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## WEATHER

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## Evening Lions offer eyeglasses

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

## WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- ☐ 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.

THURSDAY

- ☐ Gideon's International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
- ☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- ☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- ☐ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
- ☐ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- ☐ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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## Sheriff's post draws attention as candidate filing comes to close

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Howard County has just one locally-contested race for the March 14 party primaries — a shootout for the office of sheriff.

Dave Mohn, a detective with the Big Spring Police Department since 1992, filed Monday to be placed on the Republican ballot as a candidate for sheriff.

"I was encouraged by friends and relatives to make a difference. The only way to make a difference is to get into office. I



BECERRA



BROWN



MOHN

filed to let the public make that decision," Mohn said. He has been in law enforcement since 1979.

Mohn will oppose incumbent

Bill Jennings in the Republican primary. Jennings had filed on Dec. 3, the first day to file for the primary elections.

Former Big Spring police officer Javier Becerra has filed for sheriff on the Democratic ticket and will be unopposed in the primary.

"I have worked 11 years with the Big Spring Police

Department, and for those 11 years, I have worked with the community," said Becerra. "I worked with the Adopt-A-Cop program with the Coahoma and Forsan community, and I feel that communication with the community is an important role for the new millennium."

Becerra has been in law enforcement for 14 years and worked for the UTPB police prior to the Big Spring department.

Forsan area residents will have a second contested race, also in the Republican primary.

Precinct 3 constable Joseph Lesueur is being challenged by Boyce Hale, longtime Howard County resident.

"I feel like I can do a better job for the justice of the peace and the sheriff's department. I know those people real well," said Hale, who has lived in Howard County for more than 70 years. "Whatever they need me to do, I can do a better job."

The filing deadline was 6 p.m. Monday.

Like Jennings, a number of

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## Wind-blown dirt turns Crossroads Area sky dark

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

While not officially a dust storm, according to the National Weather Service in Midland, Monday's high winds and blowing dirt certainly pelted Big Spring and other cities east.

"Although we didn't get too much here, we could see it on the satellite and see as it headed east that it took right over Big Spring to Abilene. Big Spring was in the thick part of it," said meteorologist George Mathews.

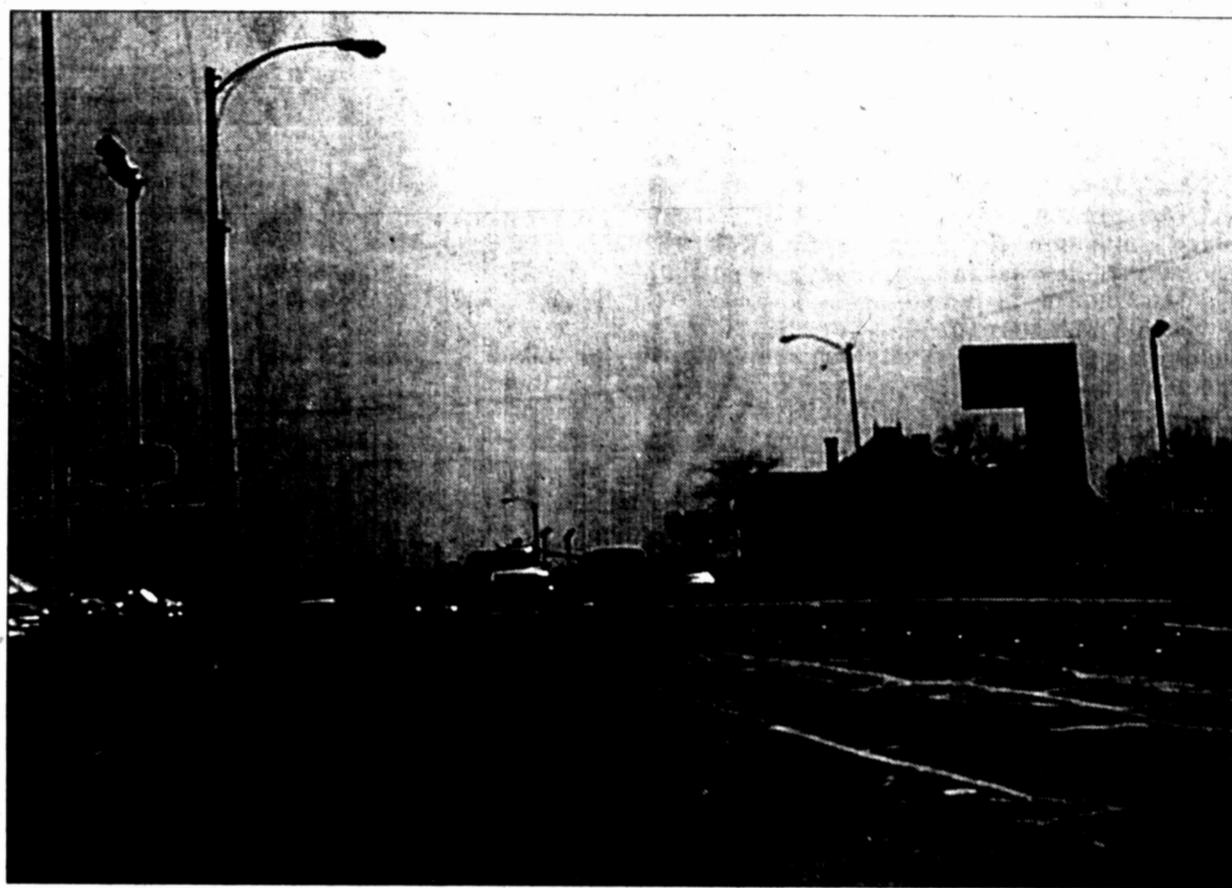
A dust storm is technically classified such if visibility is one-half mile or less. Gusty winds up to 50 miles per hour blew east across the state, due to a low pressure system in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The winds are expected to decrease today.

Mathews said while these type storms are more typical in the spring, a lack of rainfall contributed to the blowing sand.

"The lack of rainfall for the past several years has dried out ground. And it is not common for the wind to blow in a west-northwest direction. It is more common for the wind to blow west-southwest, and Lubbock is usually hammered those days," he said.

At least one traffic fatality was reported that might have been caused by the weather. A family stopped two vehicles on the shoulder of I-20 about nine miles west of Odessa, checking



Winds up to 50 miles per hour kicked up the dirt all over the area Monday. Weather officials said the lack of rain was a major contributing factor.

on possible car trouble.

A van veered off the road and onto the shoulder, striking an Odessa resident, Frederick Henry Gifford, 48, and the two vehicles.

"The driver of the van claims the wind caused him to leave the roadway. He wasn't intoxicated and he wasn't speeding. We're still investigating," said

Jim Nance, senior operator with the Department of Public Safety in Midland.

No charges have been filed against the driver, Jerry Adams.

Mathews said one of the cautions the weather service issued Monday was that those with respiratory problems should seek shelter indoors, to

avoid the dust in the air.

Mathews said the dust problem has improved in the past years, due to advanced agricultural techniques. Kansas received snow, he said, but there is no moisture in the forecast for Big Spring.

"As the night time meteorologist said to me, there is no rain until further notice," he said.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Custer looking forward to role as assistant extension agent

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Big Spring welcomes a new resident this week as Aaron Custer moves into town to take up the position of Howard County assistant agriculture extension agent.

"I am going to



CUSTER

have a chance to work with one of the top agents in the state and have him as a mentor," Custer said of David Kight, Howard County Ag Extension Agent. "I also have a chance to move back closer to home to the country I know and love."

Custer found out he was the first choice for the position when he received the call from Charles Neeb, agricultural District 6 agent for Far West Texas, on Christmas Eve.

"I thought it was a good present," Custer said.

Custer is a graduate from Sul

Ross State University with a degree in animal science and a minor in agriculture business.

He has earned 12 hours towards his graduate degree in animal physiology and reproduction at Sul Ross.

"We decided on Custer because of his experience in working with people and his experience in his youth program work with agriculture," said Kight. "This job takes a lot of commitment and responsibility. I think he is a guy willing to do the job."

Custer is a native West Texan

from Midkiff and was involved with agriculture at an early age.

"I have been in agriculture all my life," Custer said. "My family ranches, and I was involved with 4-H clubs in Reagan County. I was on the District 6 Junior Council, and I judged teams all through high school."

"This job gives me a chance to move closer to home and use my degree," Custer said. "I was just waiting for the right time to get in."

According to Kight, Custer

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## State office

### Blackshear jumps into race against Counts

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear on Monday tossed

his hat into the ring for the District 70 state rep's seat currently held by 11-year incumbent David Counts (D-Knox City).

Blackshear will run as a Republican in a race that has been targeted by state Republican organizations.



BLACKSHEAR

"I was led to do this, that's first and foremost. I am concerned about the redistricting and what that will do to West Texas. It is important that West Texans have a West Texas voice. If we lose representation, we will be tossed around and lost in the shuffle and it will be several years before we get back in the loop," said Blackshear.

He said he has thought of running for this office for the past several years, but did not make the definitive decision until Sunday.

"So we got up Monday and drove to Austin and I filed. I received some calls from some people in Austin who encouraged me to do this," he said.

Blackshear was first elected mayor in April 1992 and is now



COUNTS

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## Big Spring woman pleads not guilty to manslaughter; trial date schedule March 20

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Trial date for a local resident charged with manslaughter in connection to the death of Connie Jean McKee has been set for March 20.

Pamela Weatherby, 35, pleaded not guilty during her arraignment trail last Thursday in the 385th Judicial District Court in Midland County.

Weatherby was indicted on manslaughter charges by the 385th Judicial District Court in November.

The indictment alleges that on July 20, 1999, Weatherby recklessly caused the death of McKee by failing to stop for a red light at the intersection of Business Loop I-20 and Fairgrounds Road in Midland and failed to keep a proper lookout while driving a motor vehicle.

According to Department of Safety Sgt. Carey Matthews,

Weatherby was eastbound on Business I-20 in the inside lane and had her vehicle's emergency flashers on.

According to Matthews, she had turned her vehicle's emergency flashers on because she needed to get to a funeral.

McKee was traveling northbound on Fairgrounds and proceeded to go through the intersection of Business Loop I-20 and Fairgrounds with a green light, Matthews said.

Weatherby allegedly disregarded the red light and crashed into the drivers side of McKee's vehicle, Matthews said.

McKee sustained internal injuries and died on Aug. 12.

Even with her vehicles emergency flashers on, "Weatherby still had to give due regard to the safety of others," Matthews said.

Robin Sams, assistant district attorney for Midland County, is prosecuting the case.



Monday's dust storm did not stop Festival of Lights volunteers Bobby McDonald and Pat Simmons from helping to take down the 250,000 light display at Comanche Trail Park.

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OBITUARIES

Walter H. Brumley Sr.

Walter H. Brumley Sr., 59, Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



BRUMLEY

He was born on June 13, 1940, in Las Cruces, N.M., and married Shirley Robertson on Oct. 9, 1965, in Abilene. He graduated from Gadsden High School in Anthony, N.M., in 1958. He moved to Big Spring in 1964. He was a self-employed electrical contractor for 25 years and was the owner of Brumley and Associates, Inc. He was an avid street rod builder and hobbyist. Mr. Brumley had made a profession of faith in 1953 at the First Baptist Church in Anthony, N.M. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and after the birth of his grandchildren, he rediscovered the spring of joy in his heart. Survivors include: his wife, Shirley Brumley of Big Spring; his son, Walter H. Brumley Jr., and wife, Robin of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Emilee B. Brumley and Walter H. Brumley III; three sisters, Joyce Marie Brumley of Big Spring; Diana Logan of Tucson, Ariz.; and Maxine Stewart of Deming, N.M.; a brother, David Weir of Centerville, Va.; a stepdaughter, Amanda Morris of Big Spring; close friends, Terry "Fuzzy" and Jana Carter of Big Spring; and numerous other close friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter James Brumley in 1946, his brother, James Lee Brumley in 1992, his mother, Leicy Weir in 1999, and his stepfather, David Weir in 1985.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH  
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(915) 267-6331

Walter Brumley Sr., 59, died Monday. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Dene Anderson, 60, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.  
Era Lewis, 90, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
211th & Johnson 267-32233

JAMES EPPER, 70, died Friday. Services were 10:00 AM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was in Mount Olive Memorial Park.  
Bobby G. Grey, 66, died Monday. Services are pending.  
Otis J. Fonda, 81, died Sunday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.  
Miguel Delgado, 67, died Thursday. His body will lie in state today from 9:00 to 10:00 PM. Funeral services will be in Mexico.  
Clare DeRyke, 83, died Monday. Services are pending.

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Dene Anderson

Service for Dene Anderson, 60, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at her residence.

Era Lewis

Service for Era Lewis, 90, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, in a local nursing home.

Otis J. Fonda

Graveside service for Otis J. Fonda, 81, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Malcolm Pointon officiating. Mr. Fonda died Sunday, Jan. 2, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a long illness. He was born on June 20, 1918, in New York. He married Ruby McCauley in 1949, in New York. He had lived in Big Spring for two years, moving here from Hobbs, N.M. Mr. Fonda was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army and took part in the Normandy invasion. He was a retired automobile mechanic. He is survived by: his wife, Ruby Fonda of Hobbs, N.M.; two daughters, Peggy Geetz of Hobbs, N.M., and Alice Vargas of Big Spring; three sons, Otis Fonda Jr. of New Albany, Ind., Robert Fonda of Sugar Grove, Va., and Larry Fonda of Sugar Grove, Va.; three sisters, Jeri Ayers of Gloversville, N.Y., Peggy Walton of Walton, N.Y., and Beverly Ussery of Yuma, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Miguel Delgado

Miguel Delgado, 67, Big Spring, died Dec. 30, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Services will be held at a later date in Mexico. Viewing will be until 10 p.m. today at the funeral home. He was born on Aug. 4, 1932, in Salinas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He had lived for over 30 years in Big Spring and was a Catholic. Mr. Delgado was a retired pastry cook, having worked at Rip Griffin, Wal-Mart and La Posada. He is survived by: three sons, Juan Miguel Delgado, Jorge Luis Delgado, and Salvador Delgado; and four daughters, Maria Guadalupe Delgado, Rosalinda Delgado, Sandra Halista Delgado and Laura Estela Delgado. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clare DeRyke

Service for Clare DeRyke, 83, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at her home following a long illness.

STATE REP

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serving his third term in office. "I feel I have had a very unique opportunity to serve the people in the district with my background of service to the people in the city. Whenever new laws are handed down, they are handed to the city, and that translates to people," Blackshear said. He lobbied Austin and Washington D.C. with the Texas Municipal League to protest unfunded mandates, he said. "Those are the types of things I will watch out for," he said. Blackshear is area president of the Texas Municipal League. Counts, who has served as the state representative for the past 11 years, said he was surprised by Blackshear's declaration as

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an opponent.

"I consider Tim a very close, personal friend, and this came as surprise. I was amazed that he had done this, but I welcome him to the race. I have a good record and I have done lots of good things for Big Spring and Howard County; and I'll run on my proven track record," Counts said.

Currently, Counts serves on three committees that have impact on rural Texans, he said. He is a member of the redistricting committee and the State Affairs Committee and he is chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. "That committee is responsible for protecting the water of West Texas. The redistricting committee is an important position, because when they redistrict we need to see that rural Texans have a voice in Austin," he said.

Counts also serves as a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee and was a key player in the placement of the Texas Veterans Nursing Home in Big Spring. He is also a member of the Rural Texans Coalition, which works toward encouraging economic development.

"I enjoy working for the people. I believe this will be a clean race, and I'm looking forward to it," Counts said. District 70 is made up of 12 counties - Howard, Nolan, Scurry, Borden, Lynn, Garza, King, Kent, Knox, Stonewall, Fisher and Jones.

AG AGENT

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will start the position of agriculture extension agent assistant today. The position has been vacant since Brandon McGinty left in early November to take the ag extension agent's job in Silverton, Briscoe County.

CANDIDATES

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incumbents declared their intent to seek re-election on the first filing day. They include Republicans Theresa Thomas, county treasurer; Kathy Sayles, tax assessor-collector; Bennie Green, Precinct 1 peace justice; and Bill Crooker, Precinct 3 county commissioner. All are unopposed, both in the primary and the November election. Other incumbents running unopposed on the Republican ticket are County Judge Mike Thomas and District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

Also unopposed is Emma Brown, county commissioner for Precinct 1. "I'm so happy to have the opportunity to represent the people of Precinct 1 and Howard County again," said Brown in a brief statement today.

Vincent area resident Mark Winn is unopposed as constable in Precinct 4.

"I felt the need to file because of living in a community that is so far out. We need a law enforcement presence that will work in cooperation with the sheriff's department," said Winn, a Democrat. "Vincent is 22 miles away, so if any law enforcement is needed, they are at best 20 minutes away."

J.B. Hall has filed as constable for Precinct 2, on the Democratic ticket. He is unopposed.

The primary elections are March 14. Staff writer Lyndel Moody assisted with this report.

Suspect says missing atheist plotted her disappearance

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her two children cooperated with the men suspected in their disappearances because they wanted help in

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

**TUESDAY**

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South, Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.
- "Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling. Attention: Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.).
- Innovators in glyconutritional are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple carbohydrates to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2121.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland, call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

RECORDS

Monday's high 52  
Monday's low 20  
Average high 55  
Average low 26  
Record high 83 in 1997  
Record low 0 in 1947  
Precip. Monday 0.00  
Month to date 0.00  
Month's normal 0.04  
Year to date 0.00  
Normal for the year 0.04

MARKETS

March cotton 50.59, down 48 points; Feb. crude 25.04, down 56 points; cash hogs steady at 36 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 55.32, down 65 points; Feb. live cattle futures 69.05, down 65 points.  
courtesy: Delta Corporation.  
 Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones &

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities:

- JAMES HEIMAN, 27, was arrested on a warrant for parole violation. (BSPD)
- FERNANDO PAZOS, 42, was arrested for a New York warrant for unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon in a weapons free zone. (HCSO)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities for the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

- NORMAN WRIGHT, 57, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JUAN MARTINES, 56, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.
- ANDREW SCHLAPITZ, 17, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset.
- Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.
- IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

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The Big Spring Police Department provided the following weekend report.

**ASSAULT, 3**  
**FAMILY VIOLENCE, 1**  
**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 2**  
**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING, 2**  
**BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 2**  
**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 7**  
**DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 7**  
**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID, 4**  
**EVADING, 2**  
**FAIL TO I.D., 1**  
**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, 1**  
**RUNAWAY, 2**  
**THEFT, 15**  
**CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 14**  
**ACCIDENTS, 3**  
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## Statewide primary ballots being finalized

AUSTIN (AP) — The Democratic Party, which dominated Texas politics for most of the last century, entered the new millennium lacking candidates in several statewide races.

At Monday's 6 p.m. primary filing deadline, Democrats had no candidates for two seats on the Railroad Commission, three seats on the Texas Supreme Court and one seat on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Democrats failed to win a single statewide post in 1996 or 1998. Party spokesman Mike Hailey said Democrats are focusing on legislative and congressional races and are less concerned about the statewide ticket in this, a rebuilding year.

"It just wouldn't make sense for one of our best candidates going off on a long shot deal and hurting their chances of being part of a strong statewide ticket in 2002," Hailey said.

"We're approaching this like a CEO would a smart business strategy, and sometimes that requires you to make the tough decisions and to be patient. We're looking just beyond instant gratification here, we're looking at the future for the party and for Texas," he said.

Clearly pleased by the state of affairs, Texas Republican chair Susan Weddington described hers as "an emerging majority party."

"One thing we know now that the new year has started, the only place in the entire world that seems to have had a Y2K glitch is the Texas Democratic Party," she said.

"You don't build by not getting out there and running statewide races," Ms. Weddington said. "It's kind of surprised me for a party to be dominant for so many years to have to fall back to such a defensive mode."

Rice University political scientist Bob Stein said Democrats are hurting badly at the statewide level, which he attributes to party disorganization, little money and a lack of good candidates.

"I don't see this as a pretty picture for Democrats," Stein said of the upcoming election.

The Texas primary is March 14. Runoffs, if needed, will be April 11.

Races for the Legislature are crucial for both parties, since the state House and Senate will redraw legislative and congressional district lines after the new Census. Fifteen of the 31 Senate seats are up for election this year as well as all 150 House seats.

Republicans won control of the Senate in 1996 for the first time since Reconstruction and cling to a one-vote majority now, 16-15. Democrats still control the House but by a slim margin, 78-72.

Ms. Weddington said the GOP is "going to do everything we can" to capture the House while holding the Senate. "We believe it's critically important that we do that," she said.

Her Democratic counterpart, Molly Beth Malcolm, said, "We're confident of achieving our goals for this year, entering 2001 in a strong position for redistricting and going back to work on the issues Texans care

### STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

The candidates for the Democratic and Republican nominations in statewide races, as compiled by the two parties; (i) denotes incumbent.

#### PRESIDENT

Democrats: Bill Bradley, Al Gore, Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.  
 Republicans: Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin G. Hatch, Alan Keyes, John McCain

#### U.S. SENATE

Democrats: H. Gerald Bintliff, Don Clark, Charles Gandy, Gene Kelly, Bobby Wrightman-Cervantes  
 Republicans: Kay Bailey Hutchison (i).

#### RAILROAD COMMISSION

Full term:  
 Democrats: None  
 Republicans: Charles Matthews (i).

#### Unexpired term:

Democrats: None.  
 Republicans: Andy Draughn, Michael Williams (i).

#### TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Place 1:  
 Democrats: None.  
 Republicans: Valorie W. Davenport, Nathan Hecht (i).

#### Place 2:

Democrats: None.  
 Republicans: Priscilla Owen (i).

#### Place 3:

Democrats: None.  
 Republicans: Al Gonzales (i), Rod E. Gorman.

#### COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Presiding Judge:  
 Democrats: Bill Vancè.  
 Republicans: Sharon Keller, Connie Kelley, Tom Price, J. Gary Trichter.

#### Place 1:

Democrats: None.  
 Republicans: John Boston, Alan Curry, Tom Greenwell, Charles Holcomb, Guy Williams.

#### Place 2:

Democrats: William R. Barr.  
 Republicans: Pat Barber, Barbara Parker Hervey, W.B. "Bennie" House, Sally L. Ray, Jim Wallace.

about most."

In the GOP presidential primary, Texas Gov. George W. Bush will appear on the ballot with a full field — Sens. John McCain and Orrin Hatch, publisher Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes.

Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley are on the Democratic ballot, along with perennial candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is opposed in her primary. She seeks reelection to the seat she first won in a 1993 special election and claimed again in 1994.

## Americans find it's 'business as usual' in Y2K

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Main Street to Wall Street, Americans returned to work Monday, logged onto their computers, checked their e-mail and found that whatever Y2K bug there may have been had largely crept back from whence it came.

The government's chief Y2K adviser, John Koskinen, declared victory over the once-dreaded glitch, saying "business as usual" had resumed around the world — with a few minor exceptions.

"I think ... we can safely say that what has been referred to as the Y2K bug has been squashed," he said.

A few problems became evident Monday.

A computer that tracks nuclear material at the Oak Ridge nuclear weapons plant in Tennessee malfunctioned. The actual accounting of material was not affected, officials said.

In New Mexico, Motor Vehicle Division offices could not issue driver's licenses for a time.

The presidential campaign Web site of Vice President Al

Gore also was bitten. Gore's "Internet Town Hall" site touting his presidential candidacy briefly carried the date "Monday, January 3, 19100." Gore's campaign called it a minor glitch that was quickly fixed.

Koskinen cautioned that more glitches would occur in the coming days but predicted they would be "localized and transitory and will not pose a threat to the nation's economy."

Most Americans appeared relatively unaffected. An estimated \$100 billion was spent preparing for Y2K, and some people have looked askance at the price tag, considering that no major problems surfaced.

Koskinen compared it to insurance.

"You have a house for 10 years, and you have an insurance policy and never have a fire. You go out and buy a new house. Do you buy insurance? The answer is you probably do," he said.

The government's Y2K center is to reduce operations significantly in coming days. The

global monitoring center established in Washington by the United Nations canceled its remaining briefings for reporters.

The U.S. banking system opened so smoothly that billions of dollars in extra currency were shipped back to the Federal Reserve.

U.S. securities markets were mixed in Monday's trading. The technology-heavy Nasdaq market closed with a solid gain of more than 60 points. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down around 140 points.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reported a problem with electronic licensing and registration of gun dealers. Koskinen said the ATF would license and register dealers the old-fashioned way, on paper, until the problem is repaired. He said the bureau's ability to conduct background checks on gun buyers had not been affected.

The U.S. Postal Service said it easily fixed two minor problems — one in some old retail terminals, which showed the wrong date, and another in a

system that sends in reports of mail volume.

A problem with U.S. Housing and Urban Development computers temporarily prevented people from terminating FHA mortgages.

Among 36 states, half reported no problems and the other half reported a wide range of minor problems, none critical.

In New York City, the Godiva Chocolate Co. discovered that a Y2K-related glitch triggered at the start of its work week prevented cash registers from working until it was fixed.

Computers crashed twice at a video store in Lincoln, Neb. A customer returning a movie to a rental shop in suburban Albany, N.Y., was presented with a \$91,250 late fee after computers showed the tape was 100 years late.

Some computer screens flashed "1900" at four small airports around Chicago. Doppler weather systems also shut down for a few minutes in Chicago.

In Italy, computers at several courthouses mixed up some dates by 100 years.

## Computer malfunction delays flights along East Coast

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — A computer malfunction at the Federal Aviation Administration's Boston Center here delayed flights at airports in Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York Monday night.

The main computer at the air traffic control center went down around 7 p.m., said Jim Peters, spokesman for the FAA in New England. He said the problem was corrected by about 10 p.m. The center used a backup computer system during the outage.

"As a result of the outage we incurred extensive delays throughout the Northeast, both for flights arriving and departing," he said.

Peters said FAA officials would not know what caused the malfunction until Tuesday.

"Without knowing what has caused the problem, it would be premature to speculate," he said. "It may turn out to be something other than Y2K." In Washington, Eliot Brenner, FAA assistant administrator for

public affairs, said: "The problems in Boston are not Y2K related and they are over now."

The Boston Center controls flights over more than 160,000 square miles of air space from the Atlantic Ocean to western New York and from the Canadian border to south of Long Island in New York.

Departures and arrivals at Logan International Airport in Boston were delayed by at least 30 minutes because of the malfunction, according to airport

officials.

Departing flights at both Kennedy International Airport in New York City and Newark International Airport in New Jersey were delayed by up to 75 minutes, said Sgt. Reinaldo Gonzalez of the Port Authority police.

Shorter delays were experienced at La Guardia Airport in New York, Gonzalez said. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey runs all three airports.

## Warrants obtained in death of 13-year-old Lexington girl

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — An alleged rail-riding transient in custody in Texas is accused of murdering 13-year-old girls in Kentucky and Texas and trying to kill a 10-year-old girl.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 35, of Del Rio, Texas, was booked into the Val Verde County jail Sunday for the Dec. 31 slaying of Kaylene Harris, Val Verde Sheriff D'Wayne Jernigan said.

Jernigan said Sells is suspected of breaking into Kaylene Harris' mother's home west of Del Rio and attacking the girl with a knife as she slept. Ten-year-old Cristal Surlis, who was sleeping in the same room as Kaylene Harris on New Year's Eve, had her neck slashed, severing her vocal cords.

Jernigan said Surlis is in stable condition but remains in intensive care at a San Antonio hospital.

Sells, who police say has held odd jobs including working for a circus, also is suspected in the May slaying of Haley McHone, 13, of Lexington.

On Monday, police obtained warrants charging Sells with murder, rape and kidnapping in the teen's death.

In a telephone interview Monday evening, Lexington police Sgt. Mark Barnard described Sells as a transient who rode the rails as he passed through Lexington in May and allegedly abducted, assaulted and killed Haley McHone.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported Tuesday that law enforcement officials suspect Sells has committed other crimes in Kentucky and at least five other states.

Haley McHone was reported missing on May 13 and her body was found 10 days later in some bushes by railroad tracks near her house.

Jernigan said Sells' bail had been set at \$800,000 and he likely would face the death penalty

if convicted of the Texas crimes before being turned over to Kentucky police. A hearing in the Del Rio case had not been set by late Monday.

Barnard said police briefly booked Sells on a charge of public drunkenness on the night of May 13 before releasing him the next morning.

The sheriff's department in Val Verde County tracked Sells down from the description given by Cristal Surlis, who

walked about a quarter of a mile to her nearest neighbor after she was stabbed. Unable to speak, she wrote an account of what happened for police, said Lt. Larry Pope of the sheriff's department.

While interviewing Sells about the Texas case, Pope said Sells asked, "I guess you want to know about both of them."

Pope says he did not know what Sells meant until he told the officer about McHone.

## Spat causing fans to miss football games

DALLAS (AP) — Disputes between two media giants has left more than 400,000 cable subscribers in three states without their Fox channels, cutting off Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys fans whose teams are in the middle of the NFL playoffs.

Fox refused to let several Cox Communications systems in Texas, Northern Virginia and Cleveland retransmit its programming after Cox declined to add two other Fox networks as it upgrades to digital systems that carry more channels. Without Fox's permission to carry the stations, Cox had to drop them by midnight Friday.

Similar deadlines could soon knock Fox off Cox systems in Phoenix and Orange County, Calif., a Cox spokeswoman said.

Each company claims to be looking out for its customers' interest. But the cable company could suffer more, especially now that customers can switch to satellite-dish TV reception without losing local channels, analysts said.

"This is an invitation for (satellite companies) to come in and advertise in those markets," said Jessica Reif-Cohen,

an analyst with Merrill Lynch. "Obviously, one of them will have to back down."

"This speaks to control — the cable operators don't want to be told what to do. But cable is vulnerable to satellite in channel capacity," said Tom Eaton, an analyst with Paine Webber. "The real winners here are the satellite TV providers."

"I don't know who's right, and I don't care," said Chuck Hipp of Yorktown, Va. "I'm getting ready to drop Cox cable and get a satellite dish."

Cable companies do not pay to retransmit the signals of TV-network stations, analysts say. But the networks have pressured cable operators to run their specialty channels, such as ABC's ESPN and NBC's MSNBC, in exchange for retransmitting the signals of network stations.

In the current flap, Fox asked Cox to carry FXM, a Fox movie channel, and Fox Sports World on all of its digital networks in exchange for carrying the local Fox affiliates.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Spice up your weekend with a chili cookoff

**N**ow that the holidays are over, it's time for chili. At least that's what the Harley Owners Group says. HOG is hard at work planning the 12th Annual Boss HOG Chili Cookoff, set for Saturday at the Harley-Davidson Shop.

Teams and individual competitors are welcome, but they must cook at least five pounds of the spicy stuff. The cost to compete is \$15, and all you have to do is show up about 8:15 a.m. for a meeting and then fire up your cooker.

This year's event has an added bonus for competitors. The top three winners will have the honor of cooking "behind the store" at the Terlingua International Cook-off. That is thanks to the local event complying with a few extra regulations in order to be sanctioned with Terlingua.

According to those in the know, that distinction carries a lot of weight in the world of chili cooks. It gives the local event more advertisement and will probably draw a few more cooks and tasters as well.

Anyone who wants to attend and try some of the competing chili pays \$5 per person. Live music is also planned from 1-5 p.m. by the local band The Marauders.

Proceeds go to help HOG fund some of its projects during the year. Primarily a service group, HOG also sponsors social activities for Harley owners.

This is one way the Harley owners, who do many charitable projects throughout the year, get together just to enjoy themselves. And the public, which supports the group in its work, is invited to join the fun.

## OTHER VIEWS

Land mines can prolong wars long after the belligerents have formally ended them. They're cheap to distribute and plant and are used defensively and offensively. An estimated 100 million mines remain scattered over more than 70 countries, contributing to the death or maiming of an estimated 2,000 victims a month worldwide.

There's some good news on that front, however. The U.S. Defense Applied Research Projects Agency (DARPA), working with two California laboratories, Quantum Magnetics and Information Systems, hopes to develop a practical mine detection system. DARPA's director, Dr. Regina Dugan, defined her agency's goal: "The ideal sys-

tem finds every land mine with no false alarms, doesn't cost very much, uses almost no power and contains almost no volume." She says her team is close to developing a practical application of "nuclear quadruple resonance," which can identify land mines through their explosives.

In addition, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an Oklahoma firm, Nomadics Inc., both have promising electronic approaches.

In our view, some cooperation is in order. The goal is far more important that who gets credit for reaching it. Ending the threat of mines used in past wars to those now at peace is a worthy goal.  
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## Building boats for the bayou, like they used to do

I can't help myself. I look. Whenever I drive across the long bridge over the Atchafalaya Swamp, despite incredible odds against spotting a Louisiana black bear, I look.

Into the wet and infinite swamp I stare. And I expect someday to see a bear. After all, a few bears are out there, somewhere, and I am on the threshold of an eerily enchanted place where water rises and recedes on a whim, where sugar is a crop and French the language of familiarity — and where stranger sightings no doubt have happened.

So far I've seen alligators, owls, herons, egrets, snakes, nutria, fox and squirrels. And, while I've yet to spot a bear, here endangered things — teetering on the cusp of the permanently past — seem to bubble up from the mud.

This trip I met a man who builds the old-style pirogue and bateau. Tony Latiolais grew up

at the edge of this great swamp, one of eight boys and four girls, a regular disciple's complement of children. His father taught his brother Albert, who taught him.

Latiolais, a wiry, timber hitch knot of a man, builds boats. If he were a cook, you'd say he worked from scratch. He builds boats the way he was taught, from old cypress logs brought up from the river or lake bottom, logs buried beneath water and muck for decades. Lazarus logs, commonly called sinkers.

"The only ones I use were cut before 1930," Latiolais says between chain puffs. A cigarette balances permanently, naturally, on his lip, like a freckle on a boy's nose. The ones they're cutting now are too young, no good.

We talk in a carport/shop outside a house that Latiolais (pronounced LATCH-o-lay) is currently building. He calls it his bachelor pad, and the emerging cabin does have a rugged, pilothouse kind of appeal. It sits at the end of a short side street off workaday Henderson's main drag. The whole length of the lane seems populated with Latiolais' brothers.

Any boat Latiolais builds begins with that swamp search for the right log, then its

retrieval; construction doesn't get any simpler from there. As a result, the minimum cost of one of his cypress pirogues is about \$1,500, which barely covers his time. Few are willing or able to afford that for a hunting boat — not when you can buy an aluminum or plywood pirogue for a fraction of the price. So, these days, Latiolais mostly fills custom orders, or builds boats for himself or Hollywood. (You might have seen him in a bit part in the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie *Old Man*, a true TV treat based on a Faulkner short story. One of his brothers actually had a meaty role as the loquacious Cajun on a houseboat who befriends a principled prisoner and his female charge.)

Latiolais built the boat used in *Old Man*, and, as it happens, the altar for a church scene in the best movie of the past decade, *The Apostle*. His pride and joy is a boat he built last year called a putt-putt bateau, a style that evolved from the Cajun chalon.

The chalon was a graceful, motorless boat with flat bottom and raked bow and stern. This bateau is equipped with a 2-horsepower engine, but some traditionally had engines as powerful as 8 horsepower. The putt-putts were the first motor-

ized boats in the swamp, slow but strong, capable of pulling as many as 40 logs through the water to the sawmills.

In 1985, Latiolais and his brother Albert found just one vintage bateau in all of Louisiana, the one they built. (The brothers once hosted a 10-day boat-building demonstration at the Smithsonian.) Now there are 18 in the state, with Latiolais' latest, the longest at 25 feet.

He and an apprentice, Danny Angelle, spent at least 400 hours on its construction in nearby Butte La Rose. They searched the water for the visible ends of usable logs, marking them until low water when they could dig them out with shovels.

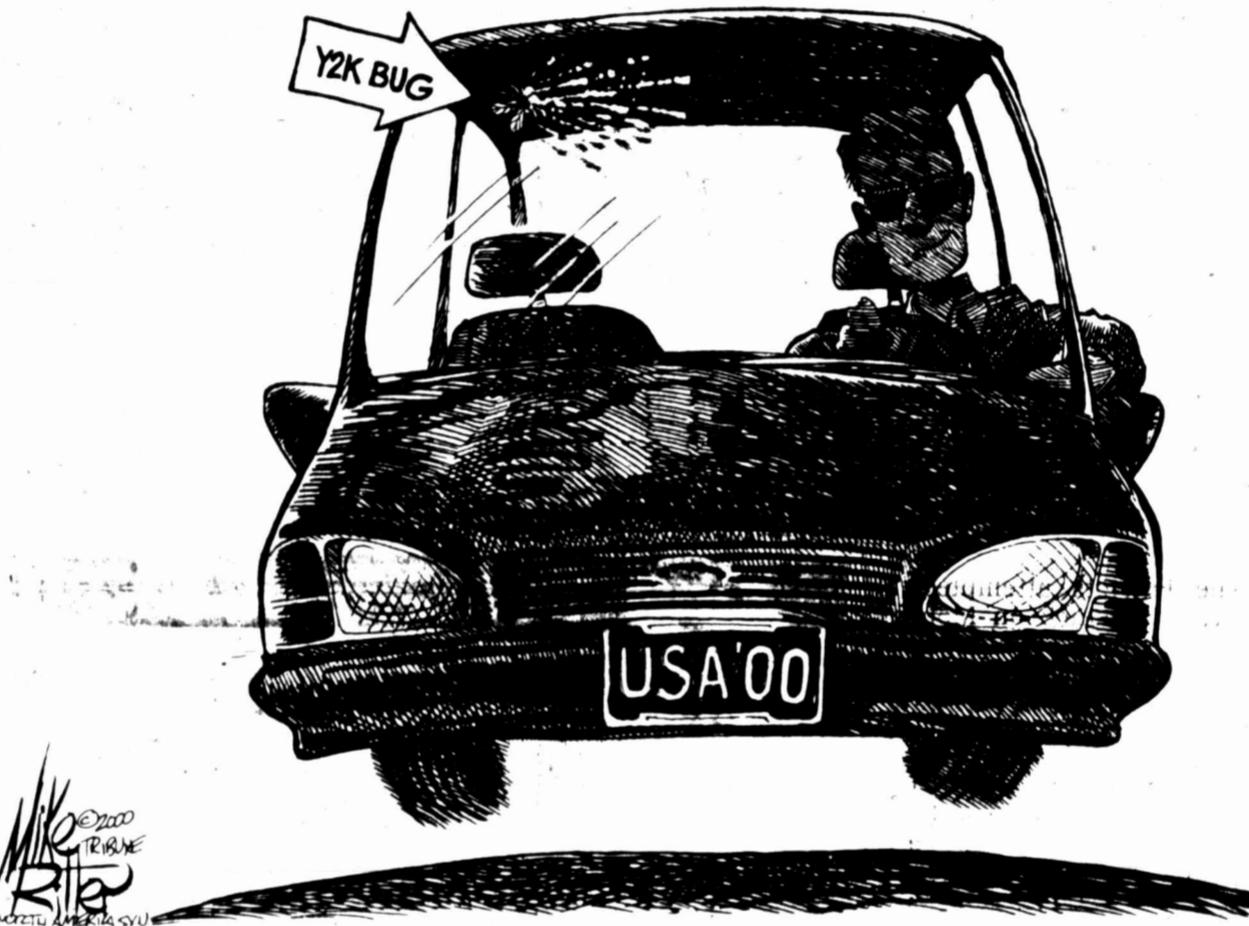
Angelle even wove the rope for old-style bumpers. The boat has a Model A gas tank. Every rib is a different length, and the work was painstaking and slow.

Latiolais takes his boat, not just for show, out every warm weekend, demonstrating why it's called a putt-putt. It moves like a string of firecrackers through Henderson Lake and its endless network of peripheral canals.

What a beautiful sight, the talented Cajun in his cypress bateau, prowling the swamp like one of those elusive bears.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



## Just so you know what this columnist is about

**W**ell, it's the end of the year, and I despise retrospectives, year-end reviews and laughable lists of this or that. As a result, I've always used this end-of-the-year column

to file a conflict-of-interest statement with my readers. So far as I know, though I've been doing it for years, I'm still the only journalist who does.  
My only source of income is from the sale of my columns. The only stock I own are shares of the company I work for that are given to us in some sort of retirement plan. I do rent a house I'm buying in anticipation of retirement. I drive a '96 Thunderbird that I dearly wish I could have afforded at age 18 when it might have done something more for me than move me around.



CHARLEY REESE

I'm registered as a Democrat. Yes, I know most Democrats are socialists or Marxists or some other brand of crackpot. Well, it pleases me to be the only conservative Southern Democrat extant.

Besides, it greatly annoys the feminists and abortion boosters when they hear about it. The more I learn about the War Between the States, the less appealing the Republican Party becomes. It was born in sin, and it has committed the lion's share of the sins against the Constitution and the American people, though Democrats run a close second in the sin department.

Philosophically, I am a traditional conservative. That means I believe in the original Constitution and the original republic of sovereign states.

I believe, as James Madison said, that states should do 95 percent of the governing, and that the federal government should be strictly limited to those powers and duties explicitly spelled out in the Constitution.

I doubt I will ever see such a republic, but being of Celtic

ancestry, it never occurs to me to approve of something just because it exists or is powerful or is likely to prevail.

I am what the global baloney peddlers are pleased to call an isolationist. Of course, I define that the same way George Washington did: We should have commerce with all, entangling alliances with none. We should neither favor a foreign country nor exhibit a hostile attitude toward one. What people do in their own countries and to each other is their business.

The American government should concentrate solely on protecting and wisely governing the American people.

I believe, as Gen. Smedley Butler believed, that imperial wars are a racket fought by poor boys for the benefit of rich corporations. I am powerfully opposed to involving American troops in any hostilities without a declaration of war by Congress, as the Constitution requires. Nor do I think we should ever declare war on any country unless it has attacked or is about to attack our country.  
I would not only withdraw

from the United Nations, but I would evict the organization from its New York headquarters if I had my druthers.

As you can see, I'm clearly an anachronism and proud of it.

I belong to only three organizations — the National Rifle Association, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the League of the South. I'm proud to be a part of all three organizations. I believe that if Americans are dumb enough to give up their Second Amendment right to keep and bear firearms, they will get exactly what they deserve — a fascist dictatorship, American style. They may get one anyway, as Tom Jefferson was surely right when he said anybody who expects to be free and ignorant expects what never was and never will be. Far too many Americans, brilliant in some areas, are ignorant of their nation's history.

Well, that's about it. My purpose in writing is to provoke people into thinking. I don't really care if people agree with me or not. I'm not running for office or selling anything. I just can't stand apathy.

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## Dimidjian post

of his golfing Carlos "Doc" Big Spring championship hole-in-one on Dec. 30 while Comanche Trail Dimidjian recusing a 9-iron on 15th hole, a 164-y Those witness were Dimidjian Arturo Dimidjian Terry, Jim Sherrill Farmer.

## Baseball boost

organizational The Big Spring Boosters Club has an organization all players' part p.m. Monday at High School Athl Center.

Members will year's fund rais improvements ar For more info: Jim Clements at 267-1069.

## Semi-pro foot

being formed Efforts are cur way to field a Texas semi-Pr League this seas Rick Boles, the

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Danguard, would a roster of 25 to 3 Players will no will have to pay; provide their ow Boles said the t four or five hom ing the season i in mid February. For more info: Denise Yandrich Raymond Ontiv 3811 or Delbert 2631.

## International

Jan. 11 board The Internat League has schee meeting for 6 p Jan. 11, at The C on the Lamesa H

Anyone interes ing a team or interested in t encouraged to att For more info: Denise Yandrich Raymond Ontiv 3811 or Delbert 2631.

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Both the Com Golf Course at Spring Country t icipating in the is the Stanton Co Those wanting pass can do so by ACS-2345 or www.acs-tx.org. also available at courses.

## AREA SCH

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Television COLLEGE FOOTBA 7 p.m. — Sugar State vs. Virginia Tr 2 and Ch. 8. NBA 8 p.m. — Dallas Denver Nuggets, FX

IN BRIEF

Dimidjian posts first ace of his golfing career

Carlos "Doc" Dimidjian of Big Spring chalked up the first hole-in-one of his career on Dec. 30 while playing the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Dimidjian recorded the ace using a 9-iron on the course's 15th hole, a 164-yard par 3.

Those witnessing the shot were Dimidjian's father, Arturo Dimidjian, Richard Terry, Jim Rodger and Sherrill Farmer.

Baseball boosters set organizational meeting

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club has scheduled an organizational meeting of all players' parents for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members will discuss the year's fund raisers, planned improvements and activities.

For more information, call Jim Clements after 6 p.m. at 267-1069.

Semi-pro football team being formed locally

Efforts are currently under way to field a team in the Texas semi-Pro Football League this season.

Rick Boles, the general manager and defensive coach of the team, said there are currently 12 players working out at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays at Blankenship Field.

The team, owned by Big Spring resident Gail Danguard, would like to have a roster of 25 to 30 players.

Players will not be paid and will have to pay a \$100 fee and provide their own equipment. Boles said the team will play four or five home games during the season which begins in mid-February.

For more information, contact Boles at 264-1111.

International LL slates Jan. 11 board meeting

The International Little League has scheduled a board meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at The Country Store on the Lamesa Highway.

Anyone interested in coaching a team or is otherwise interested in the league is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-2631.

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.

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.acs-tx.org. Details are also available at all three local courses.

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Cowboys may find playoff inspiration from their past

IRVING (AP) — At 8-8, the Dallas Cowboys haven't given themselves many reasons to feel good about themselves this season. Instead, they can look to the past for inspiration.

The Cowboys still have many of the same guys who carried them to Super Bowl championships in 1992, '93 and '95, which can only be a plus in a postseason filled with NFC newcomers.

"We have to count on that being an edge for us," Dallas coach Chan Galley said Monday. "We need to get that type of leadership."

For all their past playoff success, the Cowboys barely made the playoffs despite ending the year against three teams that had no chance of getting in. Dallas lost the first two, then edged the New York Giants to set up a first-round

game Sunday in Minnesota.

The Cowboys and Vikings (10-6) are the only NFC teams from last year's playoffs that are back again. The last team to win the Super Bowl after not making the playoff the previous season were the Washington Redskins in strike-shortened 1982.

That doesn't mean whoever wins the Dallas-Minnesota game has any special advantages in the second round. But it does prove that playoff experience helps.

"There's a lot of teams lumped together," Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said. "Anybody can win this thing. People say it every year, but I think this year it's probably more true than in the previous seasons that I've been a part of."

"It's just a matter of who gets hot at the right time and if things go their

way."

Aikman is 11-3 in postseason games. Minnesota quarterback Jeff George and Washington's Brad Johnson are each 0-1. The other NFC playoff quarterbacks have never taken a postseason snap.

Dallas also has Emmitt Smith and several offensive linemen, plus defensive stars such as Deion Sanders and Darren Woodson who understand the difference between playoff games and regular-season games.

"Someone like Emmitt or Troy can go to a young guy and say, 'Hey, this is what it takes. We've got to crank it up a few notches and be more focused,' or whatever they need to say to let them know it's different. Because it is different now," Cowboys safety George Teague said.

Things will have to be different for Dallas to get past Minnesota.

The Cowboys have lost seven straight on the road, including a 27-17 loss to the Vikings in October. They haven't beaten a non-NFC East team on the road since the 1997 opener.

Dallas has lost its last two to Minnesota and has a two-game playoff losing streak. Another streak going against the Cowboys is the 0-3 record for teams making the playoffs at 8-8.

Team owner Jerry Jones believes in the power of experience.

"Since we've been there, I know that on any given day we can win against the teams that we're going to be playing," he said. "I genuinely feel that we can do something special here and go to a Super Bowl."

Parcells quits as Jets' coach; Rhodes, Carroll sent packing

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill Parcells stepped down on his own terms, Ray Rhodes and Pete Carroll were pushed aside and Mike Ditka awaited his fate as the NFL's also-rans started planning for next season.

Parcells resigned as coach of the New York Jets on Monday, while Rhodes was fired after only one season in Green Bay, and Carroll after three years in New England.

"This job has turned into a 365 day a year job and it's difficult, because I've been doing it for 15 years in this league and I think it is time," Parcells said.

Bill Belichick, who was Parcells' defensive coordinator for 14 seasons and was 37-45 in five seasons as Cleveland's coach, takes over.

"Bill will be making the football decisions," said Parcells, whose career record is 149-106-1.

The Patriots attempted to contact Belichick on Monday about replacing Carroll. But because Parcells told Jets president Steve Gutman after Sunday's 19-9 victory over Seattle that he was resigning, Belichick already was the Jets' head coach Monday, based on a contract signed in '97 and updated last January. Belichick received a \$1 million bonus at that time.

The injury-plagued Jets rallied from a 1-6 start to finish 8-8.

Rhodes, hired by Green Bay when Mike Holmgren quit to become Seattle's coach and general manager, was fired after an 8-8 season, with general manager Ron Wolf saying Rhodes didn't live up to expectations.

Falcons hold off 49ers for 34-29 win

ATLANTA (AP) — Too bad the season had to end. Tim Dwight was just hitting his stride.

Hampered by injuries and the burden of replacing Tony Martin, Dwight needed most of the year to find his niche with the Atlanta Falcons. On Monday night, he gave a tantalizing glimpse of his potential.

The diminutive receiver caught seven passes for 162 yards, including two touchdowns, and returned a punt 70 yards for another score as the Falcons closed the NFL's regular season with a 34-29 victory



Bill Parcells, pictured here in 1991, has stepped down as head coach of the New York Jets, but will remain as the team's general manager.

over the San Francisco 49ers. "He has gotten better and better," coach Dan Reeves said. "He can take a lesson from 37-year-old Jerry Rice, who showed he's not washed up. In what might have been his final game with the 49ers, Rice had six receptions for 143 yards and even drew applause from Falcons defensive back Ray Buchanan after a 62-yard reception.

The 49ers (4-12) fell behind 31-7, but showed a bit of pride in their worst season since 1979, scoring three second-half touchdowns to make it close.

Although the Falcons recovered an onside kick with 2:45 remaining, they still had to bat down Jeff Garcia's desperation pass in the end zone to preserve the victory.

"We made it exciting, didn't we?" Atlanta coach Dan Reeves said. "When you have control of a game like that, you shouldn't let the other team back in it."

The 49ers, projected to be some \$20 million over the salary cap, now must decide if they can afford Rice and quarterback Steve Young.

National title on line tonight in Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — At long last, four days into a new century, it's time to decide the 1999 national champion.

Florida State hasn't played in 45 days; Virginia Tech in 39 days. Players from both teams are sick of strolling down Bourbon Street, watching fans whoop it up while trying to keep themselves out of trouble.

"I know the kids can't wait to play, they've been here so long," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Monday, a week into the Seminoles' visit to the home of Mardi Gras.

"This town has a lot of beautiful sites, but it don't do nothing. Nothing."

Something finally will be done to determine a national champion tonight when the top-ranked Seminoles (11-0) play the No. 2 Hokies (11-0) in the Sugar Bowl.

A win, and Florida State can rightly claim the title as Team of the Decade, a loss and the Seminoles might join the Atlanta Braves as consistent winners who could win the big one only once.

"You go back home and people are saying y'all always go to the big game but y'all never win them," Florida State cornerback Mario Edwards said. "I have a little brother that's telling me that. He's 10 years old. Oh, is he making it hard for me, too. Hopefully, I can come home this time and he'll pat me on the back and say 'It's about time y'all won it.'"

This will be the 32nd time — 13th in a bowl game — No. 1 plays No. 2. For the Seminoles, it will be their sixth 1-2 matchup — five in the 1990s, plus tonight's game. Florida State is 2-3, including last year's Fiesta Bowl loss to Tennessee in the title game.

While Virginia Tech is playing for its first national crown in 107 years of football, Florida State is in the title game for the third time in four years and fourth in seven years — the 'Noles won the 1993 championship.

"Yes, if we won this one, it would be better than the last," Bowden said. "The last time it was more of a relief. 'God, we finally got a national championship.' They can't say Bobby Bowden never won a national

championship. Now, they're saying Bobby Bowden can't win another one."

If Virginia Tech wins?

"I ain't cutting my throat, I'm not slicing my wrists," Bowden said. "I'll come back and we'll try to do it the next year."

Adds Peter Warrick, the All-American receiver who had just one catch in the loss to Tennessee and also was around for '97 Sugar Bowl loss to Florida. "We've been so close. This is the last one, and I don't want to let this one go by like the other two."

Florida State won a record 108 games in the '90s and has a 12-year string of top-four finishes in The AP poll. Among this year's memorable wins — so far — was Bowden's 300th, a 17-14 decision over Clemson in college football's first father-son coaching matchup, and the 30-23 victory at Florida.

A win over the Hokies would also give Bowden the first perfect season in his 40 years as a head coach, and it would make Florida State the first team to go wire-to-wire in the AP poll since the preseason ratings began in 1950.

Thirteen seasons after folks in Blacksburg, Va., laughed at coach Frank Beamer for predicting he would produce a national champion, tens of thousands of Hokies fans are in town for the biggest game in school history.

"I don't think our world is going to start or end with us winning this football game," Beamer said. "It would be great if we won, it would be a new day at Virginia Tech. But if we lose, it's not the end of it. I would expect to come back next year and be in it again."

Led by the pinpoint passing and flashy footwork of quarterback Michael Vick, the Hokies have turned into one of the nation's most exciting teams.

Virginia Tech was already known for a relentless defense, led by 17-sack man Corey Moore and fellow defensive end John Engelberger, and the nation's best special teams — 63 blocked kicks in the '90s. But the 19-year-old Vick has taken the Hokies to new heights.

He threw for 1,840 yards and 12 TDs, ran for 585 yards and eight TDs.

LSU, one of three unbeatens left, moves back into Top 25

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LSU is one of three unbeaten teams left in Division I. The Tigers are also back in the Top 25. Not bad for a program that hasn't seen the better side of .500 in six seasons.

The Tigers (12-0) moved into the AP college basketball on Monday at No. 21, their first ranking since Dec. 13, 1993.

"Have we arrived? No, we haven't arrived, but we've certainly given an indication that our process is right," third-year Tigers coach John Brady said after the new rankings were released. "We basically came from zero to, in the third year, where we are."

That would be unbeaten as conference play is about to begin, something only Stanford, which held the No. 1 spot for the third straight week Monday, and No. 7 Syracuse can claim.

The Tigers were not among the preseason favorites in the Southeastern Conference, but along with No. 4

Auburn, No. 6 Florida, No. 15 Tennessee and No. 25 Kentucky, this week's other newcomers to the rankings, give the SEC five ranked teams.

Sophomore forward Stromile Swift and senior center Jabari Smith lead the front line that has LSU where it is. The Tigers' biggest win of the season was last week's win over Oklahoma State in a matchup of unbeatens.

"The question is now, how do we handle it?" Brady said. "I want them to be aware of what they've done, the success they've had up to this point, but never lose sight of how they got to this point."

"I never want to not have the attitude of getting better."

Stanford (11-0), which won the Stanford Invitational last week, received 62 first-place votes and 1,738 points from the national media panel as the top seven teams remain unbeaten.

Connecticut was second, with 59 votes and 1,667 points, and was followed by Cincinnati, which was No. 1 on three

ballots. Then came Auburn, Arizona, Florida and Syracuse (9-0).

Duke and Kansas moved up one place each to eighth and ninth, while Indiana rounded out the Top Ten.

Michigan State, stunned by Wright State last week, dropped three spots to lead the Second Ten, and was followed by Maryland, Ohio State, North Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma State, Texas, Utah, Illinois and Oklahoma.

LSU led the final five teams in the poll and was followed by Tulsa, DePaul, UCLA and Kentucky.

Kentucky (8-4) has won four straight games since falling out of the rankings last month after a run of 164 consecutive polls.

The Wildcats had been in every Top 25 from Dec. 4, 1990, until last Dec. 13 — the fifth longest run in history. Included in the streak was a 30-point win over Michigan State.

Temple (6-3), which lost to Wisconsin

last week, dropped out from 17th although the Owls are playing short-handed because point guard Pepe Sanchez and forward Mark Karcher are injured.

Sanchez has not played since the opening game of the season because of a sprained ankle. Karcher, the leading scorer, is out for up to three weeks after spraining his shoulder against Cleveland State last week.

Wake Forest (9-3) had a rough trip to Hawaii and fell out from 19th. The Demon Deacons lost to Oregon by one point in the opening round of the Rainbow Classic, then beat Ohio University in double overtime before losing 70-57 to Villanova in the fifth-place game.

Oklahoma State's loss to LSU caused the Cowboys to have the week's biggest drop, from 11th to No. 16.

Utah and Tulsa made the week's biggest jumps, modest moves of three places to 18th and 22nd, respectively.

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Direct your high energy where  
it counts. You can accomplish  
most anything you set your  
mind to. Concrete ideas appeal  
more than flights of fantasy. Be  
aware of a tendency to be  
quick-tempered, especially at  
work, with co-workers and  
when faced with inefficiency. If  
you are single, romance could  
be weighty or elusive - except  
this spring, when your appeal  
is strong. If attached, commu-  
nication is active, sometimes  
even sizzling. You'll go through  
a period of intense closeness  
from Feb. 15 through July 1.  
GEMINI challenges your organiza-  
tional skills.

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)  
\*\*Take the initiative and fol-  
low your instincts. If your tem-  
per flares, it's only because you  
need to take responsibility and  
control. Pressure builds. Others  
simply don't meet your criteria  
right now. Talk through a hassle  
and seek new solutions.  
Tonight: Swap war stories with  
a friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*You are easily irritated by a  
friend who seems bent on self-  
sabotage. Is this really the  
story, or are you not grasping  
the complete picture? Take

time to go over financial impli-  
cations; talk turkey if neces-  
sary. You can only do so much.  
Understand yo ur limits!  
Tonight: Treat yourself well.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*Your personality helps  
mollify a difficult associate.  
Despite your best efforts, find-  
ing a resolution doesn't seem  
possible. Rather than getting  
tense trying to convince others  
how to view a situation, pull  
back. Don't be a dog chasing its  
tail. Tonight: Beam in what  
you want.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*Steer clear of a work-related  
hassle. Seek out other sources.  
Be willing to look at the big  
picture, despite resistance.  
Your abilities are called into  
play. Listen to another carefull-  
ly, even though you don't have  
to agree! Tonight: Vanish and  
relax in your world.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*Aim for what you want.  
Do what you must to make  
things happen. Be clear about  
others and what they want, but  
be careful about involving your  
finances. You are in the pres-  
sure cooker. A child or loved  
one creates uproar. Tonight:  
Join friends and relax.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*Try as you might, getting  
work accomplished proves chal-  
lenging. Different elements of  
your life pull you in separate  
directions. Realize your limits  
as tempers explode. Your

DEAR ABBY: Your letters about  
chivalry prompted mine. Years  
ago, I was standing in a crowd-  
ed post office. There was a  
long wooden bench where  
customers could wait for their  
number to be called for their  
turn at the counter. Many peo-  
ple were standing that day.

I was in my  
20s at the  
time and had  
four small  
children with  
me, when a  
man who  
appeared to  
be in his 70s  
struggled  
off the bench  
and offered  
me his seat.  
He obviously  
needed it far  
more than I,  
so I refused his offer. He said  
a man couldn't even be a gen-  
tleman anymore. I have remem-  
bered his hurt all these 30  
years. I'll never forgive myself  
for that thoughtless act.

Since then I have always  
thanked every man who steps  
aside, assists me, holds a door  
or offers me a seat. I am  
blessed to have a husband who  
does all those things for me -

attempt to find a solution  
proves t be challenging to oth-  
ers. Tonight: Take work home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*Another clearly has differ-  
ent monetary issues than you  
do. Evaluate and think before  
you agree to anyone's terms.  
They simply might not be ben-  
eficial for you. Communication  
fizzles; others want it their  
way. Concentrate on work.  
Tonight: Escape into a movie.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*Finding a point of agree-  
ment takes talent and  
endurance. Think about what  
is needed to deal with a child  
or loved one who is unusually  
difficult. Saying no proves to be  
challenging, yet it is necessary  
when it involves your finances.  
Tonight: Get fee dback from a  
friend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec.  
21)  
\*\*Without meaning to, you  
could cause yourself a lot of  
trouble. You might not be  
aware of just how testy you are.  
Others let you know, especially  
family members. Use care with  
those in charge. You simply  
don't need a backfire. Tonight:  
Where the crowds are.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan.  
19)  
HH Someone might be getting  
your dander up, but dealing  
with this is another issue. Be  
assertive yet creative in dis-  
cussing a hot issue. Co-workers  
prove to be cantankerous and  
touchy. Avoid arguments if

possible. Make it your job to be  
a diplomat right now. Tonight:  
Off to the gym for a hearty  
workout.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*Your creativity helps you  
surmount others' moods. Be  
careful about spending, as you  
might be sorely tempted.  
Establishing your limits proves  
to be important in discussions  
with a friend. Start planning  
for an important goal. Deal  
with funds as well. Tonight:  
Allow yourself to be frivolous  
and playful.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*You project far more  
strongly than you are aware.  
Others could easily back off,  
not exactly sure which way to  
proceed. You are more in con-  
trol than you realize. Just stay  
cool, and use your insight com-  
bined with your sharp wit.  
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property of the hostess to serve  
or not as she saw fit.

I actually saw one lady put  
an entire loaf of bread into her  
bag. The hostess had almost  
nothing left. I overheard her  
husband ask, "What happened  
to the bread we had for dinner?  
I'd like a sandwich." Imagine,  
not enough left for a sandwich!

When you bring a dish to a  
party, do you scoop it up and  
take whatever is left home with  
you? Do you fix yourself a  
"doggie bag" without the  
hostess's permission, knowl-  
edge or consent? Abby, isn't  
what goes into a hostess's  
bag hers to do with as she  
wishes? - STUMPED IN  
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DEAR STUMPED: When a  
guest brings food to a dinner  
party, it is considered a gift for  
the hostess. She is not obligated  
to serve it as part of the meal,  
and is within her rights to pop  
it into the freezer to enjoy at  
another time if she chooses.

Well-mannered guests do not  
remove anything from the  
house without being invited to  
do so by their host or hostess.

DEAR ABBY: After receiv-  
ing sympathy cards after a  
death in the family, how are  
they displayed - or are they  
displayed at all? - BARBARA  
IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR BARBARA: If it would  
be comforting to you to display  
the sympathy cards and letters  
of support you received, I see  
no reason why they couldn't be  
displayed on a shelf or tabletop.  
However, typically such cards  
and letters are placed in an  
album with the death  
announcement and, perhaps,  
some photos of the deceased, or  
in a keepsake box or decorative  
basket.

DEAR ABBY: After reading  
the letter from the Elvis imp-  
ersonator's mom who was upset  
that her son was the brunt of  
unkind comments, I just had to  
write.

My brother-in-law is an Elvis  
impersonator, and he does it 24  
hours a day, seven days a week  
- and frankly, the family is  
sick and tired of it! He never  
says, "Thank you" - he has to  
say, "Thann (not thank) you  
very much." He even wore his  
wraparound dark Elvis glasses  
to his brother's wake and  
funeral, along with stage make-  
up and an outfit as close as he  
could get to look like Elvis.  
And no, he had NOT just come  
from a "gig." This WAS his  
"gig" for the week!

The mother's signature says  
it all. "Protective Little Mama"  
is what Elvis' mother was, and  
I do believe that she considers  
herself Elvis' mom and enjoys  
the attention as much as he  
does. Give me a break!

Most entertainers are profes-  
sionals and leave the showbiz  
behind after work. This Elvis  
wannabe probably does his act  
all day and all night - and  
that's where the problem really  
lies. Even Dolly Parton says  
she goes to the grocery store  
and no one recognizes her.

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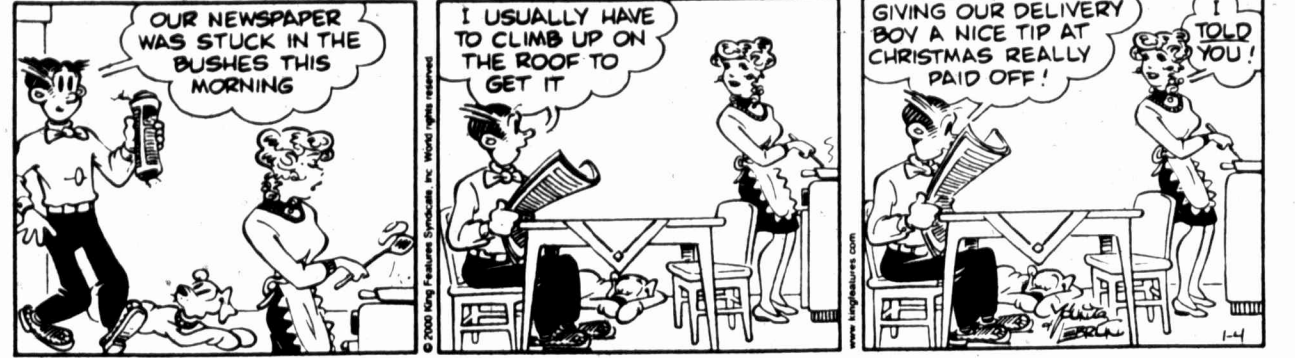
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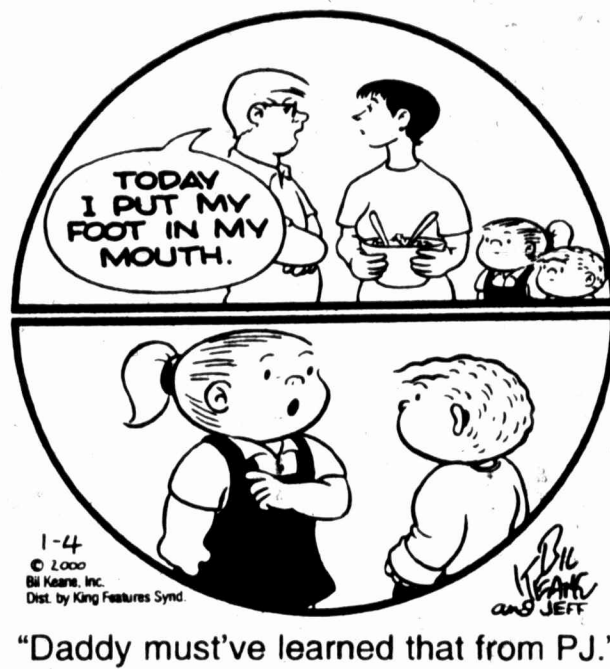
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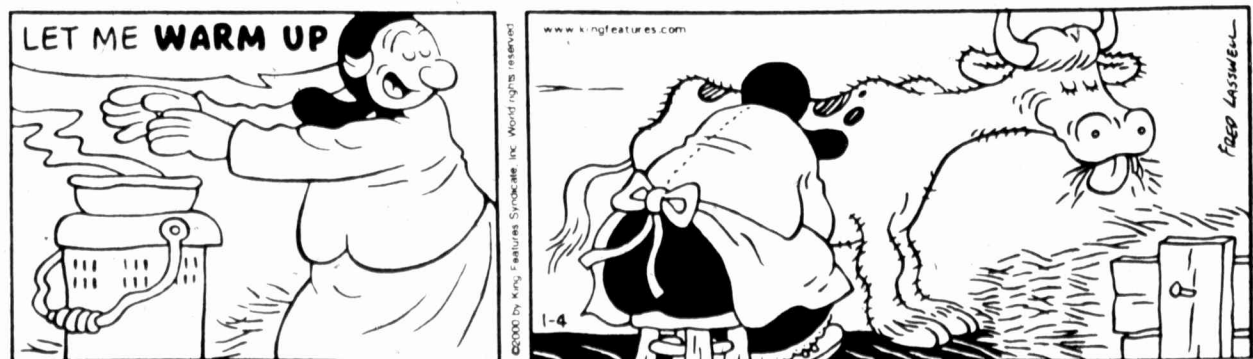
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2000. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 4, 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address.

On this date: In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of a reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

In 1821, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who would be the first native-born American saint, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what is believed to have been the first appendectomy; the patient was 22-year-old Mary Gartside.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, An Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Chase, Md., killing 16 people.

Ten years ago: Charles Stuart, who had claimed a gunman had killed his pregnant wife and wounded him, leaped to his death from a Boston Harbor bridge after he became a suspect. Deposed Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega was arraigned in federal district court in Miami on drug-trafficking charges.

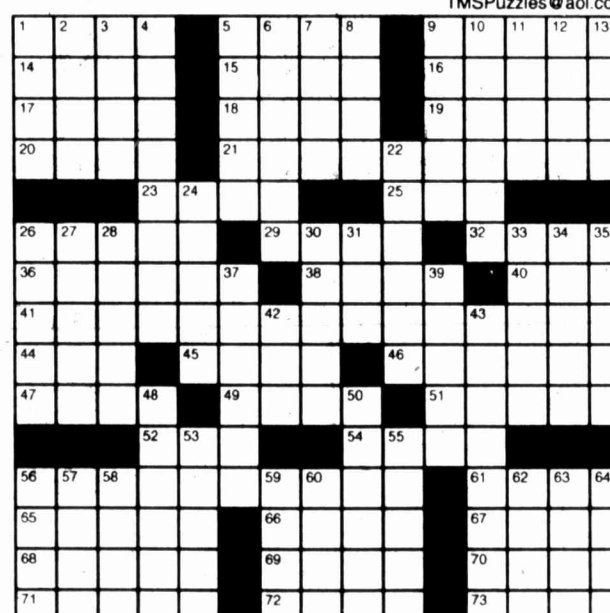
Five years ago: The 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era; Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the House.

One year ago: Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day, rising against the dollar on world currency markets. Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was sworn in as Minnesota's 37th governor.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 86. Actress Barbara Rush is 73. Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula is 70. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 65. Actress Dyan Cannon is 63. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 63. Maureen Reagan is 59. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 45. Actress Ann Magnuson is 44. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order) is 44. Country singer Patty Loveless is 43. Rock singer Michael Stipe (R.E.M.) is 40. Actor Dave Foley is 37. Actress Julia Ormond is 35. Tennis player Guy Forget is 35. Country singer Deana Carter is 34. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 33.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Home of Iowa State
5 Saharan
9 Tubby plus
14 "Life \_\_\_ Father"
15 Change the decor
16 Granular
17 Hawks' former arena
18 Current
19 Follow
20 \_\_\_ of faith
21 Surrounds
23 Make arrangements
25 Uncle
26 Ruby Dee's husband
29 Transport allowance
32 Aromatic unguent
36 Fragrances
38 Ventilates
40 52
41 Forrunner of the U.N.
44 \$ from a bank
45 Map of lots
46 Whipped
47 Abele abode
49 Formerly, once
51 Argentine grassland
52 Columnist
54 Luau dance
56 Associates
61 Shuttle grp.
65 Susan Lucci role
66 What \_\_\_ can I say?
67 Tap problem
68 Madagascar primate
69 Lulu
70 Sea shockers
71 Fertile soils
72 Cathedral service
73 Roue



- DOWN
1 Off-base GI
2 Act out
3 Early lab burner
4 Proulx novel, "The \_\_\_ News"
5 Island in Netherlands Antilles
6 See the error of one's ways
7 Graven image
8 Over with
9 Last Greek letter
10 Chill to the bone
11 Lessen
12 Aspiration
13 "For Your \_\_\_ Only"
22 From the stars
24 Diminishment
26 Singer K.T.
27 Act subdivision
28 Does ushering
30 Inflatable boats
31 German article
33 Waikiki welcome
34 Thread from flax
35 Accomplish incorrectly
37 Tejana superstar
39 Gain time
42 Sculling instrument
43 Hawaiian, e.g.
48 Dusting powder
50 Learned papers
53 Gets closer
55 Consumers
56 Prison room
57 Nabisco cookie
58 \_\_\_ bean
59 H.S. math class
60 Arm bone
62 Expanse
63 Worm secretion
64 Church section

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