Jan. 13 to take a position with a hospital in California. Loren Chandler, current CEO, was named interim following Randall's resignation.

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Vietnam Memorial Wilderness Camp inmates provided the labor and committee members raised funds.

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• Covenant Health Care Systems officially merged

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• A student in Coahoma challenged the district's compliance with University Interscholastic League rules when a student in the Alternative Education program was allowed to com-

pete. Trustees apologized for the incident Jan. 26.

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February didn't carry any major local news for the year, but several events were in full swing that would be completed before the year ended.

The Vietnam Memorial Committee began preparations for construction of their chapel on the memorial site. Renovations were also winding up at Hangar 25. Both organizations would hold special services on Memorial Day.

The Hangar 25 Committee — soon to be renamed the Hangar 25 Air Museum Committee — also announced in February the acquisition of a Lockheed T-33A "Shooting Star" and a Cessna T-37B "Tweety Bird."

At mid-month, residents north of Big Spring voiced concern when it was learned the city council was considering the former Gamco building as a location to house Wilderness Camp inmates. Some 30 residents attended a meeting to relay their fears about the idea, and to suggest that a home at the airpark — where the inmates were being housed — might be a better idea.

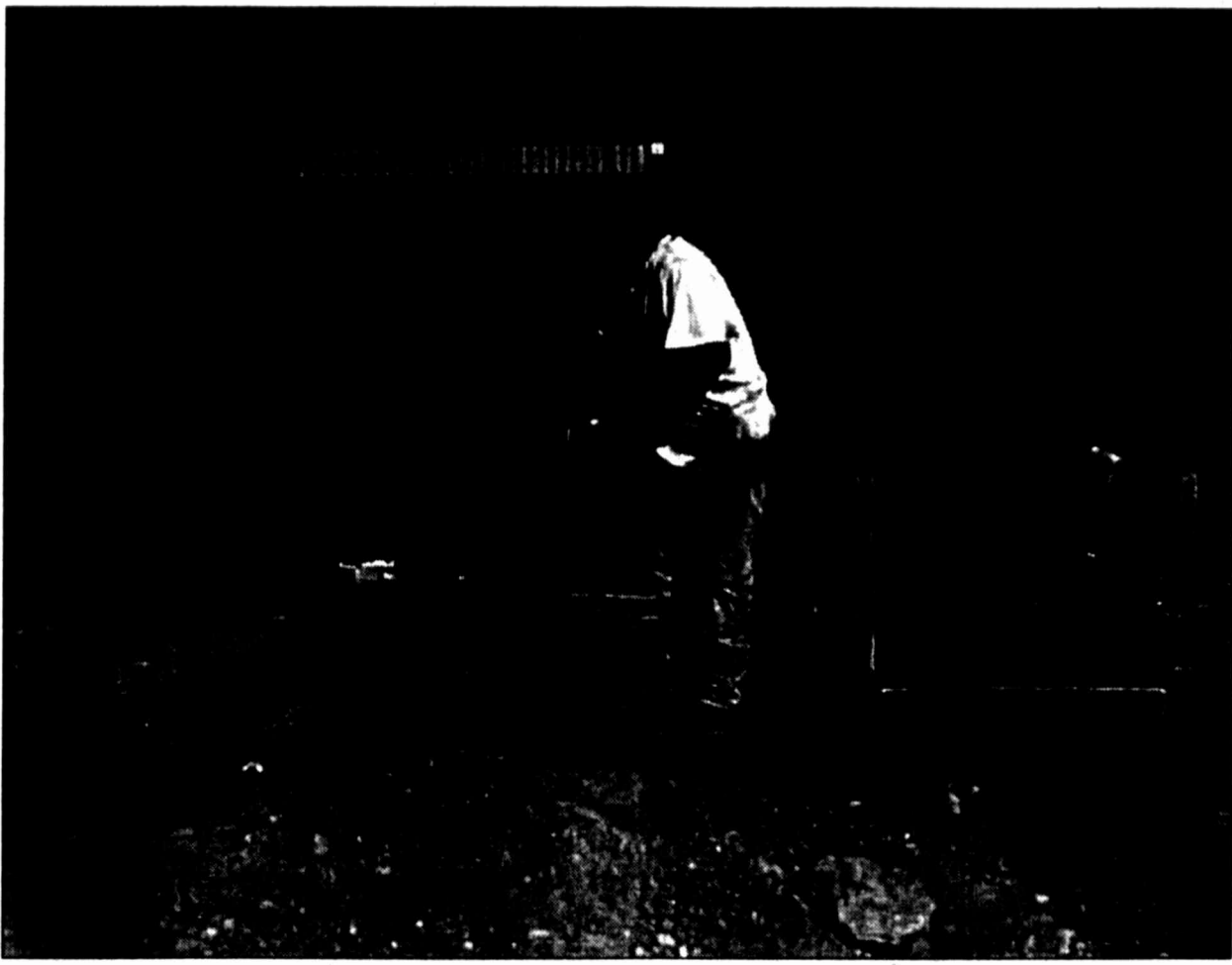
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- Three adults and two juveniles were arrested for the Dec. 1, 1998, vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial.

- The two juveniles were eventually sentenced to 300 hours of community service, but despite being indicted, trial still awaits the three teenaged adults — one woman and two men.

- FCI Big Spring received reaccreditation from



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- Howard County Commissioners Court signed off on an agreement to help fund a Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor coalition.

- Windows went in on the ground floor of the Settles Building, completing the window project — but not the overall renovation — of the historic landmark.

- Big Spring Police Department reenacted its Street Crimes Unit, which had been cut several years back, due to budget constraints.

- Area ag officials began touting a referendum which would take place in April, urging cotton producers to fund the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

- Big Spring City Council approved an ordinance providing fees for crime prevention rewards, and got the ball rolling with a \$200 donation of its own.

- Filing began for Big Spring City Council and Big Spring ISD elections, but by the end of the month, only incumbents had tossed their hats into the ring.



Hangar 25 Air Museum Committee began offering plaques to help raise funds to complete the restoration of the hangar and fund new exhibits.

BIRTHS

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| Arguello, Haley Justine, girl, Feb. 19 | Clare, Nina Rae, girl, Feb. 16 | Kilgore, Jordan Rae, girl, Feb. 18 | Feb. 10 |
| Bethke, Sarah Nicole, girl, Feb. 23 | Franco, Destiny Mariah, girl, Feb. 17 | Martinez, Albert Alfred, boy, Feb. 9 | Sotelo, Alejandro Miguel, boy, Feb. 27 |
| Byrd, Jonathan Michael, boy, Feb. 15 | Franklin, Britennia Madison, girl, Feb. 9 | Ontiveros, Isaiah Michael, boy, Feb. 3 | Westbrook, Tyler Wayne, boy, Feb. 24 |
| Childers, Chipper Beau, boy, Feb. 19 | Gustin, Trevor Benjamin, boy, Feb. 7 | Phillips, Makaila Rose, girl, Feb. 1 | York, Caitlin L., girl, Feb. 23 |
| | Hilario, Austin Lee, boy, Feb. 21 | Sanchez, Alejandro Luis, boy, Feb. 10 | |

DEATHS

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| Anderson, Avis, 90, Big Spring, Feb. 5 | Graham, Chester L., 74, Osage, formerly of Ackerly, Feb. 3 | Feb. 6 | Rodriguez, Moises, 86, Big Spring, Feb. 27 |
| Angel, Jesse Earl, 87, Stanton, Feb. 27 | Greene, James William, 86, Big Spring, Feb. 15 | Lopez, Olga J. Leos, 45, Big Spring, Feb. 14 | Russell, Mary Joyce, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 12 |
| Biffar, Glenn Reid, 50, Kru, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 9 | Hallam, Florence Story, Big Spring, Feb. 23 | Loving, Jean H., 83, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 4 | Salazar, Tim, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 23 |
| Bravo, Juanita, 62, Big Spring, Feb. 9 | Harrison, Maurine S., 95, Big Spring, Feb. 23 | Medley, Bobbie, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 11 | Savell, Pat N., 57, Big Spring, Feb. 3 |
| Brito, Alfredo, 57, Stanton, Feb. 22 | Hartfield, Sam, 54, Big Spring, Feb. 26 | Mills, Reba M., 81, Big Spring, Feb. 28 | Smith, J. Howard, 89, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 26 |
| Cowling, Gladys M., 86, Kermit, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 10 | Howie, Randall W., 85, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 9 | Moya, Nicolasa V., 66, Big Spring, Feb. 25 | Sneed, Bill, 71, Big Spring, Feb. 9 |
| Cunningham, Grover Bennett Jr., Austin, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 9 | Kinard, B.A., 82, Big Spring, Feb. 2 | Nelson, Dave, 89, Big Spring, Feb. 23 | Thomas, Martin, 68, Big Spring, Feb. 6 |
| Dominguez, Felipe, 85, Big Spring, Feb. 19 | King, Laura Nell, 90, Big Spring, Feb. 18 | Palomino, Gregorio, Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 26 | Torrence, Amelia Duke, 60, Big Spring, Feb. 6 |
| Frayser, Robert C. "Bo", 87, Vinita, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 25 | King, Newton Clifton "Junior", 76, Big Spring, Feb. 16 | Payne, Mel, 58, McCamey, Feb. 20 | Trapnell, Edith, 93, Big Spring, Feb. 14 |
| Gilmore, Lottie V., 70, Big Spring, Feb. 22 | Lepard, Bobby Glenn, 40, Canyon Lake, formerly of Coahoma, Feb. 28 | Robinson, R.V., 75, Stanton, Feb. 11 | Williams, Jerry Marcus, 67, Big Spring, Feb. 6 |
| | Long, Grace V., 64, Big Spring, Feb. 10 | Rodriguez, Isabel, 89, Big Spring, Feb. 10 | |

Sports



The Lady Hawks Latasha Moore takes the ball down court during a season in which Howard's women finished second in the WJCAC.

Crossroads Area basketball teams reached the most important portion of their season in late February, as the playoffs began.

The same was true for Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks.

Howard's men closed out the 1998-99 regular season with a 72-59 win over Frank Phillips Plainsmen, making them only the third team in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) history to go through league play undefeated.

The Lady Hawks closed their regular season with an 81-45 win over Frank Phillips' women, giving them a 12-2 conference record second place in the WJCAC behind Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes chalked up their first District 3-2A championship, locking up the crown with a 73-51 win over Post's Lady Antelopes.

It was their first championship since 1981 and became even sweeter when they took a 58-52 bi-district playoff win over Ozona's Lady Lions.

Stanton's Lady Buffs, runners-up to the Bulldogettes in 3-2A, opened the playoffs with a 38-29 win over Wall's Lady Hawks.

A few days later, however, the area round of playoff action saw both teams eliminated from the postseason, Coahoma falling victim to Farwell and Stanton being knocked off by Hale Center.

Grady's Lady Wildcats, who entered the playoffs as district co-champions with Borden County's Lady Coyotes, were ranked No. 4 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches basketball poll when they suffered a 42-36 bi-district loss to Wellman-Union.

The Lady Coyotes, on the other hand, were ranked No. 7 going into the playoffs and opened the extra season with a lopsided 78-42 win over Klondike's Lady Cougars.

They followed that win added a 59-43 area round win over Robert Lee's Lady Steers and a 76-46 regional quarterfinals victory over Windthorst's Lady Trojans.

The Lady Coyotes would follow that with a 49-36 win over Zephyr's Lady Bulldogs, giving them the Region I championship and a berth in the Class A state tournament in Austin.

Two of the area's three schoolboy teams to make the playoffs — Coahoma's Bulldogs, Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes — began extended postseason runs.

While Coahoma, the runner-up to Stanton in District 3-2A, saw its season end with a 45-44 playoff loss to Farwell's Steers, the Buffs took a 67-46 in over Sonora's Broncos in the area playoff round, earning themselves a trip to the Region I, Class 2A tournament in Abilene.

Borden County opened the playoffs with a 64-36 win over Wellman-Union en route to a date with Miles' Bulldogs where they qualified for regional tournament play with a 75-41 win.

In other sports headlines in February:

- Big Spring's Tory Mitchell signed a national letter of intent to play football and run track at the University of Miami, while Stanton's Kyle Herm committed to a football scholarship at Rice University.

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March

A community prayed, and the rain finally came

March began with hundreds of local residents from all walks of life gathering to pray for rain. The "Rain Rally" at First Baptist Church brought together Christians from several local churches in various denominations with music, speakers and prayer that West Texas would see moisture to help end the crippling drought.

In other news this month:

- Intoxicated manslaughter charges were filed against Antonio Rodriguez, in connection with the Feb. 27 accident that killed Jessie Lee Walters, a student at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Walters, riding a bicycle westbound on Fourth Street, was hit by a car driven by Rodriguez.

- Howard County Commissioners on March 1 announced a cost-saving measure that raised the ire of some of their employees. Commissioners, facing lost revenue from a declining mineral base, announced they would reduce the work-week from 40 to 37-1/2 hours, and planned further reductions in the next budget year. The reduction took place on Monday, March 22.
- Trevor Bibb was named the top speller in Howard County at the March 2 county-wide bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

- Seven taxing entities gathered to hear the grim news that mineral values were in decline and the problem was expected to worsen in the year 2000.

- On March 3, a committee was formed to help Howard County prepare for the upcoming Census 2000.
- The Harley Owners

Group renewed its challenge to local businesses and homeowners in its fundraising effort to buy a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

- On March 3, a traffic stop netted more than \$100,000 in seizures for the Department of Public Safety.

- That same day, indictments were handed down in the case of El Pasoan Marcos Albert Ayala, who was found to be carrying more than 100 pounds of marijuana in the wheels of his car.

- Elmer Kelton came to Big Spring on March 6, signing copies of his latest book, "The Smiling Country," at Wal-Mart.

- On March 8, some areas of Howard County received as much as one inch of rain, while other parts of the community remained bone dry.

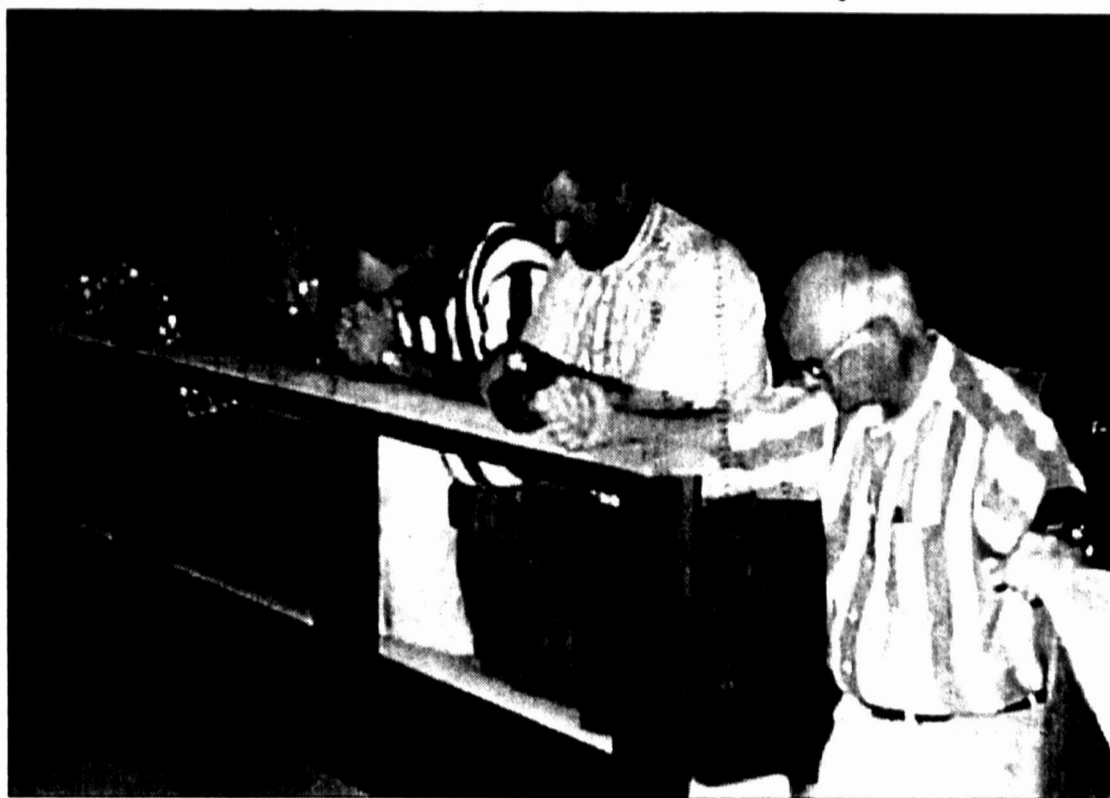
- On March 9, Mobile Meals announced funding cuts had put in jeopardy its program of delivering hot meals to homebound and ill senior citizens.

- The Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board of directors agreed to join the Texas, Mexico and Orient Corridor.

- A burn ban was enacted on March 9 by county commissioners.

- Inmate Daniel Renteria-Nunez, of Odessa, walked away from the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute satellite camp on March 9.

- More than 12,700 acres of county land was accepted into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- On March 10, Cornell



As March 1999 began, people from all walks of life in the community had gathered for a Rain Rally with music, preaching and prayer, hoping for an end to a crippling drought.

Corrections announced an expansion that would add 50 jobs to the local workforce.

- The first of seven informational meetings about the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was held March 10.

- The Howard County Library on March 12 was awarded nearly \$15,000 to boost Internet access.

- Big Spring was among area cities showing an increase in sales tax revenue in a report released before mid-month.

- On Sunday, March 14, two airplanes arrived to become part of the static display at Hangar 25 museum, a Lockheed T-33A "Shooting Star" and a T-37B.

gathered March 15 in prayer and praise for the rain that arrived earlier in the month.

- At mid-month, a tip brought Howard County Sheriff's deputies to a home on North Anderson Road where they arrested seven men and seized 180 marijuana plants.

- St. Patrick's Day brought more rain to the area, nearly a half-inch on official recordings.

- Two Western Container employees filed to seek seats on the Big Spring City Council. Henry Villa, warehouse manager, and Gary L. Bishop, production manager, challenged incumbents Stephanie Horton and

- Parents voiced concern over the new Big Spring school calendar, which had started Aug. 9.

- Area rancher Leland Wallace was chosen Producer of the Year at the annual Ag Expo and Appreciation celebration.

- A former employee of Cornell Corrections was indicted by an Abilene grand jury on March 24, charged with sexual abuse of an inmate and smuggling contraband.

- For the second time in three weeks, an inmate walked away from confinement at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute satellite camp. On March 25, it was Hector J.

Sports



Maria Lopez, in the March 20, 1999, Howard College Lady Hawks softball game vs. Midland.

A vibrant basketball season came to an end in March of 1999, as Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks turned in impressive showings at the NJCAA Region V tournament in Abilene. Stanton's Buffaloes reached the regional finals in Class 2A and Borden County's Lady Coyotes reached the Class A state championship game.

- The Lady Hawks opened Region V tournament play first, taking an 87-74 win over McLennan Community College, but ran afoul of Grayson County in the semifinal round.

- Grayson took a 68-58 win over the Lady Hawks, dashing the Howard women's hopes of making a second straight national tournament appearance and leaving them with a 28-4 record.

- The Hawks opened Region V play with a 72-63 win over Hill College's Rebels, then knocked off WJAC foe South Plains, 73-68, and advance to the championship game against Weatherford College's Coyotes. Their bid for a national tournament trip ended in a 91-88 overtime loss.

- Hawks coach Tommy Collins was named WJAC Coach of the Year by his peers, while point guard Larry Alloway and post Greg Lewis were named to the all-conference first team. Freshman Donald "Yogi" Ceasar was an honorable mention pick.

- Lady Hawks point guard Karlita Washington was named the conference's most valuable player. Teammate Latasha Moore was also named to the all-conference squad, while Jovanee St. Cyr and Ricka McKee got honorable mentions.

- In other March sports headlines: Big Spring Lady Steers sophomore Melissa Forth was named District 5-4A newcomer of the year on the league's all-district team.

- Stephanie Stewart won the uneven parallel bars competition at the USA Gymnastics Level 10 State Championships in Coppell, finished sixth overall and advanced to the Region III Championships in Oklahoma City.

- Stanton's Kyle Herm was named to the Class 2A all-state team by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

- Borden County's Valerie Wootan was named to the Class A all-state tournament team after the Lady Coyotes suffered a 61-58 loss to Valley View in the state semifinals.

- Coahoma's defending state champion Bulldogettes opened district 2-2A play with an easy 14-1 win over Winters' Lady Blizzards.

- Forsan's Daniel Whetsel and Tonnie Loera were named first-team performers on the District 2-2A all-district basketball squads.

- Coahoma and Stanton dominated 3-2A all-district balloting. The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes being represented by first-teamers Blake Nichols, Ryan Peckham, Cassie Tindol, Kortney Kemper, Jayci Roberts and Suzanna Woods. Stanton's first-teamers were Kyle Herm, Justin Cobb, Chad Smith, Raimie Hull, Rachel Madison and Jonna Moore.

- Borden County dominated all-district boys' selections in its district with Colt McCook being named the boys' MVP, joined by Jeff Daniels, Fernando Baeza, Justin Lawrence and Kevin Pinkerton. Coby Floyd of Sands and Greg Gibson of Grady were also first-teamers.

- Grady's Lady Wildcats took the top honors in their district's all-district selections. Katy Yates as most valuable player. Teammates Rebecca Robles and Caroline Madison were joined by Borden County's Valerie Wootan, Julie Mayes, Lindsey Smith and Amanda Watts, as well as Sands' Anna Hall and Brianne Fryar.

- Big Spring's Chello Williams and Andy Hall were named first-teamers on the District 5-4A all-district basketball team, while Casey Cowley was named to the defensive all-stars team.

BIRTHS

Alvarado, Oscar Lee, March 25
Beltran, Corey Tracer, boy, March 13
Buffaloe, Kason Ryan, boy, March 11
Chapel, Brandon Lee, boy, March 5
Chavera, Camron De'Shawn, boy, March 8

Coker, Eric Jessie, boy, March 27
Enriquez, Isreal Matthew, boy, March 23
Franco, Kauai Lani Jonnelle, girl, March 31
Garza, Sidney Amy Marie, girl, March 31
Hernandez, Oria, girl, March 20
Hill, Alexandria Dawn, girl, March 15

Lucas, Justin Michael, boy, March 19
Mojica, Angelica Raquel, girl, March 19
Nunez, Mykaela Michale, girl, March 1
Orr, Shawn Christopher, boy, March 19

Paul, Keylee Makay, girl, March 29
Prosise, Jack Logan, boy, March 25
Ramirez, Mary Abigail, girl, March 26
Tiffany, Brigham Aaron, boy, March 12
Yanez, Leah Faith, girl, March 5

DEATHS

Alexander, Jeanne, 56, Burleson, formerly of Big Spring, March 7
Bilbrey, Jerry D., 67, Big Spring, March 20
Boullioun, Lucy Belle, 94, Big Spring, March 12
Clark, Anna Marie Atkinson, 79, Big Spring, March 22
Cox, Edna, 73, Andrews, formerly of Big Spring, March 24
Daily, Perry S., 91, Big Spring, March 25
Damron, Ellen Lanchart, 87, Big Spring, March 29
Daniels, Thomas "Ted", 85, Big Spring, March 3
Denson, Wanda L., 64, Big Spring, March 12
Dunn, Donald Gene, 41, Wednesday, March 17
Easterday, Martha Jane, 53, Austin, formerly of Coahoma, March 16
Eckler, Lottie Turner, 85, Big Spring, March 30
Estrada, Carolina, 79, Sterling City, March 21
Franco, Ruben Bihl, 61, North Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, March 7

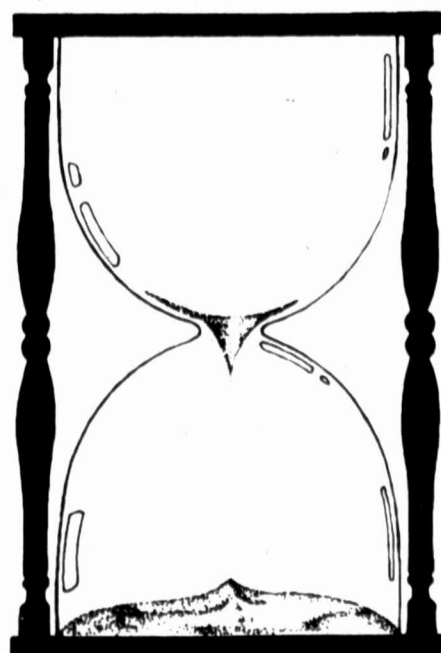
Fryar, Gwen, 65, Big Spring, March 5
Gonzales, Gregorio, 67, Coahoma, March 28
Gossett, Bill R., 49, Fort Stockton, formerly of Big Spring, March 31
Greer, Frances Cole, 83, Big Spring, March 28
Hardy, Thomas Paul, 83, formerly of Garden City, March 16
Harrington, Mary Eugenia "Gene", 85, March 1
Hedrick, Leola Lee, 82, Dallas, formerly of Stanton, March 10
Hunt, Lee Roy, 72, Big Spring, March 4
Koger, Mary Louise, 80, Big Spring, March 25
Lane, Mrs. John "Mattie Lou", 96, Big Spring, March 12
Lawson, Robert C., 74, Midland, formerly of Garden City, March 7
Madrid, Flora Lujan, 83, Stanton, March 2
Manns, May E., 73, Eastland, formerly of Big Spring, March 11
McMurtrey, Arlene, 72, Big Spring, March 27
Middleton, Robert L. (Bob), 58, Big Spring, March 6

Morris, Sam R., 81, Big Spring, March 28
Mutters, James T., 79, Big Spring, March 10
O'Brien, Ottis T. "Jack", 89, Stanton, March 15
Owens, Johnny, 39, Big Spring, March 27
Phares, LaVerne (Sims) Lewis, 82, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, March 27
Puga, Sulema, 83, Big Spring, March 13
Purser, W.R. "Dub", 76, Big Spring, March 25
Richardson, Beryl Marlene, 78, Big Spring, March 17
Ruiz, Juana, 77, Big Spring, March 11
Sabaitis, Donald A., 60, Big Spring, March 23
Salisbury, Howard "Skeeter", 78, Big Spring, March 25
Smith, Carrie, 72, Big Spring, March 31
Smith, Edward E., 56, Gail, March 5
Spiller, Earl F., 70, Big Spring, March 30
Springer, Grover Marlin, Big

Spring, March 5
Stewart, Bessie Elizabeth "Bess", Stanton, March 14
Swanson, Ina Lucille, 86, Big Spring, March 4
Taylor, Roland M. (Bob), 86, Big Spring, March 20
Tiller, Rodney Gale, 70, Abilene, formerly of Coahoma, March 5
Thomas, Alden M., 90, Big Spring, March 13
Thomas, Don E., 75, Friendswood, formerly of Big Spring, March 17
Ulmer, Mollie Viola, 81, Stanton, March 8
Underwood, Jimmy L., 57, Andrews, formerly of Big Spring, March 12
Walker, Socrates "Soc" Allen, 82, Goldthwaite, formerly of Big Spring, March 21
Weaver, James Weldon, 77, Coahoma, March 22
Whitefield, James O. "Jim" Jr., 58, Big Spring, March 28
Wright, Pernie Harmon, 85, Strawn, formerly of Big Spring, March 24
Young, Thurman Lester, 72, Big Spring, March 18

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April

Big Spring made a showing at the state capitol

April was Big Spring's time to show its stuff in the state capitol. More than 200 local residents headed south to Austin on Monday, April 19, where they visited with lawmakers and — in a low-key approach — spread the word about Big Spring and its best interests.

In other news this month:

- April began with a large drug sting operation from the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, netting nine local residents for on charges related to "street dealing."
- Howard College trustees announced on April 2 that they would raise tuition for students in the upcoming fall semester, but decrease student fees at the same time.
- About 100 people braved the 20-mile-per-hour wind gusts that struck Ballapalooza April 3, a fundraiser for the Roy Anderson Complex. The day-long event included games, face painting and other activities.



Big Spring residents visiting their representatives in Austin gathered for this photo opportunity on the capitol steps.

- The Texas Department of Transportation outlined its plans for a \$1.4 million project on Highway 350, slated to begin April 10.
- Loren Chandler, interim chief executive officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, was named to the top post permanently on April 7.
- Public hearings began April 7 on the Air Force proposal to conduct low-level high-speed bomber training missions over West Texas. More than 400 people attended the first meeting, with an overwhelming message to the Air Force: Take your flights somewhere else.
- Five adults were arrested April 7, in a cocaine bust at a home on Air Base Road.
- Justice of the Peace China Long and Howard County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin submitted letters of retirement April 9. Long said her decision was based partly on the instability of the county's five-year plan, and the cutting of employee hours. Franklin said her decision was a personal one.
- Ribbons were cut April 8 on the new outpatient and specialty clinic areas at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Rep. Charles Stenholm joined hospital director Cary Brown for the event.
- Another hearing on the Air Force's bomber training flights drew an angry crowd to Big Lake.
- A standing-room only crowd packed the Municipal Auditorium for the Up With People production, "Roads."
- More than 300 volunteers bagged 22-plus tons of trash during the April 10 "Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off."
- The Law vs. the HOGs volleyball tournament, pitting the Harley Owners Group against local police officers, raised \$1,400 for Special Olympics.
- Howard County Commissioners tried to "sniff out" an odor problem at the newly-constructed community room at the Howard County Library.
- On April 8, all ballots were turned in for the vote on Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. On April 15, the results were in: The answer was yes and the work to create the zone was begun.
- On April 21, local school officials reacted with shock and sadness to the news of the school shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., that took place the day before. In response, hundreds gathered in prayer at the flagpole in front of Big Spring High School early on April 23.
- On Thursday, April 22, fourth grader Roberto Martinez got to start the engines on the giant wind turbine he named Cloud Catcher in a contest sponsored by York Research.
- Big Spring Independent School District announced April 22 that former Big Spring High School theater director Tim Haynes would be returning to direct the school drama programs.
- For the first time in local memory, all three Howard County high school bands earned the top Sweepstakes rating.
- The Heritage Museum was the recipient of a \$100,000 gift from the estate of "Doc" Hardy.
- On April 29, County Commissioners named Teresa Thomas, a 20-year veteran of the county auditor's office, to take the county treasurer's post.



On April 22, fourth grader Roberto Martinez got to start the engines on the giant wind turbine he named Cloud Catcher in a contest sponsored by York Research.



Amber Bingham delivered this strike-out pitch in Coahoma's area playoff win over Petrolia, April 29, 1999.

Big Spring's Tory Mitchell, having already signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Miami, began a two-month run of being one of the nation's most impressive schoolboy track stars in April. The 6-foot-1, 165-pound speedster got things started with an impressive 9.89 hand-held clocking in the 100-meter dash finals at the Monahans Lobos Relays and followed that by winning the 200 meters in 21.8 seconds.

At the AMBUCS Big Spring Relays, he remained unbeaten in the 100 meters and 200 meters. The next weekend, Mitchell won the 100, 200 and long jump at the District 5-4A meet at Blankenship Field.

The win streak continued two weeks later at the Region I, Class 4A meet, as he again won the 100 and 200 championships for a third consecutive season.

Mitchell was not the Crossroads Country's only standout in track and field. Stanton's Buffaloes won the Wall Cotton Patch Relays and followed that with a win at their own meet before blitzing the field at the District 3-2A boys meet.

Borden County's Coyotes won the District 9-1A track meet, and the Lady Coyotes took the girls' team championship.

It was also a big month for Coahoma's Bulldog baseball and Bulldogette softball teams.

The Bulldogettes put a lock on their fifth straight district championship and then completed an undefeated run through District 2-2A with a 13-0 whitewashing of Loraine's Lady Bulldogs, taking a 23-2 record into the playoffs.

The Bulldogs locked up their second straight 3-2A championship with a 6-2 win over Tahoka's Bulldogs.

In other top April stories:

- Big Spring's Sammy Rodriguez Jr. signed a letter of intent to play for Odessa College.
- Rodriguez and Lady Steers star Ashlie Simmons qualified for the Region I, Class 4A golf tournament in Lubbock — Simmons winning the District 5-4A individual title.
- The Big Spring girls' doubles team of Stephanie Lewis and YuChing Li took the District 5-4A championship and teammate Kim Dominguez captured the girls' singles crown, as all three qualified for the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament.
- Coahoma's Cassie Tindol was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A all-state team as a second-team selection.
- Howard College's Karlita Washington, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's most valuable player, was named to the NJCAA All-America team's first squad.
- Coahoma's Bulldogettes qualified for their third straight trip to the Region I, Class 2A girls' golf tournament. Stanton's Buffaloes finished second in the boys' team standings, while Coahoma's Blake Nichols earned his fourth straight regional tournament bid.
- Stephanie Stewart of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team earned a trip to the AAU Junior Olympics in Austin.
- Forsan's Logan Stanley qualified for the Region I, Class 2A golf tournament finishing fourth in the District 2-2A meet individually.
- Grady's Rebecca Robles and Caroline Madison win the Region II, Class 1A tennis doubles championship, qualifying for a chance to compete in the state tournament.

BIRTHS

Aguirre, Aurora Jovita, girl, April 20	Evans, Joshua William, boy, April 17	Hopper, M'Kenna Shae, girl, April 19	Rodriguez, Alejandro, boy, April 29
Bennett, Zachery Jordan, boy, April 5	Ferguson, Shayla Nikole, girl, April 26	Kugora, Anthony Bryan, boy, April 27	Robles, Jordan Ray, boy, April 9
Burch, Nathan Mikial, boy, April 30	Fleet, Breezy Alexis, girl, April 27	Long, Triston Kyle, boy, April 20	Smith, Haley, girl, April 5
DeLosSantos, Luz Juarez IV, boy, April 15	Flores, Cody Micheal, boy, April 27	Phillips, Kendall Jaye, girl, April 21	Yandrich, Brandon Mikeal, boy, April 13
Dunnam, Chole Grace, girl, April 14	Garcia, Adrianna Marisella, girl, April 2	Rios, Matthew Paul, boy, April 13	Whetsel, April Morgan, girl, April 5
	Golden, Michael Spearman III, April 12	Rivera, Madison Nickole, girl, April 14	

DEATHS

Alcantar, Simon Joe, 33, Big Spring, April 28	Grant, Barbara A. (Lewis), 58, Sand Springs, April 2	Moreno, Natividad "Bill", 82, Big Spring, April 12	Rotert, Sarah, 72, Big Spring, April 27
Bell, Mary, 81, Elysian Fields, formerly of Big Spring, April 6	Hines, Robert "Virgil", 79, Big Spring, April 18	Morton, R. Pershing, 80, Big Spring, April 6	Settles, James "Ed", 90, Big Spring, April 19
Birmingham, Minnie, 90, Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, April 25	Hogg, Mrs. Johnnie P., 90, Big Spring, April 4	Murphy, Callie Bell, 88, Clifton, formerly of Big Spring, April 16	Simon, Trueman Leroy, 75, Big Spring, April 12
Bryant, Mauguarete, 81, Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, April 30	Horne, Sibyl, 94, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, April 19	Ontiveros, Jose, 68, Big Spring, April 5	Stewart, R.C., 88, Stanton, April 5
Campbell, Irviss, 70, Big Spring, April 1	Huerta, Felipe, 38, St. Lawrence, April 25	Palacios, Jaime M., 22, Big Spring, April 12	Teeter, Dorothy L., 72, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, April 1
Cashion, Omar Lino, 73, Big Spring, April 29	Irons, Garland D., 71, Knox City, formerly of Big Spring, April 1	Paredes, Albert L., 46, Big Spring, April 27	Tonn, Randy, 43, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, April 29
Chavera, Billie Jo, infant daughter of Ramona Olivarez and Billy Chavera, Big Spring, April 5	Irwin, Jimmie Ted, 70, Idalou, formerly of Big Spring, April 15	Pritchard, Audrey Ray, 82, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, April 15	Ussery, Manette, 66, Big Spring, April 20
Copeland, Alice, 86, Wichita Falls, formerly of Big Spring, April 17	Lawson, Edwin E., 73, Big Spring, April 2	Ramirez, Jacinta, 75, Big Spring, April 1	Utley, Edythe LaLonde, 85, Big Spring, April 19
Cravens, Elsie, 86, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, April 7	Lucas, A.T. "Thea", 85, Stanton, April 9	Reynolds, Oleta, 84, Stanton, April 5	Valle, Daniel, infant son of Josephine Fabela and Issidro Valle, Big Spring, April 8
DeAx, Michael, 51, Big Spring, April 16	Luce, Horace, 87, Ackerly, April 7	Rogers, Madge, 77, Big Spring, April 22	Wallace, Marie P., 77, Canyon, formerly of Big Spring, April 15
DeVaney, C.H., 88, Star Harborn, April 12	Martinez, Bisente, Big Spring, April 16	Roper, Billie Maxine, 70, Sand Springs, April 24	Wallender, Vernie, 86, Stanton, formerly of Big Spring, April 14

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May

Graduations, dedications highlighted busy month

May 1999 was the month for community involvement and dedication, as well as celebrations of life as two community projects were dedicated and nearly 400 area high school seniors graduated.

The month hailed in as elections concluded and city council incumbents Stephanie Horton and Chuck Cawthon were re-elected.

Howard County commissioners positioned long-time sheriff's deputy Bennie Green into the position of justice of the peace, a replacement for retired JP China Long.

And Howard County residents showed their support for a good cause, as more than 56 teams banded together in the fifth annual Relay for Life to raise money in the fight against cancer.

Dedications in May were the Gold Star Chapel at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day, along with Hangar 25 Air Museum that same day.

Also in May's headlines:

- Webb Air Force Base Class 52-D Reunion brought more than 50 pilots to Big Spring where they had taken their flight training.

- Big Spring High School students Naomi Arguello, Lindsey Smith, Anthony Mendoza and Jacob Flores earned their place in the state Texas Vocational Industrial Clubs competition with a first, second and third place win at regional. The students traveled to Corpus Christi for three days to compete.

- Breakfast in the Classrooms of BSISD proved to be popular with the students, not quite so popular with the teachers.

- BSISD employees celebrated 257 years of service to the district and 344 years of service to the students in the state of Texas at a special dinner May 5. Twelve employees retired.

- Maj. Roy Tolcher, commanding officer of the Salvation Army, traveled to Oklahoma City to assist with disaster relief efforts after 78 tornadoes ripped through the city, killing 44.

- Antonio Rodriguez Jr., 21, was indicted on a charge of vehicular manslaughter in the Feb. 28 death of Jessie Lee Walters, a SouthWest Collegiate Institute for Deaf student.

- Rodriguez was charged with striking Walters with his car while in an alleged state of intoxication, then fleeing the scene of the accident.

- National Day of Prayer May 6 found community leaders and officials gathered at the Municipal Auditorium. A youth-led prayer rally featured teenage-led entertainment at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater that night.

- May 10, the Harley Owner's Group reported they had reached the half-way mark of the \$15,000 needed to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

- Grady High School students Anthony Swift, Christy Rivas and Scott Swift won the gold medal at University Interscholastic League competition and were named state science team champions.

- Howard County commissioners renewed their contract with the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force.

- Western Container announced the relocation of their corporate offices to Midland.

- Dr. Billy Kingston was hired as superintendent for Coahoma Independent School District.



More than 200 police officers ran into Big Spring May 25 in an annual "torch run" event to benefit the programs of Special Olympics. The runners continued to Austin.

seniors received more than \$100,000 in scholarships, and 200 seniors graduated May 21.

- Two Goliad Middle School students were arrested for vandalism that had occurred at the school May 10.

- A March For Jesus gathered more than 1,000 believers in a parade that marched through downtown Saturday, May 22.

- Superintendent George White retired from Forsan Independent School District. Jim Yancey was named his replacement.

- When Grady High School seniors graduated 14 May 25, three students were honored who died before their graduation. Margaret Rodriguez, Palmira Toress and Shannon Peel had all died in car crashes. Rodriguez in 1996 and Peel and Toress 1999.

- Big Spring Symphony announced May 24 that a shortage of funds changed the year's season, and 1999-2000 concerts would offer a West Texas flavor.

- More than 200 police officers ran into Big Spring May 25 in an annual event for Special Olympics. The runners continued to Austin.

- Downtown Lions Club celebrated 70 years in Big Spring.

- Garden City graduated 25 seniors, Coahoma graduated 56 seniors and Forsan graduated 40 seniors on May 26.

- Dee Owen was hired as principal for Kentwood Elementary, replacing long-time elementary principal Steve Waggoner, who transferred to Anderson Kindergarten Center as principal.

- Splash Day at the city pool wet everyone's whistle May 30.

Sports



Big Spring track and field runner Tory Mitchell continued his success in May 1999.

What had promised to be monumental softball seasons for both Howard College's Lady Hawks and Coahoma's Bulldogettes fell short of being realized in May.

There would be no unfulfilled promise at the UIL state track and field championships in Austin, however, as Big Spring's Tory Mitchell repeated as the Class 4A gold medal winner in both the 100 and 200 meters.

Two other Crossroads Area entries would also shine at the state meet. Garden City's Lady Bearkat 1,600-meter relay team of Michelle Fuchs, J'Layne Niehues, Diedra Hirt and M'Lynn Niehues took the Class A championship, while Borden County's Trent Pepper won the Class A 3,200 meters.

Sands' Diego Porras finished third in the 3,200 in Austin.

The Lady Hawks, in their first season of competition, saw their chances of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship evaporate when star pitcher and designated hitter Maria Lopez, one of just two sophomores on the squad, was sidelined with a broken bone in her foot late in the regular season.

While Howard opened the regional with a thrilling win over Collin County Community College's Lady Express, a 2-1 loss to El Paso in the semifinals and a 16-5 defeat at Collin County in the loser's bracket final, ended the season.

The Bulldogettes saw Alto dash their hopes of defending the Class 2A state championship.

They did put four players Kenni Kay Buchanan, Brandi Hart, Kelli Buchanan and Kortney Kemper on the all-state tournament team.

All four were first-team selections to the District 2-2A all-district team, as were Amber Bingham and Misty Baker. Senior center fielder Cassie Tindol was named the league's most valuable player and freshman third baseman Erin Stovall was named newcomer of the year, while Kayla Smith was a second-team selection.

The Lady Hawks drew their fair share of awards. Lopez and freshman pitcher Brandy Smith headlined the list of Howard players earning spots on the All-WJCAAC team. Joining them were outfielders Christy Shafer and Carlee Ledford, shortstop Josie Rosovich, catcher Teresa Johnson and third baseman Diana Julian.

Coahoma's Bulldogs also chalked up their third straight regional baseball championship with a 6-3 win over Stamford behind an 18-strikeout performance by Delvin White.

Other top sports stories in May included:

- An 11-10 loss to Sweetwater denied Big Spring's Steers a second straight appearance in the Class 4A baseball playoffs.

- Big Spring's Jessica Canales and Cecily Paradez, both seniors, were first-team outfielders on the District 5-4A softball honor squad.

- Stanton's Kyle Herm is named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star Game in basketball.

- Matt Garrett, Coahoma Bulldogettes coach, announced his resignation to take the head girls' basketball job at Nazareth.

- Coahoma head football coach and athletic director Jim Edwards resigns his position to take an assistant coach's position in Midland.

- Big Spring golf coaches Mike Scarbrough and Gary Simmons announce their decisions to leave Big Spring. Scarbrough going to San Angelo and Simmons moving to Frenship.

BIRTHS

Armstrong, Mathew Kason, boy, May 3
Cooper, Dillon Scott, boy, May 11
Cox, Donte Kenan, boy, May 3
Duffer, Melissa Jade, girl, May 3

Ferguson, Ashley D'Ann, girl, May 19
Grant, MaKinsey Dennee, girl, May 18
Hamlin, Temple Reagan, May 4

Hobby, Jetly Dean, boy, May 27
Keto, Zachary, boy, May 5
Padilla, Matthew, boy, May 19
Rosson, Hunter Dean, boy, May 25
Savell, Krista Ann, girl, May 6

Sneed, Daniel Perry, boy, May 22
Swinney, Bailey Joyann, girl, May 20

DEATHS

Aguirre, Susana Ontiveros, Stanton, May 15
Balcazar, Ricardo J., 72, Big Spring, May 31
Blankenship, Mary Ruth (Diltz), 80, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, May 1
Brewer, Ezell W., 83, Big Spring, May 3
Cisneroz, Luis Sr., 99, Big Spring, May 15
Currie, Marie Johnson, 90, Big Spring, May 5
Edwards, Henry, 91, San Angelo, May 3
Franklin, Dr. Nineveth H. Sr., Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, May 5
Furlong, Kenneth, 69, Big Spring, May 22
Giles, C.F. (Chuck), 73, Big

Spring, May 22
Hackfeld, Milford Charles, McGregor, formerly of Big Spring, May 15
Hardy, Oneita, 90, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, May 21
Hethcoat, Martha Aubrey, 79, Wolforth, formerly of Big Spring, May 18
Huitt, Charlie Elzo, 76, Big Spring, May 28
Jamison, Clyde Harold, 87, Big Spring, May 15
Long, Lea, Big Spring, May 22
Magee, Annetta, 63, Tucumcarie, N.M., May 4
Marquez, Mike, 42, Big Spring, May 28
Merrill, Billie, 76, Big Spring, May 9
Nicholson, R.P. "Nick", 76, Big

Spring, May 10
Palmer, Bill, 68, Odessa, formerly of Howard County, May 1
Pherigo, Dean Wesley, 39, Lubbock, formerly of Coahoma, May 16
Pierce, Viola, 86, Big Spring, May 18
Pike, Emily Laurine, 84, Big Spring, May 2
Prichard, William Wesley, Seattle, Wash., formerly of Big Spring, May 18
Read, Roger M., 88, Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Big Spring, May 3
Rex, Cora J., 83, Big Spring, May 13
Richardson, Jere Jones, 63, Big Spring, May 21
Robinson, Lorene, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, May 2

Rodriguez, Facundo "Bill", 81, Sand Springs, May 17
Rose, Jimmy E. Sr., 67, Big Spring, May 24
Rushin, Joe, 54, Big Spring, May 22
Rutledge, Ruth Mae, 81, Big Spring, May 28
Simmons, Ethel, 92, Big Spring, May 9
Smith, Jack Leonard, 92, Big Spring, May 18
Stevenson, Tony, 35, Sand Springs, May 28
Walker, Johnnie E., 90, Big Spring, May 28
Whetsel, Janetta Byers, 71, Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, May 3
Williams, Burlon H., 86, Big Spring, May 10

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Fina announces plans to sell Big Spring Refinery

Big business and a double murder marked the goings on in Howard County during June 1999.

For starters, Fina announced it was putting the Big Spring Refinery on the market.

Some 225 employees were told June 9 that Fina had hired an investment banking firm to help sell the refinery and other associated West Texas assets.

"The community and employees should be confident that this refinery will survive," said Fina vice president Jeff Morris.

By year's end, officials were evaluating several bid packets.

The refinery celebrated its 70th year in 1999. It opened in 1929 as Cosden Refinery.

In a major step toward what would eventually add several hundred jobs to the local market, StarTek held a series of job recruitment seminars in Big Spring. When completed and more than 1,000 people turned out to gain information about the company, StarTek Human Resources Director Kevin Cory said local labor needs would fit in with the needs of the company.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation set up shop in the former DKT Distributing building.

Fans attending the 66th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo were greeted with some welcome renovations, including new paving and restroom facilities.

It was announced that the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service will be relocating to the USDA Research Center, once that facility is renovated.

Francisco Javier Navarro, 22, and Antonio Miguel Armijo, 20, were found shot to death outside a residence on Johnson Street on Friday, June 18. A few days later, 20-year-old Michael Eugene Schubert was charged with the murders.

The Veterans Administration Medical Center got a new name — the West Texas Veterans Administration Health Care System — and was recognized for 50 years of past service to veterans.

Big Spring City Council gave officials the go-ahead to submit an application for in-kind funding of a terminal for the airport through

the Texas Department of Transportation. The application was for up to \$200,000.

Big Spring Humane Society's "Cool Cats" campaign topped \$3,000 just two days after being announced in the Big Spring Herald. Several new evaporative coolers were donated, as well as a pickup, plastic wading pools and animal food.

In a meeting with Texas Department of Transportation officials on reworking U.S. 87 through Big Spring, it was determined that trying to make the Gregg Street Bridge handicap accessible would be cost prohibitive.

Howard College learned that it would get a 17.2 percent increase in funding for the coming year, while SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf would receive a 14 percent hike.

Trustees approved contracts for almost \$1 million for a multi-purpose building to be located on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

Rain poured in the northern part of the county, Scurry and Borden Counties, causing the lake level and Lake J.B. Thomas to rise more than 15 feet. The lake went from 4 percent full to 20 percent full in less than 48 hours.

Graduates of Lakeview High School held a reunion June 18-19 to reminisce.

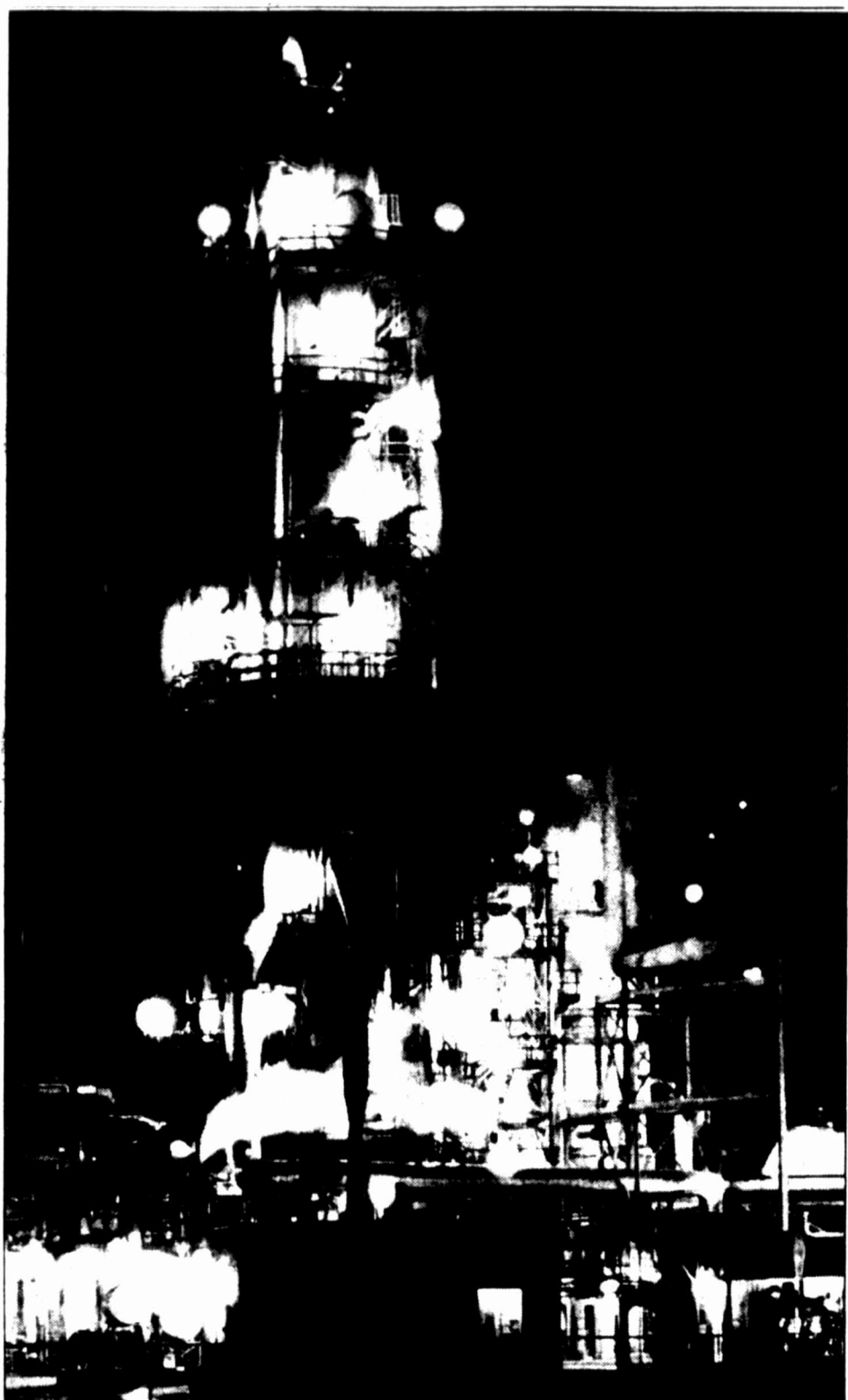
Federal Correctional Institute Big Spring was locked down June 22 following a fight inside the facility. The altercation was broken up after correctional personnel fired a series of warning shots.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice gave verbal approval for city officials to remodel a portion of the Avantech Corporation building for use as housing for the Wilderness Camp inmates.

Interior repairs began at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium after a bid of \$174,763 was awarded to Johnston Construction Group. Funding for the renovations came from the payoff on an insurance policy following the hailstorm of 1996.

The FCC approved a license for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau's travelers information station.

Big Spring hosted 400 food professionals for the Region 14, 15 and



Fina announced plans to put Big Spring Refinery on the market and hired an investment banking firm to help sell the facility, as well as other associated West Texas assets.

18 Food Service Workshop.
 • Big Spring State Park kicked off its annual "Nature Walks and Sunset Tales" program.
 • The Texas Rehabilitation

Commission held a two-day workshop in Big Spring.
 • Twenty-seven law enforcement professionals gathered in Big Spring for a seminar.

Sports



Delvin White struck out 13 as Coahoma defeated Abernathy, 3-1, for their third straight Region I championship.

June proved to be a busy month in sports across the Crossroads Area, thanks in no small part to the Coahoma Bulldogs' third straight trip to the University Interscholastic League's Class 2A state baseball tournament.

The Bulldogs chalked up their third straight Region I championship with a 3-1 win over Abernathy's Antelopes, as Delvin White struck out 13.

In the process, the junior left-hander allowed just one hit to the region's top offensive team.

That win allowed Coahoma to make its fourth appearance at the state tournament in five years, but unfortunately the result was frustratingly the same for the Bulldogs.

Coahoma ran afoul of a hot newcomer in Cooper's Bulldogs and suffered a 4-1 loss to the eventual Class 2A state champions.

Several of Coahoma's players wound up with impressive honors, as White was not only named to the all-state tournament team, but was also selected to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 2A all-star team along with catcher Aaron Ovalle and shortstop Vincent Garcia.

Meanwhile, honors were still going to Coahoma's Cassie Tindol, who made the most of an opportunity to play on the West squad at the Texas All-Star Basketball Classic in Rancho

Tindol scored 62 points in three games, leading the West to the championship, and was named the event's most valuable player.

It was also a busy month in rodeo circles, as the 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo drew a field of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's top competitors to the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl and two Howard College rodeo team representatives fared well at the National College Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

Kim Green, a freshman from Big Spring, finished second in the barrel racing standings in her first trip ever to the NCFR. Jeremy Hughes, a freshman from Kentwood, La., managed just two qualified rides in the bull riding, but his combined 149 points left him seventh in the NCFR standings.

June also saw the first ever Big Spring Open golf tournament staged at the Comanche Trail Golf Course where the foursome of Jerry Roach, Daniel Silen, Steve Hedges and Pat Gent posted a wire-to-wire victory.

In other June sports headlines:
 • Howard College Hawks head coach Tommy Collins was named to coach the Texas All-Stars at the Faith Seven Basketball Bowl at Oklahoma Baptist University.

• The American Little League Braves took the city championship with a 3-1 win over the American Little League Colts.

• Big Spring's Steers put three players on the District 5-4A all-district baseball team — outfielders Jason Choate and Jose Carnero earning first-team status, while catcher Ryan Guinn grabbed a spot on the second team.

• Howard College Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery announced he was leaving to take an assistant's position under Royce Chadwick at Stephen F. Austin State University after leading the Lady Hawks to a 90-12 record in three seasons.

• Coahoma's Blake Nichols signed a letter of intent to attend McMurry University in Abilene and play golf.

BIRTHS

Blackshear, Aaron Weldon, boy, June 29
 Castanuela, Heaven Marie, girl, June 24
 Cervantes, Eric Thomas, boy, June 1
 Cervantes, Matthew Ryan, boy, June 16
 Christian, Taylor Ray, boy, June 19

Fillpot, Addyson Jean, girl, June 21
 Godina, Isaiah Javier, boy, June 19
 Gonzales, Joe Isaack Escobedo, boy, June 3
 Hewitty, Michael Ryan, boy, June 16
 Hildebrand, Lindsey Danielle, girl, June 25

Hobbs, Sarah Katherine, girl, June 2
 Jennings, Braylee Kay, girl, June 18
 McKinzie, Danny Michael II, boy, June 15
 Mendoza, Caleb Victor, boy, June 8
 Olson, Michael Tyler, boy, June 21

Ortegon, Cassandra Alexis, girl, June 25
 Ortiz, Sabastien Sanchez, boy, June 27
 Rodriguez, Adrianna Renee, girl, June 17
 Saenz, Demis Ray, boy, June 21
 Tindol, Savannah Dane, girl, June 19
 Yanez, Joshua Eli, boy, June 2

DEATHS

Aiken, Alma Canant, 81, Big Spring, June 30
 Armijo, Antonio, 20, Big Spring, June 18
 Atwell, Mildred M., 69, Big Spring, June 23
 Balderas, Martina Tatamantes, 97, Big Spring, June 21
 Chaney, James Robert "Jim Bob", 72, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, June 2
 Cordes, Chester, 66, Big Spring, June 30
 Craven, Mabel, 94, formerly of Big Spring, June 1
 Davidson, Bill, 89, Big Spring, June 11
 Davis, John W., 95, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring
 Dorton, James Louis, 57, Hamilton, formerly of Big Spring,

June 8
 Ervin, Dean, 75, Big Spring, June 12
 Farris, J.L., 74, Brady, formerly of Big Spring, June 9
 Garcia, Nieves, 86, Big Spring, June 12
 Gray, Clarice Stephens, 93, Portland, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, June 4
 Guzman, Lumina, 77, formerly of Big Spring, June 29
 Jacobs, Georgia Mae, 68, Coahoma, June 16
 Jones, Jack Harold Sr., 68, Big Spring, June 1
 Laijas, Joe, 72, Big Spring, June 24
 Lendermon, A.E. "Jack", 82, Big Spring, June 14
 Matthies, Nora B., 70, Midway,

June 10
 McCutcheon, June, 68, Big Spring, June 10
 Munoz, Mary, 63, Big Spring, June 18
 Navarro, Francisco Javier "Cuba", 22, Big Spring, June 18
 Polyniak, Daniel Jr., 52, Big Spring, June 3
 Salgado, Consuelo, 61, Stanton, June 7
 Shaffer, William E. "Jack", 79, Big Spring, June 26
 Smith, Marvin, 80, Huntington, Ore., formerly of Big Spring, June 15
 Spivey, Nettie Juanita, Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, June 1
 Stansel, Cheryl Jean, 53, Big Spring, June 1
 Sundry, Shirley, 71, Grand Saline,

formerly of Big Spring, June 16
 Valle, Amado Sr., 74, Big Spring, June 17
 Varner, Doanld, 61, Big Spring, June 18
 Warren, Dr. Loran H., Big Spring, June 23
 Watts, Jimmy Earl, 56, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, June 9
 Weaver, Marilyn, 63, Big Spring, June 14
 Weir, Ikey, 83, Big Spring, June 2
 Williams, Charles Dean, 46, Rockdale, formerly of Big Spring, June 9
 Wren, Marguerite, 82, Stanton, June 29

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10,000 enjoy Pops in the Park, fireworks show

Big Spring residents celebrated Independence Day and attended dedication services at Big Spring Junior High during July.

An estimated 10,000 people made their way to Comanche Trail Park for the annual celebration of Pops in the Park. There were more than 20 food and merchandise booths. Music was provided by Allen Damron and the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus.

The evening was topped off by a large fireworks display.

Big Spring Junior High was dedicated in ceremonies on July 18.

Several hundred people attended the ceremonies and took tours of the \$10 million facility.

The first meal was prepared in the new cafeteria on July 20.

Earlier in the month, 20-year-old Antonio Martinez Rodriguez was found guilty of felony



It was estimated that 10,000 or more people attended the Pops in the Park activities at Comanche Trail Park to celebrate Independence Day.



Tours of Big Spring Junior High were given during July.

charges of intoxication manslaughter and failure to stop

and render aid.

Rodriguez was found guilty of striking hitting bicyclist Jesse Lee Walters Jr., 19, of Arlington, with his vehicle and then leaving the scene. Walters was a SouthWest Collegiate Institute student.

A jury sentenced Rodriguez to six years in the state prison system on the manslaughter charge and set out a one-year concurrent sentence on the charge of failure to stop and render aid.

In other events tak-

ing place in July:

- Walls Industries announced it would be closing, displacing 96 employees.

- Howard College held its seventh annual Kids College during the month.

- Hundreds attended the 66th annual Martin County Old Settler's Reunion, despite less than ideal weather.

- Cornell Corrections told Big Spring City Council it would help fund the demolition of the Permian Building. "Cornell would be happy to be

a partner in the project with you," Steve Logan, executive vice president for Cornell Corrections, told the council. Later, the corporation donated \$25,000 to help demolish the aging structure.

- Hundreds of youth participated as the 4-H Junior Rodeo opened in Big Spring on July 15.

- West Texas Veterans Administration Health Care System passed with high marks a triennial inspection by the Joint Commission of

Health Care Organizations.

- Certified values released by Howard County Appraisal District revealed a \$62 million loss in taxable values for the county.

- Howard College trustees began considering a 4-cent tax increase to help boost salary levels.

- Efforts to raise funds to pay for shatterproof display cases for the Vietnam Memorial were realized. Some \$6,900 had been sought for that purpose.



Little League tournament action was hot during July.

While the Crossroads Area's coaching ranks are never static, they seemed extremely volatile in 1999.

Perhaps none of the area's coaching changes was as noticeable as Big Spring athletic director Dwight Butler's decision in July to reassign Steers head baseball coach Bobby Doe.

Doe, who had spent several years at the Steers helm, leading them to a pair of Class 4A state tournament appearances, was reassigned to a junior high coaching position.

Butler said he had been considering the reassignment for some time, and simply explained that he felt the change was needed for the program to go in a different direction.

Doe initially appealed the reassignment, but later decided to drop the appeal and spend a year out of coaching.

At about the same time, Howard College announced that it had hired Ron Mayberry to fill the Lady Hawks head basketball coaches position left vacant when Matt Corkery announced his decision to take an assistant's position on Royce Chadwick's Lady Jacks program at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Mayberry, a veteran who'd spent a year out of coaching, was no stranger to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, having spent several years as the men's head coach at South Plains College.

Honors continued to roll in for players on Coahoma's softball and baseball squads.

Cassie Tindol, who'd helped lead the Bulldogettes to their second straight Class 2A state title game, was selected as a first-team outfielder by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

And Delvin White, the left-handed pitcher who'd led the Bulldogs to their third straight appearance at the Class 2A state baseball tournament, was a second-team selection on the TSWA baseball squad.

Borden County graduate Colt McCook capped his high school career with an impressive performance in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Basketball Game.

McCook led the West all-stars to a 75-56 win over the East squad, while Coyotes teammate Jeff Dennis also contributed.

In the girls' game, however, Crossroads players Katie Yates from Grady and Katie Kemp from Borden County didn't fare so well.

Despite Yates' 10 points, the West girls suffered a 56-46 loss to the East.

In other top July sports stories:

- The 54th Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo was dedicated to long-time community leader and businessman Jimmy Taylor.

- Stephanie Stewart of the Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team finished third overall in the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships in Savannah, Ga.

- Texas Tech Red Raiders line coach Jason Clemmons was the keynote speaker for the Big Spring Area Texas Tech Exes' 1999 dinner and freshman send-off.

- Howard College rodeo performer Chad Castillo was severely injured when he was stomped by a bull at the Reno (Nev.) Rodeo early in the month. At the time of the accident, Castillo was 10th on the PRCA bull riding money leaders list.

- Clint Bamert of Big Spring, pitching for the Dallas Hurricanes, won a gold medal at the USA Junior Olympics Baseball Championships in Tucson, Ariz., chalked up two victories in the team's nine game run to the title.

- Midland Mid-City defeated Midland Tower for the championship of the District 3 Little League Tournament hosted by Big Spring's American Little League.

BIRTHS

Aponte, Anthony Michael, boy, July 16
 Armstrong, Micaela Grace, girl, July 19
 Bishop, Seth Jordan, boy, July 9
 Cansino, Isabell Jewel, girl, July 7
 Castillo, Karia, girl, July 7
 Conger, Brittian Anthony, boy, July 29
 Garcia, Vanessa Montes, girl, July 15

July 8
 Gross, Kaelee Skye, July 20
 Henry, Jason Lloyd Jr., boy, July 24
 Hildebrand, Ned Jr., boy, July 9
 Lane, Garrett, boy, July 19
 Love, Makayla Olyvia, girl, July 19
 Martinez, Alycia Marie, girl, July 15

McVae, Tearell Audron, boy, July 12
 Mier, Juan Martin Munoz, boy, July 17
 Moore, Cayleigh Dortha, girl, July 1
 Pena, Briana Nicole, girl, July 5
 Prince, Sonny Nathan Jackson, boy, July 19
 Rios, Seean Michael, boy, July 27

Sanderson, Victoria Mireille, girl, July 7
 Smithie, Preslie Savannah, girl, July 17
 Trevino, Mark Angel, boy, July 14
 White, Keelee Brooke, July 21
 Williams, Lane Garrett, boy, July 14

DEATHS

Arnold, Loyd V., 76, Big Spring, July 2
 Baker, Steve F., 80, Big Spring, July 17
 Belew, E.D. "Pete", 84, Big Spring, July 9
 Byrd, Addie, 79, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, July 23
 Canas, Jose L. "Joe" II, 69, Cozad, Neb., formerly of Big Spring, July 13
 Clanton, Ronnie, 56, Big Spring, July 9
 Corrales, Rufino "Rufus" Sr., Midland, formerly of Big Spring, July 15
 Earnest, Edward B., 79, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, July 15
 Flores, Antonio Joe III, infant son of Blanca Franco and Antonio Joe Flores Jr., Big Spring, July 10
 Fulesday, John E., 55, Big

Spring, July 5
 Gary, John William Sr., 74, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, July 9
 Gray, Eddie Lou, 60, Big Spring, July 15
 Grigg, Don N., 72, San Angelo, formerly of Ackerly, July 29
 Harris, Bernice H., 56, Big Spring, July 19
 Harris, L.W. "Dub", 84, Big Spring, July 19
 Harvey, Vivan "Peachie", 86, Big Spring, July 6
 Henson, Lorene Branham, 82, Big Spring, July 22
 Heredia, Altagracia, 91, Knott, July 13
 Honeycutt, Robert (Bob), 83, Big Spring, July 17
 Jones, E.L., 75, Big Spring, July 25
 Lile, Virginia June, 79, San

Antonio, July 26
 Logan, Mabel Hood, 101, Bluebonnet Hills, formerly of Big Spring, July 2
 Majors, Amelia Ruth Patterson, Big Spring, July 8
 McClenny, Janie Lera, 97, Fort Collins, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, July 26
 McCrary, Daniel T., 56, Littlefield, formerly of Big Spring, July 25
 Milton, Garen K. Ph.D., 48, Fresno, Calif., July 26
 Pettitt, Eltie, 88, Big Spring, July 6
 Porras, Elena Flores, 82, Waco, formerly of Big Spring, July 16
 Reeves, Helen Wynell, 59, McKinney, formerly of Big Spring, July 19
 Riddell, Jewell Hobbs, 96, Big Spring, July 22

Robison, Maurine E., 82, Benbrook, formerly of Big Spring, July 14
 Rodriguez, Rudy J., 36, Big Spring, July 24
 Scott, en, 85, Hewitt, formerly of Stanton, July 31
 Shanks, John W., 61, Blue Sage West Community, July 4
 Shive, Edward C., 82, Big Spring, July 19
 Shortes, Victoria, 49, Ackerly, July 12
 Stevens, Eugene D., 85, Big Spring, July 9
 Stiager, Mary (Nana), 97, Big Spring, July 17
 Storey, Mary, 77, Hunt, July 29
 Tonn, C.A., 70, Big Spring, July 18
 Woolever, Bobbie Lee Adams, 65, Big Spring, July 28

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August

Junior high's sinking becomes major problem

In early August, the Big Spring Independent School District reported there was a "sinking problem" at the recently-built junior high school. Considered a minor situation at the time, the building's shift worsened as the month went on, and as August came to an end, trustees were considering an involved, expensive process known as compaction grouting as a solution.

- In other news this month:
- At the beginning of the month, the Harley Owners Group came within \$1,300 of reaching its goal to raise \$16,500 to buy a thermal imaging camera.
 - The Colorado River Municipal Water District began the month with a disagreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife about the fate of the Concho Water Snake.
 - Two hundred needy children in the community received school supplies Aug. 5 from the Salvation Army.
 - On Aug. 3, the Big Spring City Council agreed to seek funds from the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program for a park in the downtown area, to be called Pioneer Plaza.
 - The city pool was closed Aug. 3, a week ahead of schedule. A leak was blamed for the early closing.
 - An additional fee of \$4 was added to misdemeanor fines, slated to go to a technology fund for the municipal court.
 - On Aug. 5, Sonny Montanez, 2, was killed in an attack by a dog chained in a yard near his home. The mixed-breed dog was destroyed.
 - A Howard County grand jury on Aug. 4 took more than two hours to indict Michael Eugene Schubert for two counts of murder. He had been charged with the shooting deaths of Francisco Zaviera Navarro, and Antonio Miguel Armijo at a home on Johnson Street.
 - Consumers and businesses enjoyed a three-day sales tax "holiday" Aug. 6-8, and shopping locally was reported as brisk.
 - The 75th annual Howard Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion brought more than 400 people for food, music and remembrances.
 - Another school year began Aug. 9, with students populating the Big Spring Junior High School for the first time.
 - Clyde J. Alsop died Aug. 8 in a Midland hospital. He was on leave of absence at the time from his post as associate chief executive officer for West Texas Centers for MH/MR.
 - On Aug. 10, Harley Owners Group members announced they had gone over the top in their fundraising efforts for the \$16,500 thermal imaging camera.
 - A Fort Worth teenager was killed in a one-vehicle rollover on I-20 Aug. 9. Joel David Pando-Munoz, 14, died at the scene of the accident.
 - The United Way announced its campaign Aug. 11, planning to raise \$225,000 for 11 social service agencies in the community.
 - A prisoner at the Howard County Jail, Billy Wayne Singleton, attempted suicide April 10 by



As August came to an end, trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District were considering an expensive, involved process to halt the foundation shift of Big Spring Junior High School, which caused large cracks such as this one in walls and floors.

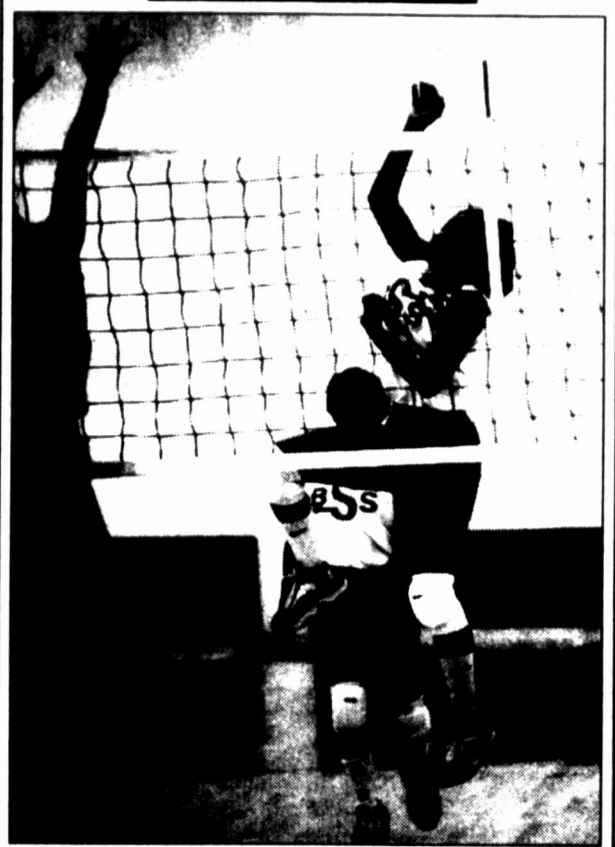
hanging himself with his clothing. Texas Rangers were called in to investigate the incident, and Singleton died Aug. 17.

- Also on Aug. 11, Howard College trustees voted to raise the entity's tax rate from .2123 cents per \$100 of valuation, to .2565.
- On Aug. 12, Big Spring Independent School District trustees learned that enrollment had dropped by 211 students from the same period in 1998.
- Also on Aug. 12, a 32-mile chase of a stolen car, reaching speeds up to 100 miles per hour, ended as sheriff deputies and police from area counties nabbed Elias Duarte, 17, of Weslaco.
- An oppressive heat wave that continued this month led to a rash of water main breaks throughout the city at mid-month.
- The same day, the district was named "Academically Unacceptable" by the Texas Education Agency, a problem traced to misreporting of dropout information at the local level. The next day, it was reported that Sands and Grady districts received the exemplary rating, the highest possible one.
- Eastland's 11th Court of Appeals upheld the \$1.5 million award to the family of Roy E. "Gene" Strickland against oilfield service company Yale E. Key.
- A B-52G bomber nose took its place among the displays at the Hangar 25 museum on Aug. 17.
- A public hearing on Aug. 19 drew no

response to the planned tax increase by Howard College trustees.

- That same day, the Samaritan Counseling Center named the John Plaia family and Myra Robinson as honorees for Big Spring. The Plaia family was named family of the year, while Robinson was honored for her ethics in business.
- Hundreds of volunteers from area churches were gearing up Aug. 20 for the next day, when they planned to begin distribution of a video about the life of Jesus Christ to every household in the county.
- Enrollment at BSISD was reported to have improved somewhat by Aug. 22, but the numbers were still down by about 172.
- On Monday, Aug. 23, the sexual assault trial of Kendall Ruffin began in Howard County Court as the 40-year-old faced charges of aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault of a child. After a jury found him guilty, Ruffin apparently killed himself while on suicide watch in the Howard County Jail.
- School districts in the area announced Aug. 25 that they would comply with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that declared prayer before football games unconstitutional.
- On Aug. 26, Big Spring State Hospital announced that it would be reducing capacity by 18 beds, but no employee layoffs were expected.
- Coahoma school trustees announced they would lower taxes, with a budget cut by almost \$750,000 over the previous year.

Sports



Big Spring Lady Steer Cathy Jaure spikes the ball against Lamesa in August, 1999.

In August, West Texans began to turn their minds toward football. In the Crossroads Area, a number of teams were predicted to do well in the upcoming season.

Big Spring's Steers were the favorite to win District 5-4A in *Texas Football Magazine*. Stanton's Buffaloes were picked to take the District 3-2A crown, and Sands' Mustangs were favored in District 6 six-man circles.

The Steers would be the only Crossroads team to open the season in August, however.

And the season couldn't have started better for Big Spring, as the Steers posted a 17-7 upset of No. 7-ranked Plainview's Bulldogs.

August also marked the start of high school volleyball and cross-country season.

The Lady Steers were poised with their best volleyball team in several years, many expecting them to break into the ranks of Class 4A playoff teams.

Big Spring opened the volleyball season with a dual match win over Brownfield and Midland Greenwood before finishing fourth at the Ector County ISD Invitational Tournament.

The Lady Steers then split with Lamesa and Abilene Cooper in a dual match and then took the consolation championship at the San Angelo Invitational Tournament.

Randy Britton's cross-country squads, while somewhat thin on experience, featured a number of impressive runners.

The *Big Spring Herald* City Golf Championships were also staged at the start of the month, and 1998 champions Ronnie Broadrick and Debra Lusk successfully defended their titles.

Broadrick claimed his sixth men's crown with a 65-66, 131 to finish eight strokes ahead of runner-up Charlie Garcia, while Lusk carded an 81-79, 160 to finish two strokes ahead of second-place finisher Susie Hernandez.

Patsy Sharpnack took the women's senior championship, while Riley Wyatt was the men's senior champion.

In other top sports stories in August:

- Big Spring's Chance Pool won the Under 8 calf riding championship and Lauren Middleton won the goat tying championship in the 16-19 division at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals. Big Spring's Stephanie Fryar managed to finish second in the 16-19 barrel racing standings, even though she was forced to break in a new horse at the final.
- The Howard County 4-H shooting sports program was well represented at the 4-H State Shoot in San Antonio by Jim Bob Haggerton, K.K. Kellar, Clay Hart, Clint Schuelke, Riley Hipp, Travis Hipp, Carmen Hipp, Aaron Smith and Orin Romine.
- Pat Loter was named the new head baseball coach at Big Spring High School. Loter had spent the previous year as a coach at Runnels Junior High School, but before coming to Big Spring had served as a full-time instructor for the Baseball Academy of Texas in Round Rock.
- Sid Westbrook of Howard County and his horse "Turbo Max" won the amateur calf roping world championship during the American Paint Horse Association show in Fort Worth.
- Former Big Spring football and track standout Tory Mitchell created a stir when he left the University of Miami the day two-a-day football workouts started.

BIRTHS

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| Armstrong, Andi, girl, Aug. 20 | Gonzalez, Danny Ray, boy, Aug. 20 | Moore, Anna Maria, girl, Aug. 20 | Sandridge, Harlee Darlene, girl, Aug. 3 |
| Armstrong, Ashlan, girl, Aug. 20 | Hesson, Randell Chance, boy, Aug. 18 | Nieto, Denika Devon, girl, Aug. 24 | Seago, Chloe Kay, girl, Aug. 9 |
| Berry, Zoey Lynn, girl, Aug. 17 | Mathews, Kaitlyn Paige, girl, Aug. 1 | Olson, Kayley Lauren, girl, Aug. 26 | Stapleton, Mira Louella, girl, Aug. 9 |
| Carson, Kate Addie, girl, Aug. 4 | Mendoza, Andres Jay, boy, Aug. 31 | Rangel, Tristin Cy, boy, Aug. 5 | Villa, Alejandra Maria, girl, Aug. 24 |
| Edwards, Logan, boy, Aug. 11 | | Renteria, Michael DWayne Jr., boy, Aug. 6 | |
| Edwards, Luke, boy, Aug. 11 | | Rios, Isaiah Matthew, Aug. 15 | |
| Garcia, Arturo Delos Santos, boy, Aug. 29 | | | |

DEATHS

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| Alsop, Clyde J., 73, Big Spring, Aug. 8 | Harris, Gerladine "Bitsy", 80, Big Spring, Aug. 1 | Merrell, Gladys, 81, Big Spring, Aug. 12 | Spring, Aug. 15 |
| Anderson, Sharon, 59, Big Spring, Aug. 4 | Holden, Opal Willie, 85, Aug. 22 | Mims, Barney G., 96, Stanton, Aug. 28 | Rudeseal, Pat, 63, Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 13 |
| Berry, Vickie Marie, 54, Grapevine, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 21 | Howard, Linda Rose Thorpe, 49, Jacksonville, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 26 | Montanez, Sonny, 2, Big Spring, Aug. 4 | Saunders, Billye, 74, Stanton, Aug. 21 |
| Boadle, Aaron Lloyd, 18, Big Spring, Aug. 22 | Jones, Lowell Neal, 91, Santa Barbara, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 14 | Neel, J.F., 81, Memphis, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 26 | Thompson, Sandra, 45, Big Spring, Aug. 10 |
| Byrd, Lajuana Sue, 63, Stanton, Aug. 24 | Lawrence, C.C. "Red", 91, Big Spring, Aug. 16 | Nelson, Terry Michael, 56, Alpine, Aug. 30 | Turner, Annie Inez Jones, Denton, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 24 |
| Carpenter, Edna Mae, 95, Big Spring, Aug. 24 | Madewell, Wiley Raymond Sr., 60, Big Spring, Aug. 31 | O'Brien, C.L., 69, Hamby, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 5 | Wallace, Lille Belle Miller, 92, Roscoe, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 3 |
| Ford, Nora, 73, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 3 | Madison, E.P., 82, Stanton, Aug. 26 | Orona, Gabriel Hinojos, 51, Stanton, Aug. 14 | Williams, J.R. "Tex", 83, Big Spring, Aug. 17 |
| Freeman, Christine C., 83, Big Spring, Aug. 19 | Marquez, Irene Terrazas, 79, Big Spring, Aug. 13 | Overton, Lucille, 85, Big Spring, Aug. 9 | Wolfe, Jacqueline "Jackie", 68, Big Spring, Aug. 1 |
| Garcia, Albert M. "Rello", 40, Big Spring, Aug. 3 | McCall, Pheobe, 81, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 29 | Padilla, Jose G., 75, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 23 | Zarafonotis, William H., 86, Big Spring, Aug. 31 |
| Gressett, Donald Pierce, 68, Snyder, formerly of Forsan, Aug. 3 | McWhirter, Myrl Berry, 89, Garden City, Aug. 23 | Perez, Victoria, 70, Stanton, Aug. 31 | |
| | | Read, Bobby Lionel, 65, Big | |

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- Cotten, M
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- Ferfuson, Sept. 14
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- Sept. 16

September

Prayer, sinking school marked ninth month

Prayer before high school football games, a canyon beneath a school, a thermal imaging camera and the Bellamy Brothers made the headlines in September.

Conclusive proof was discovered and published Sept. 19 verifying that Big Spring Junior High School was built on top of a canyon, and the entire community talked about the \$10 million building that was sinking into the unprepared ground.

Before the foundation failure was stopped, an estimated \$250,000 worth of damage and repairs was incurred.

Litigation concerning the foundation failure may be forthcoming, as district trustees have met with attorneys to consider possibilities and liabilities.

And September 1999 proved to be the month of beginning projects, as a grant was approved for McMahon Wrinkle Airpark for a public transportation building from the Texas Department of Transportation.

In other news in the month:

- The thermal imaging camera, a \$15,000 project of the Harley Owners

Group, was bought and presented to the Big Spring Fire Department.

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce agreed to fund the Ports to Plains Corridor for \$2,500. The project is a transportation plan that connects all of the North American continent with the Southern Hemisphere, and roadways pass right through Big Spring.

- Big Spring ISD, along with other areas schools, supported a moment of silence before football games, observing a ruling from the Appeals Court that declared prayer unconstitutional.

- Three students, Nicholas Ross, Jonathan McMeans and Cherish Turner, won the *Herald* essay contest, "How I Stuffed My Small Summer Suitcase." They received their awards at the Howard County Fair.

- Four inmates and a former inmate at FCI Big Spring were indicted for starting a riot May 21.

- Howard County commissioners reinstated a 40-hour work week beginning Oct. 1.

- Howard County received three inches of rain Labor Day weekend.

- Leadership Big Spring, a program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, began a new class.

- United Way kicked off its 1999 campaign with the Bellamy Brothers as the featured entertainment.

- Big Spring's Harley Davidson Shop, the oldest dealership in Texas, turned 70 Sept. 11.

- Andi Andrews York was hired by the chamber of commerce as tourism director.

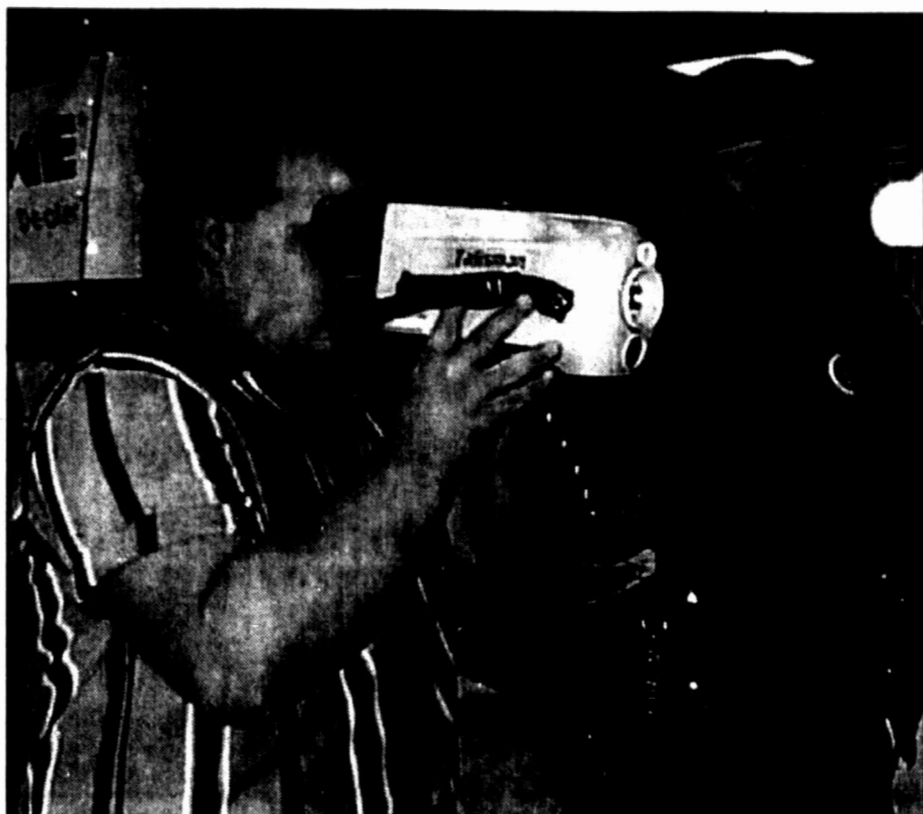
- A Sex Offenders Registration program expanded across the state in Internet pages and newspapers.

- Census 2000 representatives passed out coloring books to all school children.

- A new postmaster, Gloria Jimenez, was hired for the Coahoma post office.

- More than 70 students gathered at Big Spring High School for the annual Prayer at the Pole event Sept. 15.

- City council members increased sanitation fees and the cost of cemetery plots.



The Harley Owners Group raised approximately \$15,000 to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

- Lonnie Moore, 78, and his wife Faye Moore, 72, were killed in a house fire Sept. 16. Mrs. Moore died in the fire. He passed away six days later from injuries he sustained while attempting to rescue her.

- State Rep. David Counts received the honorary title of Brigadier General.

- National POW/MIA Day was observed Sept. 17.

- FCI Big Spring celebrated its 20th year locally.

- Dr. B. Ray Owen retired after 27 years of service to the community as a pediatrician.

- Dr. Nell Sanders celebrated her 90th birthday with friends at a reception in the former Medical Arts Clinic Sept. 19.

- Beverly Buchanan came on board at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf as the student services director.

- Northside Community Center and Girls Scouts joined together to seek funding for a meeting facility.

- For the first time in 10 years, director of the Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation board met in

- Big Spring.
- SWCID opened its first graphic arts technology program.

- Hirschfeld Steel announced its decision to close its facility in Big Spring.

- President of the National Alliance for Mental Health, Jacqueline Shannon, visited Big Spring.

- The Vietnam Memorial M-60A Tank received a new coat of paint.

- David Nieto, 27, was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony for an attack that happened Sept. 19.

- A compaction grouting process stabilized the junior high school Sept. 30.

- TCA Cable announced it was going digital Sept. 30.

- Big Spring police officers began appearing on department trading cards.

- Texas Education Agency denied BSISD an appeal against the academically unacceptable ruling issued in August due to false drop out rate reports.

Sports



Big Spring quarterback Lance Brock passed for four touchdowns in a 52-12 win over Monahans.

The 1999 football season got off to nothing short of a phenomenal start in the Crossroads Area in September.

Big Spring's Steers kept the momentum they gained by upsetting No. 7-ranked Plainview in their season opener by racking off four more straight victories.

The Steers defeated Frenship 28-21 when tailback Colby Ford broke loose on a 62 yard, game-winning touchdown in the final 30 seconds of play. They followed that with a 52-12 pounding of Monahans, which had entered the game as the No. 3-ranked team in Class 3A, as quarterback Lance Brock passed for four touchdowns.

Ford had another big night in a 38-22 win over Lubbock Estacado, rushing for five touchdowns and 176 yards against the Matadors.

Big Spring closed the month with a 28-6 win over Abilene Wylie.

But the Steers weren't the only team to go through September undefeated. Stanton's Buffaloes and Coahoma's Bulldogs did the same.

Sands' Mustangs, who opened the season ranked No. 3 in the six-man rankings, started with a loss to Grandfalls-Royalty that would prove prophetic.

However, the Mustangs got on the winning track the next week and were not deterred.

Borden County also opened with a 4-1 start and Grady's Wildcats appeared in contention for the District 6 six-man title when they opened with a 3-2 start.

Not surprisingly, a number of Crossroads Area athletes would find their way into The Associated Press schoolboy honor roll.

Among the first to be ranked among the state's top performers were Big Spring's Jason Woodruff, Brock and Ford; Borden County's Ed Rodriguez and Grady's Frankie Garza.

In other September sports headlines:

- Howard College's rodeo team opened its season under the leadership of new coach Greg Kernick, who took over the Hawk reins after several seasons as the coach at Cochise Community College in Arizona.

- The District 5-4A volleyball chase got off to in inauspicious start for Big Spring's Lady Steers as they dropped their district opener to Fort Stockton's Prowlers after having finished fourth at the Wayland Baptist Coca-Cola Classic tournament.

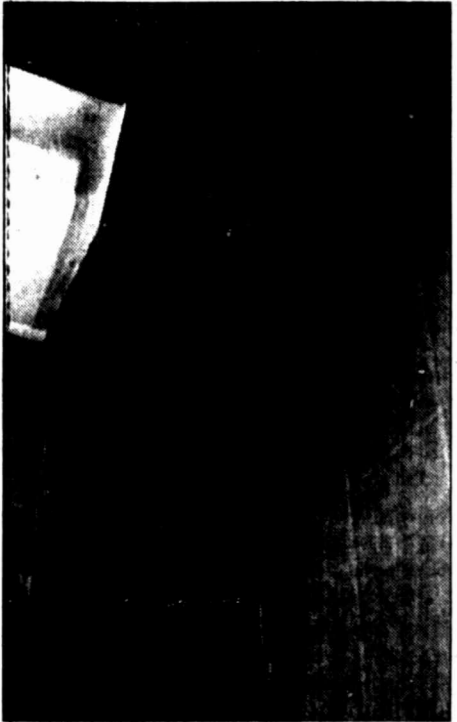
- Sands High School senior Clay Hart won the international skeet competition at the Junior Olympic Shotgun Nationals in Colorado Springs, Colo.

- Stephanie Waggoner took the women's club championship at the Big Spring Country Club, edging out runner-up Peggy Wilson for the title.

- Big Spring's Richard Cypert finished fifth in a time trial and sixth in the first road race of his competitive career while competing at the European Handicapped Cycling Championships in France. While not figured in the championship standings, Cypert said his finishes have him focusing even more strongly on the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia.

- Howard College's Everett Blackburn was inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame. Blackburn is now in his 20th year as a Big Spring resident and in his ninth year as the head trainer at Howard College.

- Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Forsan's Buffaloes took the Division II team titles at the Big Spring High School Invitational cross-country meet. In the Division I races, Big Spring's Steers finished second behind Odessa High's Bronchos in the boys' division, while the Lady Steers finished fourth in the girls' field.



Cracks appeared in the walls of Big Spring Junior High, soon after it was opened for the 1999-2000 school year.

BIRTHS

Baker, Medista Shayla, girl, Sept. 11
 Carper, Kanyon Wade, boy, Sept. 23
 Damaske, Audrey Ray, girl, Sept. 17
 Delacruz, Johnny III, boy, Sept. 29
 Dominguez, Nolan Michael, boy, Sept. 18

Fields, Madison Clarissa, girl, Sept. 11
 Galvan, Enrique, boy, Sept. 1
 Grant, Landon James, Sept. 20
 Hector, McKinna Ashlyn, girl, Sept. 18
 Hernandez, Caleb Anthony, boy, Sept. 24
 Ignezzi, Abbey Michelle, girl, Sept. 27

Lewis, Jovante Quain, boy, Sept. 27
 Martinez, Mariah Nicole, girl, Sept. 25
 Roberts, Carlie Madison, girl, Sept. 28
 Robles, Alexandria Faith, girl, Sept. 29

Sandell, Madison Layne, girl, Sept. 23
 Savell, Kiesta DeShay, girl, Sept. 16
 Senter, Brandon Alexander, boy, Sept. 2
 Taggart, Jay Thomas (J.T.), boy, Sept. 14

DEATHS

Abreo, Carmen, 96, Big Spring, Sept. 27
 Birkhead, Christine, 86, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 10
 Boadle, Beth, 71, Odessa, formerly of Coahoma, Sept. 29
 Bonar, Margaret, 78, San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 23
 Boyd, Rayford, 76, Big Spring, Sept. 9
 Cotten, Mary "Ma", 88, Big Spring, Sept. 10
 Cowley, Mary Frances, 72, Lodi, Calif., Sept. 28
 Delcore, Grace, 82, Big Spring, Sept. 9
 Ditto, Alton D., 67, Big Spring, Sept. 13
 Ferfusion, Austin, 59, Big Spring, Sept. 14
 Gunn, Avalea, 86, Big Spring, Sept. 16

Gutierrez, Lillie B., 71, Big Spring, Sept. 17
 Hanev, Robert Ethridge "R.E." Sr., 80, Big Spring, Sept. 3
 Herrera, Marcelin Sr., 79, Big Spring, Sept. 30
 Hooper, W.R. "Dick" Sr., 75, Big Spring, Sept. 27
 Jeter, L.J., 82, Big Spring, Sept. 29
 Kohanek, David Edward, 45, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 21
 Krumnow, Lucille, 90, Big Spring, Sept. 13
 Kupper, Tracy "Kup", 82, Big Spring, Sept. 16
 LaNeave, Adron B., 75, Big Spring, Sept. 19
 Metcalf, Mamie, 90, Temple, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 25
 Miller, Roger, 84, Big Spring, Sept. 7

Moore, Faye B., 72, Big Spring, Sept. 10
 Moore, Lonnie D. Jr., 78, Big Spring, Sept. 15
 Morehead, Thelma A., 91, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 4
 Phillips, Billy, 73, Sand Springs, Sept. 18
 Puckett, Imogene Gordon, 88, Big Spring, Sept. 16
 Reid, Jesse Pat, 83, Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 26
 Scoggin, Bertha Woodson, 85, Rotan, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 25
 Shortes, Hazel, 74, Ackerly, Sept. 9
 Shortes, Lorena Ethel, 95, Big Spring, Sept. 14
 Sinclair, Nell, 84, Big Spring, Sept. 29

Singleton, Doyle, 57, Midland, Sept. 13
 Sturdevant, Mary P., 79, Big Spring, Sept. 23
 Sullivan, Ann D., 78, Big Spring, Sept. 8
 Thurman, Sam, 69, Ruidoso, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 14
 Tilley, Jo, 68, Garden City, Sept. 11
 Trupp, Donald D., 82, Aurora, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 28
 Wetzel, Betty Lou, 72, Midland, formerly of Stanton, Sept. 26
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October

Moore Development keeps at it; Signal closes

October brought lots of activity to Big Spring and Howard County, including preliminary agreements that would bring StarTek USA to town, the closing of Signal Homes and the awarding of the contract to tear down the Permian Building.

Moore Development For Big Spring board members worked diligently through the financial aspects of bringing StarTek to Big Spring. Though it would be late November before a formal announcement would come from the company, much of the details were ironed out in October.

Work, too, began on renovations to house the offices and work stations for the call center.

- Big Spring State Hospital announced that 19 employees would be laid off due to reduced patient capacity and a \$1.1 million budget cut.

- Special Olympians and volunteers filled Bowl-A-Rama for the Special Olympics Area 18 Permian Basin Bowling Tournament.

- Big Spring held a sesquicentennial celebration on Oct. 3 to mark Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's first documented discovery of the historic spring.

- Participants in the Jesus Video Project gathered to say prayers and rejoice that 10,000 videos depicting the life of Jesus Christ had been passed out in Howard County.

- Howard County 4-H Banquet honored students and adult leaders for their accomplishments throughout the year.

- It was announced that funding had been approved for the 76,000 square foot State Veterans Home to be built in Big Spring. Dirt work



The old grate was refurbished and placed back on the front of the Settles Building. This was one of the numerous projects that took place at the former hotel during 1999.

had already begun at the site, south of Big Spring State Hospital.

- The City of Big Spring mailed out water quality reports, as required by law.

- The old grate, restored, was put up again at the Settles Building.

- Big Spring State Park held its annual Harvest Saturday program, a family-oriented event for children and adults.

- Signal Homes, which had laid

off 30 employees a week earlier, announced on Oct. 12 that it was closing its doors.

- Big Spring City Council awarded demolition of the Permian Building to Midwest Wrecking of Fort Worth.

- Work began to transform the former TG&Y building at College Park Shopping Center into a call center for StarTek USA.

- The Rev. Jim Liggett, rector of

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, conducted the annual "Blessing of the Animals" in October.

- Big Spring ISD trustees were informed that repairs at Big Spring Junior High had reached \$251,000.

- State Rep. David Counts was decorated with the honorary rank of brigadier general during ceremonies at the Vietnam Memorial. Several hundred people attended.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum held a "Pig Ball," featuring a swing band, dancing, dining and an auction.

- Hundreds turned out for Make a Difference Day at the Salvation Army as the month came to a close.

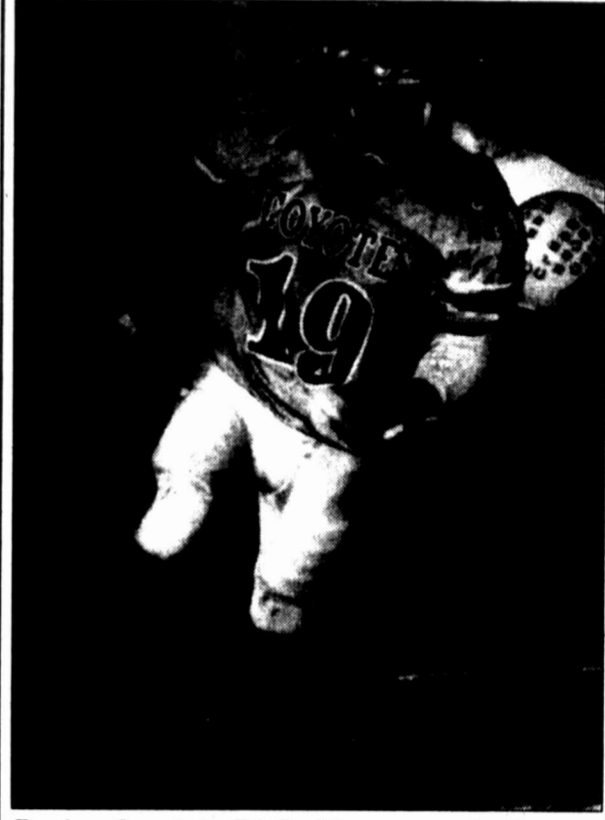
- Howard County farmers were expecting to receive \$3.4 million from an emergency farm assistance package, signed into law by President Bill Clinton.

- The Tower of Terror, a Settles Building fundraiser, opened to a crowd of hundreds. Most of the event was held, lines stretched down the street.

- Big Spring City Council decided to shut down Moss Creek Lake for repairs and renovations over the winter months.

- Forsan High School band headed for Class 2A state competition as October came to a close.

Sports



Borden County's Ed Rodriguez rounds the corner for the Coyotes.

Schoolboy football continued to be the focus in Crossroads Country in October.

The month saw Stanton's Buffaloes clinch the District 3-2A championship with a 35-8 win over Post's Antelopes, but perhaps the biggest night for Mark Cotton's Buffs was their 20-13 win over Seagraves' Eagles.

- Seagraves had upset the Buffs in 1998 and won the 3-2A championship, but Stanton served notice in 1999 that it would permit no pretenders to the title.

- Sands Mustangs, having entered District 6 six-man play with a 4-1 record, locked up their second straight championship with an 80-44 win over Hermleigh.

- The Mustangs had all but claimed the title with a 24-14 win over Borden County earlier in the month.

- Although the Coyotes were unable to avenge their upset loss to Sands in 1998, they made sure they would be the runner-up in District 6 and earn a playoff berth by taking a 40-0 win over Ira's Bulldogs.

- Big Spring's Steers, having opened the season with a 5-0 record in pre-district play, romped to a 59-7 win over Fort Stockton in their District 5-4A opener.

- As a result, the Steers moved into the No. 10 spot in The Associated Press' Class 4A schoolboy poll.

- The next week, however, the Steers would suffer a 21-19 homecoming loss to Snyder, starting a three-week string of frustration for head coach Dwight Butler and his team.

- Big Spring followed the loss to Snyder by being defeated 31-6 at Andrews and then saw San Angelo Lake View score in the closing seconds for a 33-29 victory.

- Crossroads Area football stars continued to find their names listed among the state's top performers each week in The Associated Press' schoolboy honor roll.

- Big Spring quarterback Lance Brock and tailback Colby Ford were among the honorees, as were Stanton running back Jeremy Hull, Grady fullback Frankie Garza, Sands running back Cesar Martinez and Borden County running back Ed Rodriguez.

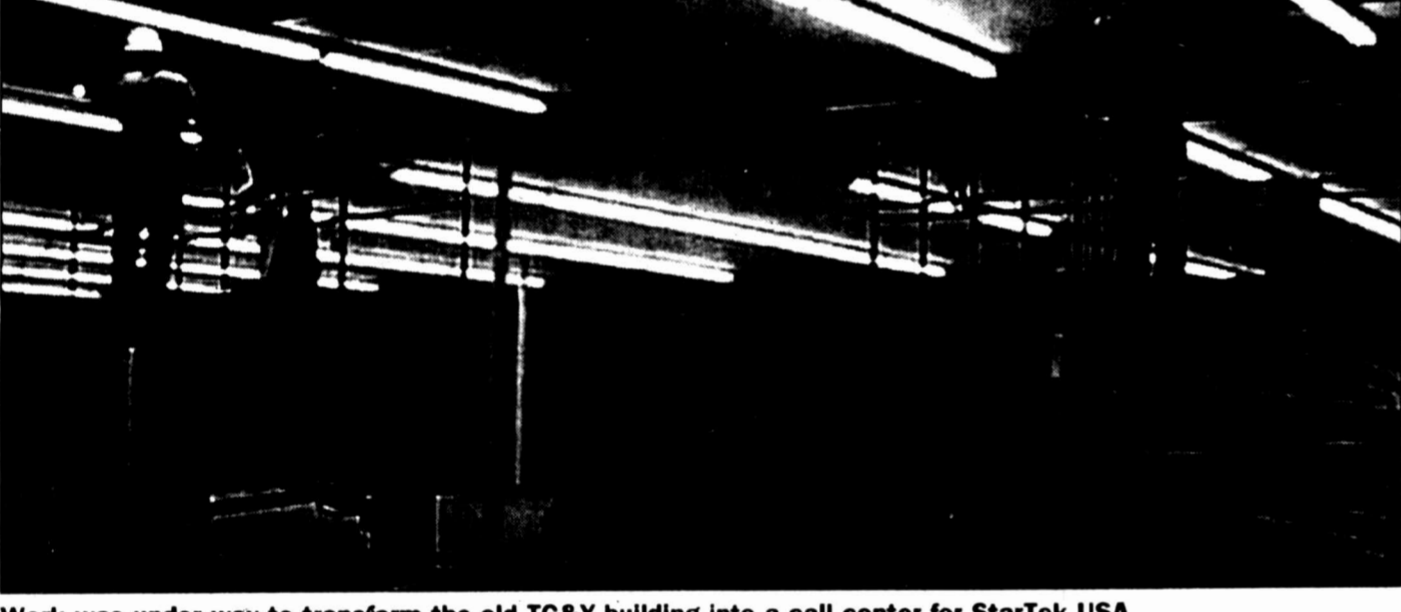
- In other sports headlines in October:
 - Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers took advantage of the District 5-4A cross country meet being on their home course to qualify for the Region I, Class 4A meet in Lubbock by finishing second in both divisions.

- Howard College basketball fans got their first look at the Hawks and Lady Hawks during intra-squad scrimmages at the "Meet the Teams Night" event at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- While Big Spring's Lady Steers saw their hopes of qualifying for the Class 4A volleyball playoffs dashed, they were able to play the role of spoiler with a 15-11, 15-13 upset win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens. The win denied Lake View the District 5-4A championship and broke a string of 15 straight losses to the Maidens that dated back to 1995.

- Stanton's Buffaloes claimed the District 3-2A cross-country championship and headed to the Region I, Class 2A meet in Lubbock as the state's No. 2-ranked team.

- Sands' Mustangs and Borden County's Lady Coyotes dominated the District 18-1A cross-country meet at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark in Big Spring.



Work was under way to transform the old TG&Y building into a call center for StarTek USA.

BIRTHS

Alvear, Raymond Jr., boy, Oct. 3
Brott, Lindsey Michelle, girl, Oct. 5
Brumley, Walter Henry II, boy, Oct. 28
Cline, Caden Andrew, boy, Oct. 22

Cruz, Felix Diego, boy, Oct. 29
Dodson, Tanner Blake, boy, Oct. 11
Gomez, Lora Taylor, girl, Oct. 5
Hittle, Matthew Ryan, boy, Oct. 31
Jones, Everett Charles Jr., boy,

Oct. 21
Martinez, Kiaunah Leigh Nowka, girl, Oct. 5
Munoz, Sarah Marie, girl, Oct. 8
Palmer, Kylie LoRaye, girl, Oct. 22

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Villa, Mirella Alexis, girl, Oct. 22

DEATHS

Armstrong, Desmond K., 85, Big Spring, Oct. 2
Baugus, Theresa "Resa Jo", 35, Sand Springs, Oct. 6
Buck, Ramona C., 50, Big Spring, Oct. 6
Cobean, John F., 78, Stanton, Oct. 16
Dann, Jo, Big Spring, Oct. 1
Davis, Ralph, 91, Sterling city, Oct. 30
Dickson, Della Renee, 38, Big Spring, Oct. 19
Douglass, Walter E., 86, Big Spring, Oct. 23
Escobar, Anastacio "Tacho", 66, Big Spring, Oct. 15
Etchison, Billy Ray, 77, Waco, for-

merly of Ackerly, Oct. 24
Flowers, Judy Frances, 59, Coahoma, Oct. 2
Gomez, Pablo, 78, Midland, formerly of Ackerly, Oct. 4
Guzman, Branden, 5, Big Spring, Oct. 11
Haynes, Ruby, Riddle, 91, Big Spring, Oct. 31
Hock, Frances, 78, Big Spring, Oct. 9
Jarnagin, Melvin "Jack", 89, Coahoma, Oct. 29
Jones, Betty, 69, Big Spring, Oct. 24
Lawrence, Hazel D., 89, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 29
Lehman, Emiel E. "Lee", 76, Big

Spring, Oct. 1
Manuel, Jesse Eugene Jr., 58, Stanton, Oct. 10
Miller, Dorothy, 79, Stanton, Oct. 12
Pearce, Clyde E., 85, Big Spring, Oct. 2
Ramirez, Octaviano "Tano", 41, Cleburne, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 20
Rios, Domingo F. Sr., 81, Big Spring, Oct. 1
Schafer, Elzan, 62, Lake Thomas, formerly of Howard County, Oct. 9
Schillo, Francis Joseph "Frank", 61, Big Spring, Oct. 25
Scuddy, Klydie, 87, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 6

Smart, Robert, 74, Lake Colorado City, Oct. 2
Spradling, Louise King, 84, Big Spring, Oct. 12
Sprott, James, 80, Big Spring, Oct. 27
Sullivan, Pauline, 92, Kerrville, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 8
Swartz, Delphine Cox, 93, Bakersfield, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 31
Trupp, Altha Lee, 87, Big Spring, Oct. 6
Williams, Julia Ben Mitchell, 77, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 16

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November

StarTek, Solitaire Homes deals are completed

November began with the Moore Development for Big Spring continuing negotiations to attract two potential companies to Big Spring and ended with their efforts being paid off.

On Nov. 22, directors of Moore Development approved a \$750,000 sale of 11 acres to Solitaire Homes, a mobile home manufacturer and retailer, bringing 200 more jobs and \$7.5 million in annual payroll to Big Spring.

At the end of November, StarTek Inc. announced that Big Spring had secured their newest outserver facility. The Colorado-based firm provides support service to customers of computer equipment and software.

The two companies combined have the potential to bring up to 575 jobs to Big Spring.

In other news:

- On Nov. 1, it was noted that U.S. Sen. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, has been identified by the *Congressional Quarterly* as one of the 50 most effective legislators currently serving in the U.S. Congress.

- Angel Trees from the Salvation Army were going up around town in the first few days of November containing the names of more than 500 needy children.

- In the early days of November, United Way of Big Spring announced it had reached more than two-thirds of the \$225,000 goal for the year. Before end of November, United Way has surpassed its goal.

- With a light turnout for the Nov. 2 elections, Howard County registered voters approved only seven of the 17 proposed state constitutional amendments. Statewide, all but four of the measures won voter approval.

- Statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission showed Howard County with the lowest unemployment rate in the Permian Basin for the ninth straight month.

- The Big Spring State Hospital had open house at the new Animal-

assisted Therapy Building.

- On Nov. 4, during a execution of a search warrant by the Big Spring Police Department SORT Team, a distraction device deployed in a bedroom caused an 17-month-old child to be burned on the legs.

- The Texas Boys Choir performed in Big Spring in the Municipal Auditorium.

- The Big Spring Harley Owners Group held its fourth annual Seafood Fest to benefit the Angel Trees.

- Final bids for the Fina's Big Spring Refinery were due to be submitted on Nov. 15. The refinery was placed on the market in June.

- In the middle of November, Howard County commissioners, along with Sheriff Bill Jennings traveled to Brownfield to tour a remodeled jail facility. The purpose of the trip was to obtain ideas to bring the Howard County jail to current requirements.

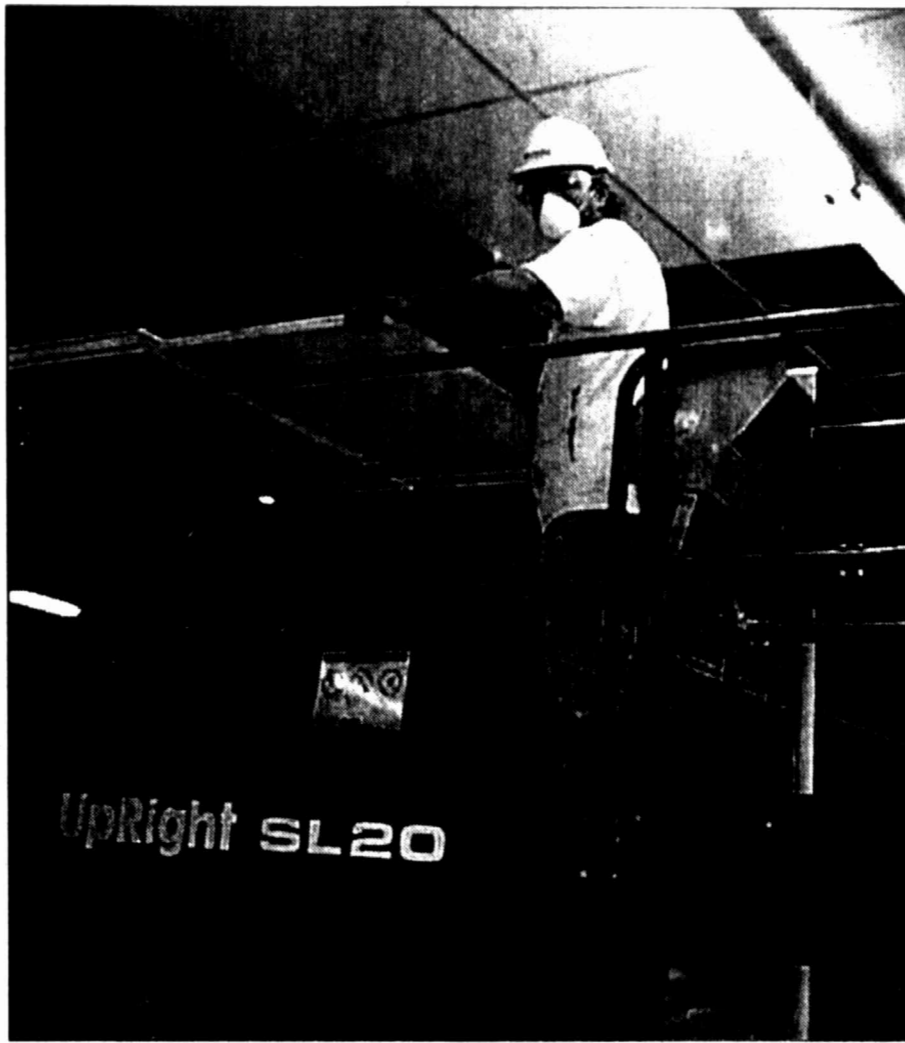
- On Nov. 11, Big Spring honored its veterans with more than 400 people attending two Veterans Day ceremonies.

- Arlie and Donna Knight, a local couple on a fixed income won the "Seniors Flying Home for the Holidays" contest.

- Howard College nursing programs received a recommendation for accreditation for eight years following a recent visit by the National League of Nursing.

- On Nov. 18, Howard Rasmussen III pleaded guilty to state charges of aggravated robbery in the first degree and aggravated kidnapping in the second. The charges were a result of the February 1998 robbery of the Glasscock County Bank that led to a statewide manhunt for Rasmussen ending with his capture in Houston.

- On Nov. 18, a vehicle-pedestrian accident near the intersection of Gregg Street and Edwards Boulevard resulted in the death of two local residents, Edith Hamilton and Jimmy Long. Long was pushing Hamilton in a wheelchair



Work continued on the former TG&Y building in College Park Shopping Center, where, at the end of November, StarTek announced it would open a call center.

across Gregg Street when they were struck by a 1996 pickup.

- After 12-1/2 years, William Dupree, assistant district attorney, left Howard County for a position in Fort Worth.

- Construction at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf continued to progress as exterior work began at the \$900,000 multi-purpose center.

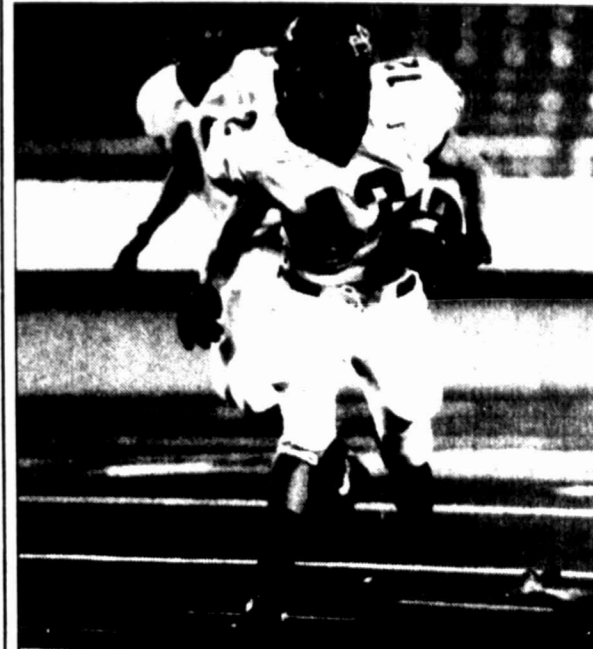
- The Big Spring VA Medical Center began another remodeling project, one in a series that will

conclude with most area of the hospital refurbished.

- On Nov. 22, Howard County commissioners approved a salary supplement for employees as compensation when county commissioners reduced the employees working hours earlier in the year in an attempt to cut expenses from the budget.

- Justice of the peace and retired rodeo clown Quail Dobbs was inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of fame.

Sports



Jason Choate returns a kick for the Steers, who made their way into the Class 4A state playoffs by beating Sweetwater 48-14.

While four Crossroads Area football teams powered their way into the Texas schoolboy football playoffs, Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks opened their 1999-2000 basketball seasons in November, as did the area's high school squads.

Big Spring's Steers didn't enter November with a lock on the postseason. Instead, the Steers entered their final District 5-4A playoff with Sweetwater needing to win by at least nine points and get help from Snyder's Tigers.

Big Spring pounded Sweetwater 48-14 behind an impressive performance by tailback Jason Woodruff.

Woodruff, a starting defensive end and Ford's backup at tailback for most of the season, stepped into the starting offensive backfield and produced a phenomenal 290-yard, two-touchdown performance against the Mustangs.

As a result, the Steers advanced to the Class 4A, Division I bi-district playoffs where they faced Brownwood's Lions. While Brownwood was a decided favorite, the Lions were forced to score in the final two minutes to take a 31-28 win over the Steers.

Stanton's Buffaloes opened the Class 2A, Division II playoffs with a 39-8 bi-district win over Farwell's Steers, only to suffer a 20-11 loss to Iraan's Braves in the area playoffs.

Sands, which entered the playoffs ranked No. 2 in the state with a 9-1 record, took a wild 60-49 bi-district win over Wellman-Union's Wildcats.

But the Mustangs would exit the postseason the next week with an embarrassing 7-13 loss to Grandfalls-Royalty, the same team that had beaten them in the first game of the season.

Sands finished the season with a 10-2 slate. Borden County for the second straight year, proved to be the Crossroads Area's most successful team. The Coyotes opened the playoffs with a 53-6 bi-district win over Meadow and followed that with a 49-22 regional playoff win over Sanderson.

The Coyotes closed the season with a 10-0 record after suffering a 20-12 loss to eventual state finalist Groom's Tigers in the state quarterfinals.

The Steers first team, District 5-4A selections, included offensive linemen Jon Bagwell and Stephen Stokes, wide receiver James Clements, fullback Jose Carnero, deep snapper Jason Mathews, defensive lineman Daniel Beauchamp, defensive end Jason Woodruff, linebacker Bowe Butler and defensive backs Jason Choate and Chris Trevino.

Other area sports highlights in November included: Howard College's Hawks suffer their first home loss of the season with an 89-82 setback at the hands of Kilgore College's Rangers in the final game of the Hawks' Thanksgiving Classic. The Hawks had opened the classic with a thrilling 79-78 win over Garden City (Kinnel) Community College.

Big Spring's Lady Hawks swept a pair of wins in their annual Pizza Invitational tournament and classic, while Midland Lev's Lady Rebels took the high school division title.

Borden County's Trent Pepper took the Class A state championship in cross country, finishing the three-mile course in 16:20, almost a full minute ahead of the second place finisher.

Big Spring's Lady Steers put seven players on the District 5-4A all-district volleyball team. Senior Lacey Anderson was named the outstanding setter, sophomore Meghan Pudliner was named newcomer of the year and teammates Cathy Jaure and Nina Evans joined them on the first team.

BIRTHS

Allen, Hayley Victoria, girl, Nov. 12
 Anchondo, Caroline Elizabeth Sandra Marie, girl, Nov. 3
 Cantu, James Marquise II, boy, Nov. 24
 Castillo, Mateo Thomas, boy, Nov. 25

Chavez, Joe Ethen Alec, boy, Nov. 13
 Darling, Sierra Dawn, girl, Nov. 15
 Evans, Sidney Mavae, girl, Nov. 19
 Gilbert, Sydnie Nichole, girl, Nov. 30

Herrera, Eric Jr., boy, Nov. 17
 Long, Elizabeth Ann, girl, Nov. 2
 Moore, Mason Gibb, boy, Nov. 22
 Nalley, Christian Skylar, boy, Nov. 30
 Ortiz, Rolando Jr., boy, Nov. 19
 Rogers, Kyler Ray, boy, Nov. 5
 Sizenbach, Brayden Michael, boy,

Nov. 21
 Smith, Johnnie Skylar, girl, Nov. 20
 Tidwell, Trinity Michal, girl, Nov. 11
 Wright, Haley Layne, girl, Nov. 1

DEATHS

Aguirre, Adela, Stanton, Nov. 26
 Anderson, Donald Arthur "Don", 82, Big Spring, Nov. 28
 Bailey, Verna "Micky", 92, Big Spring, Nov. 25
 Baker, Mildred S., 80, Big Spring, Nov. 27
 Brown, Melvin A., 62, Coahoma, Nove. 30
 Butts, Marvin, 62, Big Spring, Nov. 24
 Cain, Jerry L. 59, Wichita Falls, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 29
 Clawson, LaVerne "Tiny", 83, Big Spring, Nov. 13
 Coffman, Harvey, 67, Cloudcroft, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 27
 Delgado, Estella M., 65, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 22
 Dixon, James, 63, Big Spring, Nov. 30
 Duley, Jajor Frank Patrick, 82, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 29
 Ellis, Jack F. Sr., 73, College Station, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 12
 Entriken, Louise Merrick, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 29
 Flores, Paul, 45, Big Spring, Nov. 5

Fortune, Mary Louise, 78, Tyler, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 26
 Gaskins, Junior Wesley (Jiggs), 72, Locust Grove, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 3
 Gonzales, Paul Lynn, infant son of Paul and Denise Gonzales, Nov. 10
 Green, Johnnie Walter, 59, Big Spring, Nov. 15
 Habel, Laurence Daniel, 24, Amarillo, Nov. 24
 Hale, Elizabeth, 82, Big Spring, Nov. 3
 Hamilton, Randy, 39, Stanton, Nov. 25
 Heard, Hubbard F., 85, Big Spring, Nov. 17
 Hinkley, Thelma, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 16
 Hooper, J.R., 89, Lenorah, Nov. 2
 Hughes, Frances (Johnnie), 76, Big Spring, Nov. 18
 Hurt, Helen Harris, Big Spring, Nov. 17
 Ingram, Butch, 55, Big Spring, Nov. 12
 Jayes, Louise Weeg, 93, Big Spring, Nov. 18
 Jones, Keith, 76, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 12

Lane, William W. (Bill), 80, Stanton, Nov. 25
 Laster, Rev. James "Jim", 54, Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 2
 Letz, Jonathan Ray, 6 days old, Big Spring, Nov. 16
 Lewis, Sam Nelson Jr., 70, Big Spring, Nov. 16
 Long, Jimmy D., 57, Big Spring, Nov. 18
 Long, Len Doy, 65, Big Spring, Nov. 20
 McCarty, Ruthie Mae, 80, Big Spring, Nov. 6
 McFall, Mildred, 89, Big Spring, Nov. 25
 Monroe, Katharine H., 82, Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 23
 Moore, Jerry "Curly", 69, Big Spring, Nov. 5
 Murphy, Ila Ruby, 81, Oak Creek Lake, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 6
 Neece, Dorothy fay, 71, Big Spring, Nov. 6
 Noble, Leona Newsom, Big Spring, Nov. 5
 Olivas, Lourdes, Stanton, Nov. 25
 Painter, Lola L., 90, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 7

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 Pye, Willie Alma, 88, Big Spring, Nov. 21
 Ratliff, Modene, 79, Big Spring, Nov. 13
 Rice, Fred, 89, Stanton, Nov. 1
 Schafer, R.C., 74, Garden City, Nov. 13
 Settles, Burr Lea, 86, Big Spring, Nov. 6
 Smith, Sybil, 85, Big Spring, Nov. 2
 Speaker, Walter O. "Walt", 72, Big Spring, Nov. 16
 Tidwell, Berty Cowley, 88, Big Spring, Nov. 20
 Vann, Barbara Lee, 74, Big Spring, Nov. 16
 Velasquez, Maria, 86, Big Spring, Nov. 15
 Viera, Moises A. Sr., Clovis, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 24
 Watkins, Pearl, 74, Big Spring, Nov. 27
 White, Edith Marie, 47, Big Spring, Nov. 18
 Wolf, Joh. 72, Big Spring, Nov. 14
 Young, Thelma C., 92, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 23



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StarTek USA goes up; Permian Building comes down

As December winds blew in, Big Spring said good-bye to the decade, the 1990s and finally to the Permian Building.

On Dec. 13, Fort Worth-based Midwest Wrecking began bringing the Permian Building down with a 5,000-pound wrecking ball. The building had become a safety hazard when bricks from the east wall fell during the summer of 1997 and attempts to restore it were found too costly.

• An AT-11 plane loaned to the Hangar 25 Air Museum sustained minor damage on landing when the plane's landing gear did not extend.

• A community theater production of "A Christmas Carol" was presented with a cast of about 40 Howard County residents.

• On Dec. 5, StarTek USA officially opened its call center and received its first call about 6 a.m.

• Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart issued a burn ban for Howard County.

• It was announced that if details can be finalized, Miss America 2000, Heather Renee French, would be in Big Spring on Jan. 16 to participate in the Veterans Stand Down 2000.

• On Dec. 6, upwards of

20,000 persons watched the 13 annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade that stretch for more than 24 blocks and lasted for 90 minutes. Boy Scout Troop 25 of Sand Springs became the first organization to win a category championship four times in a row in the Civic Division.

• The third annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights turned on its lights on with a 250,000-light display.

• The Joint Commission on Accreditation for Health Care Organizations visited Scenic Mountain Medical and bestowed accreditation for the next three years.

• Five representatives from the Texas Education Agency visited the Big Spring Independent School District and indicated no corrective action was necessary concerning an academically unacceptable dropout rating.

• On Dec. 9, the members of the First Church of the Nazarene presented its 13th annual live performance Drive-Thru Nativity.

• Hangar 25 received approval from the Texas Department of Transportation for a \$115,000 enhancement grant.



Midwest Wrecking brings down the tower portion of the Permian Building, ending a year-long project in which funds were raised, legal matters handled and a contract awarded for demolition of the aging, downtown structure.

• Big Spring Independent School District trustees met with the district's attorney to discuss possible litigation concerning the foundation failure of the Big Spring Junior High.

• Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson ruled Kendall Ruffin's death a suicide, following a six-month investigation. Ruffin was found near death in his cell in the Howard County jail following a conviction for aggravated sexual assault.

• On Dec. 12, it was noted that Big Spring's 1999 American Cancer Society Relay for Life made the top 10 list for the nation in per capita fund raising.

• In the middle of December, a vandal or vandals broke into the Big Spring Humane Society and caused an estimated \$30,000 worth of damages.

• On Dec. 14, High winds

gusting to 50 miles per hour and blowing dust caused emergency crews to work overtime to repair electricity problems and stifling fires.

• Long-time public servant Bill Shankles died Dec. 14. He was elected to Justice of the Peace in 1986 and served for 10 years until retiring.

• On Dec. 16, the largest number of entries over in the Holiday Lighting Contest kept five judges gazing at 43 separate Christmas spectaculars.

• Two Sands Springs residents, Carroll Coates Jr. and his wife Rhonda Coates were found dead in their residence with gunshot wounds to the head.

• On Dec. 17, it was noted that Terry Rumpff was named Howard County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

• On Dec. 18, at least seven

volunteers counted more than 200 species of birds during the 100th observance of the Christmas bird count.

• On Dec. 20, a body of a Big Spring man, Wesley Craig Kerby, was found at a rural residence six miles north of Miles. A Concho Valley couple was charged in connection with the death.

• More than 200 families received Christmas presents as the Salvation Army Angel Tree program came to its conclusion.

• On Dec. 22, Sgt. John Stowers, a 12-year veteran with the Big Spring Police Department was found dead in Ruidoso Downs, N.M., a victim of a single gunshot wound.

• On Dec. 23, Brian Jensen an 11-year veteran with the Big Spring Fire Department was named interim fire chief.



The Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade was one of the biggest ever.

BIRTHS

Daniel, Tyler James, boy, Dec. 10
Deel, Raegan Gayle, girl, Dec. 15
Fryar, Ryleigh Jade, girl, Dec. 12
Gomez, Gabriela Anne, girl, Dec. 16

Hensley, Dallas Ray, boy, Dec. 21
Holgun, Raven Miguel, boy, Dec. 14
Parnell, Kayla Lecann, girl, Dec. 1

Parum, Aubrey Nicole, girl, Dec. 14
Rocha, Drew Julio, boy, Dec. 6
Turman, Katherine Lorene, girl, Dec. 15

Yanez, Lorena Brienne, girl, Dec. 1

DEATHS

Box, Robert, 76, Big Spring, Dec. 20
Bruce, Wanda, 77, Abilene, formerly of Glasscock County, Dec. 21
Burrow, Laura Luce, Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 17
Campbell, Craig E. "Gene", 76, Big Spring, Dec. 5
Cervantes, Oscar, 42, Big Spring, Dec. 16
Chapa, Enemorio, 74, Stanton, Dec. 8
Coates, Carroll F. Jr., 55, Sand Springs, Dec. 16
Coates, Ronda Louise, 33, Sand Springs, Dec. 17
Darnell, Patsy, 61, Big Spring, Dec. 14
Davis, Harry Grayson PhD, 70, Big Spring, Dec. 19
Derryberry, Billy R., Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 8
Dick, Joe Clinton, 55, Odessa, Dec. 16

Edwards, Winona Taylor, 90, Dec. 12
Fox, Dale W. "Pap", 77, 68, Big Spring, Dec. 13
Gamble, Patsy, 62, Big Spring, Dec. 22
Garza, Isabelle, 75, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 9
Gibson, Marion Milroy, 89, Stanton, Dec. 7
Gresham, J. D. "Red", 77, Big Spring, Dec. 11
Hopper, Minnie Mae, 82, Chattanooga, Tenn., formerly of Stanton, Dec. 7
Johnson, Violet, 70, Big Spring, Dec. 1
Kerby, Wesley Craig, 21, Big Spring, Dec. 20
Kionka, Henriette Louise, 90, Fort Worth, Dec. 3
Knocke, Doris, 73, Big Spring, Dec. 18
Koonce, Opal, formerly of Martin

County, Dec. 14
Madden, Ila Mae, 88, Big Spring, Dec. 20
Madison, Gilbert I. (Gib) Sr., 94, Lenorah, formerly of Stanton, Dec. 8
Perkins, Calla Mae, 89, Big Spring, Dec. 11
Ray, Melvin F., 89, Temple, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 21
Shankles, William H. "Bill", 63, Big Spring, Dec. 14
Silva, Gregory, 80, Stanton, Dec. 10
Statser, Lt. Col Alvy James, 83, Colorado Springs, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 17
Talbot, Harriett N., 74, Big Spring, Dec. 9
Thompson, Dr. Hank, 70, Big Spring, Dec. 23
Townsend, Robbie, 81, Big Spring, Dec. 3
Tucker, Joel Keith, 30, formerly

of Big Spring, Dec. 15
Villa, Corina, 60, Stanton, Dec. 7
Watson, Kay Barnett, 49, Round Rock, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 18
Westbrook, Warren R. "Bill", 78, Big Spring, Dec. 16
White, Noble N., 78, Big Spring, Dec. 8
Wood, Milas R., 82, Big Spring, Dec. 11
Woodall, Jeanne Meredith, 88, Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 20

Because of time constraints due to deadlines, the cutoff for inclusion in the year-in-review was Friday, Dec. 26, 1999.

All obituaries and births show the date listed on the forms provided the Herald by the funeral homes and/or hospitals.

Sports



Stanton's Jeremy Hull was named District 3-2A's top offensive and defensive player of the year.

As the year wound down to a close, the Crossroads Area sports scene was as busy as ever.

A number of all-district football teams were announced at the start of December, while the Associate Press Sports Editors announced their all-state squads.

Meanwhile, the area's basketball squads got into full swing, playing in three local tournaments.

Among the biggest highlights of the month was the first ever Spring City Crossroads Classic basketball tournament hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, Howard College and the Big Spring Independent School District.

While Big Spring's Steers got off to a slow 1-4 start, they began to get things rolling at the Crossroads Classic, winning the consolation championship with a 67-61 win over Tahoka's Bulldogs.

They reached the consolation final with a 50-45 win over Clyde.

Lubbock Coronado, the only Class 5A entry in the tournament, proved to be too strong for the rest of the field, pounding their way to the championship.

At the same time, Stanton's Buffs and Lady Buffs were hosting a strong field at the ninth annual Hooptown Classic tournament.

The Lady Buffs managed to take the girls' championship when they made a last-second shot in the final with Sands' Lady Mustangs. Colorado City's Wolves claimed the boys' title with a win over Reagan County's Owls.

The weekend before, Borden County's Lady Coyotes took their second straight Coahoma Invitational girls' championship with a 57-39 win over the host Bulldogettes.

Merkel took the Coahoma tournament's championship with an 89-48 win over Monahans' Lobos in the title game.

Stanton's Buffaloes dominated the District 3-2A all-district team, as Jeremy Hull was named the league's top offensive and defensive player, while Mark Cotton was his peers' choice for coach of the year honors.

In addition, the Buffs' first-team selections were Jacob Klein, Dustin Kargl, Brady Cook, Courtney Seurlark, Will Harris, Clay White, Chris Flores, Josh Haislip and Blaine Smith.

Coahoma's Bulldogs also did well in the 3-2A coaches' balloting, with Chase Ward, Mario Garcia, Chris Romero and Cody Teeler earned spots on the first team.

Despite a frustrating season, Garden City's young Bearkats placed three players on the District 7-1A all-district team's first unit — offensive lineman Erik Halfmann, defensive lineman Tony Talamantes and linebacker Kyle Kight.

Forsan's Buffs were also frustrated during the 1999 football season, but placed three on the District 2-2A first-team all-district ballot — Brian Mims, Furrillo Subia and Chris Rios.

In other December sports highlights: Big Spring's Lance Brock, Bowe Butler, Stephen Stokes and Colby Ford earned honorable mention status on the APSE Class 4A all-state football team.

Stanton's Jeremy Hull and Will Harris were honorable mention recipients in the voting for the APSE Class 2A all-state football team.

Former Big Spring High School football star Daniel "Bubba" Franks earned second-team status on the Associated Press All-America team. Franks, who was an all-Big East first-team selection for the second straight year, finished his junior season with the career touchdown record for University of Miami tight ends.

Jon Bagwell was named recipient of the academic award during the Big Spring Quarterback Club's annual banquet.

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