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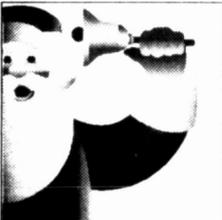
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Election has been a good education tool, administrators say

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The 2000 presidential election may be recorded in history as the "Year of the Chad," but for many secondary teachers, this election gave an opportunity to show students the importance of one vote.

"The election this year has been very helpful in teaching the kids," said Big Spring High School principal Kent Bowermon.

"Our government teachers

A special two-page feature wrapping up the 2000 presidential election is included on Pages 4-5A. A reprint provided by the sponsors and the Herald will be delivered to area schools.

have had a field day with this."

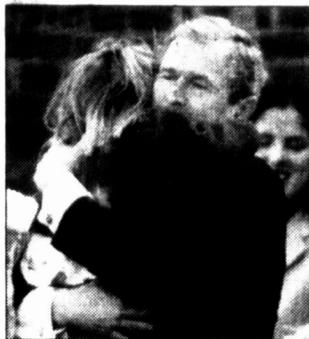
"The government classes have made the election their focus for the past five weeks," said Frank Riney,

the principal at Coahoma High School. "The teachers have shifted their lesson plans to accompany the election process."

For Wayne Rotan, principal at Forsan High School, the election marks a part of history that needs to be used on every school's curriculum.

"Our teachers have been visiting with the students in the classroom going over the election," Rotan said.

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President-elect George W. Bush hugs a 3-year-old girl after special services at the Tarrytown United Methodist Church in Austin on Thursday.

AP photo

911 emergency system making strides

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

For almost a year now, Howard County volunteer fire chief Tommy Sullivan has been wearing two hats — but he couldn't be happier about it.

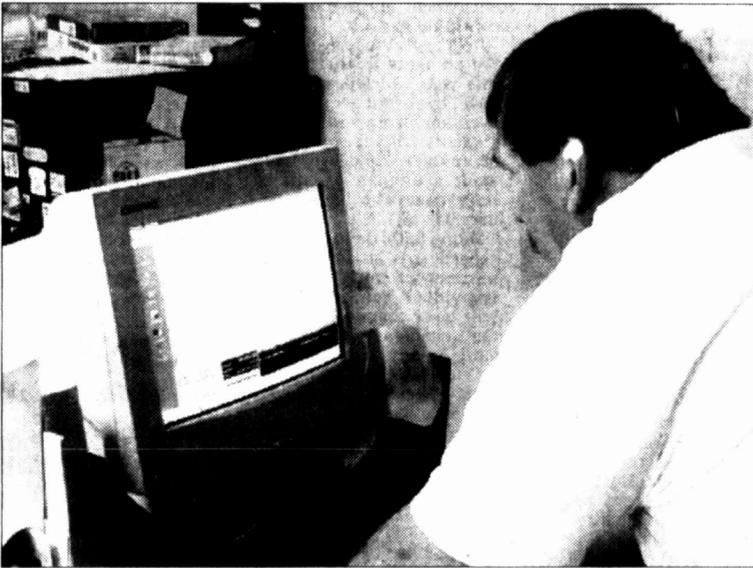
Sullivan was named the Howard County 911 director last February and assumed those responsibilities effective March 1 of this year. It was a job well-suited for him since he was already the volunteer fire chief.

Sullivan will be the first to tell anyone that this year has been a successful and rewarding one for him.

"This has been a very successful year as being the director for 911," said Sullivan. "We have gotten a lot accomplished that I wanted to see happen when I first took over in March. We have a great board and they have been in full support of the upgrades we have requested."

Last June, Sullivan appeared before the Howard County Commissioners Court seeking help in getting a 911 recorder put into the sheriff's department to help track county emergency calls. After it was determined that monies for the project were available, it was just a matter of the court approving a budget amendment so the funds could be used to pay for the implementation of the system.

"I said it then and I continue to say it, the monies spent for the recorder was money well spent," said Sullivan. "With the old data recorder, it took eight-to-10 hours to get specific information on a call whereas



Howard County 911 Director Tommy Sullivan looks over Wednesday's emergency calls on the newly installed recorder software program. Sullivan said it takes a fraction of the time to get information now, compared to the old data recorder system. The 911 office is located at 309 Main Street.

now we get that information in a matter of a few minutes. It tracks down times dispatched, how long the response time was, what time they arrived on the scene and what time the call was completed."

According to Sullivan, it cost around \$15,000 to put the recorder in the sheriff's department and an additional \$1,560 for a software program that will help in fire reporting and tracking. The cost to get the system put into the police department was around \$20,000. The equipment for the police department recorder was installed late last

month and is now up and running.

Under Sullivan's direction as the volunteer fire department fire chief, the department was presented with a Life Safety achievement Award for 1999 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI) in November. The award recognizes local fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. Howard County qualified for the award in 1999 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during that year.

At the annual volunteer

fireman award banquet recently, Sullivan was once again recognized for his achievements by walking away with three awards. They were a medal for distinguished service, a medal of merit, and he was named the officer of the year.

"I felt real honored to have been even considered for the awards," said Sullivan. "Once again I want to thank the executive board for all their support. We are well pleased with the direction the department is headed and looking forward to adding more equipment after the first of the year."

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

County unemployment rate dips to 4.4 percent

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Unemployment for Howard County dipped to 4.4 percent for October, down just slightly from September.

"It's indicative that things haven't changed a

whole lot. We haven't lost or gained many jobs," said Virginia Belew, Texas Workforce Center area manager.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, there were 12,737 people employed in Howard County during October and 585 people unemployed but seeking work.

The county's unemployment was at its highest this year in January, when it hit 6 percent. The low has been

4.3 percent in May.

"Right now we have 50 employers that have job listings with us, meaning we probably have 100 openings. So we do have jobs available," said Belew.

"One thing that offset the layoff we had from Wall's Industries was the fact that we had some employment through telecommunications companies."

Belew said the structure set up by the workforce center and its interaction with

employers and other agencies has helped keep unemployment lower.

"We think one of the things that has contributed to the unemployment remaining stable are some of the systems we have set up," Belew said. "We have a lot to offer employers and prospective employees, whether they are seeking a job for the first time or want to make a career change."

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Santa Claus to make stop at Big Spring Mall

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Get ready, boys and girls. Santa Claus is making a quick stop at the Big Spring Mall this Saturday and he wants to find out who has been naughty and nice.

According to mall manager Kathy Lusk, Santa's visit to Big Spring is just one of the many activities planned for Saturday at the mall.

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First Baptist Church music minister Stan Haynes directs the Saints Alive Choir Thursday during a performance for patients at the Big Spring State Hospital. The performance and unit Christmas parties continued holiday celebrations at the hospital.

HERALD photo/Valerie Avery

BSISD

Ritchey will take over principal's job at high school

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees filled the Big Spring High School principal's post on Thursday with their approval of Michael Wayne Ritchey to the position.

"I am very grateful to Mr. Bowermon for the opportunity to become an administrator 2 1/2 years ago, when he hired me as his assistant principal," said Ritchey. "He has had a tremendous influence in my growth as an administrator and in preparing me for the principalship."

"I would also like to extend my appreciation to the central office and the school board for their recommendation. I believe that it is their desire to continue the continuity of what has been a well-managed high school."

In November Kent R. Bowermon announced his resignation as the Big Spring High School principal. Bowermon has accepted the superintendent's position of the school district in Weimar. Bowermon's resignation will take effect Dec. 22.

Ritchey, a 1979 graduate of Coahoma High School, has a bachelor of science degree from San Angelo State University and a master of education from Sul Ross State University with several teaching certifications.

He has spent the majority of his career teaching in the Big Spring Independent School District.

"He has some big shoes to fill," said superintendent Bill McQueary. "Mr.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Reaves

Graveside funeral service with military honors for Donald R. Reaves, 69, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating.



Mr. Reaves died Tuesday, Dec. 12, at his residence. He was born on Feb. 13, 1931, in Big Spring and graduated as Salutatorian from Big Spring High School in 1948. He was a graduate of Texas A & M University and served in the U.S. Air Force. He married Betty L. Lurding in Colorado Springs, Colo. on April 4, 1976.

He was a member of Palm Bay United Methodist Church, where he served as trustee and chairman.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty Reaves of Palm Bay, Fla.; five daughters, Bonnie Reaves and Cathy Jordan both of Colorado Springs, Colo., Caroline Powers of Austin, Lori Ekes of Plano and Lisa Greathouse of Corinth; one son, Matthew Reaves of Littleton, Colo.; three brothers, Bernard Reaves of Odessa, Bennett Reaves of Lubbock and Roy Reaves of San Antonio; one sister, Patsy Anderson of Big Spring, and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: Palm Bay United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Health First, 1900 Dairy Road, Melbourne, Fla., 32904.

The family will receive friends today from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Vergil Lee Perkins

Funeral service for Vergil Lee Perkins, 87, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister

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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Donald R. Reaves, 69, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday at the funeral home.

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Vergil Lee Perkins, 87, died Thursday. Services are 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park. Freeda L. Neel, 90, died Friday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM, Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 PM at the funeral home tonight. Joe Spinks, 88, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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of 14th and Main Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Perkins died Thursday, Dec. 14, at a local nursing home following a long illness.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1913, in Taylor County. He married Calla Mae Williams on Aug. 9, 1941. He attended the Church of Christ and was a member of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club for over 50 years. He was also a member of the Gem and Mineral Club. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of World War II. He had been employed with Martin Distributing for a number of years.

He is survived by: one brother, Marvin L. Perkins of Abilene; one sister, Lois Irvin of Abilene; three nephews and one niece.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Freeda L. Neel

Freeda L. Neel, 90, of Big Spring passed away at 6:33 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at the home of her daughter following a long illness.



Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Chapel of Peace at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

Freeda was born on April 26, 1910, in Pine Bluff, Ark., to James Archie and Mary Elizabeth Blythe. Her family moved to Barronview (near Sweetwater) and later to Claytonville where she attended schools. She married Wesley Byron Neel on June 29, 1929, in Pecos. She and her husband had lived in Big Spring, Pecos and Long Beach, Calif.

Returning to Big Spring in 1947 to start Byron Storage and Transfer. Mr. Neel preceded her in death on July 14, 1967 and Freeda continued to own and operate their business until 1986.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church and a homemaker and wonderful mother. Byron and Freeda had one daughter, Billie Jonel Camp of Big Spring. In addition to her parents and husband she was also preceded in death by four brothers: Garland, Jim, Hardy and Jack; three sisters, Bessie and Lillian Stone and Doris Owen.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made to: Community Care Hospice, 1510 Gregg, Big Spring or First Baptist Church, 705 W FM 700, Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Joe L. Spinks

Funeral service for Joe L. Spinks, 88, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at his home.

BSISD

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Bowermon has done an outstanding job through the years and has kept a well-ordered, well-managed and well-disciplined high school.

McQueary said Ritchey has shown the abilities required for the position.

According to McQueary, Ritchey has overwhelming support from the teachers, who petitioned the school board to have him appointed to the position.

"That shows a tremendous vote of confidence," McQueary said.

Ritchey, who is currently one of the high school's

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

assistant-vice-principals, will begin his new position on Jan. 8.

In other business, trustees accepted a donation of two vacant lots by the owner and waived current taxes due to the district.

"The owner requested the taxes on the property be waived and he would then donate the property to the district," McQueary said.

The district will pay close to \$300, which will include the taxes due on the properties and fees to transfer the property to the district.

The property is located on Eighth and Goliad near the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex and Steer Park.

McQueary said there has been serious parking problems especially when both the softball field and baseball field are in use.

"Initially we have talked about eventually using those lots for parking," he said. "We feel this could give us an optional parking space for the overflow from the softball parking area."

The district lost 111 students from last year as enrollment in the district continues to drop.

"We expect to lose close to 100 students at the end of this year," McQueary said. "All the schools in the Permian Basin are losing students. This is something of concern, and we have made a number of cuts to scale down the budget figures."

Along with their personal report cards, student will be sent report cards for their individual schools which will be a summary of how the school met state standard.

Trustees also accepted the resignations of four employees: Kent R. Bowermon, Big Spring High School principal; Connie Simon, Kentwood and Washington Elementary special education teacher; Connie Tubbs, Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade reading teacher; and Kim Merket, Big Spring Junior High School special education teacher.

JOBS

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"We have added more staff to assist employers as they come in. The exchange with employers and job seekers is going very well," she added.

The workforce in Big Spring has remained relatively steady. Workforce statistics for October show an available workforce of 13,322 people, compared to 13,610 for October of 1999.

"At this time last year, our unemployment rate was 5.4 percent although we had a larger number of unemployed - 736 then compared to 585 right now," Belew said.

"If you look across the Permian Basin, you'll see about the same thing. Everyone experiences slight decreases in the labor force right now. Around March we will see an increase as people begin to look for summer jobs," said Belew.

October jobless rates for area counties include Andrews, 5.2; Dawson, 4.1; Ector, 5.0; Lubbock, 2.2; Midland, 4.2; Mitchell, 3.0;

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Nolan, 5.2; Pecos, 5.0; Scurry, 3.6; Taylor, 3.3; and Tom Green, 3.2.

Statewide, unemployment was 4.3 percent for September.

MALL

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Churchwell's dance groups as well as other activities.

Churchwell said she would have two groups performing between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Saturday.

"One of our groups will be first and second graders," said Churchwell. "They will be elf impersonators and will do a short routine. It will be real cute."

Her other group will be called the "senior sizzlers," made up of five senior citizens.

"This will be their debut performance," said Churchwell. "They have been working hard and are looking forward to this performance."

Lusk said several of the mall businesses will be having a variety of sales that will coincide with the other weekend activities.

For further information on any of the activities that are planned, call 267-3853.

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American Cancer Society Memorial Tree:

• Merle Norman, Big Spring Mall

For more information, call (915) 683-6374.

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• Cookie Elliot, 263-3326

EDUCATION

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"This is a part of history. We have to use it."

The media coverage of the Florida recount gave high school teachers a wide variety of materials on the electoral process, Bowermon said.

"The students have been watching CNN coverage and reading news magazines," Bowermon said. "They have looked at a wide variety of material that demonstrates how votes should be counted one vote at a time."

For a great many, the Internet provided another source of material to study - one that was almost inexhaustible.

"Our teachers have been using material from the Internet and have had students researching the process over the Internet," Rotan said.

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looked to local authorities as well as using national materials to teach their students about the voting and counting process.

"Our government teachers have gone to the courthouse, and they have been nice enough to allow us to bring a voting machine to the high school," Bowermon noted.

He added his belief that this year's election and legal challenges surrounding the recount process provided students everywhere an extremely important lesson.

"The election has given the indication that one vote does count," Bowermon explained. "Students need to be actively involved, not only when local or state issues are considered, but be focused on national issues as well."

It's a lesson that seems to have met its mark

"I keep hearing from the kids saying, 'I didn't know that one vote counts so much,'" Riney said.

The election has sparked interest among many teenagers, Rotan noted, and could have a positive effect for future generations.

"The kids talk about it (election) in the hall and to teachers," Rotan said. "They are very aware of what is going on. This could be good in the future, because it passes on to the younger generation the importance of being involved."

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

• **RAYMOND WESLEY CHRISTIAN**, 66, of 2206 Nolan, was arrested on a charge of indecency with a

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child. (BSPD)
• **FEDERICO HOWARD SALGADO**, 51, of Garden City, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense. (BSPD)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

• **MARY JACKSON**, 19, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CHRISTI WILHELM**, 36, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **RAYMOND CHRISTIAN**, 66, of 2206 Nolan, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **MARY ALFARO**, 24, of 3610 Hamilton, was arrested on a Scurry County warrant.

• **SUZANNE JOHNSON**, 35, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton and in the 400 block of E. 4th.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the Westside of town.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willa, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 1200 block of E. 11th and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

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Conservatives see a firestorm if Bush abandons their goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush's first priority may be healing wounds and reuniting the country, but that's not the aim of conservatives who backed him. Having finally wrested the Oval Office from the Democrats, some finally see an opening for their agenda.

They're more interested in the "conservative" aspect of Bush than the "compassionate."

"The conservative base is driven now to make certain that the Clinton-Gore team is forever washed away from the halls of power," said Mark Levin, who was chief of staff to Attorney General Ed Meese in the Reagan administration.

Conservatives signed up early to help Bush out Sen. John McCain for the GOP nomination. They went on to provide the base of his support in both the campaign and the postelection fight. Now, they're making their voices heard as Bush assembles his administration.

The attorney general's post is a top priority. Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore and defeated Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft head conservatives' list of candidates.

They're also pushing for one of

Perry moving ahead with transition

AUSTIN (AP) — The pieces are falling into place for Rick Perry's transition to governor of Texas.

Although President-elect Bush has yet to resign — and get out of the way — the Republican Lt. Gov. Perry is moving full-steam ahead preparing to take over the state's top office.

On Thursday, Perry announced the appointment of four volunteers to serve as co-chairs for his pending swearing-in ceremony. He will become the state's 47th governor when Bush resigns.

Perry has asked state Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips to administer the oath of office and planned today to make his first gubernatorial appointment. Perry already has named key

members of the team that will oversee his transition to governor.

Several important shifts in state government hinge on the timing of Bush's resignation.

Not only is Bush facing a time crunch for his own transition but the state Legislature is closing in on the Jan. 9 start of the session without a designated lieutenant governor.

The lieutenant governor presides over the state Senate and is arguably the most powerful political office in Texas. The Senate cannot pick its new leader until Bush resigns and Perry is sworn in.

Although no timetable has been set, Bush campaign spokeswoman

Karen Hughes said Bush likely would make an event of his resignation.

"I believe it would be more than ceremonial," Hughes said. "Knowing the governor, I think he would want to say something about the state of Texas. He has not set a schedule when that would take place. I know he's had some discussions with Lieutenant Governor Perry."

Bush, who does not own a home in Austin, would not have to worry about where he might live when he does resign.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said it's likely Bush would be invited to stay in the Texas governor's mansion until he moves to the White House.

their own at the helm of the departments of Health and Human Services, Interior, Education and Labor, and for appointments to the dozens of White House and sub-cabinet level positions that influence social and economic policy.

And they are looking for Bush to reverse controversial policies

such as the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the pill that allows women to abort early pregnancies without surgery.

Some key conservatives already are raising warning flags over the suggestion that Bush might appoint Democrats or moderate

Republicans to key positions as a way of bringing the country together.

Gary Bauer, among the most conservative of Bush's opponents in the primaries, said he's troubled by suggestions that Bush may name Pennsylvania Gov. Thomas J. Ridge as secretary of defense.

"He was very much a peacenik-type of congressman during the Reagan years," Bauer said of Ridge. "He voted in favor of a nuclear freeze, against the Nicaraguan freedom fighters, against the strategic defense initiative."

Bauer also warned that conservatives will insist that Bush appoint judges who are anti-abortion, despite Bush's campaign promise that he would not impose such a standard on judicial nominees.

"If he sends a judge up for confirmation that did not have a record of pro life, there would be an unbelievable firestorm in the Republican Party," Bauer said.

But at least one prominent voice on the right is not making such demands. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Bush must reach out to the middle and work with conservative Democrats and moderate Republicans, even if it means angering his conservative base.

"If he spends a lot of his time trying to appease the right at the expense of reaching out to the middle, he will destroy his administration," Gingrich said in an interview.

Leaders plan to push budget deal through Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The end in sight to one of their most wearying budget wars with President Clinton, Republicans were preparing to wrap up the lame-duck 106th Congress by approving a deal on school spending, Medicare and other issues.

The House and Senate were likely to vote today on the overdue package, which covers more than \$450 billion in spending and four of the 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2001. Staff aides were putting finishing touches on last-minute issues, including a dispute pitting administration efforts to protect Alaskan sea lions against the local fishing industry.

"We'll make it ready," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said when asked if the measure would be ready for a vote today.

The compromise contained spending increases

for hiring teachers, repairing schools, biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health, Pell grants for low-income college students and other programs.

Also tucked away were scores of home-district water and construction projects for lawmakers totaling hundreds of millions of dollars.

Both parties sought to put their own stamp on the nearly completed bill.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said the measure financed schools, medical research and other priorities "without overburdening the American taxpayer."

Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for the White House budget office, said the deal "builds on the progress of the past eight years by providing significant increases for key presidential priori-

ties." It has not taken the two sides this long to reach budget peace since Clinton and Republicans, led by then-House Speaker Newt

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How the electoral system works

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Perhaps no event in the past century has focused more attention on the United States' method for selecting a president than the legal wrangling over Florida's electoral votes in 2000.

While most elections in the United States are decided by winning a majority of the popular vote, but presidential elections hinge more on how many states a candidate wins and primarily how any Electoral College votes those states provide.

The founding fathers of our nation were concerned that large states would have too big an advantage in picking a president if the popular vote determined a winner. As a result, they established the Electoral College system that actually determines the president.

Although it rarely occurs, a candidate can receive a majority of the popular vote and not win enough votes in the Electoral College to become president. Such is the case this year where Vice President Al Gore earned a slim majority of the popular vote, only to lose the election because Texas Gov. George Bush won the majority of electoral votes.

But many American citizens know very little about

the Electoral College system and how it functions.

According to the Federal Election Commission, the workings of the Electoral College are the result of both design and the experience gained from more than two centuries of experience.

As the system now operates:

- Each state is allocated a number of electors in the Electoral College equal to the number of its U.S. senators (always two) plus the number of its U.S. representatives (which may change each decade depending on the size of each state's population as determined by the Census).

- Political parties (or independent candidates) in each state submit to the state's chief election official a list of individuals equal to the number of the state's electoral vote pledged to their candidate for president. Usually, the major political parties select those individuals at their state conventions or through appointment by their party leaders. Third parties and independent candidates, as a general rule, merely designate theirs.

- Members of Congress and employees of the federal government are prohibited from serving as an elector in order to maintain the balance between the legislative and executive branches of

the federal government.

- On election day, voters in each state cast ballots. While most see their votes being cast for a choice of president and vice president, they are actually casting ballots for the party's slate of electors representing the candidates.

- Whichever party slate wins the most popular votes in the state becomes that state's electors so that, in effect, whichever presidential ticket gets the most popular votes in a state wins all of the electors from that state. The only exceptions are Maine and Nebraska where two electors are chosen by statewide popular vote and the remainder are selected by popular vote within each congressional district.

- On the Monday following the second Wednesday of December (Dec. 18 this year) each state's electors meet in their respective state capitals and cast their electoral votes — one for president and one for vice president.

- In order to prevent electors from voting only for "favorite sons" of their home state, at least one of their votes must be for a person from outside their state. That is seldom a problem since parties have consistently nominated presidential and vice presidential candidates from differ-

ent states (as in the case of Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney moving his residence from Texas to Wyoming prior to his selection as Bush's running mate).

- The electoral votes are sealed and transmitted from each state to the president of the U.S. Senate who, on Jan. 6 opens and reads them before both houses of Congress.

- The candidate for president with the most electoral votes, provided that it is an absolute majority, is declared president. Similarly, the vice presidential candidate with the absolute majority of electoral votes is declared vice president.

- In the event no one obtains an absolute majority of electoral votes for president, the U.S. House of Representatives (as the chamber closest to the people) selects the president from among the top three contenders with each state casting only one vote and an absolute majority of the states being required to elect. Similarly, if no one obtains an absolute majority for vice president, the U.S. Senate makes the selection from among the top two candidates for that office.

- At noon on Jan. 20, the duly elected president and vice president are sworn into office.



AP Photo
President-elect George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, are shown leaving the Tarrytown United Methodist Church in Austin after a special service Thursday morning.

Bush: Big plans and a jocular style

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now comes time to show what "compassionate conservative" means in law, the bully pulpit and budgets.

That odd and intriguing phrase out of Texas helped put George W. Bush on the map and en route to the White House, a new kind of Republican, it was said, who wants government to be smaller, except where he wants it to be bigger.

Daring to take the status quo out of Social Security, pledging to make integrity his calling in the White House, promising bipartisanship in a system of government that thrives on partisan struggle, Bush has so much to do.

But he's walking squarely into a chorus of doubters who say the protracted postelection contest, its messy ending in the Supreme Court and a Congress split almost down the middle will make it hard to get anything much done.

It's a tall order for a man who likes to be in bed by 9:30 p.m. when he can, in contrast with night owl Bill Clinton.

Judging by his style, at least, a less intense presidency seems on the horizon, a more relaxed way of doing things, despite all the things he's promised: a big tax cut, better schools and free drugs for poor seniors among them.

As new as Bush is as a

leader to most Americans, his manner is vaguely remembered, part Ronald Reagan, part dad.

Like Reagan, he sets broad goals and delegates the details. Like his father George Bush and like Clinton, he can schmooze and charm.

Meetings should be genial, as is his nature, but to the point. Decisions, when they come, are made with no looking back.

At least, that's how it has been in Texas.

"People are his medium, and always there's good humor," says Clay Johnson, a boyhood friend and chief of staff in the Texas governor's office. "Not a lot of contemplation and commiserating or ruminating."

Bush was a get-along guy in Texas, and he made much in the campaign of his ability to bond with his state's Democrats, who are not quite the same breed as Democrats from everywhere else.

Bush is the type who will motion you to sit down and stay if you enter his office and find him on the phone, those who have worked with him say.

"He has this instant intimacy thing where he really disarms people," says Doug Wead, who worked with him in his father's 1988 presidential campaign.

"It's almost like he invited you into the bathroom while he's taking a bath."

STATES AND THEIR ELECTORAL VOTES

Total: 538;	Colorado — 8	Idaho — 4	Maine — 4
Majority Needed to Elect: 270	New Mexico — 5	Pennsylvania — 23	Montana — 3
	Connecticut — 8	Illinois — 22	Maryland — 10
	New York — 33	Rhode Island — 4	Virginia — 13
Alabama — 9	Delaware — 3	Indiana — 12	Massachusetts — 12
Montana — 3	North Carolina — 14	South Carolina — 8	Washington — 11
Alaska — 3	District Of Columbia — 3	Iowa — 7	Michigan — 18
Nebraska — 5	North Dakota — 3	South Dakota — 3	West Virginia — 5
Arizona — 8	Florida — 25	Kansas — 6	Minnesota — 10
Nevada — 4	Ohio — 21	Tennessee — 11	Wisconsin — 11
Arkansas — 6	Georgia — 13	Kentucky — 8	Mississippi — 7
New Hampshire — 4	Oklahoma — 8	Texas — 32	Wyoming — 3
California — 54	Hawaii — 4	Louisiana — 9	Missouri — 11
New Jersey — 15	Oregon — 7	Utah — 5	

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Americans embrace Gore as he exits political stage

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he stepped off the political stage, Al Gore managed to achieve what had often eluded him during his presidential campaign: He won Americans over by persuading them of his sincerity and likability.

"He's a good sportsman. He looked you in the eye. He took it like a man," said Richard Poirier, who raised a glass to Gore at Terry's Bar and Grill in Topeka, Kan., after watching Gore's concession speech.

Catherine Carlisle of Salt Lake City said she saw a more "personable" vice president that night.

Across the nation, Americans gathered around televisions to hear

Gore end his White House quest, and to take measure of how he did so. Many had blamed the vice president for dragging the nation through a five-week post-election stalemate by waging legal challenges in Florida.

But almost without exception, those interviewed embraced Gore, or at least the message he delivered as he bowed out.

"I thought it was an extraordinarily gracious speech," said Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin, a Democrat. "If he made more speeches like that, I think he would be president. I think we saw the real Al Gore tonight. His sincerity four in a place."

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Our nation must rise above a house divided. Americans share hopes and goals and values far more important than any political disagreements. Republicans want the best for our nation. And so do Democrats. Our votes may differ, but not our hopes.

'I know America wants reconciliation and unity. I know Americans want progress. And we must seize this moment and deliver. Together, guided by a spirit of common sense, common courtesy and common goals, we can unite and inspire the American citizens.'

—Excerpt from George W. Bush's acceptance speech



NAME — George W. Bush.
AGE-BIRTH DATE — 54; July 6, 1946.
EDUCATION — B.A., Yale University, 1968; M.B.A., Harvard University, 1975.
EXPERIENCE — President-elect (2000); Texas governor (1995-2000); managing general partner of Texas Rangers (1989-1994); businessman in various industries, primarily oil (1968-1989).
FAMILY — Wife, Laura; twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara.

A time line of events in the election for President of the United States

Nov. 7: Election Day. Television networks project that Vice President Al Gore has won Florida. They later retract that projection.

Nov. 8: The networks project that Texas Gov. George W. Bush has won Florida, and consequently the White House. Gore telephones him to concede at about 3 a.m. EST, only to retract the call about an hour later because Bush's slim margin of victory in Florida triggers an automatic recount.

Nov. 9: Gore campaign chairman William Daley says Gore will seek a hand recount of the ballots cast in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Broward and Volusia counties — about 1.8 million votes.

Nov. 11: Bush's attorneys file lawsuit in U.S. District Court to block Gore's request for manual recounts.

Nov. 13: A Miami federal judge rejects Bush's request for an order barring hand recounts; Bush later appeals.

Nov. 17: Florida Supreme Court prohibits Secretary of State Harris from certifying results, as she had

planned to do Nov. 18, until further notice. A federal appeals court in Atlanta refuses to block manual recounts in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Local Democrats sue the Seminole County Canvassing Board in state court over disputed absentee ballot applications.

Nov. 21: Florida Supreme Court rules that manual recounts may continue and that those votes must be included in the final tally. Court sets as deadline for certifying the election Nov. 26 or early Nov. 27.

Nov. 22: The Miami-Dade canvassing board votes unanimously to halt manual recounts.

Nov. 24: U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear Bush's appeal on the legality of the Florida Supreme Court's decision to allow recounts and extend state deadline for certification.

Nov. 26: Hand counts go down to the wire, with Palm Beach canvassers completing theirs 1-1/2 hours after the 5 p.m. deadline. Harris refuses to accept those results, and certifies final tallies giving Bush a 537-

vote victory over Gore.

Nov. 27: Gore contests results in Miami-Dade, Nassau and Palm Beach counties in Leon County Circuit Court in Tallahassee.

Nov. 28: Gore and Bush file briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court. Leon County Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls orders about 14,000 disputed ballots from Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties brought to him in Tallahassee.

Nov. 29: Bush's legal team asks Sauls to order all 1.1 million votes cast in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade sent to the state capital.

Nov. 30: A Florida legislative committee recommends a special session to name the state's 25 representatives to the Electoral College, which elects the president.

Dec. 1: U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments on Bush's appeal regarding recount deadline. Local Democrats file lawsuit accusing the Martin County Canvassing Board of mishandling absentee ballot applications. Florida Supreme Court refuses Gore's appeal to immediately start

recounting ballots in his election challenge.

Dec. 2-3: Sauls holds trial on Gore's election challenge.

Dec. 4: U.S. Supreme Court returns for clarification the Florida Supreme Court's decision on recount deadlines. Sauls rejects Gore's election challenge.

Dec. 6: Separate trials on the Martin and Seminole county absentee ballot cases begin in Leon County Circuit Court. Florida's Republican legislative leaders call for a special session to consider whether to appoint the state's electors.

Dec. 7: Florida Supreme Court hears Gore's appeal of Sauls' decision rejecting Gore's election challenge.

Dec. 8: Two Leon County Circuit Court judges refuse to throw out any of the 25,000 absentee ballots challenged in Martin and Seminole counties.

A divided Florida Supreme Court orders manual recounts to begin in Gore's election challenge and adds 383 votes to his total.

Dec. 9: Manual counts resume in the morning. A bare majority of the U.S. Supreme Court rules to halt manual recounts pending Dec. 11 arguments. Hand counts cease late in the afternoon, pending Dec. 11 U.S. Supreme Court hearing.

Dec. 11: Bush, Gore lawyers argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Florida Legislature holds hearings as it prepares to appoint a set of electors.

Dec. 12: Deadline for states to certify representatives to Electoral College. Florida House of Representatives votes to certify a slate of electors for Bush.

U.S. Supreme Court reverses Florida's court-ordered recount of presidential election ballots, ruling that varying standards for counting made the effort unlawful. A 5-4 majority says there is no time to conduct a lawful recount.

Dec. 13: Gore concedes to Bush, and addresses the nation. President-elect Bush calls for national unity in televised address.

Nation's lawmakers comment on the Supreme Court's ruling and Bush's pending presidency

'Sure, we're not in the same position we would be if we had won outright, but in some ways it presents an opportunity for people to step up to the plate to be better than they would have been if the election had been a slam dunk. All of us are being called on to be better leaders.'



U.S. Sen. Kay B. Hutchinson, R-Texas

'It is important to remember that our system was not intended for angels to use in creating perfection, but to produce reliable constitutional results despite being run by a changing cast of fallible men and women.'



S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas

'Bipartisan cooperation and public civility will come about only through intentional, mature efforts to put both grudges and hubris behind us. With presidential and Congressional leadership, both Republicans and Democrats must repudiate those who would seek short-term gain by promoting divisiveness and partisan obstinacy.'



U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas

'Black voters, if I may speak for them, I don't see them supporting George Bush in any way. I will respect him and I will work with him, but I don't think that (extends) to my constituents.'



U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Florida

'The process may not have been perfect, but I believe the judges — all of them who were involved — did the best they could with the facts and arguments before them. I don't think it serves any purpose to second-guess them or question their motives.'



U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

'I just put the burden on Governor Bush. He gets a chance to be everything he advertised himself to be. If he is a uniter instead of a divider, all these worries will go away.'



U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **LIGHTING CONTEST PARTICIPANTS** and those who didn't enter but listed their homes anyway so that citizens could drive by and see Big Spring's wonderful Christmas decorations.

• **GOLIAD CAVALIERS and JUNIOR CLASSICS**, who together rounded up 1,260 cans of food for the Salvation Army.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE**, which hosted an educational and successful fifth Next Generation event for area eighth graders today.

• **HEIDRUN COVINGTON**, Disabled American Veterans employee who was recognized by five area Concho Valley veterans organizations.

• **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** of the First Christian Church, which adopted 16 senior Angels and four child Angels as part of Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

• **MICHAEL RITCHEY**, Big Spring High School assistant principal who on Thursday was named to replace principal Kent Bowerman.

• **ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SALVATION ARMY DOLL AUCTION**, which raised almost \$4,600 to benefit needy children in Howard County.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

There are so many of you to thank for a wonderful, successful Big Spring Symphony Guild Potpourri Tour of Homes.

First, I want to thank the homeowners Jerry and Denise Iden, Richard and Jeanie Krocke, Tony and Deanne Lester, Robert and Mary Miller, Bernard and Cleo Young and Dr. Allen and Pam Brewer. All the homes were different and so lovely. You really outdid yourselves!

Next, I must thank all 240 of those who turned out on a not so pleasant day. You helped us to net over \$2,000 for the symphony.

Third, the Herald did an excellent job helping us publicize the tour, as were the radio and television stations. All were supportive and we do appreciate it.

I must thank my co-chairpersons, Dianne Moses, Pauline Nelson, Jo Beth Corwin and Pam Brewer. Their help in planning and

executing was invaluable. All the guild members volunteered in the different homes and a few non-members stepped in to help.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the Citizens Police Academy volunteers and our symphony board members, as well as Annette Roberts and Pastor Kohl who helped out with our shuttling of guests to the top of the mountain. Bob Brock Ford and Shroyer Motor Co. for the provided vehicles.

Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum, the Symphony office, Faye's Flowers sold tickets for us, the Chamber of Commerce, Joy's Hallmark gave us discounts and Big Spring Printing donated our posters. Thank you! We also appreciate the 100 or so businesses who displayed our posters.

PHYLLIS GRAUMANN
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Endgame: Some election observations

The idea that some Florida ballots were not counted has become disturbingly widespread. Al Gore himself, as well as his numerous spokesmen, are responsible for this mistaken view.



JEFFREY HART

Gore, in an interview with Leslie Stahl, got caught. Gore was using his mantra "count all the votes, and count them fairly," when Stahl interrupted and observed that all the ballots had been counted at least twice. Once in the original Nov. 7 vote, then in the recount. Much of this was done by machine.

Gore did not appreciate this dose of accuracy, but Stahl was not willing to sit there and be a patsy for him.

The idea has also gotten around that the hand count is more accurate than the machine count. But this is not necessarily so. Yes, machines make mistakes, but those mistakes are randomly distributed. Because of that, neither Gore nor George W. Bush would be hurt disproportionately in a machine count.

A hand count might be more accurate if the counters were disinterested and surgically objective. No one thinks this describes the counters in the counties in question. The Gore team was not aiming at accuracy but at the possibility of finding or creating Gore votes in ballots previously ruled out for one reason or

another. The subjective element here could well be decisive. This was one reason for the 7-2 Supreme Court decision overturning the earlier decision of the Florida Supreme Court authorizing such a recount. In all of this it would be good to remember that ballots are counted, not votes. To be counted, a ballot must qualify according to the rules. Then it becomes a vote. Gore wanted the hand-counters to divine voters' intentions and what not, even if the rules had been violated.

A humorous touch was added by Jesse Jackson. He threatened to stage a '60s-style mass protest if the counting of previously disqualified ballots did not continue. Also, Jackson has been trying to further envenom the atmosphere by complaining that blacks have been "disenfranchised" in the Florida voting. Isn't it about time for this racial ambulance chaser to stop scowling and whining?

It is constantly said that Gore won the popular vote nationwide. Maybe he did, and maybe he didn't. A bit of simple mathematics demonstrates the uncertainty.

I will use round numbers. Gore "won" the popular vote by some 300,000. About 103 million votes were cast. To find the percentage of the total vote represented by Gore's margin, you divide 300,000 by 103 million. Gore's margin was .003, or 3/1000. That is his margin over Bush amounting to 3 votes in every 1,000 that were cast. This is much less than 1 percent. In fact, it falls well within the statistical margin of error. The actual winner of

the popular vote remains uncertain.

More comedy: Pat Buchanan might well have won Florida for Bush, though quite unintentionally. Several thousand voters in Palm Beach County think they punched their butterfly ballots for Buchanan, when they really wanted to vote for Gore. They seem to have been too careless, hurried or befuddled to get the thing right, though almost all other voters did get it right. Those Buchanan votes, added to Gore's, would have given Gore Florida and the White House. That was the first time Buchanan had received so many Jewish votes.

The fact that the U.S. Supreme Court was visibly divided between "liberals" and "conservatives" is bound to somewhat damage its undeserved reputation for impartiality and objectivity. But I don't think the justices in their Dec. 12 determinative decision were simply voting for Gore or Bush.

No, I think it was somewhat deeper than that. The issue in regards to the Florida Supreme Court had to do with an expansive versus a more-restricted role for the judiciary. The five justices who overturned the earlier decision by the Florida Supreme Court considered that this "activist" court had badly overstepped its authority by creating what was in effect new legislation.

Liberals believe in a much more expansive view of what courts can do. This is because the liberal agenda includes many things that most people are opposed to. Thus the Vermont Supreme Court

recently instructed the state legislature to pass legislation allowing what amounts almost to homosexual marriage. Polls show the voters against it by 60-40. Legislators who went along with the court were duly punished at the polls, but the new legislation still stands.

It is incontestable that the American constitutional tradition is one of legislative superiority. The Supreme Court is supreme over other courts, not supreme over Congress. Congress (Article 3, Section 2) can remove any matter from the jurisdiction of the court. It can impeach justices, refuse to fund their operations, even abolish the court by refusing to confirm all nominees. The court has no comparable weapons at its disposal and the executive is comparably weak.

Contrary to what is taught in the schools, we do not have three separate-but-equal branches. At the end of the day, it is the legislature that rules.

What was alarming in this election was the all-but-unanimous view that the Florida Legislature might "intrude" and name the electors, or that Congress might do so. But this would have been well within the constitutional powers of both. The term "legislature" comes from the Latin *lex/leges* or law/laws. Legislative superiority ought to be firmly in our political consciousness. In overturning the decrees of the Florida Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court majority defended the election laws passed by the Florida legislature. And it was about time, too.



Supreme Court didn't side with the angels

Would Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W.



JACK ANDERSON

Bush have behaved the same had their roles been reversed? Possibly, but the question is irrelevant. The question at hand is which of their arguments was on the side of the angels — the one pleading for a full count of the votes or the one obstructing such a count? We even naively believed the U.S. Supreme Court would likewise side with the angels. We were wrong.

We recently wrote in praise of the Supreme Court that was believed to have ducked the disputed presidential election results. We noted, "It is often forgotten that the Court, not having been elected, has no power base

of voters, and, unlike the executive branch, has no ability to enforce its rulings. So the Court's only power lies in its credibility, which is why on the momentous 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education decision outlawing school segregation it was unanimous, even though a number of justices initially intended to dissent. Important Supreme Court decisions need to have that sort of definitiveness to be credible."

We wrote these words after the court remanded back to the Florida Supreme Court that institution's earlier decision. Now, as events have proven, their ruling was nothing less than a trap. Clearly, five justices — Chief Justice William Rehnquist, along with Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor — had made up their minds.

And this brings to mind myriad questions about the system, human motivation and the individuals them-

selves. The problem is that all nine justices were deciding a case in which, to varying degrees, each of them had a stake. After all, almost certainly each of them voted for either Gore or Bush. But the conflicts of interest ran even deeper.

Scalia hopes to become the next chief justice, and no Democrat would likely elevate the court's arch-conservative to such a position. Further, his son works for the law firm that represented Bush before the Court.

Then there is the case of Scalia's "Second Vote": Justice Clarence Thomas, the silent conservative who takes his lead from Scalia in almost every case. Thomas' wife, it turns out, works for the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, and she has been actively engaged in recruiting potential appointees for a Bush administration.

Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice O'Connor want to retire, but they have a vested interest in seeing that conservatives are

appointed to replace them, an action not likely to occur in a Gore administration. The opposite could be said of Justice John Paul Stevens, who would prefer a liberal replacement for himself.

So we come full circle. Supreme Court justices are human. If they were local judges sitting in judgment of a local election, they would have to recuse themselves for all of these listed actions, and such a trial would probably be forced to seek a different venue.

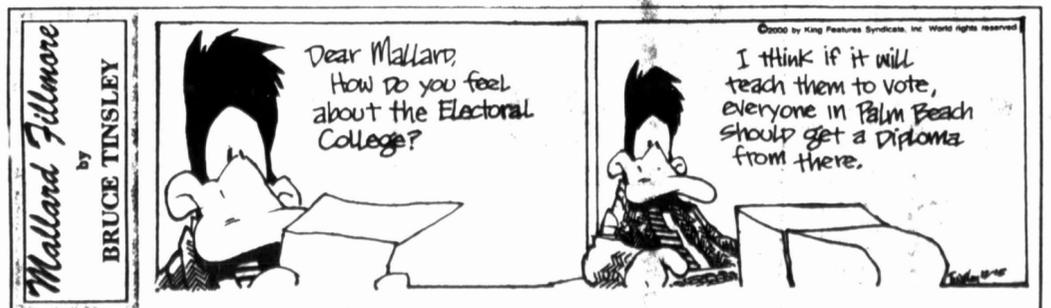
But there is no alternate venue where the Supreme Court is concerned, which is why, human nature being what it is, the system failed.

Five justices just elected the next president of the United States. Had they allowed a count of all the votes, had they established a standard for such counting, had they ensured a visible and fair counting, they would have been off the hook.

More importantly, they would have been on the side of the angels.

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Side impact air bags perform well in crash tests, according to report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Crash tests of side impact air bags show they can help prevent serious head injuries, even in collisions between passenger cars and high-riding light trucks, insurance industry researchers report.

In its first such tests, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety rammed a pickup truck traveling at 32 mph into the side of a Volvo S80 going 16 mph and found the car's side air bags protected the crash dummy's head against what could have been a fatal head

injury. The Volvo S80 comes with, as standard equipment, an inflatable curtain air bag that unfurls from the roof along the door to protect the head.

In a crash test without the air bag, the heads of the driver and rear passenger dummies were hit by the hood of the pickup truck. The force was high enough to kill the passenger, while the driver dummy's head barely escaped severe impact, according to the institute.

In a test with the head protection air bag, the cur-

tain acted as a cushion between the dummies' heads and the hood. Instruments on the dummy heads recorded a low impact.

Nearly 10,000 people were killed last year in side-impact crashes, federal accident data show, and about half involved head injuries.

Adrian Lund, the institute's vice president for research, said the test demonstrates that lives could be saved, especially in crashes involving light trucks.

Pickups, vans and sport

utility vehicles are more likely to kill passenger car occupants in crashes because of their height, Lund said.

"These tests reflect the way that people are getting injured in real-world crashes," he said. "It's very difficult to prevent these injuries without side impact air bags."

The institute also conducted a "car-into-pole" test, running the S80 and a BMW

X5 sideways at 18 mph into a rigid pole. Again, the force measured on the dummy heads was low.

The BMW X5 has a long tubular bag that inflates from the roof but does not extend so far down the window as the S80's bag. Other side air bags available in 2001 models deploy from the seat to inflate forward and upward.

The federal government requires front air bags on

all vehicles and has standards for testing them. The government does do vehicle-to-vehicle crash testing for side air bags, which are standard or optional on more than 80 2001 vehicles, according to the institute.

As an option, side air bags can cost several hundred dollars.

At least 158 deaths since 1990 are blamed on front air bags, but at least 5,000 lives have been saved.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 15, 2000:

Share ideas, but understand that sometimes others might not want change or solutions. This concept might be hard for you to grasp, but it will help you understand others' odd reactions. Sometimes you personally might need to break a pattern or break through rigid thinking. Watch doors open. Efficiency counts. If you are single, you draw someone quite different. (Be open to different.) If attached, planning a special vacation together brings you closer. VIRGO tries to take charge with you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Brainstorm with someone in the know. A'o seek out those who might not see situations the same as you do. Greet different opinions positively. Others do their best to help you realize what you want. Be careful with another great moneymaking scheme. Tonight: Out with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Build security and don't let others intimidate you. Often, a brusque exterior pushes you away. Unusual ideas stem from a boss or parent. Work one-on-one with a special partner or friend. Together, you gain. Do not minimize what is happening with a child or loved one. Tonight: Nap, then go out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Keep communication flowing. Listen carefully to others, even if you might be a bit jolted. You see a situation quite differently. Break barriers and attempt to find positive solutions. A child or loved one delivers a strong message. Perhaps you haven't been listening well. Tonight: Playtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Deal with money matters head-on. You cannot minimize the importance of family and the holidays. Reach out for another and have an important talk, especially if this person is angry. A friend might not follow through. You could be disappointed. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Unexpected developments open your mind to other possibilities. Make calls and reach out for another. Take your time with a touchy, difficult boss. Handle him! Your ingenuity knows no limits. Use your abilities. Tonight: Playfulness draws just what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Take your time making a decision. Your mind could be tuned to information. Absorb facts and inte-

grate information. Don't follow your instincts with spending, as you could go way overboard. News from a distance throws you off. Share your deeper thoughts with a family member. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You are more likely to speak your mind and not listen right now. Listen well, especially to a child or loved one. Though you could be jolted at first, solicit feedback to get more of what both of you want. Gather with friends. Success comes in groups. Tonight: Wherever the party is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Re-evaluate what is going on with another. Carefully think about a decision that involves a boss or higher-up. Your thoughts take you in another direction, especially with gift buying. Your instincts help you with what isn't being said at the office. Tonight: A force to behold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Friends seek you out. Plan on doing research, clearing your desk and perhaps handling details involving the office party. You're right on top of everything, even if you drag by the night's end.

Unexpected news energizes you. Tonight: Others follow your lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

****Reach out for someone who impacts you both financially and emotionally. Establish limits with a child or a new "buddy" friendship. Someone might expect something that you might not be willing to give. Use care with a financial hunch. You might not like the end results. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Others come forward with a myriad of ideas. You might be full of surprises. A family or domestic issue weighs on you. Understand that there are solutions. Just sit down and discuss the problem with a partner on a one-on-one level. Teamwork draws positive answers. Tonight: Say thank you to a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Those in charge share different points of view. You hear opinions loud and clear. Consider ideas. The more you use, the better the product. At least you can test an idea. Don't worry if you feel closed down or quiet. You have a lot to do. Clear those matters first. Tonight: It could be a late night!

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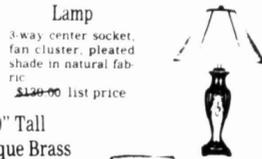
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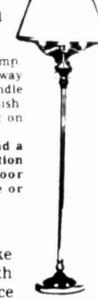
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Churches plan old-fashioned caroling trip

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Churches of the Northside of Big Spring are getting together for an old-fashioned holiday event next week.



KING

Baker's Chapel AME, Mount Bethel Baptist and Northside Baptist churches will gather just after 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, and board a flatbed trailer for a caroling trip through

CAROLING

- Singers will board a flatbed trailer at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Baker's Chapel AME church, 911 N. Lancaster.
- Practice is Thursday evening at Baker's Chapel.

out town.

"We all wanted to give something back for the season," said the Rev. Michael King, pastor of Baker's Chapel. "We are singing at several nursing homes and retirement homes, and then we will go to public sites

and sing for the public."

By 6 p.m., the group expects to be at its first stop, Marcy House, followed by Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Big Spring Care Center and Mountain View Lodge.

After singing for the residents of each nursing home or retirement center, the group will go to HEB about 8 p.m., Wal-Mart about 8:30 p.m. and Big Spring Mall about 9 p.m.

At each stop, the group will sing a full selection of holiday music. Candlelight and bales of hay for seating will add to the ambience.

"We'll be singing along with a soundtrack furnished

by the Rev. Walter Lyght," said King.

The group had to get special permission from the city to make the trip, and will be escorted along the way by the Big Spring Police Department.

King said the carolers will practice at 5:15 Thursday evening at Baker's Chapel, 911 N. Lancaster. They will leave for their caroling trip at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

All local churches and citizens are invited to help the church decorate the trailer and/or join the caroling.

King said he hopes the caroling event will become an annual celebration of the season.

Happier holidays

How to keep in touch with the real meaning of the Christmas season

As you go through this holiday season, taking time to remember family, friends and loved ones, take a little time to slow down and let your spirit be renewed.

Holiday cheer, family parties, gifts and religious services are all a part of this wonderful time that we call the Christmas season.



CRAIG FELTY

The hustle and bustle and commercialism can become overwhelming at times, but even in those things there is a faint call that "He is the reason for the season."

I am glad for every time I see or hear the word Christmas because it is a word that means observance of Christ. Even X-mas has special meaning. The Greek letter Chi (key) looks like our "X" is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ and was used by ancient Christians to convey their devotion to Him to others who knew the way. And even though I have noticed in the last couple of years that the advertising community has substituted 'Holidays' for 'Christmas' in shopping ads, even that has its origin in 'holy days', days that are set apart for worship.

The more I have grown in Christ, the less I am against the negative things in our world, and the more I am for Christ.

Take a look around the mall, our schools, your workplace, or anywhere that people gather. Look at their faces. Maybe even look in the mirror. The vast majority knows that evil is killing them and they are desperate for answers. They have heard that sin is bad from a church world that has in many ways not clearly explained that sin is not a list of God's no-no's, but anything that separates us from Him.

The message of Christmas is that God Loves You. He loves you

enough to send His Son to set you free.

God wants a relationship with you. In fact, when God describes the relationship He desires to have with us, the Bible most often uses the two closest bonds on earth. He wants to relate with us more closely than a husband and wife, or a parent with children.

Even those who have had bad experiences in these earthly relationships still have a longing to belong, to know a love that will not be broken, that will never allow the pain of isolation and abandonment to have a place to dwell.

My prayer is that the message of Christmas will get through this season even if only one more can enter in. Maybe that one is you. You may be a church member or not, you may already be 'saved' but there is a longing in you for a solid relationship, something spiritual in its depth but practical in its expression. God offers Himself to you.

The only catch is that you must offer yourself to Him. Jesus has already made the first move.

What must you do? First, talk to Him. Tell God that you would like to know Him better. Next, listen! Expect Jesus to reply. Be patient. He will begin to speak immediately, but we are not used to hearing Him.

Get a Bible, one that is easy to read like the New Living Translation. Begin reading in the New Testament. Ask God to make it come alive for you and keep going, even a little each day, until His words really begin to 'speak' to you. Then find a group of people who meet together to encourage each other in this new relationship. This is commonly called a 'church' but not all churches remember that this is their job. Find one that does.

If you need a Bible, write or call me. I'm in the phone book too. Above all remember 'the reason for the season' and get in on the true joy of Christmas that will last all year long.

Agape, Craig Felty is pastor at Cornerstone Church.

CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian

The choir of First Presbyterian Church will present a cantata on Sunday, entitled "The Celebration" by Douglas Wagner. This music will be presented at the worship service at 11 a.m.

Worship service is preceded by Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

With Take Ten at 10:30 and worship service at 11. A nursery is provided for small children.

There will be no Soul Food dinners for the remainder of December. Preparations are being made for Christmas Eve services. There will be no Sunday School service on Christmas Eve. Worship service will be at 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve. The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7 p.m.

Please join us for any or all the opportunities available in the life of the church. Everyone is always welcome.

First Assembly of God

Pastor R. T. Havener and the congregation of the First Assembly of God Church, located at Fourth and Lancaster, would like to invite you to join them for an exciting day of worship this Sunday.

In the 10:40 a.m. service Sharon Rich, Director of Children's Ministries, will be presenting the Children's Christmas Program, and the Bell Choir will be performing. There will also be special music centered around

this wonderful season of the year.

At 6 p.m. the Choir will present a musical entitled "For God So Loved". Following the musical presentation at the Church, the congregation will have their annual Christmas Party which is being held at the "Kentwood Adult Center" beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Please come join us as our children and youth lead us in celebrating Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m.

All children are urged to come and participate.

Baptist Temple Church

The Children's Ministry of Baptist Temple Church cordially invites you to attend the presentation of "Hark, The Herald Angel," Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. Buses will run and a fellowship will follow with a meal and Christmas Party after the performance.

We will have one service on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, beginning at 10 a.m., and there will be no evening service on Dec. 27.

If you are looking for a good Bible study, come and join us on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We offer classes for all ages as well as special interest groups. This Fall we began a new class for college students and a class for single adults. A New Members class will begin in Jan. These are just a few of the good things that await you at Baptist Temple as we worship the risen Christ together.

For more information on the church, or any of the

events, call 267-8287.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 16, starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Vestry will meet on Monday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

The Inquirer's Class is meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

Our second Advent Concert is this Thursday, Dec. 21, at 12:05 p.m., at the church. The concert will include carols for brass quintet performed by the M i d l a n d - O d e s s a Symphony's Lone Star Brass Quintet. The concert will be approximately 30 minutes long. You are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Parish Hall after the concert.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have their Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

First United Methodist Church

"The Wise Men Knew Something Was Strange" (Matthew 2:1-12) is the title for Dr. Ed Williamson's message on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church.

Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and hear how believers in Jesus Christ recognized that the wise men, learned men and Gentiles, came to Him.

There will be a combined youth activity at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, following the church wide Christmas

caroling in the Partee building. Senior high bible study meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at One Courtney Place apt. 707. Bring a nice gift (\$10-\$20 range) for a gift exchange game.

The senior high Christmas party will be on Wednesday at One Courtney Place apt. 707. Make plans now to spend New Year's eve at the Partee building playing games, watching movies and attending a special church wide prayer service.

On Jan. 16, 2001, our church will be launching a wonderful new ministry to children - Kids Club, a Tuesday afternoon activity program for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. More volunteers are needed to help with this terrific outreach.

Church wide Christmas Caroling will be Dec. 17, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our Church Wide Christmas Caroling.

Sunday, Dec. 24, join us at 6 p.m. for a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry and all visitors and new residents of Big Spring are welcome. Please call the church office, 267-6394, for more information.

First Baptist Church

Sunday morning, Jeff Donnell, Youth Minister of the First Baptist Church, will be preaching for the morning worship service which begins at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday evening, "The Sounds of Christmas" will be presented at 6 p.m. We

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Is it really 'O Little Town of' ... Nazareth?

NEW YORK (AP) — The Christmas Eve sermon at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Barrytown, N.Y., was no routine celebration of the savior's birth. Bruce Chilton, who is both an Episcopal priest there and a religion professor at nearby Bard College, used the holy night last year to present an unconventional theory.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke report that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Right name, wrong location, Chilton told his flock. It's most likely, he said, that the Nativity actually occurred in a Galilean

town, also named Bethlehem, located seven miles northwest of Nazareth where Jesus grew up.

The urbane Barrytown parishioners took this in stride, reports Chilton, who develops the idea in "Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography," published last month by Doubleday.

Some of his fellow professors will be less receptive — because they prefer a third spot for the Nativity: Nazareth.

This perennial scholarly discussion has gained new public attention lately.

Besides Chilton's book, there were the doubts cast

in Peter Jennings' June ABC-TV documentary, "The Search for Jesus," and a lively debate in Bible Review magazine between Steve Mason of York University in Toronto (pro-Nazareth) and the Rev. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor of Jerusalem's Ecole Biblique (pro-Bethlehem of Judea).

Christianity doesn't rise or fall on such matters, says Murphy-O'Connor, who is Roman Catholic. "Faith focuses on essentials."

These, he maintains, are issues such as "who Jesus is and what he did for humanity. ... The precise

place where Jesus was born has no importance. The vast majority of churchgoers will continue to believe in Bethlehem."

No doubt. But because the texts of Matthew and Luke are explicit about the location and provide the only documentary evidence, the debate is a clear example of the way many modern academics deconstruct the Scriptures.

Today's Bible scholars, says Donald A. Hagner of Fuller Theological Seminary, an evangelical Protestant school in

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SLICE of life!

RELIGION IN THE NEWS

BROKEN BOW, Neb. (AP) — A nativity scene is back on public land after four attorneys volunteered to defend the city against possible American Civil Liberties Union action.

The ACLU raised the issue after a resident complained about the display. Mayor Vaughn Lyne met the city council and had the nativity scene moved to a Lutheran church, saying, "We just don't have the money to be spending for legal services."

But the Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, which owns the nativity scene, asked the city to return it to the city square, and the mayor and city council agreed when free legal help was offered.

Attorney Jim Duncan, who practices in Broken Bow, said the city is on solid ground because it doesn't own the display or limit access to public space. A posted sign on the square explains that other points of view are welcome.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A CHRISTMAS PUPPET SHOW is planned Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Children's librarian Karen McIntyre, with help from puppet friends, will present several traditional and new Christmas stories and lead the crowd in singing.

All children of the community are invited to attend; there is no admission charge.

WELL SAID

If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves.

Thomas Edison

Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

TOWN

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California, either "doubt everything, and the text has to prove itself," or "take the text for what it says unless there's reason not to."

Hagner's own weighty commentary on Matthew thus accepts Bethlehem of Judea, though he recognizes the birth stories were not written as "strict history." Where did the material about Jesus' birth come from? Hagner reasons that Mary "surely told the story again and again before she died, and it would have been ingrained on peoples' minds."

The author of another Matthew commentary that boosts the traditional Bethlehem, Craig Keener of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, similarly doubts the doubters.

"It seems far more natural," he says, "to believe that Jesus' earliest followers would preserve his teachings and life and within a generation or two, when eyewitnesses could still be

interviewed, would accurately transmit the central substance."

However, the Nazareth theory is widely held among academics.

One influential Catholic proponent is John P. Meier of the University of Notre Dame.

He notes that Bethlehem of Judea is mentioned only in Matthew 2 and Luke 2, after which those Gospels always speak about "Jesus of Nazareth." The only other related New Testament passage is John 7:40-44, where people say Jesus is not the messiah because he came from Nazareth rather than Bethlehem.

As Meier interprets this passage, the people were correct about the Nazareth birth but didn't understand that Jesus actually came from heaven. Keener sees a double irony: the people were ignorant both about Jesus' heavenly origin and the birth in Bethlehem, a fact John's readers knew.

RELIGION IN BRIEF

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — The Union Congregational Church, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, has voted to cancel the charter of its Boy Scout troop as of January, forcing the scouts to find another sponsor and meeting place.

A local elementary school also severed official ties, but is letting the scouts continue to meet in the building. In both cases, the issue is the organization's ban on openly gay leaders.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boy Scouts' right to set its own standards for leaders. In response, numerous school boards, city councils, corporations and charities have cut support.

BARDSTOWN, Ky. (AP) — Three orders of nuns gathered to formally apologize for the use of slave labor by their predecessors

in the early 1800s. Black worshippers responded with forgiveness at the service in St. Joseph Church, which slaves helped build in 1819.

Nearly 400 people sang gospel songs and recited prayers of repentance. The event was sponsored by three predominantly white orders with Kentucky roots: the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Sisters of Loretto and Dominicans of St. Catharine.

"I cannot tell you what this service has done for me," said Martha Hickman. "It has strengthened my heart. My deceased ancestors are crying tears of joy in heaven today, and I'm sure yours are too."

The service was part of an effort by Catholic institutions worldwide this year to repent for the mistreatment of others.

CHURCH

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would like to invite our entire community to come hear this presentation which will include every choir in our music ministry. You are also invited to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

First Christian

The First Christian Choir will present a special Christmas Cantata entitled "The Winter Rose" by Joseph M. Martin. Ronnie Moss will direct the choir.

From the earliest Christian time, the rose has been a symbol of divine love. It gently reaches across the ages in ancient illuminations and freely spills from the pens and brushes of countless poets and artists. Echoing through our sanctuaries in the melodies and texts of many beloved carols, it brings to life the beautiful visions of biblical prophets and the hope of early Christian pilgrims. Today, the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace, both inside the church and the outside world.

There will be an official board meeting at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

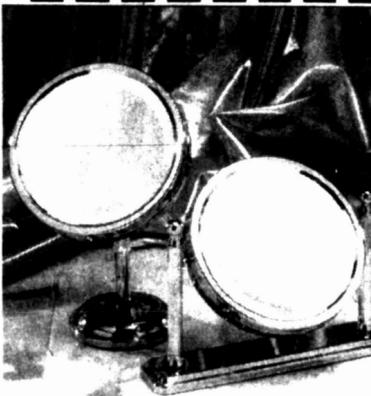
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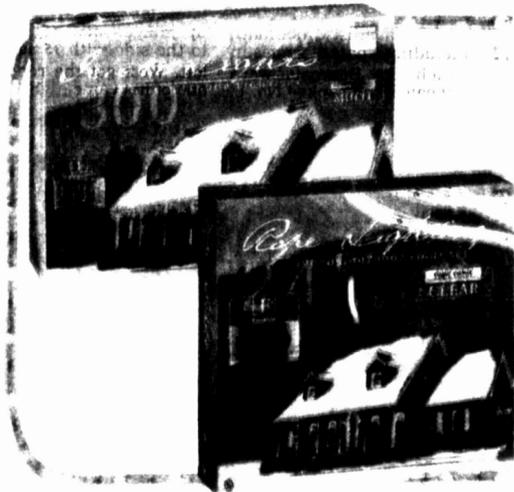
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IN BRIEF

BSYBA registration deadline is Saturday

Registration has been extended until Saturday for the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association upcoming 2001 basketball season.

Children in Grades 1-6 may sign up through today at All Star Sports, 1901 Gregg St., during regular business hours. The last chance to sign up will be Saturday morning at Trinity Baptist Church.

Teams will draft at 9 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church, and the season will get under way after the first of the year.

The program is open to girls and boys in grades 1-6 and emphasizes fundamentals — particularly passing, shooting and dribbling — and good sportsmanship.

The fee is \$20 per player.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or Charlie Hall at 263-0159.

Quarterback club schedules banquet

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its annual football banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Junior High School Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

Following the meal, attendees will view a highlight video of the season.

Copies of the video may be ordered at the banquet. Payment must be made at the time of order.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-9317 after 5 p.m.

Sign-ups continuing for YMCA basketball

Registration is now under way for the youth basketball program at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 are eligible to play. Fees are \$20 for nonmembers and \$15 for members, but scholarships are available and no youngster will be turned away due to an inability to pay.

The deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 22.

Practices begin the week of Jan. 2. Games will be Saturdays beginning Jan. 20.

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

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

AREA GAMES

TONIGHT H.S. BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.

- Frenship at Big Spring (VG)
- Grape Creek at Coahoma (VG, VB)
- Garden City at Forsan (VG, VB)
- New Home at Grady (VG, VB)
- Sands at Midland Classical Academy (VG, VB)

8 p.m.

- Kermit at Big Spring (VB)

ON THE AIR

Television

NBA

6 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Philadelphia 76ers, FXS, Ch. 29.

NHL

7 p.m. — Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Clayton happy he won't displace Valentin with White Sox

ARLINGTON (AP) — Before the Texas Rangers began wooing shortstop Alex Rodriguez, general manager Doug Melvin called his incumbent starter Royce Clayton.

If the Rangers were to land Rodriguez, Melvin wanted to know what Clayton would want: a new position or a new team.

Clayton picked a new team without thinking twice. And, on Thursday, three days after signing Rodriguez to a \$252 million, 10-year contract, Melvin found him one, sending Clayton to the Chicago White Sox.

"I know I have a lot of good years left in me at shortstop," the 30-year-old Clayton said. "I know I can help

Doug extend me the courtesy of trading me to the White Sox to secure their infield and do just that."

Melvin knew he wouldn't get full value for Clayton. He settled for a legitimate prospect, though not Chicago's top young arm, in Aaron Myette and a fringe player in Brian Schmack.

Jose Valentin is the incumbent shortstop Clayton will be displacing with the White Sox. Valentin, however, knew he was likely to be moved and didn't mind. He's headed for either the outfield or a utility role.

"I called Jose before we made this move and he was all in favor of any-

thing that improved our club," Chicago general manager Ken Williams said.

Having Valentin's blessing means a lot to Clayton, who had the unenviable task of replacing Ozzie Smith in St. Louis.

"This is definitely a different situation," Clayton said.

Clayton was heralded as the best shortstop in Texas history when he was acquired from St. Louis in 1998. The Rangers won the AL West that season and in the winter Clayton signed a \$22 million, four-year contract.

"I thought we had a chance to win the World Series," said Clayton, who is owed \$4 million in each of

the next two years. "It didn't work out."

Texas won the division again in 1999, but lost to the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs, as they'd done in '98.

Clayton closed '99 on a tear at the plate, earning him the chance to hit leadoff in 2000. The experiment flopped and he wound up hitting .242. His 14 homers tied his career-high, but he had none in his last 68 games.

Clayton also feuded with teammate Chad Curtis, who objected to music containing profanities that was played in the clubhouse, and the Rangers finished last in the West.

Lady Steers open 4-4A play hosting Frenship

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers get a late start on the District 4-4A basketball schedule at 6:30 tonight when they play host to Frenship's Lady Tigers in Steer Gym.

While the Lady Steers were supposed to open 4-4A play Tuesday at Lubbock Estacado, inclement weather forced teams to postpone half of the district's games that evening.

As a result the Lady Steers' district opener will be played at home tonight, while the Estacado game will be made up at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Regardless of who the order in which the Lady Steers face the opposition in 4-4A play, head coach Jimmy Avery stresses that every district game will be of monumental importance.

"This is a big game," Avery said after putting the Lady Steers through workout paces Thursday afternoon. "As a matter of fact, I think every district game we play is going to be a big game."

"When you've got the No. 1-ranked team in the state (Plainview) and the No. 6 team (Levelland) in your district, every game becomes crucial," he added. "If you want to make the playoffs, and only three teams are going to get to go, you've got to be ready to play every time you walk out on the floor."

Unlike Big Spring, the Lady Tigers were able to play their district opener on schedule Tuesday evening and saw their record dip to 8-4 on the season with a 69-36 loss to Plainview. The other 4-4A game played Tuesday saw Levelland take a 37-26 win over Andrews.

The Lady Steers' loss to Plainview, a game that saw the Lady Bulldogs' pressing defense and up tempo style of play create a number of problems for Frenship, made it clear what to expect tonight when the Lady Steers step on the court.

"We're going to make it exciting," Avery said. "We're going to run and press. Of course, we're going to try and do that against everyone because that's a good style for this group of girls."

"Besides, Frenship has a 6-foot-5 girl at post," he added. "If you play half court basketball with them, she'll kill you. So, we want



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Big Spring guard Melissa Forth drives to the hoop and scores during the Lady Steers' win over Lamesa at Steer Gym on Dec. 5. Forth and her teammates open District 4-4A play tonight playing host to Frenship's Lady Tigers.

to try and make them run with us.

"Obviously, Frenship didn't do too well playing an up tempo game," against Plainview. The pressure goes to them and they had a lot of turnovers. As a result, Plainview was able to jump out to a 20-3 lead in the first quarter and just coasted from there. Hopefully, we can do the same."

While the Lady Steers are off to one of their best starts in years, they bring a 9-2 record into the league opener tonight. Avery admits being somewhat concerned that his team hasn't played in a week.

"I'm a little concerned that we'll be a little rusty early, simply because we haven't played since last Friday," he admitted, "but in some ways we might have caught a little bit of a break with the weather being bad Tuesday night."

Several of the Lady Steers have been sidelined with the flu, Avery noted, and have had a few extra days to recuperate. However, the Lady Steers will not be at full strength because freshman guard Kim Wrightsil is expected to miss at least the next two games after suffering a

sprained ankle off the court Sunday.

As a result, Avery said he plans to bring up freshman Leina Braxton from the Lady Steers junior varsity to fill Wrightsil's spot.

"Not having Kim is going to hurt us defensively," he acknowledged. "She's just so quick that she gives us the ability to do some things very few players can. But right now she can't even jog on that ankle. It's getting better, though. She's walking on it now, and for a couple of days she was on crutches."

The decision to move Braxton up from the junior varsity while Wrightsil is sidelined was not a difficult one to make, Avery said.

"Leina brings a lot of skill," he explained. "She dribbles and passes the ball very well and has a lot of athletic ability. She plays with a lot of intensity and that's what we're going to be looking for."

"The way we play defense, we've got to use everyone we can," Avery added. "When you're pressing, you've got to keep fresh legs on the floor. That means everybody you've got in uniform is important."

Xavier upsetting for Cincinnati one more time

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Xavier coach Skip Prosser frowned and shook his head emphatically when asked whether he's got the number of his crosstown rival.

"Bah, humbug. What did we kill 'em by, two?" Prosser said, after Xavier beat 17th-ranked Cincinnati 69-67 Thursday night. "We killed 'em by two last year, too."

"I can't even think of a good word: hogwash, poppycock."

Try predictable. No matter where Cincinnati (4-2) is ranked, no matter where the game is played — it was on the Bearcats' home court this time — the Musketeers (6-2) find a way to pull one out.

Xavier has won four of its last five against Cincinnati, including a pair of games in which the Bearcats were unbeaten and ranked No. 1. The Musketeers' formula works: Dust off some seldom-used zone defenses, don't give up and wait for a new star to emerge at the end.

This time, it was David West's turn to lead the upset.

West scored 23 points — 15 of them on free throws — as the Musketeers ditched their uptempo style and took it to the Bearcats inside. Cincinnati has more height and depth, but couldn't stop West.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 13 Southern California edged Pepperdine 76-73 and No. 16 Wisconsin beat Temple 66-58.

"My teammates are constantly looking to get me the ball," said West, 15-of-19 from the free-throw line. "Tonight they were REALLY looking to get me the ball."

They had little choice. After Xavier fell behind by 15 in the first half, it started tossing the ball inside and letting West do the rest. He had six free throws and a putback during a 13-0 run that put Xavier ahead 64-57 with 4:08 left.

The only way the Bearcats could stop West was by fouling Cincinnati center Donald Little, who is prone to foul trouble, fouled out with no points and three rebounds in only five minutes. Backup B.J. Grove had four fouls, four points and three rebounds.

Xavier shot 40 free throws and made 27.

"I think we probably got

four shots in the paint, Cincinnati coach Bo Huggins said, with a loosened tie and a haggard expression. "Our post guy did not score. Our post guy did not rebound. We've got to get better post play."

Even with all the problems up front, Cincinnati still had a chance to pull out because of Kenny Satterfield, who scored 23 points and had two good shots at the end.

After Satterfield's steal and layup put the Bearcats up 67-65 with two minutes left, Xavier's Lloyd Price had one of his two free throws, and then stole the ball from Steve Logan and drove for a layup and a 68-67 lead with 32 seconds to play.

The Bearcats set up a shot for Satterfield, whose pull-up jumper was slightly off to the side with 15 seconds left. West got the rebound, one of his game-high 13.

Maurice McAfee was fouled and made the second of his two free throws with 12 seconds remaining, leaving Cincinnati one more chance. Prosser had West guard Satterfield, who drove and tried another pull-up jumper that went off the front of the rim as the clock ran out.

The Musketeers hugged directly in front of the Cincinnati bench — the same spot where they celebrated Lenny Brown's last-second jumper for a 71-69 victory over Danny Fortson's team four years earlier.

"This game is fun," said Kevin Frey, who hit the clutch shots last year in Xavier's 66-64 win over Kenyon Martin's top-ranked team. "It's a great game. It doesn't matter what the rankings are or what the records are. You just try to play hard and get a little more pumped up."

No. 13 USC 76, Pepperdine 73

Brandon Granville scored 17 points and sank five of six free throws in the final 39 seconds as Southern California held off visiting Pepperdine.

Glen McGowan missed an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have forced overtime for the Waves (5-3).

The Trojans survived their fourth straight squeaker to remain undefeated. They've won nine straight dating to last season, tying their longest winning streak set in 1991-92.

LaFrentz unlikely hero for Nuggets in win over San Antonio

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Denver Nuggets got an unexpected spark from center Raef LaFrentz, the focus of this week's dispute between the players and coach Dan Issel.

LaFrentz, 0-for-11 in the previous two games and the target of a postgame tirade by Issel on Sunday, scored 28 points as the Nuggets ended a five-game losing streak with a 102-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night.

Denver's behind-the-scenes turmoil festered earlier in the week,

but was forgotten after the victory.

"I thought this was probably the best game we've had all year playing as a team," Issel said. "We helped each other out on defense, we passed the ball well, we played hard."

The Nuggets looked like a different team compared to the fragmented one from earlier in the week.

Following Sunday's overtime loss in Boston, Issel scheduled an early practice on Monday in Denver, which the players didn't like. Feeling that Issel mistreated the struggling LaFrentz during the

postgame tirade, the players skipped practice Monday without consulting the coach.

The players and Issel put the furor to rest.

Especially LaFrentz, who headed to the practice court following Tuesday night's loss and shot about 750 jumpers late into the night.

LaFrentz capped off his season-best performance by hitting a 3-pointer and three free throws in the final minute. He also had 13 rebounds.

In other NBA games, Toronto beat New York 70-68, and Houston out-

lasted Golden State 98-95.

On Thursday night, the Nuggets turned 15 San Antonio turnovers into 22 points to overcome a 12-point first-half deficit and keep the game close.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said his team's 21-of-31 shooting from the foul line also contributed to the loss. "That has been our nemesis on the road, but not so much at home until now," he said.

David Robinson had 23 points and 12 rebounds for San Antonio, but was 3-of-7 from the line. Tim Duncan scored 17 for the Spurs.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

Table listing AP Top 25 college football teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing Top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing Top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

NFL STANDINGS

NFL Standings table with columns for conference, division, team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing NFL transactions including trades, signings, and releases.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Jackson on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DOGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jim Morris and LHP Matt Whisenant on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Designated RHP Pat Mahomes, RHP Lariel Gonzalez and INF Matt Franco for assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Traded 3B Fernando Tatis and RHP Britt Reames to the Montreal Expos for RHP Dustin Hermanson and LHP Steve Kline.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TORONTO RAPTORS—Placed C Garth Joseph on the injured list.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE NFL—Fined St. Louis Rams WR Isaac Bruce and WR Torry Holt \$20,000.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waved LB Josh Gentry from the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed DE Mawuko Tugbenyah to the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed TE Marshall from the practice squad.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ANAHEIM DUCKS—Fired Craig Harbaugh coach.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned G Roberto Luongo and RW Ivan Novoseltsev to Louisville of the AHL.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Activated G Kevin Weekes and D Andrei Zybin from injured reserve.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed INF Mike Caruso off waivers from the Chicago White Sox.

TEXAS RANGERS—Traded SS Royce Clayton to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Aaron Myette and RHP Brian Schmack.

BOWL SCHEDULE

Bowl Schedule table listing dates, bowl names, participating teams, and payout amounts.

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Florida State, Miami put three players apiece on AP All-America team

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When it comes to All-Americans, Miami and Florida State are co-champions.

The Florida schools each had three players selected for the Associated Press All-America team, a 26-player squad featuring Florida State's Heisman Trophy winner, Chris Weinke, and Miami's award-winning linebacker, Don Morgan.

Wide receiver Marvin Minnis and defensive end Jamal Reynolds were the other Seminoles chosen. Wide receiver-punt returner Santana Moss and safety Edward Reed joined Morgan in giving the Hurricanes their first trio of All-Americans since 1992.

Florida State had four players on the first team in '99. Weinke, Florida State's 28-year-old quarterback, led the nation with 4,167 yards passing and threw 33 touchdown passes, with just 11 interceptions. He led the third-ranked Seminoles (11-1) to a national title game against No. 1 Oklahoma (12-0) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

The Sooners' Josh Heupel made second team, with Purdue's Drew Brees the third-team quarterback.

TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson and Northwestern's Damien Anderson, the nation's top two rushers, were the running backs.

The 5-foot-11, 217-pound Tomlinson ran for 2,158 yards — the fourth highest single-season total in I-A history — in leading the Horned Frogs (10-1) to the Western Athletic Conference title and a berth in the Mobile Alabama Bowl. The 5-11, 208-pound Anderson ran for 1,914 yards as the Wildcats (8-3) took a share of the Big Ten title and earned a trip to the Alamo Bowl.

Minnis, who stepped in for two-time All-American Peter Warrick, made life easier for Weinke by catching 63 passes for 1,340 yards

and 11 TDs — an average of 21.3 yards. The other wide receiver was Pittsburgh's Antonio Bryant, the Biletnikoff Award winner who led the nation in average yards per game (130.2) with 68 catches for 1,302 yards and 11 TDs.

Moss was chosen as the all-purpose player. The 5-10, 180-pound senior caught 45 passes for 748 yards and five TDs, and ranked fourth nationally in punt returns with an 18.2-yard average. The Big East's co-offensive player and special teams player of the year also returned four punts for touchdowns.

Morgan, the first player to win the Butkus, Bednarik and Nagurski awards in the same season, topped the Big East with 138 tackles, including 15 for losses on a defense that ranked fifth in points allowed at 15.5 per game. The Bednarik and Nagurski awards are for the nation's top defensive player; the Butkus goes to the top linebacker.

Linebacker Rocky Calmus was the lone first-team representative for No. 1 Oklahoma (12-0).

Atlantic Coast and Big 12 conferences led the way with five players apiece on the team, which consisted of 17 seniors, seven junior and two sophomores. The sophomores were Bryant and Cincinnati kicker Jonathan Ruffin.

Brian Natkin of Texas-El Paso was the tight end after a season of 64 catches for 787 yards and four TDs.

Center Dominic Raiola of Nebraska anchors an offensive line that also features Steve Hutchinson of Michigan, Leonard Davis of Texas, Chris Brown of Georgia Tech and Chad Ward of Washington. Average weight? 322.8 pounds.

Ruffin led the nation in field goals with 26 — on 29 attempts and hit 26 of 27 extra points.

Joining Lombardi Award winner Reynolds along the defensive line were Outland Trophy winner John Henderson of Tennessee, Andre Carter of California and Casey Hampton of Texas. Reynolds led the Seminoles with 12 sacks; Henderson topped the SEC with 12 sacks; Carter had a school record 13 sacks; and Hampton was the Big 12's defensive player of the year with 74 tackles.

Along with Morgan and Calmus, the other linebackers were Keith Adams of Clemson and Carlos Polk of Nebraska. Morgan, 6-3, 245, had 138 stops, Calmus, 6-3, 234 pounds, led the Sooners with 122 tackles; and Adams finished with 138 tackles.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback — Chris Weinke, Florida State, 6-5, 229, senior, St. Paul, Minn.
Running backs — Damien Anderson,

Northwestern, 5-11, 208, junior, Wilmington, Ill.; LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU, 5-11, 217, senior, Waco, Texas.

Wide receivers — Antonio Bryant, Pittsburgh, 6-2, 190, sophomore, Miami; Marvin Minnis, Florida State, 6-1, 185, senior, Miami.

Tight end — Brian Natkin, Texas-El Paso, 6-4, 245, senior, San Antonio.

Center — Dominic Raiola, Nebraska, 6-2, 300, junior, Honolulu.

Guards-Tackles — Chris Brown, Georgia Tech, 6-6, 315, senior, Augusta, Ga.; Leonard Davis, Texas, 6-6, 305, senior, Wortham, Texas; Steve Hutchinson, Michigan, 6-5, 299, senior, Coral Springs, Fla.; Chad Ward, Washington, 6-5, 335, senior, Finley, Wash.

Placekicker — Jonathan Ruffin, Cincinnati, 5-10, 184, sophomore, Metairie, La.

All-purpose — Santana Moss, Miami, 5-10, 180, senior, Miami.

DEFENSE
Linebacker — Andre Carter, California, 6-5, 260, senior, San Jose, Calif.; Casey Hampton, Texas, 6-1, 310, senior, Galveston, Texas; John Henderson, Tennessee, 6-7, 290, junior, Nashville, Tenn.; Jamal Reynolds, Florida State, 6-4, 254, senior, Aiken, S.C.

Linebackers — Keith Adams, Clemson, 5-11, 220, junior, College Park, Ga.; Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma, 6-3, 234, junior, Jenks, Okla.; Dan Morgan, Miami, 6-3, 245, senior, Coral Springs,

Fla.; Carlos Polk, Nebraska, 6-2, 250, senior, Rockford, Ill.

Backs — Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin, 5-10, 175, junior, St. Louis; Edward Reed, Miami, 6-0, 190, junior, Deatsburgh, La.; Dwight Smith, Akron, 5-11, 200, senior, Detroit; Fred Smoot, Mississippi State, 6-1, 179, senior, Jackson, Miss.

Punter — Nick Harris, California, 6-3, 220, senior, Avondale, Ariz.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback — Josh Heupel, Oklahoma.

Running backs — Rudi Johnson, Auburn; Ken Simonton, Oregon State.

Wide receivers — Fred Mitchell, UCLA; David Terrell, Ohio State.

Tight end — Todd Heep, Arizona State.

Center — Ben Hamilton, Minnesota.

Guards-Tackles — Jeff Backus, Michigan; Joaquin Gonzalez, Miami; Karyetta Walker, Florida; Port Ch. J. Womeck, Mississippi State.

Placekicker — Jamie Rheem, Kansas State.

All-purpose — Aaron Lockett, Kansas State.

DEFENSE
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Linebackers — Adam Archuleta, Arizona State; Anthony Denman, Notre Dame; Lever

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Backs — Tay Cody, Florida State; Anthony Floyd, Louisville; J.T. Thatcher, Oklahoma; Lito Sheppard, Florida.

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Running backs — Lee Seoy, Virginia Tech; Anthony Thomas, Michigan.

Wide receivers — Jabar Gaffney, Florida; Keron Robinson, North Carolina State.

Tight end — Tracey Wisnom, Nebraska.

Center — Casey Rabach, Wisconsin.

Guards-Tackles — Chris Gibson, Oregon State; Seth McKinnery, Texas A&M; Kendall Simmons, Auburn; Tarkus Thomas, Florida State.

Placekicker — Alex Walls, Tennessee.

All-purpose — Emmett White, Utah State.

DEFENSE
Linebacker — Alex Brown, Florida; Willie Howard, Stanford; Cedric Scott, Southern Mississippi; Larry Triplett, Washington.

Linebackers — Joe Cooper, Ohio State; Kalimba Edwards, South Carolina; Torrance Marshall, Oklahoma; Ben Taylor, Virginia Tech.

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1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$225,396. 2. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$200,726. 3. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$199,411. 4. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$179,093. 5. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$178,195. 6. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$173,331. 7. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$173,117. 8. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$169,484. 9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$167,997. 10. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$158,089. 11. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$135,420. 12. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$121,784. 13. Todd Suhm, Brighton, Colo., \$119,718. 14. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$109,509. 15. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$100,244.

Bareback Riding

1. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$165,305. 2. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$140,247. 3. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$122,873. 4. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, \$109,801. 5. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., \$99,942. 6. Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., \$94,593. 7. Davey Shields Jr, Hanna, Alberta, \$94,455. 8. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, \$91,567. 9. Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Texas, \$90,468. 10. Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$89,867. 11. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$85,537. 12. Chad Klein, Jackson, La., \$84,553. 13. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$79,445. 14. William Pittman II, Florence, Miss., \$74,454. 15. Sean Culver, Grandview, Wash., \$59,470.

Steer Wrestling

1. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$141,400. 2. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$133,766. 3. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$115,491. 4. Chad Biesemeyer, Stephenville, Texas, \$110,846. 5. Todd Suhm, Brighton, Colo., \$104,823. 6. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$104,610. 7. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., \$102,493. 8. Sid Steiner, Austin, Texas, \$100,379. 9. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$96,553. 10. Trav Cadwell, Oakdale, Calif., \$96,344. 11. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$81,131. 12. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$79,651. 13. Sean Mulligan, Laramie, Wyo., \$74,300. 14. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$72,657. 15. Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas, \$61,895.

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1. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$183,448. 2. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$176,018. 3. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$145,728. 4. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$137,313. 5. Ryan Mapston, Geysler, Mont., \$135,783. 6. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$129,744. 7. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$118,112. 8. Chance Dixon, Ellensburg, Wash., \$116,197. 9. Cliff Norris, Glazier, Texas, \$102,562. 10. Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$95,590. 11. Steve Dollarhide, Wikeup, Ariz., \$90,717. 12. T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$90,267. 13. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, \$82,864. 14. Rance Bray, Dumas, Texas, \$74,002. 15. Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., \$67,713.

Team Roping (Heads)

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$194,936. 2. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$192,243. 3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$159,928. 4. Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$148,045. 5. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$125,525. 6. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$118,798. 7. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$109,480. 8. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, \$102,473. 9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$90,608. 10. Doug Pharr, Resaca, Ga., \$89,854. 11. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$87,524. 12. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$86,268. 13. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$74,338. 14. Mike Johnson, Healyton, Okla., \$73,619. 15. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$65,524.

Team Roping (Healers)

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$170,680. 2. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$123,799. 3. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$120,322. 4. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$106,598. 5. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$105,562. 6. Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$101,590. 7. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$94,125. 8. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$87,173. 9. David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$84,443. 10. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$82,181. 11. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$62,995. 12. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$59,811. 13. Lance Brooks, Shandon, Calif., \$59,184. 14. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz., \$57,978. 15. David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$41,226.

Team Roping (Healers)

1. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$170,680. 2. Britt Beckus, Claremore, Okla., \$124,646. 3. Alex Bach, Valley Home, Calif., \$110,055. 4. Bret Gould, Pollock, Texas, \$106,598. 5. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$103,491. 6. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$93,273. 7. Bucky Campbell, Benton, Wash., \$91,487. 8. John Paul Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., \$90,137. 9. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$84,588. 10. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$82,181. 11. Monte Joe Patska, Turlock, Calif., \$72,470. 12. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$60,559. 13. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$59,811. 14. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., \$59,159. 15. Mickey Gomez, Holland, Texas, \$44,020. 16. Brent Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$38,817.

Steer Roping

1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$98,578. 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$45,849. 3. Buster Record Jr, Buffalo, Okla., \$38,790. 4. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$38,167. 5. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$37,933. 6. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$36,793. 7. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$35,469. 8. Kelly Casebolt, Newkirk, Okla., \$33,083. 9. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$29,957. 10. Todd Casebolt, Ryan, Okla., \$28,789. 11. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$24,315. 12. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$23,811. 13. Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$21,264. 14. J. Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., \$19,961. 15. David Felton, Weatherford, Texas, \$18,587. 16. Jay Sellers, Buffalo, Okla., \$15,833. 17. Harold Bumgardner, Burns, Wyo., \$15,203. 18. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$15,169. 19. Kenyon Burns, Lovington, N.M., \$13,843. 20. Grady Potter, Arkansas City, Kan., \$13,530.

Barrel Racing

1. Kappy Allen, Austin, Texas, \$145,204. 2. Charmayne James, Gustine, Texas, \$142,348. 3. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$134,499. 4. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$131,863. 5. Tona Wright, Midway, N.M., \$110,443. 6. Sherry Cerny, Magna, Ariz., \$101,646. 7. Molly Swanson, Simms, Mont., \$92,047. 8. Marlene McRae, Ramah, Colo., \$89,833. 9. Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$46,378. 10. Rachael Myllymaki-Sproul, 76,152. 11. Jamie Richards, Bastrop, Texas, \$69,132. 12. Sherrylyn Adams, Marshall, Tex., \$65,918. 13. Kav Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$64,988. 14. Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga., \$64,914. 15. Kristin Weaver, Temecula, Calif., \$54,202.

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1. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$139,583. 2. Philip Elkins, Keller, Texas, \$135,109. 3. Lee Akin, Weatherford, Okla., \$131,418. 4. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$120,587. 5. Jesse Dail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$116,879. 6. Robby Condra, Clayton, Texas, \$107,445. 7. Rob Bell, Water Valley, Alberta, \$101,844. 8. Gregory Potter, Whit, Texas, \$89,253. 9. Dan Wolfe, Redmond, Ore., \$88,429. 10. Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$82,978. 11. Kagan Sirett, Bozeman, Mont., \$77,571. 12. Danell Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$76,226. 13. Cory Check, Eastman, Wis., \$73,587. 14. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$72,412. 15. Fred Boettcher, Tomah, Wis., \$68,362.

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Woman appreciates good table manners

DEAR ABBY: Oh, my gosh — the letter from Bob Buckles' mom listing the rules for good table manners was the best! What a great woman. She included everything you need to survive a social dinner anywhere.

I am a social phobic — there, I've said it out loud. And those rules will help me remember what to do. In case I missed a rule or two while raising my girls, I'll pass that list along. You can be sure it'll be posted on my fridge. Thank you, Mom. And thank you too, Abby. — CHERI IN GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR CHERI: Thank YOU. Mrs. Buckles' list of table manners generated still more of them. It's a subject people can sink their teeth into. Read on: DEAR ABBY: People chomping on their food with open mouths is a pet peeve of mine. It is disgusting.

May I add a 21st suggestion to Mrs. Buckles' 20? "Keep your mouth closed when chewing your food, lest you resemble a cow chewing its cud." — WESLEY WOOD, MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR WESLEY: Your pet peeve is shared by many others. Read on: DEAR ABBY: May I offer another rule for Mrs. Buckles? It is: Remove your hat before sitting down at the table. This includes BASEBALL CAPS! — NANCY IN HAMMONDSVILLE, OHIO

DEAR NANCY: You're right — in polite society the hat should come off, unless it's there for religious reasons. Read on: DEAR ABBY: The list of table manners was great! I'd like to add a few of my own bugaboos:

(1) Wash your hands before you're asked to sit down at the table.

(2) Be sure your hosts know about any dietary requirements well BEFORE the meal.

(3) Spoon up and out of a serving dish instead of shoveling the food over the edge to the plate.

(4) Don't feed the dog under the table. — ANOTHER MOTHER, PHOENIX

DEAR A.M.: Excellent suggestions. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Mrs. Buckles' rules were the same ones my parents raised me with in the 1960s and '70s. I would like to add one other: Eat whatever the host has prepared, NO MATTER WHAT. If you're not sure you'll like it, take only a small portion. That way no food will be wasted.

Because of that rule, I have tasted many foods I might have refused to try — and my opinions are based on experience, not ignorance. — KERRY MERRILL, MIKANA, WIS.

DEAR KERRY: Very sensible! Read on: DEAR ABBY: Reading the letter from Bob Buckles, I thought how much I would enjoy spending Thanksgiving with my children and their families. I wouldn't care where or how we ate, as long as we could be together.

We were "transplanted" away from our home and family in 1981. We have spent Thanksgiving with them only once in nearly 20 years. Holidays away from home and family aren't easy. Ask anyone whose job has taken them to other places, and I'll bet they would trade all of Helen's "rules" for a loving family dinner.

It makes me appreciate all the more what our armed forces — who are away from home for our benefit — do for us. — ALSO A MOTHER, BUT NOT PICKY, GRAYSON, GA.

DEAR ALSO: I appreciate your sentiments, but I can't help but conclude that there isn't one "right" answer here. You and Mrs. Buckles both have a point.



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9:PM	Dot Comedy	Holiday Gift	Wall St. Week	Rich's	Figure Skating	Texas	Texas	Movie: Splash	Enganadas	Brigade (CC)	Rodeo	Climat (CC)	Movie: Kickboxer	Southwest	(CC)	News	Movie: David	Main Street	
10:PM	Norm (CC)	Christmas	Antiques	Christmas	CSI: Crime	Norm (CC)	DateLine (CC)	(10) Movie: Mom's Got a	Rollerjam	Movie: Sleepless in	Jeopardy (CC)	..	Competition	News	..	Motorcycles-	
11:PM	Madigan Men	Moments	Roadshow	Wish (CC)	Scn	Madigan Men	Mom's Got a	..	Seattle (CC)	Into Unknown	
12:AM	20/20 (CC)	Mad Abt. You	Close to You	Early Edition	Nash Bridges	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	(20) Movie: A	Estamos Unid	Date With a	Motor	
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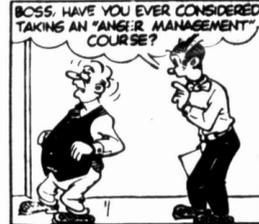


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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the

Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington D.C.

In 1939, the motion picture "Gone With the Wind" had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

In 1948, former State Department official Alger Hiss was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York on charges of perjury. (He was convicted in 1950.)

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6 and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

In 1978, President Carter announced he would grant

diplomatic recognition to Communist China on New Year's Day and sever official relations with Taiwan.

In 1989, a popular uprising began that resulted in the downfall of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Ten years ago: European Community leaders wrapped up a historic summit in Rome committed to creating a politically unified federation. With one month left before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait, Iraq gave no indication it was prepared to pull out.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ernest Ashworth is 72. Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 67. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 61. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 58.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 9 Australian metropolis
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- 21 WWII arena
- 25 Jazz enthusiast
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By Roger Coburn Summerville, GA

12/15/00

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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