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## WEATHER

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## Government offices closed

### New Year's Day

Federal, county and city administration offices will be closed on Monday to celebrate the New Year.

Howard County Courthouse will not be open on Monday except the sheriff's Office. Other offices will reopen on Tuesday.

City of Big Spring offices will be closed except for emergency departments.

The post office will not be delivering mail on Monday. Mail service will resume on Tuesday.

Due to the holiday, the city will not have a trash collection on Monday. Monday's trash collection will be picked up on Tuesday. The city will resume trash collection for the rest of the week.

## WHAT'S UP...

### MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.

□ Senior Circle 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and better are invited to participate.

□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 at Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main St.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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## Local wrecker service again offers partygoers safe ride and tow home

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

It's New Year's Eve and you find that you have partied a little too much and don't want to take a chance on driving home. You really don't want to call a taxi either because you would have to leave your car for fear it may get vandalized or stolen.

There is an alternative

### FOR HELP

Call Mitchem & Son's Wrecker Service at 267-3747 between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

solution to the problem.

For the last 16 years, David Mitchem, owner of Mitchem & Son's Inc., has provided a free ride home as well as a tow for your auto-

mobile if you find yourself in such a predicament on New Year's Eve.

Peggy Mitchem, David's wife, said the idea of starting the Tippy Taxi service on Christmas and New Year's Eve was their son Ricky's.

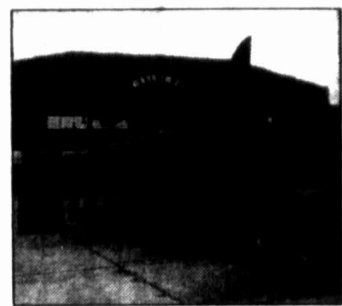
"He approached his dad with the idea of the Tippy Taxi Service," she said. "He thought it would be a good

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## Y2K predictions sputtered Jan. 1

January 2000 arrived with none of the predicted Y2K woes materializing but Big Spring and the Crossroads area had their share of tragedies during the year. Accidental deaths, murders and the drought were in the news often.

It wasn't all bad, of course. New construction, celebrations, parades, sports and academic team success, United Way and Relay for Life goals reached — many positive



things occurred in 2000.

This issue presents the Herald's annual Year in Review — a special section highlighting each of the past 12 months.

## Warmer weather brings shoppers back

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Warm weather melted the ice and brought floods of customers back to local retail stores to exchange unwanted presents and find those after-Christmas sales.

"Once the cold weather left, it heated up here," said Daryl Holley, Wal-Mart manager. "We have been extremely busy."

With last week's ice storm and resulting icy conditions, many area residents chose to stay home instead of charging to the store for returns and to take advantage of those sales.

"Since the ice went away, business has been superb," said Jay Howell, manager of Bealls. "The last few days have been very busy."

"We started getting busy when things warmed up on Thursday," said Ellen Talbot, manager of Dunlap's.

As customers bring those wrong size, wrong color, duplicate or unwanted presents back, local retailers report they are taking time to shop.

"We are doing a lot of exchanges," Talbot said. "Customers are also picking up extra things to go along with their exchanges."

Holley said the number of customers returning items is heavy but no more than expected this time of year



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Taking advantage of after Christmas sales, Brittany Hill of Colorado City considers purchasing a pair of shoes at the Athletic Supply.

and they are sticking around taking time to shop. "Business has been pretty brisk," said Dick Helms of Athletic Supply. "We have been fairly busy with peo-

ple not necessarily exchanging items but customers shopping."

Athletic Supply has a number of items on sale including up to 60 different shoe types and jackets, which Helms said are a popular item.

"We don't have very many jackets left," he said.

Wal-Mart has a number of after-Christmas sales to entice the public, including clearance sales on certain toys and Christmas merchandise as the store prepares for its spring line of items.

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Cassi Guerrero of Snyder ponfers over a blouse at Bealls Saturday.

Customers returned to the stores beginning Thursday afternoon as the last of the ice melted from an earlier ice storm.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



## City workers repair some 40 breaks, hope weather holds

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

City employees worked around the clock to repair a rash of waterline breaks scattered throughout Big Spring last week.

"The distribution and collection department had nine two-man crews working in morning and night shifts," said Todd Darden, public works director. "We stayed on this until the main breaks ceased."

The cemetery department, code enforcement department and the airport

department helped as well, he said.

Darden estimates the city had 40 waterline breaks. As of Friday, he estimated the city had lost four million gallons of water escaping from broken waterlines.

"The biggest area so far has been the west end of town from FM 700 to the Industrial Park," he said, noting that some 400 customers were without water for four to seven hours.

In other areas of town, customers have had a disruption in water service, but Darden said the disruption had not been for more than four hours.

Reports of waterline breaks were handled on a

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After throwing some trash in the dump truck, Cody Ridge of the distribution and collection department walks to the side so fellow employee James Darling can finish filling a hole made by workers to repair a waterline break. City employees worked round the clock to fix a rash of breaks scattered throughout Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Safety

### Police, DPS out in force for holiday

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officers are out in full force this New Year's holiday.

Lt. Terry Chamness, safety officer for the Big Spring Police Department, said extra police officers are out locally looking for New Year's Eve revelers who have had too much to drink and try to drive home.

"As is with every year during this time, we will have extra officers out," said Chamness. "During Christmas we didn't have any extra out because we felt like they should be at home with family if at all possible but we will be out in full force over the weekend holiday."

Chamness said that although the extra officers will be targeting the tipsy drivers, they would also be looking for other violations such as non-compliance of seat belts and speeding.

According to Judy Altom, Department of Public Safety education officer, troopers are looking for any violation of the law.

"We will have all available troopers out on New Year's Eve," said Altom. "Of course they will be looking for the obvious tipsy drivers in order to get them off the road but that will not be their main focus as they will be looking at seatbelt violations, speeders and any other violation that jeopardizes the safety of others out on the highway."

Altom said that though the department no longer predicts the number of traffic deaths over holidays such as Christmas and New Year's, it does take safety violations seriously.

"Yes, this is a time for people to celebrate the new year but we want to ensure that they do it in a safe manner and not be doing it on the highway," said Altom. "If they plan on doing a little too much par-

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OBITUARIES

**Natavidad "Nettie" S. Diaz**

Natavidad "Nettie" S. Diaz, 86, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, in a local hospital. A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Nettie was born on Dec. 10, 1914, in Colorado City. She resided in Big Spring for over 50 years and was a loyal employee of Hall-Bennett Hospital for over 38 years. She was a long-time member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was the beloved wife of the late Pedro Diaz. They were married Jan. 2, 1932, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 28, 1998.

Survivors include eight children, one son, Enez Diaz of San Antonio; seven daughters, Natalia De La Garza of Weatherford, Margie Smith of Jourdanton, Virginia Flores of Abilene, Evelyn Flores, Petra Rios-Rios, Mary Arispe and Elvira Marin, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Goyeta Rodarte and Elvira Martinez, both of El Paso; 25 grandchildren; and many, many beautiful great-grandchildren who loved her dearly. She will be missed by all.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Hal Herbert Courtney, 71, of Madill, Okla., died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at the Madill Hospital. Funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Watts Memorial Chapel with Larry Holder officiating. Mr. Courtney was born on Oct. 31, 1929 at Childress. He was raised in Matador before moving to the Madill area in 1965. He married Brenda Holt Cate on Nov. 9, 1987, in Alpine. He served in the Air Force and worked as a rancher and real estate broker.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Courtney of Madill; children Quinn Courtney of Dalhart, Shann Thomas of Big Spring and Amy Bell and Misty Cate of Madill; and seven grandchildren.

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BIG SPRING  
AROUND THE TOWN

expect things will be a little busier come New Year's Eve.

David said that he has one stipulation to giving the free taxi service to anyone having too much to drink. "My only stipulation is that they call before they get into the car and get stopped by the police," said Mitchem. "When that happens it sort of takes things out of my hands. It's a little late to be calling then. We will still give their car a tow but it will cost them and the police will be the ones giving them the free ride."

Mitchem said that the program is designed to take the individual home so that he or she will not put themselves or others in danger. "Our drivers are briefed to take them home and not from one bar to another," said Mitchem. "If they want to go to another bar they need to get another taxi service."

Mitchem said the service is provided by volunteers and the only pay they receive is if the customer gives them a tip for the service.

"Though we do not charge for getting them home safe, the drivers can accept tips if the customer wants to. Anyway you look at it, it's cheaper than a ride down to the police station."

To call for a ride on New Year's Eve, call Mitchem & Son's at 267-3747 between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

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tying they should consider having someone in the group that does not drink to be the designated driver. If all of the group is drinking, the group should think about getting a taxi and sharing the costs amongst them.

"It doesn't matter how they want to do it as long as they don't get behind the wheel and try to drive. If they do, they may end up spending the evening somewhere they didn't intend."

SHOPPERS

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Although sales in the Christmas season started off slow, several local retailers are reporting they are up or comparable to last year's numbers.

"We have been successful in the point of sales," Holley said. "We are up from last year."

New childhood leukemia case surfaces in Nevada town

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — An eighth case of childhood leukemia this year has surfaced in this small rural town where the drinking water was found to contain twice as much arsenic as allowed by law, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The cases are under investigation by the state Health Division, which is searching for a common link among the children.

"To see this many cases

TEXAS LOTTERY

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all of sudden is unusual," state epidemiologist Randall Todd said in Saturday's Lahontan Valley News and Fallon Eagle Standard. "If there is something in the environment, we need to find it so we can prevent further cases."

Since the investigation began in July, Todd said he has met with the children and their families but has been unable to find any common factors that could account for the cause.

The city of Fallon, with about 8,300 residents 60 miles east of Reno, is under a federal Environmental Protection Agency order to treat its drinking water. EPA officials have said they're unaware of any public water system in the country with such a high level of arsenic.

Todd said it's only a remote possibility that the leukemia is linked to local water supplies. The water sources aren't the same for all the families, he said.

In his investigation, Todd said he read through scientific studies of childhood leukemia in Woburn, Mass., that were the basis for the book and film "A Civil Action." The case was associated with women drinking water from two wells containing several contaminants while they were pregnant.

Todd said there was a small amount of arsenic in the wells in Woburn, but it was not found to be responsible for the leukemia there.

"Many times we don't find any common factors," Todd said. "The odds of this type of investigation yielding answers is not good, but the importance is high."

"We have not found an answer yet and there is quite a bit more work that has to be done."

The latest case involves a 5-year-old boy diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia in November, the newspaper reported.

No one knows what causes childhood leukemia. Suspected triggers include radiation exposure, electromagnetic fields or volatile organic compounds, such as benzene, solvents and fossil fuels.

Jury asks legislators to investigate sloppy lab

AUSTIN (AP) — A grand jury has called on the Texas Legislature to address sloppy practices at the state's crime lab and law-enforcement agencies, citing mismanagement and poor officer training and supervision.

In the report sent Friday to Judge Jon Wisser, the Travis County panel criticized Austin and state police agencies, even suggesting that officers too frequently made drug arrests

based on "questionable probable cause circumstances," such as a person appearing nervous or having a malfunctioning tail light, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The report was sparked by an investigation into former Texas Department of Public Safety fingerprint analyst Diana Boyd Monaghan, who was indicted in December on charges of falsifying fingerprint reports on evidence she never tested.

Monaghan's lawyer said she expects her client to be cleared of the charges, which accused the 20-year DPS veteran of forging 13 reports on cases from several agencies involving murder, sexual assault and aggravated assault on a police officer.

The DPS was the most heavily criticized agency. Referring to the crime lab, jurors complained of "what appears to be a total lack of supervision and managerial oversight in one of the most important crime-fighting offices within the state of Texas."

Gov. Rick Perry and House Speaker Pete Laney met this past week with the grand jury, which explained its concerns and problems with the lab. Laney spokesman Mark Langford told the Statesman he did not know whether either official plans to follow the panel's suggestion to appoint a task force to investigate the crime lab and report the findings to Travis County prosecutors.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday:

- ERNESTO MORALES, 27, was arrested on a charge of parole violation.
- ANGEL VILLA, 23, was arrested on a charge of evading.
- HECTOR REYES, 23, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- SHANNON THOMASON, 33, was arrested on a charge of class c assault family violence.
- JAMES HOUSEHOLDER, 47, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- BARRY VANMERSBERG, 21, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway, the 1200 block of E. 11th Place and the 400 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fifth.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin and the 1300 block of Lincoln.
- DISTURBANCE FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th.

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Lillie "Ruth" McNew, 84, died Friday. Services are pending.

Yolanda Saldana, 53, died Friday. Services are pending.

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Pauline Rebekah Talton, 82, died Friday. Services will be 4:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Vivian E. Harvey, 68, of Midland, died Thursday. No services are planned at this time.

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# Lawmakers headed into new, somewhat uncertain session

AUSTIN (AP) — Start with a new governor and new presiding officer of the state Senate. Add a dash of lingering uncertainty from the tumultuous presidential election.

Toss in plenty of strife from a tight budget and the once-a-decade job of redistricting.

It's a recipe for an intriguing 77th Texas Legislature, to say the least.

When lawmakers arrive Jan. 9, Gov. Rick Perry still will be charting his course as the state's new leader and his successor as presiding officer of the Senate will have been barely seated. But the tedious and politically charged task of redrawing the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts could take center stage.

"The cloud will be over the session from the very beginning. People will be jockeying for position," said Max Sherman, a former state senator and now a pro-

fessor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. "Everyone is kind of hypersensitive to the redistricting issue."

Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives may be inclined to work with the Republican-controlled Senate to develop a redistricting bill, or the Republican-dominated Redistricting Board takes over.

House Speaker Pete Laney is downplaying controversy over redistricting.

"It's probably more of a hype ... coming from the political parties," he said.

Some aspects of the Legislature will be business as usual.

In the Texas House, where Democrats have a 78-72 edge, Laney, a West Texan from Hale Center, is expected to be re-elected to the post he has held since 1993.

The usual competition for money is already under way, with lawmakers declaring it difficult to

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fulfill everyone's wish list.

Teachers, for instance, want a statewide health insurance plan. State workers want better pay and benefits.

The budget for the current biennium is about \$98 billion. The budget surplus is projected to be \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion this cycle, but Medicaid and certain prison programs that need an immediate emergency infusion will slice into it.

"In the past election, some candidates campaigned with promises of new spending programs, from everything from highways to higher education. And hopefully we'll be able to do all those fine things they proposed and we'll be able to find those candidates when it comes time to find the revenue to pay for those projects," Laney

said. Some legislators suggest that a tax cut — like those approved in 1997 and 1999 under then Gov. George W. Bush — isn't likely because of the budget situation.

Hundreds of bills have been filed before the session's start, giving a preview of legislative battles during the biennial, 140-day meeting.

Perry has made it clear his top priorities will be education and transportation. He wants to educate more Texans beyond high school and unplug the state's highways.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has reintroduced a bill that died last session that would strengthen the state's hate crimes law.

Named for James Byrd, the black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck by three white men in Jasper in 1998, the bill would assign a hate crimes prosecutor at the attorney general's office, provide civil remedies

for victims and require training to help officers identify hate crimes evidence.

National attention on the Texas death penalty during the presidential race could lead to changes in the way capital punishment is administered.

Some legislators are looking to provide the option of life without parole in capital murder cases, to ensure lawyers for capital murder defendants are competent and to provide inmates more access to DNA testing in certain cases.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, a Republican, said he has been talking to lawmakers about death penalty issues likely to surface in the coming legislative session.

"I think there's emerging a consensus view that we need to do something about the availability of post-conviction DNA testing as well as the competency of counsel," Cornyn said.

## Unclogging Texas roads high priority for Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Touting transportation as a priority for Texans, officials are scouring state coffers for funds that can be directed to highway budgets to pay for new construction.

"We desperately need more money for transportation projects," said Clyde Alexander, House Transportation Committee chairman.

New Gov. Rick Perry has encouraged the Texas Transportation Commission to produce innovative plans to help lawmakers attack the problem.

Texas highways are trying to swallow growing volumes of traffic fed by the state's growth and the North American Free Trade Agreement. Nearly 80 percent of all U.S.-Mexico traffic crosses through Texas, Perry said. Troubled corridors such

as Interstates 35 and 10 have attracted particular attention because of their size and traffic volume.

Building more roads would seem the likely solution. But there simply isn't enough money, says Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Randall Dillard.

Most of the \$5.2 billion highway fund comes from motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees and federal funding. The rest comes from state taxes on lubricants, title fees, interest and other reimbursements. But about 17 percent of the budget covers items other than highway projects, including \$354 million to the Department of Public Safety.

Currently, the state can afford to fund only about 36 percent of needed transportation projects, Dillard said.

## Officials hope leads will result in convicts' capture

DALLAS (AP) — Law enforcement officers are hoping a potential \$100,000 payout will shake loose some useful information on the whereabouts of seven convicts accused of gunning down a police officer after their escape more than two weeks ago from a South Texas prison.

"We hope the high reward money will entice those people who have been assisting them in traveling and hiding," prison spokesman Larry Todd said Saturday. "We believe these are the same people who helped them make good on the escape."

Leads on the whereabouts of the men are flooding in from all over the state — even from out of state — but most have gone nowhere, law enforcement officials say. But Todd said he's optimistic.

"We have high hopes that a couple of them will pan out," he said.

About \$100,000 in total

reward money is being offered through the Irving police department for the arrest and indictment of the inmates on capital murder warrants in the Dec. 24 shooting death of policeman Aubrey Hawkins.

That crime followed the Dec. 15 robbery of a Radio Shack in Pearland, a Houston suburb, allegedly committed by two of the inmates. Pearland police said aggravated robbery charges were filed Friday in Brazoria County against George Rivas, 30, and Donald Keith Newbury, 38, identified by victims in photo lineups as the armed men who walked into the electronics store about 10 p.m. The robbers ordered employees and customers to the rear of the store and tied their wrists and ankles with cord before looting the store and emptying the pockets of the victims.

The gang of convicts has been on the run since their escape Dec. 13 from the

Connally Unit near Kenedy. They are suspected of gunning down Hawkins 11 days later during a robbery at an Oshman's sporting goods store.

Todd said a report on the escape will be finished around the middle of January.

The subsequent manhunt has frustrated law officers from the several federal, state and local agencies involved.

"We've had spottings all over the state. The leads did not prove fruitful," Todd said.

Employees at a Chick-Fil-A restaurant in The Colony, a suburb 20 miles north of Dallas, told police they recognized five men eating there from photos they had seen in newspapers, Gloria Carver, a police dispatcher, said Saturday.

The employees called police after the group ate and left the parking lot in a dark sports utility vehicle. They were shown a photo

lineup by police and "positively identified" five of the escaped inmates. Carver said. Police did not reveal the names of the inmates the employees said they saw.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that a former cellmate of Rivas told authorities the seven had access to an apartment in Tarrant County, where Fort Worth is the largest city. But after two days of surveillance at the apartment, investigators had seen no sign of anyone coming or going. The News reported.

Law officers pleaded with the public for detailed information.

"The tips that are coming in are sketchy at best," said Robert White, a trooper with the Department of Public Safety. "If you are calling in, be more specific: license plate numbers, clothing, when, where, so they can follow up."

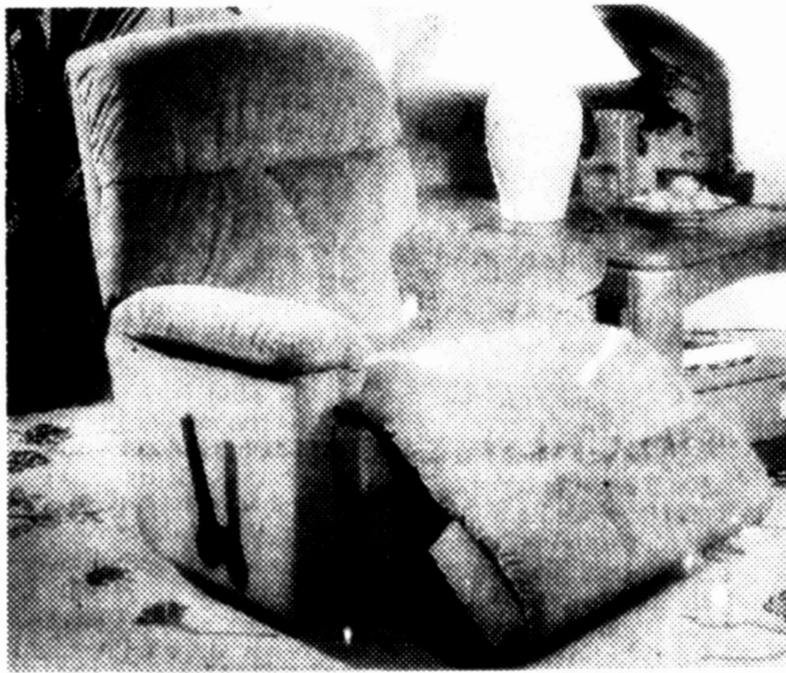
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## Celebrate year's end responsibly

Local law enforcement personnel have a message for would-be partygoers tonight: Don't drink and drive. Anyone who has been drinking and takes the chance of getting behind the wheel runs a better than usual chance of getting stopped because extra law officers will be on the street. That's true for both the city and state as both Big Spring Police Department and the Department of Public Safety are taking advantage of grant money to pay overtime for peace officer to be on patrol.

Actually, law enforcement has already beefed up for the holiday period, which began Friday. The extra officers won't be pulled off duty until midnight Monday.

But we're not asking that you don't drink and drive just so that you won't wind up in jail.

We all enjoy celebrations, and the end of a millennium is certainly cause to celebrate. But it's not reason enough to endanger lives, and that's the point. If your driving is impaired the chances of your having an accident are greater, and that's a fact. While you may be able to keep a vehicle "between the lines" so to speak, your ability to react to sudden changes is diminished. Your defensive driving skills aren't what they should be.

It's not worth it. It's not worth the embarrassment; it's not worth the fine and jail time; it's not worth a chance having it on your record; it's not worth the chance of endangering your life, the lives of those with you or the lives of other motorists or pedestrians.

If you are planning on drinking and being out tonight, appoint a designated driver. If you find yourself at a party or club and have had more than one or two drinks, call a friend, or call Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service for a free tow home.

Be safe this weekend. Make sure you are around to celebrate again next year.

## OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the people who helped and participated in the auction and barbecue at the Shuffle Inn for the Richard Burrow family.

There are not enough words to express our sincere gratitude for all the hard work and generosity. A special thanks for all the prayers and donations.

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TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to thank everyone who prayed and expressed concerns for our

grandsons, Cory and Cody Wilkins.

They were in a car accident on Dec. 11, in Odessa. Cory was in critical condition and on life support for several days. Cody was in the hospital for two days.

Cory was taken off life support and eight days after the accident, he came home. The Lord truly hears all prayers and we witnessed a miracle and he gave Cory back to us.

Thank all of you who prayed for Cory and Cody and may the Lord bless all of you always.

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# Where this columnist is coming from

Every year about this time, I make a financial, philosophical and political disclosure statement to my readers. I think all columnists owe that to their readers, but so far as I know, I'm the only one who does it.



CHARLEY REESE

As always, the financial part is the simplest. A hundred percent of my income comes from my newspaper salary and the sale of my syndicated column.

I own no stocks other than those involved in my company's retirement plan and the corporation I set up to syndicate my columns. I have no partnerships, no land investments.

I drive a '96 Thunderbird, a kind of car that I wanted as a youth but couldn't afford until I was too old for it to do me much good, other than to provide basic transportation.

I do not charge fees for speeches for a number of reasons. First, I think it's ridiculous, and I'm opposed to the idea of journalists as celebrities. I consider myself a working newspaper guy and nothing more.

Second, I don't wish to be tempted to speak to people I don't like. And third, when I speak to people I do like, it would be insulting to charge them. And finally, I feel free to say exactly what I think.

Nothing in my house would fetch much from a fence. I've never been into possessions. I don't collect anything. About all I remember from two years of high-school Latin was a statement by the teacher that the Romans believed that a man can become a slave to his possessions. I have no intention of being a slave to stuff.

Furthermore, I come from a blue-collar background, and I wouldn't feel comfortable driving a fancy car or living in a fancy house. A warm bed and a roof that doesn't leak are about the extent of my housing desires. Politically, I'm still a reg-

istered Democrat, but I plan to change, when I get around to it, to the Republican Party. I've given up hope that the Democrats can rescue their souls from egalitarian hell, and I don't wish to be associated with the trash associated with the Clintons.

Philosophically, I'm a traditionalist or, if you prefer, a neo-Confederate, which is the same thing. I share the philosophy of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. That can be summarized as follows: a constitutional republic of sovereign states; a constitution that is not a "living document" but a firm contract, clearly defining and limiting the powers of the federal government; trade with all countries, entangling alliances with none.

George Washington's farewell address is a perfect summary of my beliefs. This great speech is still read on ceremonial occasions in Washington, but obviously nobody listens to it.

I belong to only three organizations: the National Rifle Association, the Sons

of Confederate Veterans and the League of the South. As you can see, they are all related to my traditionalist philosophy.

The SCV is an organization of descendants of Confederate soldiers and officials. There is a corresponding organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both organizations have cordial relations, and I would urge all Americans to join one or the other if your ancestors fought in that terrible war. American history, unedited and without the censorship and distortions by contemporary demagogues, is extremely important.

My purpose in writing, other than to keep bread on the table, is to stimulate readers to think about important subjects. We are way over-entertained and distracted these days. It doesn't matter to me whether people agree or disagree with me as long as they think.

The enemies at our gates are ignorance, apathy and the inability to think logically. If we don't kill them, they will kill us as a free society.

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"...AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL JANUARY 20, HILLARY IS RUNNING A SPECIAL ON A NIGHT IN THE LINCOLN BEDROOM..."

## Will Campbell: A theologian with thorns

There are no Southern saints, in black or white or any other color, and precious few who look that way on paper. What you have is a light handful of good, if human, men and women,



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

including one theologian with thorns — that erudite, churchless, bootleg (but ordained) Baptist preacher living in Mount Juliet, Tenn., near Nashville. A man whose friends describe him as a randy, imbibing, profane, ordinary guy who believes with all his big heart in the beatitudes.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; Blessed are they that mourn; Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers.

Will D. Campbell, 76, has been preaching for six decades, since he was 17, a skinny white kid fresh as a cockle from the cotton fields of Amite County, Miss., right on the Louisiana line.

Beneath his starchless Shaker hat and Rip Torn ruggedness, Will Campbell is an original — and unaffected originality always gets and deserves attention in this copycat, insincere, made-for-television world.

"I'm not a person of any great wisdom," he protests. "People want guys like me. They want folk heroes. If one doesn't come along, they invent him. I hear things about myself all the time that never happened..."

Maybe so, but plenty has happened. Will became Brother Will because of Jesus. Will Campbell can preach funerals, baptisms, weddings, high church, low church, on death row and at the White House. He has written half a dozen "rare books," as he calls them, including one that's stayed in print for 25 years, "Brother to a Dragonfly."

Over the years, Will buried Roger Miller, performed Trisha Yearwood's wedding and cooked on the road for pal Waylon Jennings. He has been friends with Martin Luther King Jr., Walker Percy, Tom T. Hall, Robert Penn Warren, David Halberstam and Jules Feiffer, to name a disparate few.

None of those celebrity friendships matters to Will any more or less than others cultivated (and pickled) at various country honky-tonks called Gasses or Dreamland, or those made in the fields with black sharecroppers, or in prison with drunks, dopers, murderers or Ku Klux Klanners. For Will Campbell believes: "We're all bastards, but God loves us anyway."

On Wednesday (Dec. 20) he received from President Clinton (along with fellow recipients Ernest Gaines, Barbara Kingsolver, Toni Morrison and others) the National Humanities Medal for 2000.

Awards no doubt talked about Brother Will's maverick ways and long life. How he served in the South Pacific during World War II and was forever on the front lines of the civil-rights movement, in on the beginning and for the long haul. They probably said

that in 1967 he was one of three white ministers walking through the Little Rock mobs by the side of nine black teen-agers seeking to enroll in an all-white school. That he was fired as Ole Miss chaplain for playing Ping-Pong with a black preacher. That he was the only white man at the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

That he's a fair country-music picker on an old Gibson and one of this country's leading, most eloquent opponents of capital punishment. They probably told lots of stories.

But it's impossible in a short, polite biography to cover all the uncharted territory between a Yale divinity degree and a King Edward chewing-tobacco habit. Plenty already have tried. Campbell's been profiled by PBS, the lofty sentences of Marshall Frady and every enterprising Southern reporter with a ballpoint.

Bill Emerson of Atlanta, retired reporter and editor, calls his preacher friend a "slam-dunk, wham-doodle of a soul-saver, the original Gonzo theologian ... the scourge of Episcopalians and tightly puckered Baptists."

For several years running in the early 1960s, veteran civil-rights activist Constance Curry of Atlanta heard the heartfelt charge Campbell gave to young, Southern college students seeking guidance at Field Foundation seminars. She saw the tears in young eyes when mentor Campbell sent them forth.

"Out of that farewell came the activism of many. Will gave them courage to

speak out, and the knowledge that they were not alone."

Nashville author John Egerton has known Will for 35 years.

"I don't find it hard at all to think of him as an ordinary guy. I resist the temptation to think of him as a saint, a rustic Billy Graham. I think it's his humanness, his common qualities, not his lofty heroism, that attracts people from all walks of life."

Brother Will himself accepts accolades with the same aplomb he had in the Dark Days while (as one story goes) being tossed back and forth between Mississippi and Alabama by unsympathetic lawmen.

This latest honor probably had to happen while a Southerner was president.

Yankees don't really understand him, Campbell says.

"They either think that I'm quaint and cute or that I'm just crazy. I say I have close friends who were in the Klan, and that ends the dialogue."

He'd never met Clinton, but the two have a mutual friend in Vernon Jordan.

"I met Vernon the day he got out of law school," Campbell says. At the White House, Brother Will planned to tell Clinton "he's done us Yeller-Dog Democrats proud," and Hillary that because of her, for the first time ever, "I wished I lived in New York."

Then he headed back South with wife Brenda, to their 21 acres, three of them plowed up for a garden, and the cabin office where he whittles and works, in fits and starts, on a new book



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# Some people say they are planning to party like it's 1999

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Cox's millennium dinner came from his favorite restaurant — in a takeout box.

Like thousands of other workers, he rang in last New Year at work, awaiting fallout from the Y2K computer glitch that threatened to wreak havoc, but didn't.

"I had my entire staff at work," said Cox, who was then spokesman for the Texas Department of Safety. "Threadgill's sent over chicken fried steak and we had fake champagne. Then we just sat by waiting on problems. It was probably the safest New Year's Eve ever."

Don't call Cox this Dec. 31. For him and others who missed the fun last year, this holiday will be an excuse to party like it's 1999.

Cox said he'll celebrate the "real millennium" in style — the food will be the same, but he'll eat at the restaurant.

Under the widely used Gregorian calendar, which started with the year 1, the third millennium doesn't begin until Jan. 1, 2001.

Weather permitting, organizers of some public celebrations expect a bigger turnout this year than last. Some events last year drew weaker-than-expected attendance because people feared big crowds or problems from the Y2K computer bug — glitches caused by computers reading "00" as 1900 instead of 2000.

In Denver, Sunday night's celebration is expected to attract nearly 100,000 people after a weak

turnout last year.

"It will be better this year than if they had it last year because people can just concentrate on celebrating rather than being caught up in the overall sense of impending doom," said Lashley Pulsipher, a 25-year-old Denver resident.

Randall Horton of Dallas is content just to celebrate with friends and family instead of staring at a computer screen. As Y2K project manager for Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Horton spent the rollover to 2000 in a command post monitoring the transition at hospitals around the world.

"This year, I expect I'll monitor the millennial transition with equal interest, albeit from home, with family, and with real cham-

pagne instead of grape juice and soda water from a plastic cup."

But some people looking for a chance to party have been disappointed by scaled-back millennial celebrations.

Frank Guarino of Memphis, Tenn., a telecommunications manager, has had little luck finding a "true millennium" celebration. Guarino wanted something special after working last year to help First Tennessee Bank make a trouble-free transition to Y2K.

"I'm astounded that no big hotels are really pumping this thing to celebrate the real millennium," he said. "It disappoints me because I was looking forward to a big hoorah."

Bad weather could be this year's glitch; ice, snow and unusually

cold weather have buffeted many parts of the country.

In New York City where 11 inches of snow had fallen by midday, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani remained confident that the New Year's Eve bash in Times Square would go on.

"Although it's cold, it's not unbearable," Giuliani said.

"I don't know if we're going to be off," said Don Rogers, spokesman for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which rang in 2000 at work.

"It's going to totally depend on the weather."

If Mother Nature cooperates, Rogers will be a happy man.

"At least I'll be able to give my wife a kiss at midnight and not at 4 a.m.," he said with a chuckle.

## New year to ring in some new laws

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hangover this New Year's Day might be a bit less painful for parents whose teens itch for the car keys, for seniors who struggle with prescription drug bills, and for many people and businesses trying to pay taxes.

New state laws should ease some worries as 2001 arrives on Monday. They tackle issues from sweeping social policy to day-old bread (which can now be donated to charities in Illinois without fear of civil liabilities).

There are tougher realities, too: a ban on certain flavored cigarettes in Illinois; the possibility of a year in jail for hunters in Minnesota who claim they're disabled to get better permits; a pornography czar in Utah (though no one has yet been appointed).

States took steps on some of the thorniest issues facing the nation.

Illinois, New York and Vermont now give seniors better drug coverage. Maine, the state that passed the most sweeping prescription drug assistance, was to have its law take effect Monday — except it is tied up in an industry lawsuit.

For seniors who do get help, the extra money goes a long way.

"It helps a lot, it sure does," said Helen Donohue, 73, of Cumberland Head in upstate New York.

Missouri and Idaho will require teen drivers to study a bit longer before they can drive without adult supervision. And car insurance for all drivers will now be mandatory in Mississippi and Alabama. The only states that don't require auto insurance are Wisconsin and Tennessee.

New York cab drivers who saw a jump in killings this year will get more help from the government, through a new safety training program.

In Tennessee and Minnesota, divorcing parents can join a program to plan out how they will raise their children, in an effort to reduce acrimony and confrontation. Domestic violence victims in California cannot be fired for taking time to relocate or see a doctor.

And frustrating telephone calls from telemarketers are targeted by laws in Connecticut and Idaho, which let people join "call-free" lists and fine companies that call them anyway. Some 18 other states have similar laws.



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In our Sears Sunday, December 31st, 2000 insert we did not state that the All Home Appliances on Sale ends on Monday, January 1, 2001. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

Tragedies spurred a number of actions: Tougher amusement ride regulations in Missouri, after a serious accident injured 13. A study of racial profiling among police in Tennessee. Crime victims in Georgia now get notified before their assailants are freed from prison.

Colorado hopes to encourage communities to clean up contaminated areas by offering income tax credits to residents. New York will give tax credits to companies that build "environmentally sensitive" buildings; drivers in Georgia can get a tax credit if they purchase a low-emission vehicle.

Georgia also tackled campaign finance reform, but instead of limiting the money in political races, now contributors can double the amount they give to candidates running for office.

California increased its minimum wage by 50 cents, to \$6.25. (Another 50-cent

hike comes in a year.) The state also made it a misdemeanor to make or sell cheap handguns, mandating safety devices and standards.

And a California county — Mendocino, where marijuana is the chief cash crop — became the nation's first community to sanction the growing of pot.

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# Snow blankets Northeast, shutting down airports, trains, buses

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blizzard-like weather enveloped parts of the Northeast on Saturday, forcing all of New York's airports to close and Philadelphia to declare a snow emergency. Hundreds of flights were canceled, trains and buses were ordered off the roads, and traffic on highways slowed to a crawl as work crews struggled to keep up with nature's abundance.

Snow extended from southern New Jersey to Maine, coating the region in ghostly white. By midday, 13 inches had fallen in Middlesex County in New Jersey and 11 inches in New York City.

"It's going to be hard to keep pace with this," Bob Catene said as he shoveled the walk in front of the Italian food store he runs in Brooklyn. "After this one I'll be snowed out for the rest of the season."

As he fought to clear his walk, thunder crackled in the gray sky.

Others reveled in the snow.

"There's nothing quite like a walk in the morning with a new snow. The world seems so pure, so beautiful," said Jeffrey Greene of Merion, Pa.

Dale Livingston of Montclair, N.J., a 58-year-old baritone, took a bus into New York City so he could perform in the New York

Philharmonic's sold-out Beethoven 9th Symphony concert Saturday night.

"This is a grand adventure," Livingston said as his bus skidded sideways up a hill in Bloomfield, N.J. "When it is all over it is going to be boring."

New York's Kennedy Airport was down to one runway, then closed, joining La Guardia and Newark airports. Philadelphia's airport was open but airlines reported dozens of delays

and cancellations. Amtrak canceled its Metroliner service between New York and Washington.

In Philadelphia, Mayor John Street declared a snow emergency, meaning only emergency vehicles are allowed downtown.

Some of the East Coast escaped the brunt of the storm because it developed farther north and east than forecast — by 10 a.m., the sky was clear in Washington.

More than 1,300 plows were at work in New Jersey state highways alone, but most remained snow-covered. Speeds were restricted to 35 mph on the New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway.

Work crews in several states had been put on standby for what could be the area's heaviest snowfall since January 1996. That storm dumped more than 20 inches of snow across parts of the East.

## Clinton announces emergency cold-weather energy assistance

WASHINGTON — President Clinton acted Saturday to help insulate Americans coping with snow, ice and frigid temperatures from what he said may become the coldest winter in years — releasing an additional \$300 million in emergency aid.

"None of us can control the weather. But all of us are responsible for how we respond to and prepare for it," Clinton said. "With the actions I am taking, the federal government is fulfilling its responsibility."

With major storms blanketing the Midwest, penetrating the South and threatening the East Coast, Clinton announced the government will release the additional money to help poor families deal with soaring energy prices.

"Along with similar funds I released earlier this fall,

we've now devoted more than \$850 million to assist families who can least afford to bear the burden of high energy prices this winter," he said.

The White House said cold-weather states in the Northeast and Midwest will receive most of the money, but that all states will receive some help "since low-income households throughout the country are experiencing sharp energy price increases." The money comes from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The White House noted the Department of Energy is projecting a 29 percent rise in the price of home heating oil this winter with natural gas prices rising by 40 percent.

Clinton said the energy

and transportation departments will work together to ensure that the heating oil-distribution system doesn't get disrupted by bad weather. The Coast Guard, for instance, will keep shipping channels open so fuel barges can reach Northern ports.

"The simple lesson we've learned again and again is that the best way to meet challenges is to stay ahead of them, Clinton said as he announced he will take these additional steps:

—Direct federal building managers in the Pacific coast region to "lead by example" by conserving electricity and making additional power available to the hard-hit private sector.

—Ask Energy Department Secretary Bill Richardson to extend his emergency order requiring electricity generators and marketers to make power available to keep the

lights on in California which is struggling with an energy crunch.

—Order the Small Business Administration to initiate an "aggressive outreach program" to make short- and long-term loans available to cushion the impact of rising energy prices on cash-strapped businesses.

Clinton said his decision in September to draw 30 million barrels from the

nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to fight high oil prices and supply concerns has helped keep the prices under control. "We're far better prepared for this winter energy challenge because of the actions we took this fall," he said.

Since the release of the strategic reserve, Clinton said, the price of crude oil has dropped from more than \$37 to less than \$27 per barrel.

"At the time, many said that using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help Americans heat their homes was a 'terrible' idea that would never work," he said, referring to Republican critics. "Well, now we have the results."

American refineries produce about 14 million barrels of oil a day. The country's average daily consumption reaches 18.6 million barrels.

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## IN BRIEF

### Lady Hawks suffer second tourney loss

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered a 75-67 loss to Phoenix College during Friday's second round of the Scottsdale Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Koretha Johnson paced Howard with 18 points, while Grace Gantt added another 12.

Now 6-7 on the season, the Lady Hawks were slated to play host Scottsdale in Saturday night's final game of the classic.

### Midland deals Hawks tournament setback

Howard College's Hawks suffered a 74-67 loss to Western Junior College Athletic Conference rival Midland during second-round play at the Dixie Tournament in St. George, Utah.

Derrick Tarver led the way for the Hawks with 28 points, while Zachary Moss had 15 markers and Doug Whitler chipped in another 11.

The loss left the Hawks with a 5-9 record going into their final game of the tournament Saturday night.

### YMCA schedules basketball camp

Elementary school students may now register to take part in a YMCA basketball camp conducted by former Big Spring Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter.

The camp is set for Jan. 3-5 with students in grades K-2 attending at 9:15 a.m. and those in grades 3-6 meeting from 10 a.m. to noon.

The camp will be limited to 40 youngsters per age group.

Fees are \$10 for non members of the YMCA and no fee will be charged of members.

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.

### ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each. Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

## ON THE AIR

### Television

**AUTO RACING**  
1 p.m. — America LeMans Series, NBC, Ch. 9.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
5 p.m. — Silicon Valley Classic, Air Force vs. Fresno State, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. — Independence Bowl, Mississippi State vs. Texas A&M, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**NFL PLAYOFFS**  
11:30 a.m. — AFC Wildcard, Denver Broncos at Baltimore Ravens, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — NFC Wildcard, Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Philadelphia Eagles, FOX, Ch. 3.

**GOLF**  
3 p.m. — Skills Challenge, NBC, Ch. 9.

## Bulldog duo shares top billing for Independence Bowl

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Dicenso Miller and Dontae Walker like to share.

When Mississippi State hits the road, its dynamic tailback duo shares a hotel room. During games, they split the workload for the No. 1 rushing offense in the Southeastern Conference.

Heading into today's Independence Bowl against Texas A&M, Miller and Walker have combined for 1,800 rushing yards and 21 touchdowns.

And not once has either complained about not getting top billing in the Bulldogs' offense.

"Fortunate, these two guys are roommates. Fortunately, they like each other and fortunately they

## Toombs giving Aggies big lift

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — After seven games this season, Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum decided bigger would be better for the Aggies' running game.

So, Slocum made 255-pound full-back Ja'Mar Toombs the focal point of Texas A&M's ground attack.

Toombs bulldozed his way to 255 yards and six touchdowns during the Aggies' last four games and should get the bulk of the carries

when Texas A&M meets Mississippi State today in the Independence Bowl.

"It felt good that the coaches depended on me to make big plays and help us win the game," said the junior, who began the season weighing about 270 pounds.

Toombs is slimmer and quicker now, but still just as punishing a runner.

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have been able to push each other," Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill said Thursday after practice at Independence Stadium. "Whoever makes a run on the field, the other one is the first one patting

him on the back."  
"The guys are real unselfish," Mississippi State running backs coach Glenn Davis said.

The roommates have spent their free time this week in Shreveport matching skills in pool, video games and cards.

"We have fun," said Miller, who ran for 1,005 yards on 160 carries to become the fifth player in school history to reach the century mark in rushing.

The friendly competition exists on game day as well, and has been vital to their success.

Miller, a junior, usually starts the game. The sophomore Walker said he tells his pal, "You have to go out there and set the tone."

## Lady Steers rip Harlingen South

### Forsan, Coahoma and Colorado City teams in title tilts

HERALD Staff Reports

Big Spring's Lady Steers rebounded from their opening round loss at the Texas Invitational basketball tournament in Austin to literally roll over Harlingen South in consolation bracket play on Saturday.

The Lady Steers, paced by freshman Leina Braxton's 16 points, had little trouble in taking a 91-26 win over the Lady Hawks.

Big Spring's pressing defensive style created huge problems for Harlingen South, as none of the Lady Hawks managed to notch double figures and the Lady Steers continually converted turnovers into offensive opportunities.

The win left the Lady Steers with a 13-4 record going into Saturday's final round of the tournament hosted by Austin Westlake High School.

Meanwhile, Big Spring's Steers suffered three straight losses at the Lamesa Invitational tournament.

Big Spring opened the Lamesa event with a 54-49 loss to Monahans, despite the 12 points scored by Mic Fleming, who would earn a spot on the all-tournament team, and the 10 added by Arthur Belvin.

Lamesa's host Golden Tors then rolled to a 78-51 win over the Steers, who got 12 points from Clarence Wilkins.

And in their tournament finale, the Steers dropped a 72-59 loss to Fabens. Wilkins led the Steers with 15 points in that defeat, while Fleming had 12 and Belvin added 11.

Several other Crossroads area teams were also involved in tournament action during the weekend, playing in the Sterling City Invitational and the 70th Annual Mary Tatum/Reagan County Invitational.

Forsan's Buffaloes parlayed wins over Grady and Miles to reach Saturday night's championship game of the Sterling City Invitational. The Buffs defeated Miles 74-45 Friday, while Grady defeated Garden City 49-45 in a consolation semifinal game.

Taylor Bristow scored 16 points in pacing the Buffs to the win over Miles, while Dustin Baker added 14 and Miles Ellis another 13. Baker had been Forsan's leading scorer over Grady and Wes Longorio had chipped in 10 more.

Grady bounced back from its loss to Forsan, as Josh Tunnell scored 17



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Coahoma's Ashley Lang goes up and scores from close range during the Bulldogettes' game against Anson during the opening round of the Coahoma Invitational tournament on Nov. 30. The Bulldogettes took a 50-49 win over Menard on Friday to earn a berth in Saturday night's championship game of the 70th Annual Mary Tatum/Reagan County Invitational tournament.

points in leading the way to the four-point win over Garden City. The Bearkats were paced by Justin Hillger's 15 points.

In girls' action at Sterling City, Forsan's Lady Buffs suffered a 42-26 loss to Miles, while Garden City defeated Grady 54-35.

Jessica Hoch scored a game-high 18 points in pacing the Lady Bearkats past Grady, which got 13 points from Haley Madison. Candace Gamble and Chelsea Burgess scored seven points apiece for the Lady Buffs in their loss.

A pair of area girls' teams —

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## Ducks corral 'Horns

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joey Harrington took out six weeks of frustration at the expense of the Texas Longhorns.

The Oregon quarterback had a hand in four touchdowns as the No. 8 Ducks beat No. 12 Texas 35-30 on Friday night in San Diego in yet another wild Holiday Bowl.

"We've dug deep all year long and we came out with another big one," said Harrington, who threw for two touchdowns, ran for one and caught a halfback pass for another one.

In his last game, Harrington had six turnovers in a 23-13 loss at Oregon State that cost the Ducks the Pacific-10 Conference's Rose Bowl berth.

"I thought he responded very well to the opportunity and the challenge," coach Mike Bellotti said.

In other games Friday, it was Colorado State 22, Louisville 17 in the Liberty Bowl; Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20 in the Sun Bowl; and LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14 in the Peach Bowl.

On Saturday, Nebraska will face Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl. On Sunday, it is Texas A&M vs. Mississippi State in the Independence Bowl, and Fresno State vs. Air Force in the Silicon Valley Classic.

Harrington led the Ducks (10-2) to their first 10-victory season, completing three straight passes to set up Jason Willis' winning 4-yard TD run with 5:46 left.

Chris Simms moved Texas (9-3) to the Ducks 22 with about three minutes to play, but heralded freshmen receivers B.J. Johnson and Roy Williams each dropped a pass in the end zone. Johnson also dropped one

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## Miserable record could mean active offseason for Cowboys



AP file photo

Perhaps not since the days when he decided to fire Tom Landry and replace him with Jimmy Johnson (left), has Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones been faced with so many major decisions to make during the offseason as he does this year. Not only did the Cowboys drop to 5-11 this season, but Jones also has to figure out where his team will conduct camp this summer.

IRVING (AP) — As boring as it was to watch the Dallas Cowboys this past season, it should be exciting to follow them in the offseason to see how they handle a wide variety of difficult questions.

Owner Jerry Jones must pick everything from a quarterback to a place to hold training camp. Among the decisions facing coach Dave Campo is whether to have hip-replacement surgery.

Changes, and lots of them, are needed following a 5-11 season that was Dallas' worst since going 1-15 in Jones' first year. That team, though, at least had potential with a rookie quarterback named Troy Aikman and a first-round draft pick that became Emmitt Smith.

This time, Aikman is deciding whether to retire and Jones is deciding whether to release him if he won't Smith is still going strong, but some of his long-

time teammates may have to go because they're worn out, expensive — or both.

Rebuilding through the draft would be a good start, except the Cowboys don't have picks in the first, fourth and seventh rounds. The first-rounder, which Seattle owns, is No. 7.

Jones traded those picks last offseason, trying to reshape his offense around Aikman, hoping to squeeze out one last hurrah from the remaining players from Dallas' three Super Bowl teams of the '90s.

Instead, Aikman suffered a concussion before he completed a pass, got knocked out of two more games in the first quarter, and completely missed five more. When he did play, Aikman threw 14 interceptions, five in one game, and seven touchdowns while compiling the lowest QB rating of any NFC starter.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 24.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Connecticut (41)	8-0
2	Tennessee	10-0
3	Notre Dame	10-0
4	Georgia	9-2
5	Iowa St.	9-0
6	Duke	11-1
7	Rutgers	7-1
8	Purdue	10-3
9	Louisiana Tech.	9-3
10	Texas Tech.	8-1
11	Penn St.	8-3
12	N.C. State	8-1
13	LSU	7-3
14	Auburn	12-1
15	Texas	11-2
16	SW Missouri St.	6-2
17	Stanford	5-3
18	Mississippi St.	7-2
19	Florida	9-1
20	Clemson	8-2
21	Xavier	8-1
22	Oklahoma	7-3
23	Utah	10-0
24	Vanderbilt	8-2
25	Oregon	5-3

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 24.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Michigan St. (46)	9-0
2	Stanford (19)	9-0
3	Duke	10-1
4	Wake Forest	10-0
5	Florida	8-1
6	Tennessee	10-1
7	Kansas	10-1
8	Virginia	9-0
9	Illinois	9-3
10	Connecticut	9-1
11	Seton Hall	7-2
12	Arizona	10-1
13	Wisconsin	8-1
14	North Carolina	7-2
15	Syracuse	9-1
16	Southern Cal.	6-3
17	Oklahoma	9-1
18	Maryland	7-3
19	Cincinnati	8-2
20	Alabama	9-1
21	Georgetown	10-0
22	Notre Dame	7-2
23	Iowa	9-1
24	Mississippi	11-1
25	Iowa St.	10-1

NFL PLAYOFFS

**Saturday, Dec. 30**  
Wild-card Playoffs  
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17  
New Orleans 17, St. Louis 28

**Sunday, Dec. 31**  
Denver at Baltimore, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)  
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 3 p.m. (FOX)

**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
AFC N.C. Divisional Playoffs (CBS, FOX)  
Sunday, Jan. 7  
AFC N.C. Divisional Playoffs (CBS, FOX)

**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
AFC N.C. Championship Games (CBS, FOX)

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Jan. 28**

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
New York	18	12	.600	3
Miami	17	14	.548	4 1/2
Orlando	13	16	.448	7 1/2
Boston	12	17	.414	8 1/2
New Jersey	9	20	.310	11 1/2
Washington	5	25	.167	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	20	11	.645	—
Utah	20	11	.645	—
San Antonio	18	11	.621	1
Minnesota	17	13	.567	2 1/2
Denver	15	15	.500	4 1/2
Houston	13	15	.464	5 1/2
Vancouver	8	21	.276	11

Pacific Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	20	7	.741	—
L.A. Lakers	21	10	.677	1
Portland	21	10	.677	1
Phoenix	17	10	.630	3
Seattle	16	14	.533	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	20	.333	11 1/2
Golden State	9	20	.310	12

**Friday's Games**  
Cleveland 97, Atlanta 85  
New York 95, Chicago 68  
Miami 98, Washington 91  
Portland 104, Vancouver 81  
Golden State 100, Utah 89

**Saturday's Games**  
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.  
Orlando 95, Boston 90  
Houston 114, Dallas 99  
Seattle 104, Charlotte 102

**Pro Bowl**  
Sunday, Feb. 4  
NFC vs. AFC, 4:30 p.m. at Honolulu (ABC)

**Bowl Schedule**  
Sunday, Dec. 31  
Silicon Valley Classic  
At San Jose, Calif.  
Payoff: \$1.2 million  
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 6 p.m. (FOXSN)

**Independence Bowl**  
At Shreveport, La.  
Payoff: \$1.1 million  
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
Outback Bowl  
At Tampa, Fla.  
Payoff: \$2 million  
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

**Cotton Bowl**  
Payoff: \$2.5 million  
At Dallas  
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)

**Gator Bowl**  
At Jacksonville, Fla.  
Payoff: \$1.4 million  
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

**Citrus Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Payoff: \$4 million  
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), Noon (ABC)

**Transactions**  
NHL—Suspended Nashville D Drake Berehowsky for one game after being assessed a match penalty in a game against Anaheim on Dec. 28.

Assigned C Marc Chouard to Cincinnati of the AHL.

CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled G Martin Brochu from Saint John of the AHL.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled C Greg Koehler from Cincinnati of the IHL. Placed RW Shane Willis on the injured reserve list.

DALLAS STARS—Placed RW Jamie Langenbrunner on injured reserve. Recalled C Greg Leeb from Utah of the IHL.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned C Greg Classen to Milwaukee of the IHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Reassigned D Dale Punnett to Hartford of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Pascal Rheaume from Worcester of the AHL.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Kristian Kudroc from Detroit of the IHL.

Friday's Games

NHL

Buffalo 2, Ottawa 0  
Florida 3, Boston 0  
N.Y. Islanders 5, Atlanta 2

Columbus 3, Carolina 1  
New Jersey 4, Washington 2

Phoenix 2, Minnesota 2, tie  
Los Angeles 4, Dallas 1

Chicago 3, Detroit 2, OT  
Colorado 3, Nashville 1

Calgary 5, Vancouver 0

Saturday's Games  
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, (n)  
Toronto at Florida, (n)

Montreal at Edmonton, (n)  
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, (n)

Philadelphia at Washington, (n)  
Boston at Tampa Bay, (n)

Phoenix at St. Louis, (n)  
Vancouver at San Jose, (n)

Today's Games  
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.  
Anaheim at Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
Chicago at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
New Jersey at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Calgary, 7 p.m.

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The Other Team over Country Corner Cafe 6-2; Wanna B's over Pin Heads 6-2.

Strike Zone over La Raza 6-2; hi sc game women Rosalita Lozano 231, Annie Gutierrez 170, Dana Whately 156; hi hdp game women Rosalita Lozano 246, Annie Gutierrez 225, Dana Whately 209; hi sc series women Rosalita Lozano 581, Annie Gutierrez 418, Jett Moore 402; hi hdp game women Rosalita Lozano 626, Annie Gutierrez 583, Jett Moore 567; hi sc game men Ray Gutierrez 247, Junior Barber 235, Armando Gutierrez 232; hi hdp game meq, Moe Escobar 239, Junior Barber 239, Florencio Hewitt 237; hi sc series men Armando Gutierrez 653, Ray Gutierrez 640, Junior Barber 612; hi hdp series men Florencio Hewitt 631, Tom Gutierrez 625, Junior Barber 624; hi sc team game The Other Team 768, Strike Zone 735, La Raza 716; hi hdp team game The Other Team 880, Strike Zone 854, La Raza 844; hi sc team series Strike Zone 2060, The Other Team 2056, La Raza 1943; hi hdp team series Strike Zone 2417, The Other Team 2392, Team 1 2362.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl  
At New Orleans  
Payoff: \$13.5 million  
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Orange Bowl  
At Miami  
Payoff: \$11.1 million  
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

College Scores

SOUTH

Clemson 81, Coastal Carolina 68  
Duke 108, N. Carolina A&T 73

ETSU 73, James Madison 63  
Florida St. 74, Morgan St. 64

Jacksonville 73, Lehigh 70  
Maryland 105, Md. Eastern Shore 53

Mississippi 94, Morris Brown 59  
N.C. State 91, Cal Poly SLO 63

Virginia Tech 84, High Point 75, 201

MIDWEST

DePaul 85, Fairfield 75  
Minnesota 89, Stetson 64

Murray St. 79, Nebraska 71  
Ohio St. 80, Coppin St. 42

UGA 87, Penn State 62  
Wisconsin 63, South Florida 61, 01

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 77, Montana 57  
SFA 66, St. Louisiana 62  
Tulsa 115, Prairie View 42

FAR WEST

Fresno St. 107, North St. 80

COWBOYS

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The supposedly juiced-up offense dropped in scoring for the third straight year, getting shut out twice in the final six weeks after being blanked once the previous 10 years.

A defense expected to be strong against the run and shaky against the pass turned out to be the worst run-stoppers in team history. The Cowboys became the first in NFL history to allow three 200-yard runners in a season.

Sure, it hurt being without seven starters and a key backup the last month. But Jones saw enough to realize this team is more than a player or two away from being great again.

"It's been very disappointing," said Jones, who opened training camp by holding up a Super Bowl ring and saying he was looking forward to another one in January. "It's my most disappointing season since I've been involved with the Cowboys."

Jones won't wallow in his sorrow. If anything, it will make him work harder in his quest to prove he can build a championship team without Jimmy Johnson or the majority of his leftovers. It's possible that next season Smith will be the only player left from the group that won championships in '92, '93 and '95.

It all begins with Aikman, who didn't play or talk to reporters after suffering the 10th concussion of his career in the third-to-last game of 2000.

Aikman's silence leads to pure speculation about his future. It's easy for out-

siders to say he should retire, but for Aikman it's not so simple. A decision should come before March 8. If he's on the roster that day, Jones will owe him \$7 million.

Jones could renegotiate Aikman's contract and bring him back for a year at a reduced price. That would shovel some of his massive salary-cap impact into 2002 or beyond, which is why Aikman's future is so pivotal to the team's.

If Jones opts for a complete overhaul, the fastest way would be to cut veterans and use 2001 to clean out the cap, then be aggressive in 2002. Jones has hinted at that plan before, noting how St. Louis and New Orleans quickly went from bottom to top.

Rookie coach Campo and first time coordinators Jack Reilly and Mike Zimmer are expected back. If there's a front-office shakeup, it would include the hiring of former Pittsburgh executive Tom Donohoe, who already has helped Jones with some talent evaluations.

Donohoe is the type of "football guy" Jones has resisted bringing in since buying the team and making himself general manager. The timing could be right considering Dallas' last draft class fizzled and the Cowboys have such few picks in the next draft.

"It's definitely not something that is going to be taken care of in a year's time," said linebacker Barron Wortham. "They're going to have to take their lumps, maybe for a year or two years, and then I think this team will be right back on track again."

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AGGIES

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"I'm a north and south runner," he said. "I don't like going too much side-to-side because it takes longer to get to the end zone."  
Getting to the end zone is Toombs' strength, rushing for 14 TDs.  
He finished third on the team in rushing.  
"He's a big physical guy," Slocum said. "If you get him the ball, particularly deep in the backfield, he's a load once he gets to moving."

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STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND OTHER CHANGES  
Year ended August 31, 2000  
(with memorandum totals for the year ended August 31, 1999)

	Totals (Memorandum Only)			2000	1999
	Unrestricted	Auxiliary Enterprises	Restricted		
<b>Revenues</b>					
State appropriations -					
General revenue	\$ 9,287,343	\$ -	\$ 1,393,879	\$ 10,681,222	\$ 8,997,005
Tuition & fees	2,344,077	386,633	-	2,730,710	2,654,340
Taxes for current operations	2,533,439	-	-	2,533,439	2,394,943
Federal grants and contracts	60,392	-	2,978,694	3,039,086	2,480,359
State grants and contracts	13,528	-	617,871	631,399	758,899
Private gifts, grants and contracts	1,806	-	333,550	335,356	419,426
Interest/endorsement income	273,030	41,896	54,920	369,846	303,761
Sales and services of educational activities	113,895	-	-	113,895	125,620
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	-	879,670	-	879,670	838,500
Other miscellaneous income	490,749	-	8,510	499,259	599,023
<b>Total Current Funds Revenues</b>	<b>15,118,259</b>	<b>1,308,199</b>	<b>5,387,424</b>	<b>21,813,882</b>	<b>19,571,876</b>
<b>Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers</b>					
Educational and general					
Instruction	6,482,007	-	1,840,669	8,322,676	7,714,085
Research	-	-	-	-	132,383
Academic support	823,051	-	115,451	938,502	1,060,058
Student services	1,837,041	-	571,567	2,408,608	1,591,123
Institutional support	2,140,437	-	462,021	2,602,458	1,901,643
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,188,745	-	93,532	2,282,277	2,227,434
Scholarships and fellowships	462,592	-	2,384,681	2,847,278	2,965,382
<b>Total Educational and General Expenditures</b>	<b>13,933,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,467,921</b>	<b>19,401,799</b>	<b>17,592,108</b>
Auxiliary Enterprises Expenditures	-	1,241,339	-	1,241,339	1,191,627
Mandatory transfers for:					
Retirement of indebtedness	(267,594)	(187,000)	-	(454,594)	(465,313)
TPEG to restricted and loan funds	(80,497)	-	80,497	-	-
<b>Total expenditures and mandatory transfers</b>	<b>14,281,969</b>	<b>1,428,339</b>	<b>5,387,424</b>	<b>21,097,732</b>	<b>19,249,048</b>
<b>Other transfers and additions (deductions):</b>					
Non-mandatory transfers	(566,354)	375,846	60,690	(129,818)	(13,000)
Excess of restricted receipts over transfer to revenues	-	-	518,548	518,548	74,665
Excess TPEG grant awarded over transfer	-	-	117	117	28,376
Indirect cost recovered	-	-	(73,920)	(73,920)	(112,908)
<b>Net increase in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 269,936</b>	<b>\$ 255,706</b>	<b>\$ 505,435</b>	<b>\$ 1,031,077</b>	<b>\$ 299,961</b>



# Woods leaves lasting impression on golf with 2000 season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Everyone wants to be part of history, to be close enough to touch it, to hear it, to see a defining moment. This year in sports, that meant being around Tiger Woods.

He won the U.S. Open and the British Open by a combined 23 strokes to complete the career Grand Slam at age 24. He added the PGA Championship to become the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three straight majors.

Woods' season was voted The Associated Press Story of the Year by member newspapers and broadcast outlets, receiving more than

twice as many points as Bob Knight getting fired as Indiana basketball coach.

Woods was also Story of the Year in 1997 when he won the Masters with a record score and set off Tigermania.

It reached a new level of hysteria this year.

Two men dressed in tiger costumes, black and gold stripes painted on their faces, leaned against the ropes along the third fairway at Pebble Beach in the final round of the U.S. Open, knowing Woods eventually would pass by close enough to touch.

Woods never saw them. The rest of the field never saw Woods. He won by 15

shots.

At St. Andrews, Woods strolled over the Swilken Bridge on the 18th fairway Sunday. Dozens of fans bolted past the marshals, hopping and splashing across the 6-foot stream, desperate for a glimpse of history.

Woods held aloft the claret jug, the youngest player to win all four major championships.

In Michigan, fathers carried sons on their shoulders in the pre-dawn hours of a routine pro-am round, just to say they were there, and that they saw Tiger Woods. It was his first tournament since winning the Grand Slam. Cameras flashed against the iron-gray sky,

making the first tee look like a disco.

In the locker room at Glen Abbey Golf Club during the Canadian Open, a couple of PGA Tour players sat around the table speaking in hushed, incredulous tones. The subject was Woods.

"Driver, sand wedge," one of them said, shaking his head.

The day before, Woods had hit a 380-yard drive and a sand wedge into the par-5 18th and finished his round birdie-eagle-birdie-eagle. The next day, he hit a 218-yard 6-iron out a fairway bunker, over the water and right at the pin to clinch his ninth victory of the year.

Woods always sends the crowd home with something to remember, and this was a season that will be talked about for years to come — unless he can top it in 2001.

"I did think this was possible," Woods said of his awesome season, perhaps the best ever in golf. "And I think it's possible in the future. That's why I play the game."

He plays the game like no other.

Woods finished at least fifth in 17 of his 20 tournaments. His last round over par was May 7, a streak of 47 rounds that not even three major championships could stop.

His raw scoring average of

68.17 was the best ever, breaking the mark of 68.33 set by Byron Nelson in 1945. He won six straight tour events, the most since Ben Hogan in 1948. He became the first golfer to finish under par in every tournament he played.

And he had at least a share of the lead in 11 of the last 12 rounds in the majors, the tournaments that define great players.

"I think the game of golf is in pretty good hands right now," Jack Nicklaus said.

In the AP voting, Woods received 62 first-place votes. Knight got 10 first-place votes. The Yankees winning the Subway Series got three first-place votes.

## BOWLS

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at the 15.

"He threw a pass for a touchdown that was dropped, then he threw another one for a touchdown that we dropped, and it didn't faze him," Texas coach Mack Brown said of Simms. "We really thought we had a chance to win at the end."

The Longhorns got the ball back with 1:37 to play when De'Andre Lewis recovered a fumble. But two plays later, Rashad Bauman capped a big game by the Ducks' defense with an interception at the 16.

Oregon took a safety with 21 seconds left and the free kick went to the Texas 37.

The Longhorns got to the Ducks 39 before Simms' final pass fell incomplete in the end zone as time ran out.

Harrington was 19-of-30 for 273 yards with one interception. Simms, the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, was 17-of-33 for 245 yards and four interceptions.

### Peach Bowl

LSU 28, No. 15 Georgia Tech 14  
At Atlanta, Rohan Davey, replacing Josh Booty at quarterback in the second half, threw three touchdown passes to lead LSU to an upset victory over Georgia Tech.

LSU (8-4) completed its

turnaround season under first-year coach Nick Saban by rallying from a 14-3 halftime deficit. The Tigers, playing in their first bowl since 1997, went 3-8 a year ago under Gerry DiNardo, who was fired.

George Godsey and the Tech offense was lost without Ralph Friedgen, the mastermind of its point-scoring success over the last three seasons. He left to become the head coach at Maryland shortly after the final regular-season game.

With 31-year-old Bill O'Brien taking over as offensive coordinator, the Yellow Jackets (9-3) committed six turnovers — half of what they had the entire regular season.

### Sun Bowl

Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20  
Jamar Fletcher intercepted Scott McEwan's pass with a minute left to preserve Wisconsin's victory over UCLA.

Fletcher, the Jim Thorpe Award winner as the nation's top defensive back, stepped in front of Brian Poli-Dixon at midfield for his seventh interception of the season and his first big play in an afternoon filled with frustration.

He was in the middle of a pregame scuffle that cost the Bruins a 15-yard penalty and the object of two taunting penalties by Freddie Mitchell, UCLA's star receiver who was selected

the game's MVP after setting a Sun Bowl record with 180 yards on nine catches, including a 64-yard touchdown reception.

But UCLA quarterback Cory Paus reinjured his separated shoulder and the Bruins (6-6) blew a 13-point, third-quarter lead.

Wisconsin's Brooks Bollinger threw two TD passes and Michael Bennett ran for a score and set up another with a 54-yard kickoff return.

The Badgers (9-4) also beat the Bruins in the 1994 and '99 Rose Bowls.

### Liberty Bowl

No. 23 Colorado St. 22, No. 22 Louisville 17  
Cecil Sapp ran for a

career-high 160 yards and a touchdown, and C.W. Hurst kicked three field goals as Colorado State beat Louisville.

With Sapp setting a Liberty Bowl record with 36 carries, Colorado State (10-2) controlled the clock for more than 35 minutes even though Louisville (9-3) out-gained the Rams 397-315.

Dave Ragone pulled the Cardinals to 19-17 early in the fourth quarter with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Deion Branch, who tied a bowl record with 10 receptions. But that would be all the Cardinals would get, and their final drive ended with 3:10 left as John Howell sacked Ragone on fourth-and-7.

## Too late, K-State gets shot at Tennessee

DALLAS (AP) — Before Kansas State coach Bill Snyder accepted an invitation to the Cotton Bowl, he wanted to make sure his players wanted to go.

Snyder asked for the decision moments after the Wildcats lost to Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game. The response was a unanimous yes.

Snyder expected that answer, but he had to make sure.

His point was to get the team looking forward to the New Year's Day game against Tennessee and not back at what might've been — which is what happened last time.

In 1998, the Wildcats lost the Big 12 championship to Texas A&M in double overtime. A victory would've put them in the national championship game, coincidentally against the same Volunteers.

The loss, however, dropped them into the Alamo Bowl. Not really wanting to be there, K-State lost to Purdue and finished the season ranked No. 10, by far its lowest of the season.

"Our players weren't really prepared," Snyder said Saturday. "It was a disappointment that they weren't able to get over between the conference championship and the bowl game. They also were disappointed that they got passed over in some bowls that they thought they should've been involved in."

The No. 11 Wildcats (10-3) aren't viewing this as the game they never got to play against Tennessee, which won the national title that year.

"I don't see it that way," Snyder said. "It would've been a great opportunity, but it was an opportunity missed."

Spending New Year's Day in Dallas is a treat for the No. 21 Volunteers (8-3). Early this season, they feared not being invited to any bowl.

"A lot of people probably had given up on us for dead when we were at 2-3," coach Phillip Fulmer said. "But we kept fighting and, as a coach, you enjoy that as much as anything."

Tennessee is on a six-game winning streak since turning the offense over to freshman quarterback Casey Clausen.

His success has made receiver Cedrick Wilson a major threat, plus enabled Travis Henry to find more room to turn.

With Outland Trophy winner John Henderson vowing to return for his senior year next season, the Volunteers

appear charged up for another national title run. "I see Tennessee as playing as well as any football team in the country," Snyder said.

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# Smith sets NFL record in leading Dolphins to win over Colts

MIAMI (AP) — With an NFL-record performance by Lamar Smith, a resilient quarterback and stout defense, the surprising Miami Dolphins handed Jim Mora another playoff loss.

Smith scored on his 40th carry, a 17-yard run in overtime for a 23-17 wild-card playoff victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Saturday. Jay Fiedler overcame three first-half interceptions to lead a comeback

from a 14-point deficit in the second half, and Miami tied the game in the final minute of regulation.

Smith's 40 carries was an NFL playoff record, and his 209 yards were the second most in playoff history behind Eric Dickerson's 248 in 1985 against Dallas. Smith dragged cornerback Jeff Burris into the end zone for the winning score, then was swarmed by jubilant teammates.

Miami drove 61 yards in

11 plays for the touchdown after the Colts' Mike Vanderjagt pushed a 49-yard field goal attempt wide right.

Mora, at 65 the oldest active coach in NFL, fell to 0-6 in the playoffs in 14 seasons, including two losses with the Colts. He's the only coach in NFL history with at least 100 regular-season wins and no wins in the postseason.

The surprising Dolphins (12-5), who won the AFC

East for the first time since 1994, advanced to the second round Saturday at Oakland. The Colts (10-7) were eliminated in their opening playoff game for the second year in a row.

The Dolphins forced the overtime by scoring with 34 seconds left in regulation. They started at their own 20 with 4:48 to go trailing 17-10, and Fiedler directed 14-play drive that culminated with his 9-yard touchdown pass to backup tight end Jed

Weaver on third-and-goal. Fiedler shook off three first-half interceptions that led to 11 points. The Dolphins' defense kept the game close by containing the dangerous trio of Edgerrin James, Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison.

The game was the first NFL playoff game since 1993 to be blacked out. But it sold out Saturday, and the crowd boomed loudly when Fiedler threw his third intercep-

tion.

By the second half they were cheering the first-year starter, who has played with a slightly torn left rotator cuff since Dec. 10. He finished 19-for-34 for 185 yards.

The Dolphins got back in the game at the start of the second half with a 70-yard drive capped by Smith's 2-yard touchdown run. Smith broke Larry Csonka's team postseason record of 145 yards set in the 1974 Super Bowl.

# Saints knock Rams out of playoff race with 31-28 victory

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Nothing has ever come easy for the New Orleans Saints. Naturally, winning their first playoff game after 34 years and knocking out the defending Super Bowl champions weren't any different.

Aaron Brooks threw three touchdown passes to Willie Jackson, and the Saints held off a huge fourth-quarter rally from the St. Louis Rams for a 31-28 victory Saturday.

From the voodoo ceremony before kickoff to owner Tom Benson's famous Benson Boogie at the end, it had the makings of a truly New Orleans scene, a celebration befitting a breakthrough after decades of frustration and an 0-4 lifetime playoff record.

But there was fear, too. After going ahead 31-7 early in the fourth quarter, New Orleans (11-6) looked like the Saints of old, watching Kurt Warner drive the Rams to three quick touchdowns, shaving the deficit to 31-28.

After the final touchdown at the 2:36 mark, the Saints recovered the Rams' onside kick. The Rams (10-7) forced a punt, but Az Hakim muffed an easy fair catch at his own 11, and New Orleans recovered.

Brooks simply took a knee three times, and one of the most downtrodden franchises in sports history finally had reason to celebrate.

The Saints, who surprised everyone to win just their second NFC West title this season, will try to keep the magic going next weekend in Minnesota.

The Rams, who made the NFC wild-card game last week with the unlikely scenario of a victory at New

Orleans combined with a Bears upset of the Lions, had five turnovers, a number of costly penalties and Warner's ineffectiveness until the game was virtually out of reach.

Warner threw for 365 yards — most after the Rams fell far behind — and three interceptions, while losing one fumble. He wasn't sharp until the end, possibly because of the grogginess and light-sensitivity he experienced after a concussion here last week.

The NFL's Most Valuable Player, Marshall Faulk, had no such excuses, except a New Orleans defense that got tough after being embarrassed last week, allowing him 220 yards rushing in the 26-21 loss. The Saints held him to a season-low 24 yards rushing and made him a nonfactor in the passing game until New Orleans led 31-7.

So, who were the game's playmakers? As usual, if they were playing for New Orleans, they couldn't be household names.

Brooks, a second-year quarterback making just his sixth career start, finished with 266 yards passing and four touchdowns — a Saints playoff record, of course. He also led New Orleans in rushing with 26 yards, five more than journeyman Terry Allen, who came out of retirement to join the Saints in November.

Jackson, an unheralded veteran, had six receptions for 142 yards and matched an NFL playoff record with his three touchdown catches.

Fittingly, he was thrust into the spotlight when the Saints' receiving leader, Joe Horn, sprained his ankle in the first quarter.

suffered a 51-41 loss in the consolation semifinals to Ballinger.

Ian Bassham scored a game-high 20 points, almost half the Wolves' total, in the loss to Ballinger. The best the Bulldogs could muster in their loss to Reagan County was Chase Ward's 17 points.

Results from Saturday's games were not available as the Herald went to press.

# MAKE IT TO 2001

## Safety

Plan to have a designated driver, or arrange for other transportation, if you are going to drink.

Make sure you eat something before drinking. Never drink on an empty stomach.

Don't let anyone who appears intoxicated drive. Arrange for other transportation.

If you are giving a party, offer your guests the alternative of nonalcoholic beverages.



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Remember, even one alcoholic drink can affect judgment and coordination.

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## ROUNDUP

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Coahoma's win with 10 points, while the Lady Wolves got a game-high 21 points from Alison Lopez in the win over Reagan County.

In other games at Big Lake on Friday, Coahoma's Bulldogs suffered a 60-43 loss to Reagan County in a consolation quarterfinal game, while Colorado City

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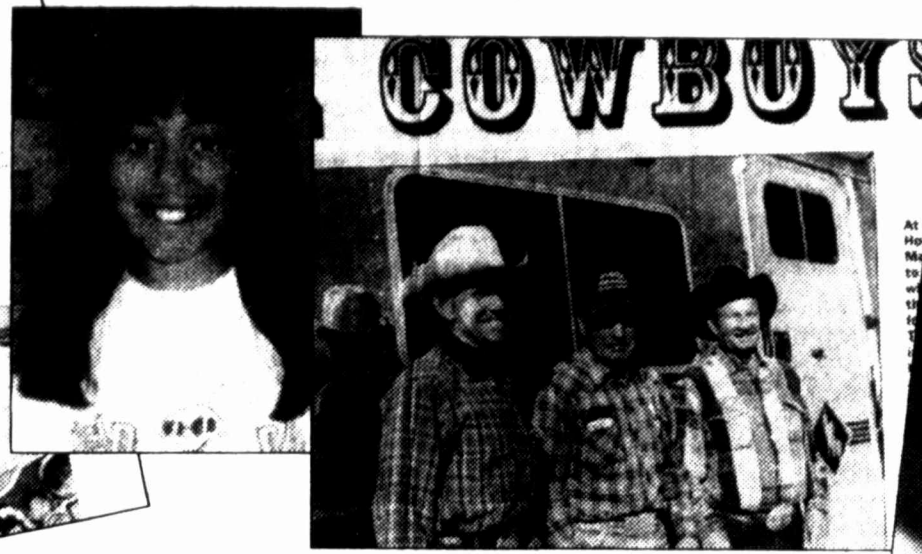
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### Wings of Grace's Angels



In the photos, from left: Members of the Wings of Grace chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association; Alyssa Garcia, who donated her hair to a program for sick children; senior rodeo cowboys Robert Ragan, Horace Rankin and Martin Fryar; and Brian Watt, with a pet snake.

## the most

# interesting people

On these pages in the year 2000, we have met dozens of interesting people. From cowboys to triplets, faithful teens to fire victims, each one has shared their story and with it, something of themselves.

Here, we take a look back at some of the most interesting people who have shared their stories here over the last year. There were, of course, too many to list them all, but here are just a few:

- Personal trainer **Angie Diaz**, who devised a method of exercising for busy parents last January. "Play with your kids," was part of her advice. "Get out and play ball, ride bikes, just enjoy yourself. And get your kids moving, too. Encourage them in sports if that is what they enjoy. Just don't push them to the point of burnout. They need to enjoy it, just like you do."

- **Kacy Liles**, Howard County Spelling Bee 2000 champion, who won the February contest with the word, "lightning." She and her mother both credited her love of reading with the then-eighth grader's remarkable spelling ability.

- **Blake Borman and Isidro Gonzalez**, whom we met in February. The boys, then 6 and 9 respectively, and their families met during the difficult treatment process. Both of their schools — Elbow Elementary and Coahoma Elementary — collected spare change in the boys' honor for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

- **Dee Harmon** and his group, the Christian Motorcyclists Association Wings of Grace chapter, whom we met in April, before they got their formal chapter designation. "We know the answer," Harmon said, "and we want to go out and share it."

- **High School members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**, who, we found out in April, attend classes each weekday before school from 6:10-7 a.m. "... We're here because we want to be here," said Kami Horn.

- **Kim Whitehead**, victim of a house fire in March who used her experience to tell people about the services provided locally by the American Red Cross. Whitehead received help from friends, co-workers at the Big Spring State Hospital, and the Red Cross. "What gets me," she said, "is that these people did this just out of the goodness of their hearts."

- **Alyssa Garcia**, a fifth grader at Bauer Elementary who last May cut off 16 inches of her hair. Not satisfied with just getting a haircut, the Big Spring girl arranged to donate her ponytail to Locks of Love, which makes wigs for kids suffering from illnesses. "It feels lighter," she said after the trim.

- **Coahoma Cub Scout Troop 501**, which in May planted a tree for their fellow member and friend, Matt Wynn, who had just discovered he had a rare form of brain cancer. After the ceremony, one of the boys, Hunter Williams, told his mother, "Mom, I think we had better put Matt back in our prayers tonight again."

- **Dr. Jody Reid**, a local chiropractor whose election to the Coahoma School board in May followed in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, Donnie and Clay Reid. "I just want my kids to get the same chance I got," he said. "I got a good education out there, one that allowed me to go to the next level."

- **Dorothy Kennemur and Margie Myers**, who were named to the Permian Basin Senior Hall of Fame in May.

- **Dr. Maria Douglas**, a local psychologist who has taken her success with foster and adoptive parenting into a public relations campaign to try to recruit others. "The important thing is that, for



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## to serve



In the photos, clockwise from above: breast cancer survivor Paula Farquhar; church secretary Latrice Davis; fire survivor Kim Whitehead, right with friend Melissa Adams; and quilter Sheryl Cox.

these children, they have a family — a regular, normal, safe family," she said.

- **Brian Watt**, who showed us his menagerie of frightening reptiles, spiders and scorpions in June. "I can't explain it," he said. "but there's just something I like about them."

- **Matt Hernandez**, the Big Spring infant who at his birth on Jan. 6, 2000, weighed 1.7 pounds, and couldn't leave the hospital until three months later. When we met the little miracle man in August, he weighed more than 12 pounds and was growing every day.

- **Joyce Nichols**, whose diary of the Louisiana Hayride in the 1950s was so detailed, it earned her several mentions on a new CD about Elvis Presley's early career appearances on the popular radio program. "I never understand why I kept this all these years," Nichols said of the pages of notes, "but I do now."

- **The Rev. Carroll Kohl**, who retired from St. Paul Lutheran Church at the end of September after 28 years. "I thought I would be here four or five years," he said.

- **Jack Becker**, the patient of Community Care Hospice we met in September. He is dying of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

- **Paula Farquhar**, a local nurse practitioner who in October gave a candid interview about surviving breast cancer. "I fought it every day," she said.

- **The Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy** of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, who celebrat-

ed his 50th anniversary in the priesthood in October. "I'm always happy to do the work. I'm glad to have the health to do it," he said.

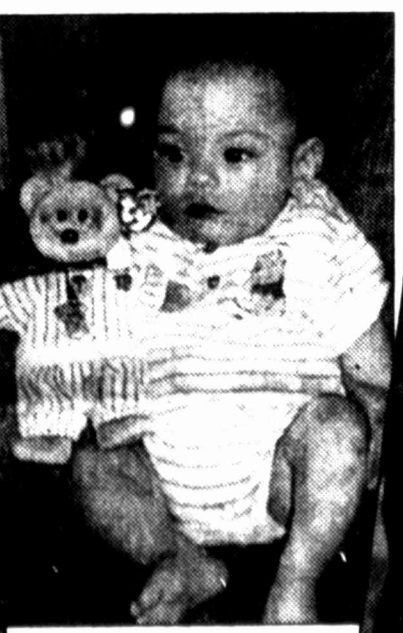
- **Michael and Jennifer Roberts**, who added triplets to their family in November. The local couple already had three children when they learned of Jennifer's pregnancy. "I have said all along God wouldn't have given us this without a reason," Jennifer said. "I think it's a miracle. It just takes a lot of love and understanding from everyone involved."

- **Sheryl Cox**, a local resident who created 50 quilts to mark her 50th birthday in 1999, and has not stopped. "I think I was looking to leave my mark on the world," she said in a November interview.

- **Robert Ragan, Horace Rankin and Martin Fryar**, three senior citizens who never gave up the cowboy life, competing in dozens of rodeos each year. "We're going to keep going as long as we can," Rankin said in November.

- **Latrice Davis**, who retired in November after 35 years as secretary for East Fourth Street Baptist Church. "I can't quit when 5 o'clock comes if there is something to be done," she said. "I've never been able to do that."

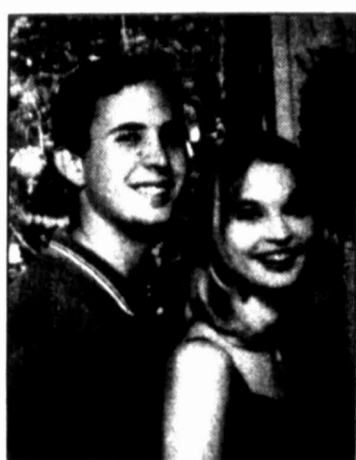
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In the photos, clockwise from top: Joyce Nichols, a Knott native and lifelong Elvis fanatic; Jennifer and Michael Roberts with two of their six children, Jayden, 1, and Andrew, one of their newborn twins; Jody Reid with his father, Donnie and grandfather, Clay; little "miracle man" Matt Rodriguez; and hospice patient Jack Becker with his son, Curtis.

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### GETTING ENGAGED



Misty Hein of Big Spring and Jason Martin of Dickens will exchange wedding vows on April 21, 2001, at the East Side Baptist Church with Bro. Doug Shelley officiating.

She is the daughter of Lawrence and Angela Hein and the granddaughter of Dale and Bonnie Hein all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Jack and Janet Martin of San Angelo and the grandson of John and Joann Warren of Dickens.

### HUMANE SOCIETY

Pictured is Itchy - Brown/black, 4 mo., male, Terrier mix.

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

- Susi - Black/white, 9 mo., female, spayed.
- Al - Cream Beagle mix, 2+ yrs., male, neutered.
- Willie - Black/white, 2+ yrs., male, neutered.
- Waylon - Blue/black, Heeler mix, 1+ yr., male, neutered.
- Shamu - Black/white, Australian Sheppard mix, 10 mo., male, neutered.
- Prissie - Black/white, Terrier Dachshund mix, 4+ yr., female, spayed.
- Hector - Brown/dark muzzie mix, 2 yr., male, neutered.
- Barney - Black Chow mix, 11 mo., male, neutered.
- Fido - Solid black, Lab mix, 1 yr., female, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for pure-bred dogs \$100 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

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## Widowed bride found love at 94, then lost it again

WOODBURN, Ore. (AP) — Every morning, Lula's brother lifts her into the living room chair, and she sits there for hours, a blanket draped over her withered legs. She watches TV, or reads, or stares out at the golf course, where dry leaves skitter in the wind.

The days are short and dim now — so different from last summer, when Lula Johnston, at age 94, walked through a world lit up by love.

Her college sweetheart had found her, 76 years after their first kiss, and romance bloomed once more. They married in June. Five weeks later, a car crash ended their honeymoon.

Now she is alone again. "I know why you're here," she says, straightening in her chair, speaking so the tape recorder catches every word.

She's a curiosity, Lula understands, marrying at an age that most people don't even live to see. But she also knows her story reaches deeper, touching anyone who ever loved and then parted, only to wonder if someday there might be a second chance.

In September 1923, Lula Packham was barely 18, a farm girl just starting classes at southern Idaho's Albion State Normal School.

Five-feet-2 with hazel eyes, a quick smile and curly blond hair, Lula fit in from the start. "I was a puppy," she says. "I met people easily."

She met Paul Johnston the first day. He was a second-year student at the two-year teaching school, a greeter assigned to guide freshmen. He was slender, with wire-rim glasses and brown hair combed carefully back. He stood just 5-feet-4, but he carried himself with confidence, and he looked tall to Lula.

They gravitated toward each other at school functions like hay rides and picnics. They sang together in Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore." At dances, Paul took breaks from playing drums to dance the waltz, fox-trot and two-step with Lula.

After one dance, Paul escorted Lula to her off-campus house. Lula's sister was sleeping in the living room, but Paul stepped inside any-

way. He kissed Lula, then quickly left.

The romance was on. They did nothing unseemly, of course, none of the carrying-on that passes for courtship these days. "We were proper," Lula says. "Kissing was about it."

Kissing was enough.

Paul graduated the next spring and left to teach at a country school in eastern Idaho. Lula took summer courses, then quit school to teach first grade in Malad City, 80 miles from Paul.

That fall, she returned to Malad City, and Paul took another teaching job 100 miles away. They kept writing, though a bit less often.

As much as she loved Paul, Lula was puzzled. He never spoke of marriage. She could think of reasons why not. They were young, and neither had much money. Still, she thought he might say something about his intentions, if indeed he had intentions.

He didn't say a word, and so Lula started dating others. She assumed Paul was doing the same.

Lula socialized with a group of young teachers in Malad City. A math teacher named Laurence Marschat seemed especially fond of her. They spent more and more time together, and she realized she was falling in love with him.

What about Paul? Near the end of 1926, three years after they met, Lula wrote her hardest letter to Paul. Larry had asked her to marry him, she wrote, and she was thinking he'd probably say yes.

Paul never wrote back.

Lula didn't know that Paul was too heartbroken to reply. She didn't know that he had planned to marry her all along.

Lula Packham became Mrs. Laurence Marschat on June 2, 1927.

The newlyweds moved to Oregon, where Larry worked first as a teacher, then as a school superintendent and finally as a planner with the state department of education in Salem. They had three children: Laurence Jr., Gerald and Marilyn.

In summer 1933, Lula and Larry were in Eugene while Larry worked on his master's degree at the University of Oregon. Paul

*She stayed there a while. They kissed — once, twice, many times — and Lula knew her lonely years were over.*

was there, too, taking summer classes, and when he learned Lula was in town, he came to visit one day.

It seemed to Lula that he'd gotten over her quite nicely. Paul was married and he brought along his wife, Sara, and their two boys, Lael and Paul Jr. They all chatted for a while, then went their separate ways.

In 1987, Larry died of a heart attack following a series of strokes. Lula, age 82, was on her own after six decades of marriage.

She stayed active with friends, church and the League of Women Voters. She took aerobics classes.

She moved north to Woodburn and lived alone in a house across a golf course from her youngest brother, Willis, and his wife, Genia.

She was lonely, yes, but she considered that her lot as an elderly widow.

As for the world of passion, well, don't be silly. Old ladies don't fall in love — even Lula believed that.

Last April 21, Lula checked her mail around noon, as usual. There, amid the fliers and bills, was a white envelope with her address written in small, cramped letters. An old person's handwriting, Lula thought, then caught her breath when she saw the return address: Paul Johnston.

"Dear Lula," the letter began. "I think of you often ..."

She called him that night. Paul explained that he'd tracked her down through one of her sisters, whom he had looked up in Jerome, Idaho. He told her his wife had died in 1997. He said he lived in Boise but had lots of family in Oregon, and he wondered if Lula would mind a visitor.

She wouldn't mind at all, she told him.

Three days later, Paul flew to Portland and caught a ride with a grandson the 20 miles south to Lula's house. As they pulled up in the driveway, Lula came out the front door.

She had wondered how they should greet. With a handshake? With a hug? What was proper? What did she want?

The wondering ceased when she saw him standing by the car. Paul had white hair and was slightly stooped, but he still looked tall to Lula.

"He held out his arms," she says, "and I just walked into them."

She stayed there a while. They kissed — once, twice, many times — and Lula knew her lonely years were over.

Paul had led a full life, too, she learned. In World War II, he was plucked from the Pacific after a Japanese torpedo sank his ship. He taught high-school history in Boise and fathered a family grown huge: four children, nine grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

He walked more slowly than Lula. He was hard of hearing and a bit more forgetful than she was. The old Paul was still there.

They were wed the next month, on June 10.

"At age 94, time is of the essence," Lula says.

Two-hundred friends and relatives watched them say "I do" and ride away in a rented limousine. People asked Lula how old she felt, and she didn't know how to answer. She just felt young, she said, and very much in love.

They knew their time together would be short and they meant to make the most of it.

"When we die," Lula recalls Paul saying, "I just hope we can die at the same time."

Yes, Lula replied, that would be best.

On July 18, a brilliant blue-sky day, Lula woke up ready for adventure. She wanted to pick some peaches. The Early Red Havens were in, she told Paul.

"I wanted him to see this

beautiful farm where I get them," Lula says. "The trees are low, so you can pick your own. It's fun."

Lula drove, taking her brand new Hyundai for the 20-mile trip. About halfway there, along a straight stretch of two-lane highway, an oncoming car veered across the center line.

Lula remembers the airbag exploding toward her. She remembers struggling to breathe. Then nothing, until she was in a hospital bed with tubes in her lungs. The crash had broken her leg, sternum and several ribs.

Paul was in another room with a dislocated hip, crushed hand, broken ribs and a fractured vertebra in his neck.

Their fragile bones mended slowly.

Paul was transferred to a nursing home Aug. 8, two days before Lula's 95th birthday.

On Sept. 5, Lula moved into Paul's room at the nursing home.

They were in beds 10 feet apart. Lula's legs were paralyzed, a complication from a pump implanted to deliver pain medication to her spine. Paul couldn't hear well, and Lula had a bandage around her neck, making it hard to talk. They said "Good morning" and "How's your food?" but not much more.

Two days after Lula arrived, Paul took ill in the night with an infection and high fever. Aides rushed him out of the room on a gurney, and Lula knew he wasn't coming back.

"We didn't have time to exchange words," Lula says. "I didn't have time to say I love you. As they took him out, I just said, 'Goodbye, Paul.' There wasn't anything else I could do."

The doorbell rings. It is Lula's physical therapist, here to help her regain use of her legs.

When Lula resumes telling her story, two hours later, she is lying on her back in bed, her head propped on a pillow.

Paul died Sept. 9. Six weeks later, Lula moved out

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A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency foods and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Click

Lloyd and Ophelia Click of Big Spring celebrated their 70th anniversary on Dec. 27, 2000.

He was born in Tioga and she was born Ophelia Bell in Roby.

The couple met while hauling hay in Senew Wells. They were then married on Dec. 27, 1930, in the home of J.D. Harvey in Colorado City.

Lloyd and Ophelia have two sons: Lloyd M. Click of Fort Worth and Donald W. Click of Lubbock. They have seven grandchildren: nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

They have lived in Loraine, Wichita Falls and Big Spring during their marriage.

Lloyd and Ophelia are



LLOYD AND OPHELIA CLICK

both retired; Lloyd had been a carpenter for 55 years. They spent the first four years of their marriage farming. Ophelia worked at Montgomery Ward, Sears, Malone and Hogan and Big Spring State Hospital.

They are members of the Church of Christ at 11th and Birdwell and enjoy fishing.

## IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Chanta N. Brown has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies,

weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Brown is the daughter of Annie R. Farr of Cardinal St., Big Spring.

She is a year 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School.

## ON THE MENU

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

#### MONDAY-HAPPY NEW YEAR

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WEDNESDAY-Steak & onions, noodles, okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls, apples crisp.

THURSDAY-Stew, broccoli, salad, cornbread, milk, cob-

bler.  
FRIDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

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#### MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-HOLIDAY  
WEDNESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, pears, milk. Teachers — no salads or potato.

THURSDAY-Tostada (corn dog), pinto beans, salad, fruit, pickle spears, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

## WHO'S WHO

Orlena L. Evans and Catherine D. Jaure, Cisco Junior College students from Big Spring, are on the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2000. The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Craig A. Campbell of Big Spring was among 98 students of The Art Institute of Dallas to be awarded degrees by president Paul R. McGuirk on Dec. 18, 2000, at The Plano Centre.

Campbell graduated with an Associate's Degree in Computer Animation. The Art Institute of Dallas is one of The Art Institutes, a system of 22 educational institutions located nationwide, providing an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary professionals.

## LOVE

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of the nursing home and in with Willis and Gena.

They have been very kind, she says. They gave up their bedroom for her. Every day, they move her from bed to chair and back again. On Sundays, they take her to church.

Doctors predict she will walk again, though it may take a year of therapy. Friends and relatives visit often, and they tell her things will get better, but Lula has her doubts.

How is life for her now? Lula glances toward the bedroom door, making sure Willis and Gena can't hear.

"Torture," she whispers. "It's just hard work. I'm trying to survive each day, and hoping I'll do better the next."

Lula gazes silently at the ceiling, her wrinkled hands playing with the edge of her blanket, her new wedding band and diamond engagement ring sparkling from her finger.

On the bedside table lies an old, leather-bound book. The thin red ribbon is still tucked to page 107, and Lula's visitor reads aloud:

"... All were for me in the kiss of one girl."

Lula smiles.

On the day she wed Paul, there were showers in the morning, but the clouds soon parted, and raindrops sparkled everywhere. For the next month, it hardly rained at all, and to Lula it seemed as if the world was bathed in a golden glow.

"It was much brighter, happier," Lula says. "Everything was beautiful. It didn't matter that he was old, or that I was. It didn't make any difference. Isn't that funny, what love does?"

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## Stinky fish smells like successful family business

DAY, Minn. (AP) — On a county road among a handful of homes, in a town too small to appear on state maps, an old wooden sign reading "Day Fish Co." creaks back and forth in gusts of blowing snow.

Waves of laughter filter through the walls of the tiny wooden store — and then, even stronger, so does The Smell.

The smell of lutefisk. "It smells good in here, don't it?" twinkles 72-year-old Walter Bolling, one of the proprietors.

Well, it does if you like the aroma of fish, accented by hints of salt, sourness and ammonia. And lots of people in these parts do — or at least they pretend to at this time of year.

A Scandinavian delicacy, lutefisk (pronounced LOOT-uh-fisk) is dried cod

that has soaked for days in water and lye (both the Norwegian "lutefisk" and the Swedish "lutefisk" translate literally as "lye fish"). Reconstituted, lutefisk has a bloated, translucent, Jell-O-ish quality.

The appeal here is so great that the tiny business Bolling owns with his 65-year-old brother, Roy, turns this town of about a dozen people on its head during the holiday season. From the Dakotas, Wisconsin, even Montana, people come to the Day Fish Co. about an hour's drive north of Minneapolis to lug lutefisk home.

"Gotta have it," a giggling Billie Lindgren says as a scale on the counter groans under her 15 pounds of lutefisk. She drove about 60 miles for her holiday tradition.

"You've just gotta cook it right, nice and flaky," Lindgren explains.

Day Fish churns out about 50 tons during the holiday period from October to January for sale on the premises and in grocery stores. The market is considerable: More than a half-million Minnesotans declared some Swedish ancestry in the 1990 Census, said Marita Karlisch, the archivist librarian at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.

Churches and other groups regularly throw lutefisk dinners. Day Fish is decorated with stickers reading "Long Live Lutefisk," "The Last Supper Served Lutefisk" and "Born to Eat Lutefisk."

Still, even in Minnesota, lutefisk is a bit of a running joke.

"A lot of people don't really like it, but it's traditional so they have it once a year and they deal with it," Karlisch says.

The Bollings set up shop 33 years ago when they couldn't find lutefisk elsewhere. They sold it for 30 cents a pound then; today it goes for \$2.89 a pound or \$3.29 a pound for skinless.

The Bollings also sell Scandinavian favorites such as herring, walleye, Swedish sausage, lingonberries and lefse — a flat, soft bread.

The fish is shipped from the North Sea of Norway once a year in October. It's then put into 420-gallon tanks of water, then lye, then water for up to 14 days. Day Fish workers use canoe paddles to stir the half-ton of fish contained in each of a dozen tubs.

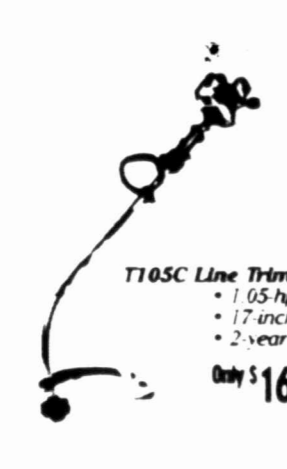
Why the lye? In the days before refrigeration, the Scandinavians used it as a preservative. These days, lutefisk wouldn't be lutefisk without it. The lye does make its way out of the fish during preparation.

The lutefisk can be baked, broiled, or simply tossed in the microwave for a treat. Norwegians like it with butter. Swedes prefer a creamy sauce, Walter Bolling says.


Around Day, the Bolling family is known for The Smell. Dave Bolling, a nephew of Walter and Roy who works at the store with girlfriend Kitty Taute, was at a grocery store with Taute when a woman began smelling her bags — even her dog food.

"She thought something was bad. I told her it's OK, it's just us," Taute says.


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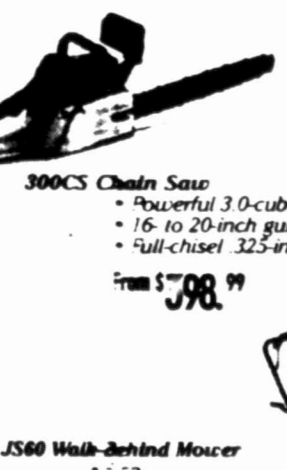
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## Legend plans to fly to New York, Washington, D.C. now

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly a month after it ran out of money and suspended flights, luxury airline Legend Airlines Inc. on Friday announced plans to resume business by mid-January with an infusion of cash approved by a bankruptcy judge.

Allan McArtor, chairman and president of the Dallas-based airline, did not give a specific date but said flights to La Guardia Airport in New York and Dulles International in Washington, D.C., will resume.

"Legend Airlines is returning to the air," McArtor said Friday at a

news conference at the airline's terminal at Dallas Love Field. "The culture and spirit of Legend Airlines has never been stronger."

The airline, which has seven 56-seat planes, will expand service to San Jose, Calif., in early spring, McArtor said. He said there were no immediate plans to offer flights to Los Angeles and Las Vegas, two of the cities it served before suspending operations Dec. 2. He said service to the two cities may resume later.

Earlier Friday, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge gave Legend interim approval to use

\$20 million from private investors. They also received approval to use \$1 million to jump start the airline's operations.

Final approval on the Chapter 11 reorganization plan could come at a Jan. 12 hearing in Judge Robert McGuire's U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Dallas. Already, hundreds of employees are being contacted to return to work for Legend, McArtor said.

At the hearing, Legend's creditors did not oppose the loan but asked the airline to reveal the lenders' identities. The creditors' committee also asked to be includ-

ed in future negotiations with the lenders.

Legend filed for reorganization protection Dec. 3, a day after it suspended operations. It was the first airline to operate long-haul flights from Love Field in more than a quarter century.

Part of the reorganization plan includes a way to accommodate customers left stranded or holding Legend tickets which they couldn't use when the airline suspended its flight service. Legend will file that plan next week with the bankruptcy court.

Analysts said Legend's team

was, and still is, experienced.

"Someone cut off the flow of necessary capital to keep it going," said Michael Boyd, an airline analyst with the Boyd Group in Evergreen, Colo. "The difference is they have a story to tell that their bankruptcy wasn't based on a bad business plan as virtually all other start-up airlines have done."

Federal Aviation Administration officials must examine Legend's planes to see if they are still within federal specifications, an agency spokesman has said. McArtor said the planes have been maintained regularly.

## New McDonald's sets Jan. 9 opening

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Big Mac enthusiasts might want to stock up today. At 8 tonight, the McDonald's located at I-20 and Highway 87 will close its doors for good.

But promptly at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, a new, "improved" McDonald's opens in Coronado Plaza at Highway 87 and FM 700. The new facility will feature video games, a larger playground for the kids and much more room to dine in.

Owner and operator Richard A. Castro of El Paso is getting anxious. His son, Richard C. Castro, will be overseeing the operation for him.

"I tell you, we are excited about getting the new unit up and running," said the senior Castro. "This will be the 25th franchise for me and they are spread out from El Paso to Big Spring. My son will be overseeing the operation here as well as the ones in Odessa and Midland."

Castro said plans are to close the current McDonald's today and concentrate all efforts on getting the new one open.

"It may not look like we will be open on Jan. 9 but you would be surprised what can be accomplished in such a short period of time," said Castro. "And as



Richard C. Castro, supervisor for the new McDonald's opening Jan. 9, shows off the video game at the playground part of the restaurant. This unit will be one of the first to have these games and a basketball shoot. Ribbon cutting is set for 10 a.m.

for the old facility, I would like to pursue the possibility of an oil alliance. That I mean by that is to jointly own and operate the facility with an oil company and offer gas and possibly a convenience store type operation that is now real popular.

"If this proves to work out then we can maintain our presence on the interstate but for the moment we will be concentrating on our efforts here at Highway 87 and FM 700."

Castro said that the new facility will be state of the art.

"We will have an indoor playland which will have a variety of attractions besides the usual toys and tunnels.

"We will have some new video games that the kids will be able to use as well as a basketball shoot that we will have on a tryout basis. If the kids like it we will keep it but if they don't we will remove it. It's a new concept and in fact we are one of the first stores in the area to try it."

Castro plans on having an "employee family night" on Sunday, Jan. 7, and a VIP party from 6 p.m. until 8 on

Jan. 8. "We will be sending out invitations to all the VIPs in the next few days," said Castro. "This will be a time for them to get a first-hand look at what we have done here."

"And on family night, we invite employees' families to join us and our employees, most of whom are teenagers. They get a chance to cook and prepare a meal for their families so that should prove to be quite interesting. Then we will be having the ribbon-cutting

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## Sew good

### Garment maker thrives on skills and hard work

ELSA — As much of the "cut-and-sew" industry has gone south of the border or overseas, it has become very difficult to find a job operating a sewing machine in the Rio Grande Valley, especially a job close to home.

Pharr-based G.E.G. Sugar Blues is carving out a niche for itself by bidding on federal contracts for such low-tech jobs as making folding Army cots, sewing blouses for female Air Force personnel and making "tactical vests" used by soldiers to carry hand grenades.

Although there is double-digit unemployment in Elsa and the rest of the Delta Area, Sugar Blues owner Elvira Grajales and husband George Grajales are providing a much-needed commodity for Delta residents: work.

Thirty or 40 years ago, vegetable packing sheds used to employ thousands in the Mid-Valley. Then sewing factories came in. But the recent flight of companies like Haggard and Levi's to Mexico and Asia has left an abundance of skilled sewing machine operators, George Grajales said. Their skill and willingness to work is Sugar Blues' trump card.

Although Sugar Blues usually cannot compete with clothing manufacturers that pay low wages in Latin America and Asia,

there are some government contracts that require products be made in the United States, he said. The federal government requires its vendors to supply the best value for taxpayers, rather than just the cheapest.

Past performance by a company also counts when bidding for government contracts, Elvira Grajales said. That's when Sugar Blues can be very competitive.

Government inspectors often visit their plants, checking workmanship, counting the number of stitches per inch, checking for quality, the Grajaleses said.

Hiring at Sugar Blues is handled by supervisors who know which neighbors, relatives and friends will produce, George Grajales said. Employees want co-workers they can depend upon, workers who will carry their share of the load.

Five families in the plant each have several relatives working there, he said. Although wages are low, they don't have to commute to McAllen or Harlingen. They can all ride in one car and work near home.

"We have very unorthodox work rules," he said. "They're dynamite. They're our friends. We eat with them."

"If someone has a sick child, they're cross-trained. ... If they do a bad job, we're out of business."

## Mulching a necessity for most gardeners

For most gardeners, mulching is a necessity that involves questions about what type to use, how much to use, and when to mulch. Mulch is virtually any material laid on top of the soil to reduce evaporation and weed germination.

Certain mulches have characteristics which make them desirable in particular situations. Cypress bark mulch is often preferred because it tends to mat down and does not blow in the wind or float. Larger bark chips will often float away if it rains heavily or the soil is over-watered.

Shredded pine bark, which is readily available at most nurseries, has done very well.

There are many forms of mulch, some more economical than others. An economical way to mulch is to save grass clippings from the lawn. It is best to make sure they are dried before applying them as mulch.

Many people also use leaves from their trees. They last a very long time and can be applied in a thin layer to the ground.

Where mulches are effective, the real question is how deep to mulch. In our area, four to six inches of mulch should be utilized to be most effective. Mulch applied too deeply can suffocate plants in clay soils. Four and five inches of mulch is the depth that is the most effective in stopping water from leaving the soil, and any water that is applied will filter down through the mulch and create a stronger root system.

Most gardeners will mulch in the winter season because there is less going on for them, but it is never too late to mulch. Springtime is obviously a great time to garden, when lots of vegetables and annual flowers are being planted. This is obviously a great time to mulch. Mulching can prevent some freeze damage in some instances during the winter as well.

It is also important for gardeners to periodically check on the condition of their mulch. It is critical to understand that mulch does break down, decreasing the depth of the mulch. Check the mulch in your flowerbeds. If you don't have any, you should put it out immediately.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)

## Southern Mesa Ag Conference set in January

HERALD Staff Report

LAMESA — Policies affecting agriculture and management practices for key crops will be the primary features of the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference, planned here Jan. 15.

A wide range of speakers is scheduled for producers, who can earn five continuing education units (CEUs) by attending.

"A director result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on

regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the best management practices for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," said John Farris, extension agent for Dawson County.

The program will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control and weed control. Risk management and production outlooks will be discussed and producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

Producers will also be able

to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Speakers will include Shawn Davis with the Texas Department of Agriculture; Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Drs. Randy Boman, Calvin Trostle and Peter Dotray with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Chad Hobbs, specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Dr. Charles Allen, program director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and extension agents Farris and Tommy Doederlein.

The conference will begin

at 8 a.m. in the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First Street. The registration fee is \$15 if paid by Jan. 11 and includes technical sessions, a door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. After Jan. 11 the fee will be \$20.

The program is sponsored by the extension services in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza counties and registration forms are available at each of those offices.

Registration forms and fees, made payable to

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The staff of Community Care Hospice gathers with the Big Spring Ambassadors for a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Among those participating are Alice Stacy, RN; Karen Campbell, RN; Terry Stout, executive director; John Prop, patient care manager; Judy English, volunteer coordinator; Nancy Schraer; community liaison; and Virginia Collins, volunteer.

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on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m.," Castro said. Castro plans on bringing in several additional employees to join the staff that is at the current location. "By the time we open we should be up to around 45 employees," said Castro. "So instead of anyone losing their job we will actually be gaining employees."

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•Baby must be born in Howard County to parents who are residents  
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•Exact time of birth must be verified by attending physician and submitted in writing to this paper  
•In the event of a tie, awards will be made at the discretion of this paper.

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I go to bed each night sick to my stomach because of the guilt trips they put me through when I refuse their requests for money. They expect me to pay for everything.

Abby, am I being selfish? — S.F. IN COLORADO

DEAR S.F.: No, you are being prudent. Instead of giving them money, encourage your relatives to enroll in credit counseling or money-management courses offered at many colleges. Remember the adage: "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he'll eat for life." Continually bailing out family members is doing them no favor. Take care of your own needs and let them take care of theirs.

DEAR ABBY: There is a girl at work I really like. She is not only physically attractive, but her interests

are also similar to mine. Recently we had lunch together. I gave her a rose and a card with a short message telling her how terrific she is. She read the card after we had our lunch, and the next day I asked her what she thought of it. She told me she "loved it," and complimented me on my spelling and grammar.

I really like her, but she recently ended a long-time relationship, and I don't want to put her on the spot. How can I find out if she likes me as more than a friend, without hurting our existing friendship? — IN LOVE ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR IN LOVE: She has already conveyed an important message. Since she commented only on your spelling and grammar — and not the message in the note you sent her — she's interested only in a platonic relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I thought maybe your readers would be interested in something I thought of the other day. At one minute and one second after 1 o'clock in the morning on Jan. 1, 2001, the numbers will look like this: 01:01:01, 01/01/01. It won't happen again for 1,000 years! Pretty cool, huh? — CHRISTY DAY, MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR CHRISTY: Way cool, and a new beginning.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000:**

You know what to say and how to say it. You make waves wherever you are. The key to your success is clearing the cobwebs from your mind. Once you are focused, anything and everything can happen. You possess unusual charisma. You will also tend to show up at the right place at the right time. If you are single, you make inroads and broaden your horizons. Summer sees a hot romance tumble into your life. If you are attached, reveal more of your inner thinking. Be vulnerable, and your relationship will sparkle with warmth and caring. Hang out with PISCES.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* New beginnings are possible. Discuss what is on your mind. Getting another opinion only empowers you. Reach out for someone at a distance. Plug into your imagination and seek answers. Make this a lazy day for extra R&R. Tonight: Easy does it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Gather with friends. Plans could change at the last minute, so use your imagination. A partner is definitely out of sorts. Allow your creativity to come out. Think in terms of what makes you happiest. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* You might want to invite friends and loved ones over for New Year's. You like being center stage and the lead player. Claim your power and enjoy the moment. Let happiness into your life. A partner might feel left out. Your extra caring does make a difference. Tonight: Cheer in the new year.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* You might want to go to a concert or do something very different for you. Why not? You are setting

the tone for the next year. Consider how much energy you have before committing to an endless rampage and celebration. Don't forget that New Year's resolution! Tonight: Let your mind roam.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* One-on-one relating puts a nice little finish on your year. Find space to be with the one you love. Avoid a power struggle by pulling back. Let another figure out what is going on with him. You cannot avoid a must appearance. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Let another have greater say in your decisions and plans. Popularity soars. You see how many options you have. Clear out a problem or responsibility on the domestic front before you kick up your heels and usher in the new year. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Carefully review a decision that involves a child or loved one. You might need to go out of your way for others, whether you're hosting the party or someone needs your care and nurturing. Not everyone thinks like you do. Don't get into a contest of wills. Tonight: Do what comes easily.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Your imagination knows no restraint. You push your wallet to the max as well. Frivolous suits a sign like yours, but you do go overboard very easily. A partner could become unusually uptight. Let the good times flow. Know what is right for you. Tonight: Add that Scorpio spice to a relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* You enjoy yourself close to home. You don't need to push others to agree. Do your own thing for now. Think about what you would like to change in the next year. Your caring does make a big difference. Adjust to a family member's need. Tonight: Pop the

cork!  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You're enthusiastic and vibrant about the new year. Start the day by reaching out for others at a distance who might not be available later. You have a particularly eloquent way of expressing yourself. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Cheer the year in.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Curb spending. Don't put yourself in a bad or difficult position. Establish limits with a loved one. Have an important conver-

sation. Though you might disappoint your friends, you'll ultimately feel better. Adjust to a loved one and his needs. Tonight: Don't go way overboard.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* The moon in your sign primes you for holiday celebration and play. Invite an older relative or boss. You love to kick up your heels. Others surround you and let their feelings be known. Decide what you want, and make that your New Year's resolution. Tonight: Focus on a wish. © 2000 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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I. CLEO CARLIE, 603 W. 15TH ST. LT 9, BK 4, WEST CLIFF ADDITION, IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FOR A SIX (6) ENCROACHMENT FOR A SIDE YARD CARPORT.  
II. J. C. WALL, LT 2 BK 2 WORTH PEELER ADDITION, LOCATED AT 2306 ALLENDALE IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FOR TEN (10) ENCROACHMENT FOR A GARAGE AND STORAGE BUILDING.  
III. ILDIFONSO TORRES, 1707 AYLSFORD, N25 LT 8 & S/35 LT 9 BK 17 BEND AND ADDITION, IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FOR A SIX (6) ENCROACHMENT FOR A SIDE YARD CARPORT.  
IV. BOB PARKS, 2611 CRESTLINE, LT 1 BK 1 WESTAY ADDITION, IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FOR AN EIGHT (8) SIDE YARD ENCROACHMENT TO BUILD A THREE CAR GARAGE.  
Kenny Davis/Building Official  
3029 December 31, 2000 & January 1, 2001

**Redistricting debate to fire up in Austin**

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Mike Krusee of Williamson County has one big goal this legislative session: Ensuring his entire county is represented by one congressman and one state senator.

The county north of Austin was the state's fastest-growing in the 1990s and is home to Dell Computer Corp.

But Williamson County is represented by two U.S. House members, who also must address the interests of urban San Antonio, sheep and goat ranchers in San Angelo, and fishermen and refineries along the Gulf Coast. Two state senators share the county as well.

Community leaders believe that if the county had fewer state and federal elected representatives, they might fare better politically.

"We would at least be the most important to them," Krusee said.

He'll get his chance to make it happen in 2001. Lawmakers are taking up the arduous task of redrawing political boundaries to reflect population and political shifts. The new lines will determine legislative, congressional and board of education districts.

It's a job lawmakers tackle every decade, when new U.S. Census figures are released.

"You have to contend with 181 members of the Legislature that have their own agenda," said Republican Sen. Troy Frasier, co-chairman of the 11-member Senate Committee on Redistricting. "It's a careful balancing act."

The lawmakers will be fighting for their political futures while looking out for the interests of their constituents. Even a slight shift in a district could put a longtime Democratic lawmaker in a tight election in 2002 or force out a Republican when the election is finished.

"Everybody has to look after their own district," said Rep. Delwin Jones, a Lubbock Republican and chairman of the House Redistricting Committee. "You work for the people and each person is naturally going to protect the interest of his district."

This year, lawmakers also will outline the districts for at least two new U.S. representatives.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said he will resurrect his proposal to turn over the process to a commission of citizens so politics doesn't play a role.

At least one expert said Wentworth's plan will never pass the Legislature. Passage has as much chance as "Madonna entering a nunnery," said Jerry Polinard, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American.

"No legislator seriously wants to give up his right to draw their own lines," Polinard said.

**REDISTRICTING**

**WHAT IS IT?**  
The redrawing of political boundaries for election districts. It's done every 10 years to keep pace with population increases and movement after new U.S. Census figures are released. Lines will be redrawn for the 31 state Senate seats, 150 state House seats, 15 State Board of Education seats and 32 congressional seats.

**WHO DOES IT?**  
The Texas Legislature works to come up with a redistricting bill that maps out the changes. If state lawmakers cannot devise a plan, or if the governor vetoes it, the process shifts to the Legislative Redistricting Board.

**HOT SPOTS**  
Williamson County north of Austin, Collin County north of Dallas-Fort Worth and Montgomery County north of Houston have grown over the past decade and could gain a congressional seat or additional representation in the Texas Legislature.  
Inner-city areas in Harris and Dallas counties as well as parts of rural West Texas could lose representation because of shrinking population.  
**TIMELINE**  
Jan. 9 — Texas Legislature convenes.  
March 1 — Earliest date Census population data likely to be delivered.  
April 1 — Federal deadline for delivery of Census data to states.  
May 28 — Texas Legislature adjourns.  
June-August — Legislative Redistricting Board can convene.

Census figures are released in March, leaving lawmakers with two months to draw the lines before the 140-day legislative session ends in May.

The figures are expected to show a continuing trend of families moving from the cities to the suburbs — giving a boost to counties like Williamson; Collin, north of Dallas; and Montgomery, north of Houston.

House Speaker Pete Laney said inner-cities in Dallas and Harris counties could lose state representatives, while rural West Texas could lose as many as four.

"Our population increase in Texas has been a lot like where our water is," said Laney, a Democrat from Hale Center in West Texas. "Water in Texas is not located always where it's needed and that's how the population is in Texas. It's concentrated."

If lawmakers cannot devise a redistricting plan, or if the governor vetoes it, the Republican-dominated Legislative Redistricting Board could come up with its own.

However, the past three redistricting plans have ended up in the courts.

**America's Drug Problem Is Not As Big As You Think.**



It can start as a dare. Or youthful curiosity. Or it may be a way to escape problems at home. Whatever the reason, studies show that an alarming number of young children are trying drugs. Unfortunately, too many parents still do not believe that their children are at risk.

The truth is, it's never too early to start teaching your kids about the dangers of drugs.

If you are not sure how to talk to them, call the Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237 and ask for the free booklet called "Growing Up Drug-Free- A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call today because if you don't take care of little problems, they can easily grow into big ones.



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# THE BIG SPRING HERALD LOOKS BACK

## 2000: The Year in Review

### January

A special supplement  
to the Dec. 31, 2000  
Big Spring Herald

## Y2K predictions sputtered on Jan. 1

The year 2000 opened with not so much a bang as a sputter as officials realized the predictions of massive computer system failures, power shortages and such were all false.

Furthermore, accidents were down from the holiday in previous years as people apparently stayed home.

Other news this month included:

- The first baby of the year arrived at 12:11 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2000. Courtney Raye Christian's parents are Audrae and Claud.

- Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear began planning a race against District 70 State Rep. David Counts. Blackshear withdrew in August.

- Blackshear's announcement, however, left city leaders scrambling once it was discovered that his candidacy forced his resignation. Within a few weeks, a special election date had been set for

March 4. The first candidate to file was also the eventual winner: Russ McEwen.

- The influenza virus reached alert stages in Texas; local residents were warned to take precautions on Jan. 4.

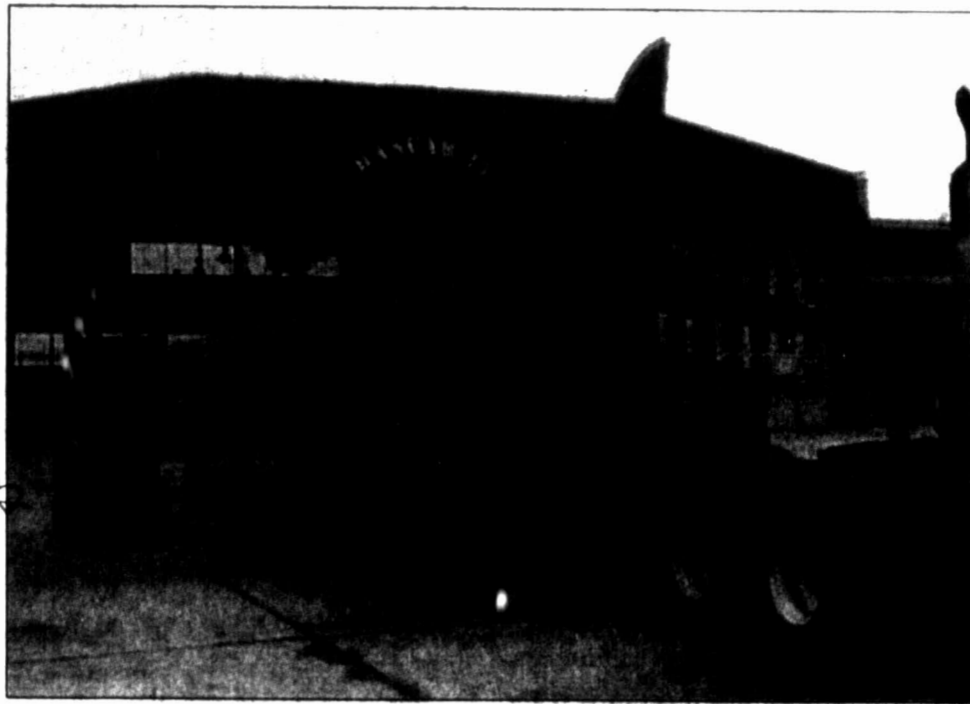
- It was announced Jan. 7 that a preferred bidder had been designated as the sale of the Big Spring Refinery moved to the next phase.

- On Jan. 12, Howard County Sheriff deputies arrested Allen Dale Mince, 38, for the vandalism that devastated the Big Spring Humane Society in mid-December.

- Blood supplies reached an all-time low just before mid-month; United Blood Services appealed for help.

- A year-long investigation netted 16 area arrests on state and federal drug trafficking charges Jan. 13.

- Civic leader Tommy Churchwell and philanthropist Sue Partee were named the Big Spring



A Harrier jet arrived at the Hangar 25 Air Museum on Jan. 27. The plane went on permanent display with other World War II memorabilia.

Area Chamber of Commerce man and woman of the year on Jan. 15.

- Stand Down 2000 brought more than 100 homeless and low-income veterans to the grounds of the VA

Medical Center Jan. 14 for services.

- The slab was poured and the frame appeared to be going up on the Big Spring Veterans Home at mid-month.

- United Way of Big Spring and Howard

County announced at month's end that it had added two agencies —

Big Spring Humane Society pet therapy, and Howard County Council on Aging meals program — to the 11 funded by the annual campaign.

## BIRTHS

Alvarado, Raylen, girl, Jan. 20.  
Barrera, Christopher James, boy, Jan. 24.  
Brackeen, Richard E. III, boy, Jan. 12.  
Canales, Rayna Mya, girl, Jan. 8.  
Cantu, Lissette Blanca, girl, Jan. 11.  
Christian, Courtney Raye, girl, Jan. 1.  
Cimino, Walker Seth, boy, Jan. 9.  
DeLeon, Sarah Nicole, girl, Jan. 17.

Ferguson, David Garret, boy, Jan. 27.  
Ferguson, Morgan Taylor, girl, Jan. 27.  
Groves, Kimberlie Rae Anne, girl, Jan. 12.  
Hendrickson, Paula Claire, girl, Jan. 31.  
Hernandez, Gary Matthew, boy, Jan. 6.  
Larez, Angel Adolpho Jr., boy, Jan. 6.  
Marquez, Kathlene Arzavala, Jan. 31.

Martinez III, David, boy, Jan. 24.  
Martinez, Marivel Aurora, girl, Jan. 18.  
McCuiston, Kamryn Tyler, boy, Jan. 13.  
McElreath, Lainey Reagan, girl, Jan. 13.  
Mendez, Brittney Nichole, girl, Jan. 18.  
Mendoza, Adrienne Rae, girl, Jan. 18.  
Padilla, Annalisa Jessica, girl, Jan. 4.  
Pearson, Braden Lane, boy, Jan. 25.

Perez, Kiersten Nicole, Jan. 18.  
Rawls, Walker Avera, boy, Jan. 10.  
Rios, Amalia Celia, girl, Jan. 18.  
Rios, Stephen Joseph Perez, boy, Jan. 19.  
Rushin, Kasean, boy, Jan. 14.  
Seals, Rebecca Lynn, girl, Jan. 11.  
Stallings, Saige Makayla, girl, Jan. 20.

## DEATHS

Allen, Wayne, Big Spring, Jan. 18.  
Anderson, Dene, 60, Big Spring, Jan. 3.  
Anderson, Lois, 84, Big Spring, Jan. 17.  
Atchison, Vergie Mae, 98, Stanton, Jan. 24.  
Baker, Alvin E., 87, Big Spring, Jan. 22.  
Brannon, Thurman O. "Bob", 86, Big Spring, Jan. 19.  
Briseno, Pedro, 42, Tarzan, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 13.  
Brown, E.R., 92, Big Spring, Jan. 17.  
Brumley, Walter H. Sr., 59, Big Spring, Jan. 3.  
Burnett, Raymond David, 51, Stanton, Jan. 18.  
Calhoun, Howard, 69, Big Spring, Jan. 8.  
Carter, Elmer "Don", 68, Big Spring, Jan. 8.  
Chapa, Agapito Jr., 67, Stanton, Jan. 31.  
Christesson, Johnnie L., 67, Odessa, Jan. 11.  
Corcoran, Thelma, 86, Mesquite, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 25.  
Cox, Anita, 61, Stanton, Jan. 27.  
Crawford, Eugene, 77, Big Spring, Jan. 4.  
Culp, Norma Jean, 67, Big Spring, Jan. 29.  
Dallefeld, Lois Catherine, 81, Big Spring, Jan. 6.  
DeRyke, Clare, 83, Big Spring, Jan. 3.

Dingus, Don, 67, Lamesa, Jan. 11.  
Einsel, Lt. Col. Willis E., 65, Coffin, Ohio, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 22.  
Ellett, Gary Wayne, 42, Big Spring, Jan. 29.  
Farmer, Guy, 56, Big Spring, Jan. 21.  
Fierro, Charles, 66, Big Spring, Jan. 21.  
Fonda, Otis J., 81, Big Spring, Jan. 2.  
French, Kenneth "Frenchie", 54, Big Spring, Jan. 9.  
Gaskins, Grady, 77, Big Spring, Jan. 20.  
Gibson, James W., 76, Big Spring, Jan. 15.  
Gunn, Jimmy, 37, Big Spring, Jan. 30.  
Gutierrez, Manuel B. Sr., 76, Big Spring, Jan. 18.  
Hall, Beulah Mae, 97, Stanton, Jan. 23.  
Hall, Frances Vinson, 88, Big Spring, Jan. 11.  
Harp, Marhta, 88, Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 19.  
Harrell, Rebekah L., 67, Bean Station, Tenn., formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 25.  
Henkell, Billie, 70, Big Spring, Jan. 23.  
Herrera, Luis R., 73, Coahoma, Jan. 25.  
Hilario, Josephine, 68, Big Spring, Jan. 6.  
Howard, Jack Bradley, infant son of Stephen and Bree

Howard, Big Spring, Jan. 5.  
Huddleston, Melba J., 77, Snyder, Jan. 30.  
Jarman, Dollie, 93, Big Spring, Jan. 27.  
Johnson, Muriel Limey, 68, Big Spring, Jan. 6.  
Kaderli, Dorothy V. "Granma", formerly of Stanton, Jan. 2.  
Keefer, Virginia, 82, Big Spring, Jan. 27.  
Kelly, Faye Alyne, 75, Stanton, Jan. 15.  
Kinney, Grace Armstrong, 82, Big Spring, Jan. 17.  
Knappe, Joe Wayne, 60, Coahoma, Jan. 31.  
Lee, Robert "Bob", 79, Big Spring, Jan. 11.  
Lewis, Era, 89, Big Spring, Jan. 4.  
Lloyd, Arnold James, 82, Big Spring, Jan. 25.  
Mason, Lois L., 82, Big Spring, Jan. 31.  
Massingill, Sharon Kay, 58, Big Spring, Jan. 23.  
Matthies, Bert, 69, Big Spring, Jan. 4.  
Mayo, Ollen Ray Jr., 41, Big Spring, Jan. 19.  
McClinton, Grace J. Lockhart, 91, Big Spring, Jan. 8.  
McCmillian, Ina W., 78, Big Spring, Jan. 15.  
Moore, Arlie Royce, 67, Westbrook, Jan. 24.  
Munoz, Ramona H., 62, Big Spring, Jan. 13.  
Paredes, Shannon Lea, 23, Big

Spring, Jan. 21.  
Petmecky, Rev. Lewis A., 58, Ingram, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 3.  
Porras, Pedro M., 60, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 8.  
Rackley, Ray, 86, Big Spring, Jan. 21.  
Rawls, David R., 80, Sand Springs, Jan. 15.  
Rawls, Nita Ann, 35, Sand Springs, Jan. 22.  
Reidy, Margaret, 82, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 17.  
Ringener, Alta Mae, 73, Stanton, Jan. 19.  
Rodriguez, Brandi, 26, Big Spring, Jan. 26.  
Shoemaker, Eddie, 84, Big Spring, Jan. 8.  
Smith, Eula Mae (Sanders), 89, Jan. 16.  
Sturm, Louis G., 78, Big Spring, Jan. 25.  
Talamantez, Guy Sr., 44, Big Spring, Jan. 24.  
Teague, Clifton Grady, 69, Cedar Creek, formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 25.  
Tredaway, Minnie O'a, formerly of Howard County, Jan. 5.  
Walker, Alex, 80, Big Spring, Jan. 15.  
Willis, Consuelo, 75, Sand Springs, Jan. 16.  
Wright, Vivian, 72, Big Spring, Jan. 8.  
Yater, Dorothy Jean "Dot", 72, Big Spring, Jan. 20.

## Sports

With basketball season in full swing, Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks took center stage as the new year began.

The Hawks, defending Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) champions, opened league play with a seemingly easy 93-58 win over New Mexico Military Institute.

And the Lady Hawks, under the guidance of new head coach Ron Mayberry, opened WJCAC play with an 84-48 win over Western Texas College.

By month's end, the Lady Hawks had stunned WJCAC foes by traveling to Midland and upsetting the No. 19-ranked Midland College Lady Chaparrals on their home floor. The same night, however, Midland's men issued the Hawks their first conference loss since 1998.

Coach Tommy Collins' Hawks had gone through the 1999 season undefeated in conference play en route to an overtime loss in the Region V tournament championship game.

While Howard College's basketball programs were embroiled in the conference hoop wars, the Hawks baseball program grabbed the headlines without playing a single game.

Justin Hays was named as Howard's interim head baseball coach replacing Brian Roper, who left Big Spring to accept the head baseball coach's position at Blinn College in Brenham.

On the major college sports scene, former Big Spring Steers star Daniel "Bubba" Franks announced he would pass up on his senior of eligibility at Miami University and enter the NFL draft.

Franks had earned consensus All-Big East Conference honors at tight end for the Hurricanes and was a second-team All-America selection by the Associated Press.

Other sports highlights in January included:

- Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball star Nina Evans signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Cisco Junior College. Within a few days, teammate Cathy Jaure also signed an NJCAA letter with coach Susan Moore's program.

- Stanton running back Jeremy Hull, a junior who'd rushed for more than 1,000 yards for a second straight season, was named to a third-team spot on the Texas Sports Writers Association/Collin Street Bakery Class 2A All State Football Team — the only Crossroads player to earn a spot on the TSWA Class 2A squad.

- Big Spring lineman Stephen Stokes was named a second-team selection to the Texas Sports Writers Association/Collin Street Bakery Class 4A All State Football Team.

- Big Spring Lady Steers golf standout Ashlie Simmons signed an NJCAA letter of intent to play junior college golf at McLennan Community College.



Howard College's Koretha Johnson (50) powers up a shot during the Lady Hawks win over South Plains' Lady Texans at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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# February

## Prayers go out as drought grips Crossroads

Record-high temperatures and continuing drought dominated the news in February. Local residents organized a Rain Rally on Valentine's Day that drew hundreds of people to First Baptist Church for prayer for an end to the dry season.

On a related note, Big Spring set several records for high temperatures this month.

And some areas did receive rain for the first time in a long time just over a week later, as reports came in of rain, hail and lightning striking the area on Feb. 24.

Other news this month included:

- Big Spring State Hospital announced a plan to add jobs as the month began, citing the closure of an adolescent hospital in Lubbock as one cause for the move.

- Three candidates rounded out the list in the running for Big Spring Mayor as filing ended Feb. 2. Along with eventual winner Russ McEwen, city council members Oscar Garcia and Greg Biddison also sought the position.

- School districts in the area were coping with a shortage of substitute teachers as the job market in the area tightened. In related news, the unemployment rate was reported to be 5.1 percent on Feb. 4.

- On Feb. 5, local Boy Scouts collected more than 4,100 cans of food and deliver them to the Salvation Army pantry for the needy.

- Changes at the *Herald* were announced Feb. 6, as John H. Walker became publisher to replace Chuck Williams, who was promoted to a position in San Marcos.



A community-wide prayer service known as the Rain Rally took place Feb. 14, as hundreds gathered to ask for divine relief to a crippling drought.

- A new calendar — and a later start — for the 2000-2001 school year was announced at an early February meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District.

- A grand jury met Feb. 9 and indicted 13 people, including two women on child pornography charges stemming from photographs discovered by a local store clerk.

- As the mid-point of the month approached, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf announced it would become home to the only deaf diagnostic center in the state.

- Gas prices began to rise at mid-February as oil prices increased.

- Sales tax receipts fell this month for most area cities

including Big Spring, despite having been up as the new year began.

- The first double-wide rolled off the line at Solitaire Homes on Feb. 18, to cheers from the crew, local dignitaries and company officials.

- On Feb. 20, changes continued at the *Herald*, where John A. Moseley was named managing editor.

- Students at local schools were gearing up for the Feb. 24 spelling bee, sponsored by the *Herald*. Kacy Liles of Forsan Junior High School was the eventual winner.

- A San Angelo woman, Dedra Edmondson, was killed in a car accident on South U.S. 87 on Feb. 24.

- Big Spring Independent

School District trustees decided on Feb. 24 to seek \$68,000 in damages related to work delays on the Big Spring Junior High School.

- Census 2000 officially got under way on Feb. 26 in the area, at a kick-off that included food and fanfare.

- Big Spring State Hospital trumpeted its 95 score from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, received Feb. 25.

- Early voting began in the local races Feb. 28, including the Howard County Sheriff's race.

- At month's end, officials announced Amtrak would reroute its Sunset Limited on a course through Big Spring.

### Sports

As is always the case every two years, the University Interscholastic League's (UIL) realignment efforts created a stir in February.

While area coaches anticipated a number of changes affecting their district alignments, none could have expected the sweeping changes announced by the UIL.

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers saw a major shake up in the membership of their league. Big Spring moved from District 5-4A to District 4-4A along with familiar foes Andrews, San Angelo Lake View and Snyder. They were joined in the new loop by teams from Levelland, Plainview, Wolfforth Frenship and Lubbock Estacado.

Realignment also had a major impact on the area's Class 2A teams, as Coahoma, Colorado City, Forsan and Stanton were placed in District 3-2A with Seagraves and Plain.

The area's six-man football schools also saw a dramatic change in their alignment, as Grady and Sands remained in District 7, while Borden County was moved out. Meanwhile, Big Spring's Lady Steers returned to the Class 4A girls' basketball playoffs following a one-year hiatus.

The Lady Steers' stay in the playoffs was somewhat short-lived, as they were eliminated by Stephenville's Honey Bees, 61-33, in bi-district play.

Other sports highlights in February included:

- Big Spring swimmers claimed third place in the girls' field and fourth in the boys' standings at the District 3-4A meet in Fort Stockton. Melissa Sheedy led the Lady Steers, successfully defending her 200 individual medley championship and winning the 100 butterfly. The Lady Steers would then finish third at the Region I meet, as Sheedy qualified for the state meet with a win in the 200 IM and a second-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

- Stanton's Buffs and Lady Buffs both claimed berths in the Class 2A basketball playoffs — the Buffs claiming the 3-2A championship, while the Lady Buffs joined Coahoma's Bulldogettes as runners-up to Post Lady Antelopes.

- Garden City's Lady Bearkats claimed the District 4-1A girls' basketball championship. The Lady Kats opened the playoffs with a 36-32 win over Wink before bowing out of the playoff scene.

- Borden County's Lady Coyotes, ranked No. 4 in the state, opened the playoffs with a 51-32 win over Robert Lee, but would fall short of returning to the state tournament when they lost to Menard in the regional semifinals.

- Grady's Wildcats saw their stay in the Class 1A boys' basketball playoffs become a short one when they lost a 54-48 decision to Wellman-Union.

- Howard College's Hawks finish Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play tied with Midland College for the league's championship. The Lady Hawks finish second behind Midland College's Lady Chaps.

### BIRTHS

Arista, Lindsey Monique, girl, Feb. 23.  
 Baldwin, D'Amberly Nicole, girl, Feb. 23.  
 Brown, Nijhal Dante, boy, Feb. 6.  
 Fernandez, Zachary Brock, boy, Feb. 13.  
 Fonda, Timothy James, boy, Feb. 23.  
 Ford, JaVone Lavar, boy, Feb. 8.

Grant, Cassie Jane, girl, Feb. 28.  
 Gross, Kari Dawn, girl, Feb. 2.  
 Hall, Jesse David, boy, Feb. 14.  
 Hall, Eric Matthew, boy, Feb. 14.  
 Johnson, Kailey Page, girl, Feb. 5.

Johnson, Raylene, girl, Feb. 9.  
 Lee, Nathaniel Richard, boy, Feb. 8.  
 Loveless, Nicholas Lane, boy, Feb. 29.  
 Martinez, Aaron Anthony, Feb. 3.  
 Martinez, Angel Ray, boy, Feb. 14.  
 Puga, Brenda, boy, Feb. 29.  
 Riddle, Kelsey Leann, girl, Feb. 26.

Swafford, Ophelia Haley, girl, Feb. 23.  
 Stanislaus, Jaedan Bain, boy, Feb. 10.  
 Wigington, Noah, boy, Feb. 29.  
 Williams, Gabriel Christian Andrew, boy, Feb. 8.

### DEATHS

Adams, Clara D., 84, Ackerly, Spring, Feb. 3.  
 Gomez, Secundina R., 80, Ackerly, Feb. 12.  
 Gutierrez, Bernardo, 98, Stanton, Feb. 14.  
 Harper, Jimmie "Jim" C., 86, Big Spring, Feb. 13.  
 Harrison, Beulah, 83, Big Spring, Feb. 27.  
 Hedges, Eula Mae "Gran", 90, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 3.  
 Heith, R.L., 72, Big Spring, Feb. 11.  
 Kennedy, Edward Ray, 69, Zapata, Feb. 24.  
 Keith, Gladys, 87, Big Spring, Feb. 6.  
 Kelly, Rex, 94, formerly of Stanton, Feb. 9.  
 Keune, Irene, 68, Lamesa, Feb. 25.  
 Lemons, Rhoda, Big Spring, Feb. 24.  
 Loveless, Edward L., 78, Big Spring, Feb. 28.  
 Lyons, Elizabeth Marie "Lisa", 40, San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 10.  
 McClure, Mary, 89, Big Spring, Feb. 27.  
 McDaniel, Ollie C., 75, Coffeyville, Kan., formerly of

Big Spring, Feb. 20.  
 McMurtrey, Clifton (C. Mac), 73, Big Spring, Feb. 9.  
 Morgan, Ellen, 70, Stanton, Feb. 16.  
 Moss, Harold Eugene, 71, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 7.  
 Myers, Lola, 89, Big Spring, Feb. 12.  
 Myrick, Roland Price, 96, Stanton, Feb. 5.  
 Neill, Curtis D., 73, Big Spring, Feb. 10.  
 Oldfield, Lindy, Sayre, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 13.  
 Perkins, Edna L., 98, Big Spring, Feb. 9.  
 Pitcock, Billy Ray "Bill", 69, Big Spring, Feb. 22.  
 Reed, Joe D. Sr. (Papa Joe), 75, Big Spring, Feb. 21.  
 Rhoton, Florence, 93, Big Spring, Feb. 16.  
 Roberts, Clide, 81, Big Spring, Feb. 4.  
 Rogers, F. D., 84, Big Spring, Feb. 19.  
 Shanks, Ruby, 88, Big Spring, Feb. 11.  
 Shifflett, 72, Big Spring, Feb. 28.  
 Shive, Almeda Frances

Coffman, 93, Coahoma, Feb. 14.  
 Skelton, Clifford, 79, Big Spring, Feb. 11.  
 Smart, Floyd, 70, Big Spring, Feb. 26.  
 Snow, Dulah (Mutt), 81, Big Spring, Feb. 6.  
 Sosa, Augustine, 65, Colorado City, Feb. 26.  
 Swann, Addie, 90, Colorado City, Feb. 23.  
 Threats, Helen Jeanette, 71, Big Spring, Feb. 10.  
 Todd, Donna, 72, Big Spring, Feb. 6.  
 Young, Gladys Addie, 90, Copperas Cove, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 2.  
 Walker, Aubrey Wayne, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 3.  
 Walker, William L., 70, Big Spring, Feb. 28.  
 Wash, Mae Crumley, 89, Forsan, Feb. 25.  
 Webb, R. B., 76, Ackerly, Feb. 29.  
 Wilson, Kathleen Conley, 49, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 27.  
 Word, Willie John, 73, Big Spring, Feb. 18.



Big Spring guard Melissa Forth (30) sails through the lane and past a Stephenville defender to score a basket during the Lady Steers' return to the Class 4A basketball playoffs.

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# March

## Harbour children swept away in flood

While the March primaries caused many area residents to choose party sides, a family tragedy brought much of the community together to search for the bodies of two missing children.

Thunderstorms on the night of March 22 and early March 23, doused the Crossroads area with much-needed rain, but in some areas caused severe flooding.

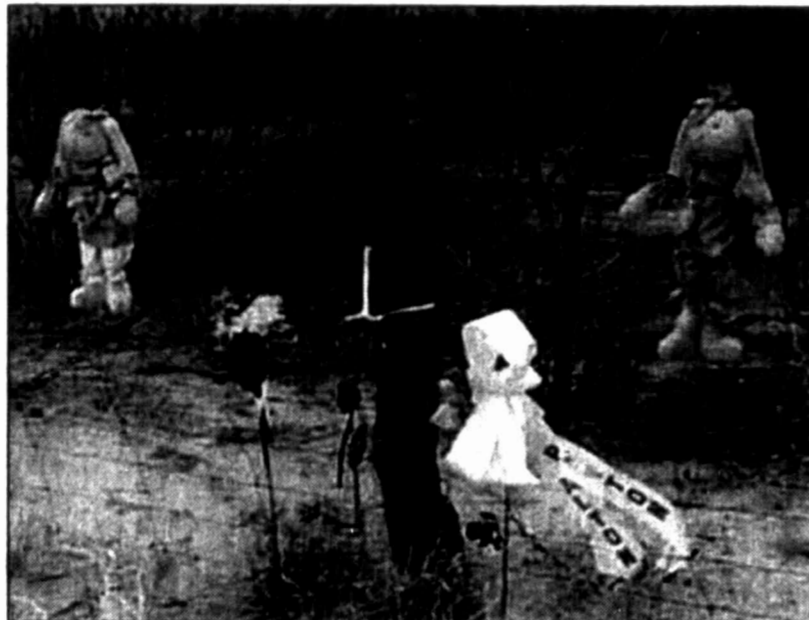
On the morning of March 23, Cindy Harbour was taking her 6-year-old son, Dalton Lee, to Elbow Elementary when her vehicle became stranded in Mustang Draw. Cindy's 19-month-old daughter, Peyton, was also in the car.

While Cindy attempted to flag down a motorist, she was swept away into the draw by currents and carried down stream before she could get out of the water. The vehicle with the two children inside it was also swept into the draw.

Local law enforcement agencies and volunteers went into action; Peyton's body was found after a day-long search 1/2 mile northwest of the vehicle. Divers from the Department of Public Safety in Austin arrived and joined the effort.

DPS officials shut down the search after eight days, saying they would resume when the terrain was more accessible.

More than 800 residents attended a memorial service



A makeshift memorial was erected for Dalton and Peyton Harbour, two Big Spring youngsters who were swept away in a March 23 flood at Mustang Draw.

held for the children on March 28 and that night, more than 300 attended a candlelight vigil at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Dalton's body was found after being missing for 12 days by volunteer David Benton. The body was less than 100 yards from the shore.

In other news this month:

- On March 4, the city of Big Spring held a celebration to reopen Moss Lake to the public. The city-owned lake had been closed since October of 1999 for renovations.

- Also on that day, Big Spring received a new mayor, Russ McEwen, during a special election held to replace Tim Blackshear who forfeited the position after filing to run for a state representative seat in District 70. McEwen was sworn into office on March 7.

- Howard County residents began to receive their 2000 census forms at the beginning of March.

- Gas prices continued to rise for consumers during the month of March. Many truck drivers expressed publicly

about the effect the prices would eventually have on their livelihood.

- A structure fire completely destroyed the residence of 206 Todd Trail one week into the month.

- Javier Becerra, the only candidate running for the nomination for Howard County Sheriff in the Democratic primary, disqualified himself by voting in the Republican primary. On March 8 in early voting, Becerra voted for friend and former colleague David Mohn, who was running against incumbent Sheriff Bill Jennings in the Republican primary.

- Legislators, who are members of the Texas House of Representatives Select Committee on Rural Development, heard testimony from invited speakers and the public on several key natural resources concerns on March 15, when a forum was held in Big Spring to discuss rural issues.

- Primary elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties were held on March 14. Incumbent Bill Jennings won the Howard County Sheriff nomination for the Republican party over Mohn.

- Big Spring made the short list of American cities being considered for the North American headquarters for Denmark's Vestas Corp., the firm that manufactures the wind turbines used in the Big Spring Windpower Project.

- Thirty-year-old Coahoma resident Frankie D. Norvell was arrested on charge of illegally manufacturing a controlled substance following a drug bust at his home on March 17.

- The Ag Exposition was held March 22, and featured exhibits and seminars. Shorty Barr was named the year's top Ag producer.

- Amtrak indicated it would be bringing passenger service to Big Spring in the summer of 2001, city officials said. Amtrak had announced earlier this year intentions to reroute its Sunset Limited through Texas, including the Crossroads.



Presenter Jim Purcell, left, is shown with Shorty Barr, chosen Ag Producer of the Year for 2000, and his family at the Ag Expo.

### Sports



Howard College point guard Darryl Martin brings the ball up court during the Hawks stretch run to a share of the conference championship.

In what has become almost a rite of March, Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks extended their 1999-2000 basketball seasons by making appearances at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region V tournament.

The Hawks finished the regular season tied for their second straight Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) championship with Midland College, both teams having suffered a single league loss.

The Lady Hawks, on the other hand, entered the Region V tournament as the WJAC runner-up to Midland.

The Hawks opened the regional tournament with a 93-68 win over Southwestern Christian College, but were eliminated in the semifinals by Hill College's Runnin' Rebels.

Howard's women were even more dominant in their regional opener. The Lady Hawks rolled to an 80-34 win over McLennan Community College's Highladies in the tournament's first round, but like the Hawks, made their exit when they ran into No. 1-ranked Grayson County's No. 1-ranked Lady Vikings.

The Hawks claimed three spots on the All-WJAC men's team, as sophomores Darryl Martin and Donald "Yogi" Cesar were joined by freshman Steve Bonner on the honor squad.

The Lady Hawks' all-conference honorees were sophomore point guard Ashanti Nix and freshman post Grace Gantt.

Other sports highlights in March included:

- Big Spring posts Lance Brock and Blair Nutting earned spots on the District 5-4A all-district basketball team. Brock was a first team selection, while Nutting was picked for the "All-Defensive Team."

- Forsan's Logan Stanley and Jancy Crow earned first-team honors when District 2-2A basketball coaches met to select their all-district teams.

- Garden City's M'Lynn Niehues and Kendra P. Ila, who'd led the Lady Bearkats to the District 4-1A girls' basketball championship, earned first team spots on the all-district teams selected by the league's coaches.

- Stanton and Coahoma were both well represented in the balloting for District 3-2A all-district basketball team berths. The Buffs' Brady Cook and Blaine Smith joined Coahoma's Brett Bennett on the boys' first team, while the Bulldogettes' Kortney Kemper and Suzanna Wood were first-team girls' selections, as were Stanton's Rachel Madison and Jessica DeLeon.

- Borden County's tandem of Wootan and Mays also earned all-state honors from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, as did Grady's Madison Sands. Frvar was selected as an all-region team member.

- Big Spring's Mike Morrison signed a scholarship offer from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

### BIRTHS

Arguello, Gabrielle Marissa, girl, March 28.  
Baker, Zakary Craig, boy, March 18.  
Burnett, Ally Paige, girl,

March 7.  
Carrizosa, Rose Andrea, girl, March 30.  
McClinton, Israel Michael Gare, boy, March 31.

Saldana, Eugene Jacob, boy, March 23.  
Sparks, Sydni Brooke, girl, March 8.  
Strickland, Tyler Davis, boy,

March 23.  
Wilson, Raven Nicole, girl, March 23.  
Wright, Aubrey Lane, boy, March 5.

### DEATHS

Anderson, Ruby Smith, 85, Big Spring, March 15.  
Ayers, David Lee, 45, Big Spring, March 14.  
Beard, George, 80, Big Spring, March 5.  
Benton, Bruce Eugene, 59, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, March 9.  
Callahan, George "Jerry", 71, Coahoma, March 26.  
Carter, Joel K. (Flannel) Jr., 78, March 18.  
Conley, Betty Irene, 75, Big Spring, March 6.  
Crownover, Ronny Wayne, Denton, formerly of Big Spring, 54, March 26.  
Custer, Bob L., 68, Big Spring, March 1.  
Daylong, Bull, 85, Big Spring, March 25.  
Forshee, Maxine, 65, Big

Spring, March 25.  
Garner, Dorthel, 75, Big Spring, March 7.  
Glenn, Viola Mae, 80, Stanton, March 7.  
Guthrie, Doris Pike, 93, Merkel, formerly of Big Spring, March 19.  
Hamby, Dalton C., 95, Big Spring, March 8.  
Harbour, Dalton Lee, 6, Lomax, March 23.  
Harbour, Peyton Renee "Peyt-Peyt", 19 months, March 23.  
Harris, Janice Pickle, 95, Austin formerly of Big Spring, March 6.  
Henkell, David, 84, Big Spring, March 24.  
Howard, Darlene Louise Milne, 87, Big Spring, March 28.  
Jara, Pablo F., 69, Big Spring, March 8.

Jones, Eulene Jackson, 70, Knott, March 11.  
Kerr, Dewey, 81, Big Spring, March 3.  
Marquez, Precilia, 53, Louisville, Ky., formerly of Big Spring, March 8.  
McBride, LaJuan Gilmore, 87, Big Spring, March 21.  
Melendrez, Ascension (Cinch), 52, Big Spring, March 10.  
Melton, Violet Russell "Limey", 73, March 7.  
Mixson, Irene, 92, Big Spring, March 1.  
Munoz, Felipe, 73, Big Spring, March 27.  
Parker, R. L. (Bob), 72, Big Spring, March 6.  
Phillips, Eula Mae Webb Carlile, 91, Big Spring, March 15.

Salazar, Albert V. Jr., 52, Big Spring, March 28.  
Stoker, Orpha E., 84, Coahoma, March 27.  
Townsend, Wilbur F., 59, Big Spring, March 28.  
Trevino, Everisto Lopez, 92, Big Spring, March 20.  
Weir, Ray O., 74, Big Spring, March 22.  
Wells, Orven E., 79, Big Spring, March 18.  
Whetsel, John S., 59, Big Spring, March 21.  
Williams, Bobby, 40, March 16.  
Williams, Otis, 93, Stanton, March 27.  
Williams, Zella May, 88, Stanton, March 13.  
Wilson, Freddie Lee, 56, Big Spring, March 3.

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# April

## City mourns the deaths of some of its own

Several deaths and some closure to one of the year's most heart-breaking tragedies marked the fourth month.

The body of 6-year-old Dalton Harbour, who drowned along with his 19-month old sister Peyton during flooding at Mustang Draw, was finally found on April 4 after being missing for 12 days. Several candlelight vigils have occurred during the long search for the youngster.

The deaths sparked complaints of alleged mishandling by the Howard County Sheriff's Office concerning the response time to Mustang Draw as well as the department's handling of rescue workers. As a result, a group of friends and relatives formed a search and rescue group of their own, vowing to help eliminate problems of that nature in the future.

Tragedy struck Big Spring again in April with word that former Big Spring Steer standout football player Antwoyne Edwards had drowned during an outing at a southwest Arkansas lake. Edwards was attending Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. on a football scholarship.

As if that weren't enough, two Big Spring teens were killed in a one-vehicle rollover shortly before 3 a.m. on April 24. Mario Cerda, 18, and Michael Pearson, 19, died when the 2000 Pontiac they were driving flipped end over end at a high rate of speed just past the Comanche Trail Park turnoff on South Highway 87. Police said the vehicle had been stolen from a local dealership.

In other noteworthy news:

- Tim Haynes directed Big Spring High School's "They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" one-act play to the regional round at San Angelo State University before ending its run toward state competition with a fifth-place finish.

- Jury selection began in the trial of Big Spring resident Michael Schubert, accused of the shooting to death of 21-year-old Francisco Navarro and 20-year-old Antonio Armijo, both



Clowns Tyler Hammond, left, and Brandon Sanders watch the action at the 22nd annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo.

of Big Spring. At the conclusion of the four-day trial, a jury determined Schubert had acted in self defense and he was found not guilty.

- Moore for Big Spring board members agreed to contribute \$20,000 as part of a request from the Texas State Veterans Home to help with an unappropriated \$94,000 for a booster pump.

- Martin County Sheriff Mike Welling was narrowly defeated by reserve deputy and former state trooper Miles Tollison by a 574-571 margin in a run-off election for the Democratic nomination for sheriff. Tollison won the right to oppose Republican nominee Randy Cozart in November.

- Big Spring City Council

announced the hiring of Jean Shotts Jr. of Lubbock to represent the city of Big Spring at a salary of \$45,000 a year.

- Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWICD) celebrated its anniversary with grand opening festivities of the new activities center with a visit from State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and Frances Wheat, representing Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock).

- Quail Dobbs, longtime professional rodeo clown, kept tradition by holding the annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo that began 22 years ago when his son was in kindergarten. The group performed with stickhorses and participated in events similar to what the big

rodeo performers do such as barrel racing and bronc riding on stick horses.

- Big Spring City Council members voted 4-3 to seek bids from private providers to provide local ambulance service for the city of Big Spring.

- Anderson Kindergarten children went high-tech, thanks to an \$80,000 grant to put in a computer network throughout all the classrooms.

- The old Howard House, now vacant, continued to be a thorn in the side of the Big Spring Fire Department with several calls during the month to extinguish fires that were apparently set by arsonists.

- Census 2000 mail backs had reached a 50 percent point early in the month of April.

### BIRTHS

Arview, Valerie Anne, girl, April 25.  
Atkinson, Lauren Brice, girl, April 25.  
Campbell, Tiffany Jade, girl, April 17.  
Faz, Jimmy Lee Jr., boy, April 15.

Flores, Marinda Belen, girl, April 11.  
Gusman, Autumn JaNae Fierro, girl, April 22.  
Hilario Jr., Larry, boy, April 19.  
Melendez, Gabriel Reynaldo, boy, April 8.

Munoz, Cindy Marie, girl, April 21.  
Nevarez, Exzarria Nicole Pena, girl, April 26.  
Roper, Abigail Shanae Roper, girl, April 6.  
Salas, Destiny Marissa, April 6.

Starr, Chloe Alanis, girl, April 17.  
Telchik, Adriana Jade, girl, April 28.  
Thompson, Karli Lynn, girl, April 15.  
Zambrano, Bobby Rosalino, boy, April 10.

### DEATHS

Alexander, Nancy, 60, Big Spring, April 12.  
Andrews, Hazel Marie, 58, Big Spring, April 27.  
Bankston, Carl Henry, 69, April 24.  
Berry, Jack, 67, Stanton, April 5.  
Bryant, Billy W., 58, Big Spring, April 28.  
Carr, Dalton Friend, 77, Big Spring, April 21.  
Castle, Loudell, 70, Big Spring, April 5.  
Cerda, Dee Mario, 18, Big Spring, April 25.  
Contreras, Ruth Lopez, 54, Big Spring, April 21.  
Edwards, Antwoyne Lee, 20, Big Spring, April 21.  
Findley, James W., 69, Big Spring, April 15.  
Finley, Norma Fay Gibbs, 75,

Big Spring, April 29.  
Green, Garland Sr., 91, Big Spring, April 4.  
Guerra, Petra, 61, Big Spring, April 17.  
Harrell, LaRue, 84, Stanton, April 28.  
Harrington, Carroll S., 92, Big Spring, April 23.  
Hogg, Edwin, 82, Big Spring, April 26.  
Johnson, Oleta, 80, Big Spring, April 7.  
Langston, Margaret, 71, Bownfield, formerly of Big Spring, April 3.  
McCormick, Weldon, 84, Big Spring, April 29.  
Moore, Margaret Ann, 63, Stanton, April 10.  
Moser, Ronny "Chub", 59, Big Spring, April 4.  
Paine, Mary Carolyn, 60, Big

Spring, April 25.  
Pearson, Michael Wayne, 19, Big Spring, April 21.  
Phillips, Robert W., 46, Big Spring, April 28.  
Price, Ray, 78, Stanton, April 14.  
Putz, Edna Wade, 83, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, April 1.  
Rains, Bernard A., 74, Hillsboro, formerly of Big Spring, April 15.  
Reyna, Rodolfo "Mickey", 62, Big Spring, April 13.  
Rhodes, Myrtle Fay Jones, 90, Midland, formerly of Stanton, April 7.  
Riddle, George H., 65, Big Spring, April 3.  
Rivas, Delfina G., 79, Lenorah, April 16.  
Rodriguez, Dominga Ramirez, 86, Plano, formerly of Stanton,

April 13.  
Rollins, Eddie, 42, Big Spring, April 13.  
Rubio, Corey Jade, 16, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, April 9.  
Soles, Joyce, 54, Big Spring, April 25.  
St. Clair, Paula Jane "Polly", 70, Big Spring, April 17.  
Stone, Mary Inez Campbell, 83, Stanton, April 14.  
Suggs, J.L. "Jimmy", 88, Big Spring, April 25.  
Thorp, Elsie Feist, 94, Belton, formerly of Big Spring, April 17.  
Todd, Cynthia E., 90, Vandalia, Ohio, formerly of Big Spring, April 21.  
Villarreal, Noreen, 53, Big Spring, April 13.

### Sports



Lady Steers pitcher Christina Gwyn delivers a pitch during Big Spring's run to the District 5-4A softball championship.

Softball and baseball teams from Big Spring, Coahoma and Howard College took center stage during April.

The Crossroads area's softball teams enjoyed continued success in 2000, as the Big Spring Lady Steers returned to the Class 4A playoffs following a one-year hiatus after locking up the District 5-4A championship with a 4-3 win over Andrews' Lady Mustangs; Coahoma's Bulldogettes kept their string of District 2-2A championships with a perfect 10-0 mark in league play; and Howard College's Lady Hawks, depleted by injuries and the loss of key pitching talent, pulled off a miraculous sweep of Midland College's Lady Chaparrals on the road to earn a berth in the Region V tournament as runner-up to El Paso Community College's Tejanas in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Bulldogettes, after having made three straight state tournament appearances, made it clear they intended to make it four in a row when they rolled over Windthorst's Lady Trojans in an area playoff game.

Big Spring's girls, however, saw their stay in the Class 4A playoffs come to a quick end, as they suffered a 5-1 area loss to Fort Worth Brewer.

Howard College's Hawks learned that Justin Hays, who'd been named as interim head coach following Brian Roper's departure for Blinn College during the semester break, had been named as the school's permanent head coach.

Big Spring's Steers, in their first year under the leadership of head coach Pat Loter, turned in a much stronger than expected showing in District 5-4A play, but narrowly missed an opportunity to advance into postseason play.

Coahoma's Bulldogs continued their dominance, however, claiming their seventh straight district baseball championship with a perfect 12-0 league record.

Other top sports stories in April included:

- Former Big Spring Steers standout Daniel "Bubba" Franks, who'd earned All-Big East and All-America honors at the University of Miami, was selected as the 14th player taken in the National Football League draft, the first-round selection of the Green Bay Packers.

- Tarleton State University's men and Vernon Regional Community College's women claimed team championships at the Howard College Rodeo. Howard's best finishes were Matt Burrow's fourth-place score in bareback bronc riding and Renea Rasberry's sixth in break-away roping.

- Big Spring's Ashlie Simmons made it a three-peat, claiming her third straight District 5-4A individual girls' golf championship. She claimed the medalist honor with a 79-77-79, 235 score that provided an eight-stroke margin over Andrews' Ashley Robb.

- Big Spring's Lady Steers reclaimed the District 5-4A team track championship in San Angelo, scoring 196 points and finishing with a 50-point margin over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens. Lake View had snapped a four-year string of Big Spring championships in 1999.

- Stanton's Buffaloes and Coahoma's Bulldogettes finished as runners-up in the team standings at the District 3-2A track meet.

- Grady's Caroline Madison and Clint Schuelke capped district singles championships by winning championships at the Region II, Class 1A tennis tournament.

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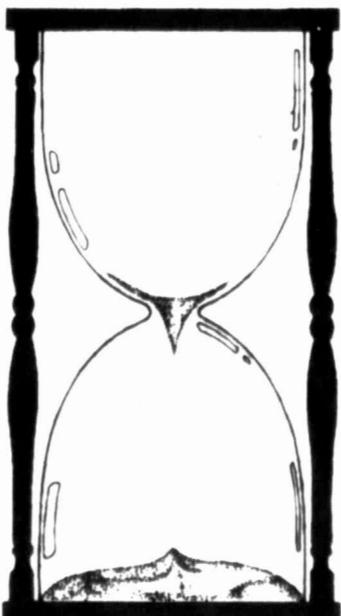
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# May

## Elections, appointments mark fifth month

May was the month for elections in a city council seat as well as a seat on the Howard College board of trustees up for grabs. Also, a seat on the Big Spring ISD was on the ballot in what came down to a close race.

In the city council District 6 race, incumbent Greg Biddison captured the post by receiving 117 votes and outdistancing opponents Tom Guess who garnered 50 votes, Judy Robertson, who received 26 and Brenda Davis, who tallied 9 votes.

The race for the Howard College board was not as close, with John Freeman collecting a whopping 593 votes that beat out his opponent Michael R. Niklasch, who managed to garner 214 votes.

In the race for the position on the Big Spring ISD board, Terry Wegman just squeaked past his opponent Tommy Churchwell, local insurance businessman, by a count of 180 votes to Churchwell's 157. Churchwell was ahead of Wegman in the early voting.

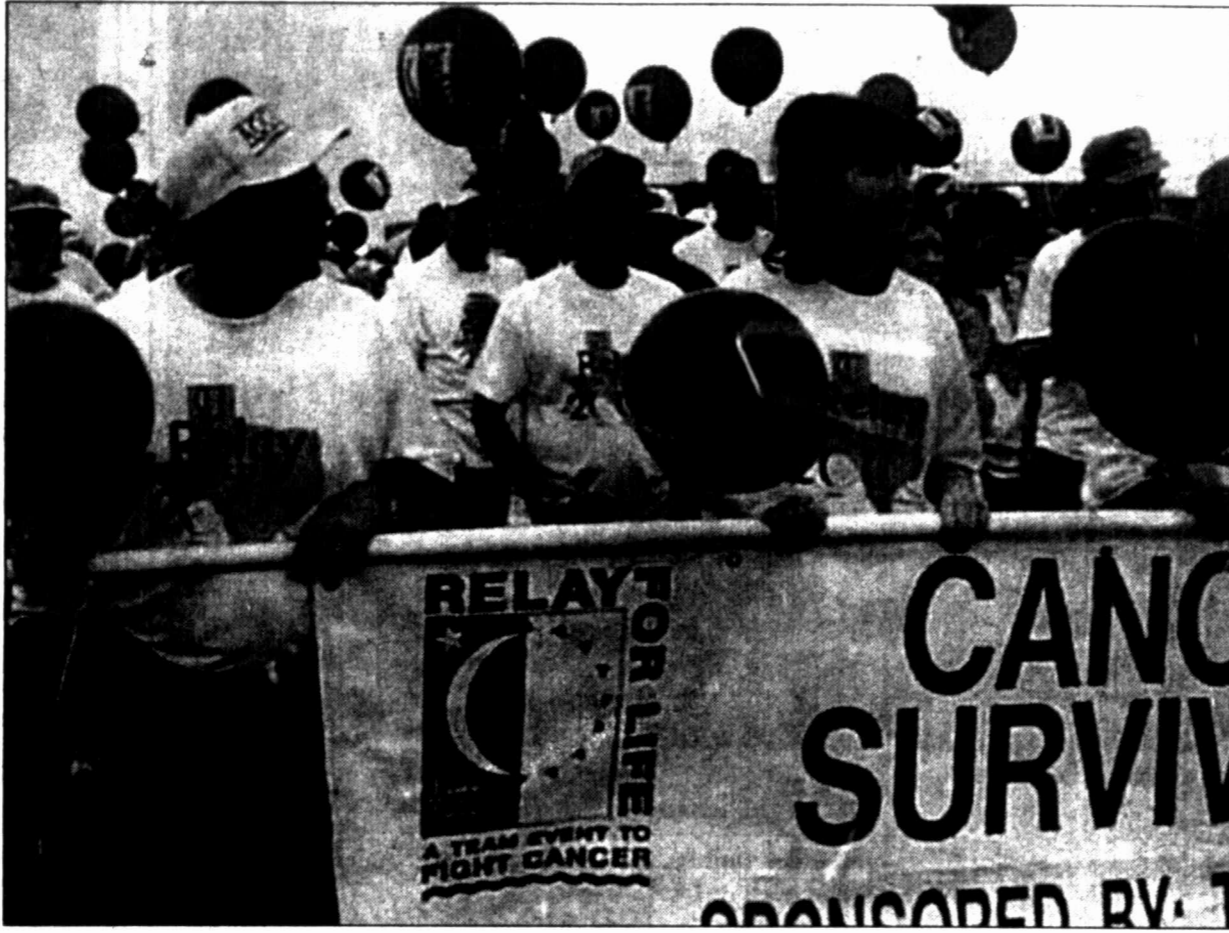
On a political note, the Howard County Democratic Party Committee appointed Dale Walker as its nominee for sheriff to replace Javier Becerra. Becerra had been disqualified from running for office because he voted for his friend David Mohn, a Republican candidate for sheriff.

Also, Brian Jensen was named to the top Big Spring Fire Department job when the Big Spring City Council named him as the new fire chief over several other candidates.

Municipal Court Judge Gary Tabor announced he was resigning and moving from Big Spring to seek other career opportunities.

He was replaced temporarily by Jeane Wilson, who later was replaced permanently by Tim Green.

In other news:  
• The annual Denim and Diamonds event attracted around 400 people who dined at the La Posada Restaurant with a buffet and bar and later



The annual Relay For Life, held at Blankenship Field, raised more than \$123,000 to help fight the battle against cancer.

attended a country and western dance at the Stampede, dancing to the music of Jody Nix and his West Texas Cowboys.

• Big Spring remembered its veterans on Memorial Day with some 300 attending a tribute at the Vietnam Memorial.

• Big Spring Rotary Club hosted five business professionals from India.

The group was made up of four men and one woman in the exchange program. One of the members of the group was a journalist named Simranjit Singh Dua. Dua works for the Kashmir Times as a political writer.

• A warning went out to all areas of Big Spring in regards to a possible rabies outbreak. A second case of rabies was reported in the area, causing health officials to warn residents to be extremely cautious around any stray animals and to report any incident immediately.

• In ceremonies held at Howard College, Lynn Walling was named Outstanding Educator of the Year for his service to the college and community.

Cash Berry was named Student of the Year during the ceremonies in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• It was announced that the Relay for Life annual fund-raiser raised more than \$123,000. It was reported that monies from the event were still coming in. Money raised goes to fight cancer.

• David Heredia Nieto of Big Spring was sentenced to 40 years in prison after being found guilty of burglary of a habitation with commission of assault. In addition, he was assessed a fine of \$5,000.

• Commencement exercises for 222 seniors of Big Spring High School were held on May

19 at the school auditorium.

• Bob Noyes reported that the Christmas in April project was another success with eight projects being completed.

• Big Spring city swimming pool was forced to close for the summer due to excessive repair costs. Swimmers were urged to use the swimming pool at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

• Howard College received funds to begin renovation for its auditorium.

• Preparations began in earnest for the annual "Pops in the Park" celebration planned for July 4 at Comanche Trail Park.

• Howard County Appraisal District announced that increased oil prices caused taxable values to go up by some \$70 million.

• Big Spring residents begin a city wide cleanup effort after storms rolled through the area, leaving widespread damage.

### Sports



Kenni Kay Buchanan fields a ball during Coahoma's 9-0 romp over Eula's Lady Pirates during the Region I, Class 2A championship game in Abilene.

Softball teams from Big Spring, Coahoma and Howard College grabbed the lion's share of attention in May, as all three made playoff appearances.

While Big Spring's Lady Steers had already been eliminated from the Class 4A high school playoffs before the month started, stellar freshman pitcher Christina Gwyn was named the most valuable player in District 5-4A.

Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista was his peers' choice for coach of the year.

The rest of the Big Spring team was relegated to second-team status on the all-district voting. Lindsey Marino, Leticia Hernandez, Monica Rubio, Nicci Vizciano, Amy Jackson and Trista Casey grabbed six of those spots.

Meanwhile, Howard College's Lady Hawks were making a surprise appearance in the National Junior College Athletic Conference (NJCAA) Region V tournament in Abilene.

Howard's stay wasn't a long one, however. The Lady Hawks dropped their regional opener, 4-2, to McLennan Community College's Highladies and were then eliminated by Grayson County's Lady Vikings in their second outing.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes, on the other hand, made another trip to the Class 2A state tournament, their third straight and fourth in the past five seasons.

After having walked through District 2-2A play unblemished, the Bulldogettes opened the playoffs with a 3-0 win over Archer City and then held off a determined Rio Vista Lady Eagles team, a 6-5 victory sending Coahoma back to the Region I, Class 2A championship game and a rematch with Eula's Lady Pirates.

The Bulldogettes knocked off Eula in a 9-0 romp but saw their hopes of regaining the Class 2A state championship they'd relinquished the year before dashed when Troy's Lady Trojans posted a 3-2 upset in a semifinal game in Austin.

Bulldogettes center fielder Brandi Hart drew the most attention, earning a berth on the all-state tournament team.

Coahoma's boys had also romped through District 3-2A play unbeaten and had their sights set on a return to the Class 2A state tournament, as well.

Having learned that standout senior pitcher Delvin White had been selected to play in the Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game, the Bulldogs followed his lead in rolling to a 10-0 win over Sonora in the first game of a best-of-three playoff series.

White struck out 18 and allowed just two hits in that win, and classmate Aaron Ovalle stepped to the mound in the second game — going the distance and allowing just four Sonora hits in an 11-3 win.

The Bulldogs used the same combination to take 14-0 and 9-4 wins over New Deal and then advanced to the regional finals with a 6-0 blanking of Stamford.

Other sports highlights in May included:

• Howard College's Todd Loesch finished the 1999-2000 collegiate rodeo season ranked second in the all-around competition in the Southwest Region.

• Stephanie Stewart of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders Gymnastic Team finished seventh in both the balance beam and the uneven parallel bars at the AAU Junior Olympics gymnastic championships in Lansing, Mich.

### BIRTHS

Adams, Brittany Kay, girl, May 31.  
Alsbough, Cheyanna Roetta, girl, May 21.  
Galvan, Yisselle Estrella, girl, May 20.  
Guzman II, Deliah Lesette, girl, May 8.  
Harbour, Kaelon Shaye, girl, May 5.  
Hewtt, Salaan Devon, girl, May 3.

Hildebrand, Logan Orion, boy, May 3.  
Horton, Christian Isaiah, boy, May 21.  
Howatch, Austin Michael, boy, May 3.  
Howell, Michael Hope, girl, May 4.  
Hyatt, Bryson Allen, boy, May 1.  
Juarez, Haiden Dakota, boy, May 3.

Kincheloe, Autumn Hailee, girl, May 4.  
Kincheloe, Summer Lynn, girl, May 4.  
Madry, Austin Cole, boy, May 16.  
Mendez, John Nathan, boy, May 8.  
Morales, Miranda Rackelle, girl, May 2.  
Poling, Ronald Heath, boy, May 29.

Rios, Isaac James, boy, May 18.  
Rios, Jacobie Lucia, girl, May 18.  
Robles, Eli Anton, boy, May 1.  
Romero, Arthur, boy, May 28.  
Sifuentes, Gabriella Emily, girl, May 25.  
Woods, Kylie Chase, girl, May 23.

### DEATHS

Baeza, Manuel Sr., 78, Big Spring, May 15.  
Beard, Curtis Luttrell Sr., 78, Big Spring, May 31.  
Bigby, Christine, 99, Mansfield, Mo., formerly of Glasscock County, May 15.  
Carter, Terry "Fuzzy", 41, Big Spring, May 17.  
Griffith, Myrtle A. Morris, 89, Big Spring, May 29.  
Grimes, Joy, 82, Bridgeport, formerly of Big Spring, May 14.  
Guerra, Beatrice, 67, Big Spring, May 8.  
Guzman, Philip Jr., 19, Coahoma, May 4.  
Hatten, Leo David, 78, Big Spring, May 21.  
Henson, Cleo A., 95, Stanton,

Monday May 15.  
Hinojosa, Domingo Limon, 53, Stanton, May 10.  
Hollingsworth, Carl, 77, Big Spring, May 1.  
Ivies, Genie, 98, Big Spring, May 27.  
Jenkins, Jerry G., 68, Horseshoe Bay, formerly of Big Spring, May 9.  
Leatherwood, Ostel, 95, Irving, formerly of Big Spring, May 7.  
Leonard, Raymond, 83, Big Spring, May 7.  
Lloyd, Louise Ditto, 75, Big Spring, May 3.  
Malm, Edna Ray, 88, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, May 28.  
Martin, Susie, 89, Stanton, May 16.

Martinez, Fred C. Jr., 51, Big Spring, May 1.  
McNew, Norma Polson, 72, Stanton, May 28.  
Mendoza, William S. Sr., 75, Big Spring, May 18.  
Mitchell, Lola Mae, 72, Coleman, formerly of Big Spring, May 11.  
Ouzts, Jo Ann, 55, Big Spring, May 22.  
Paul, Katlyn Marie, infant, Big Spring, May 8.  
Peet, Roy M., 84, Big Spring, May 14.  
Purvis, Bell Harrison, 90, Big Spring, May 23.  
Richardson, Alton Royce, 64, Big Spring, May 30.  
Rutledge, Pearl Agnes, 80, Big

Spring, May 21.  
Scarborough, Leo J., 90, Big Spring, May 28.  
Smith, Dan Wesley, 59, Big Spring, May 15.  
Sotelo, Maria, 81, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring.  
Strube, Harvey Lee, 39, May 18.  
Torres, Maria Jesse, Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, May 10.  
Tubb, Roy, 75, Big Spring, May 8.  
Watson, Milton Cody, 68, Big Spring, May 7.  
Wood, Nola, 88, Big Spring, May 13.



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# June

## Murders, four of them, cloud Big Spring

**Murder.**  
**Murders.**  
Big Spring recorded its first homicide of the year when 17-year-old Jose Esteban Yanez was arrested for the murder of 18-year-old Albert Patrick Gomez after the two had an apparent argument.



MARTINEZ

Just days later, on June 25, a second, third and fourth murders were recorded in Big Spring. Police arrested 17-year-old David Cano Martinez Jr. and charged him with the shooting deaths of his mother-in-law, 39-year-old Simona Hollingsworth DeLeon, and 21-year-old Chris Delgado and 56-year-old Janie Mendez at a local residence. Another woman, Vicki Green was wounded but survived. She identified Martinez as the assailant.

A search for weapons used in the triple homicide began at the Comanche Trail Park Lake. Police investigators believed multiple weapons were used to commit the murders. Martinez was charged with capital murder. Local law enforcement officials downplayed the fact that the murders were so closed together and assured citizens that there was no need to fear for their safety.

If it's June in Big Spring, it must be rodeo time because for the past 67 years, Howard County has played host to the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo for four days of roping, riding bulls, barrel racing, bronc riding and other such events. The city always has visitors from all over the United States and this year had fans from Belgium to attend the rodeo. They were touring the United States and Canada.

Among the other happenings in June were these:

• A summer of camps at



The 67th edition of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo was one of the highlights of June, a month marked by tragedy as gunshots took the lives of four citizens.

Howard College kicked off with the annual cheerleading camp drawing over 200 yell-leading girls and boys.

• On the heels of the cheerleading camp came another successful goat camp with youth from all over the state of Texas and parts of New Mexico coming to attend.

• A much-needed rain came to Big Spring and the Crossroads area, bringing hope to the area farmers for a good cotton crop. The rain which fell on June 2 was the last appreciable rain which would come to Big Spring for quite some time, however.

• Howard County Vo-Tech held a grand opening of its facility.

• In Colorado City, voters approved the construction of a new hospital and clinic but turned down the construction of a nursing home in conjunc-

tion with the other two facilities. The vote was 940-495 for the hospital and 809-594 in favor of the clinic while the nursing home went down to defeat by a vote of 436-921. Plans were made for the construction to break ground in January and possible completion of the \$7 million project by late 2001.

• The Hangar 25 Air Fair 2000 soared to a success with a variety of fund-raising activities. Among the fund-raisers was a celebrity cake auction. Several Big Spring celebrities such as Mayor Russ McEwen, former rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, City Manager Gary Fuqua, County Judge Ben Lockhart and others participated.

• Big Spring State Park resumed its weekend nature walks in an effort to bolster attendance during the summer months.

• Howard County Commissioner's Court enacted a ban on certain types of fireworks, including those with fins.

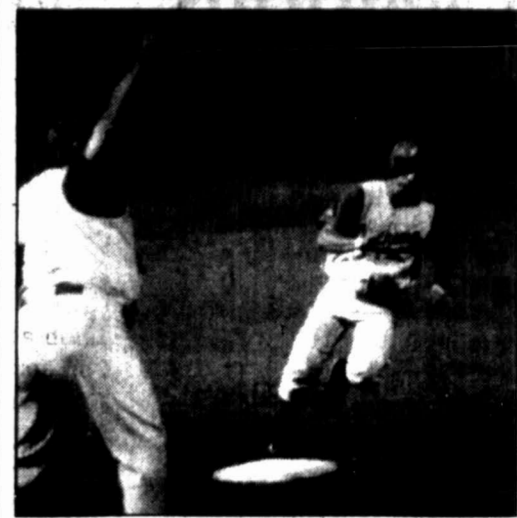
• Big Spring City Council voted to keep the current ambulance service in-house, due to the excessive cost involved in contracting the service out to an outside agency.

• Gearing up for July 4, it was announced that the "Pops in the Park" project was needing funding help in order to continue without having to make any cuts.

• Former Big Spring resident Don Knight, now a prominent Houston lawyer, honored Big Spring resident Sidney T. Clark with an endowed scholarship to a future Texas A&M student in Clark's name.

The scholarship is to be given yearly to a deserving Big Spring High School student.

### Sports



Coahoma coach Scott Lewis waves runner Mario Garcia around third base during the Bulldogs romp over Sonora in the Class 2A baseball playoffs.

It's become a given ... the month of June belongs to Coahoma's Bulldogs and their annual sojourn to the Class 2A state baseball tournament.

Such was the case in 2000, as the Bulldogs earned a record fourth-straight trip to the state tournament with an exciting 4-2 win over Holliday's Eagles in the Region I, Class 2A championship game in Denver City.

Senior Aaron Ovalle proved to be the hero for Coahoma when he stepped to the plate with the game tied at 2-2 with a man on base and two out.

Ovalle worked the count to 3-2 before blasting a shot out of the park for a two-run homer and the Coahoma win.

It was a fitting finish to a game that had originally been scheduled a day earlier at Walt Driggers Field in Abilene. Rains rendered the McMurry University diamond unplayable, however, and coaches promptly agreed to play the game in Mineral Wells.

By the time both teams managed to reach Mineral Wells, however, the rains had also arrived. After more than an hour of calling schools trying to find a playable field, the two teams boarded their buses and headed for Glen Rose where they began play just before 10 a.m.

The rain arrived before the Bulldogs could retire Holliday in the top of the first, however, and the game was called by umpires a few minutes later, forcing the two teams to wait for the next day and a trip to Denver City.

With the regional championship, the Bulldogs' fifth in six years, Coahoma saw its ranking in the Texas Baseball Coaches Association poll improve to No. 4 going into the state tournament.

But the Bulldogs dreams of advancing past the state semifinal round for the first time came a cropper when they suffered a 4-1 loss to Weimer at Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

Bulldogs junior first baseman Travis McMillian impressed members of the media covering the tournament, however, and was selected to the all-state tournament team.

With Coahoma's playoff run at an end, the District 3-2A all-district baseball team was finally announced. Senior lefty Delvin White led the way, earning most valuable player honors.

Ovalle was selected as one of the league's first-team pitchers, while McMillian and Colby Ditto were first-team infielders; Luke Bowlin, Mario Garcia and Cody Teeler earned spots in the outfield; Walt Bordelon was selected as the loop's top utility player; and Lance Monteleone was the first-team designated hitter.

A few days later the Bulldogs' underclassmen learned they would have a new coach in 2001 when Scott Lewis announced he had accepted the head baseball coach's position at Odessa Permian.

Other sports highlights included:

• The 67th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo saw Gary Puckett of Post win the bull riding competition; Kirby Berry of Poolville take the bareback riding title; Ricky Cantu of Cleveland and Keith Hudson of Sonora share top money in the calf roping; and Cole Hardin of San Angelo claim the win in saddle bronc riding.

• Ronnie Broadrick and Steve Ward claimed the Best of the Rest golf tournament championship.

### BIRTHS

Burch, Glen Noble, boy, June 1  
Colette, Rowan, girl, June 1  
Cordova, Alyssa Marie, girl, June 27  
Daniels, Samara DeAn, girl, June 20  
Dominguez, Brian Vega, boy, June 30  
Evans, Luxie Lynn, girl, June 10

Garza, Alexis Marie, girl, June 6  
Gibson, Pryce Allen, boy, June 13  
Hernandez, Jacob, boy, June 12  
Hernandez, Jay Lyn Gage, boy, June 26  
Juarez, Teresa Belen Ramirez, June 9  
Martin, Brice Anthony, boy, June 21

Miller, Ashlyn Paige, girl, June 24  
Moore, James Bart IV, boy, June 16  
Myrick, Pat, boy, June 9  
Ramirez, Garrett Jon, June 19  
Rankin, Jakob Wylee, boy, June 2  
Rodriguez, Kameron BaLeigh, girl, June 19

Rodriguez, Mary, girl, June 19  
Smith, Caden Charles, boy, June 27  
Smith, Xsavier Dee Da'Vonta, June 13  
Tubbs, Brooklyn Avree, girl, June 24  
Williams, Margavion, June 25  
Don'Shae, boy, June 25

### DEATHS

Bailey, William E. "Bill", 48, Big Spring, June 6  
Blanchard, Edna, 86, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, June 10  
Browning, Annie Graham, 89, Lorraine, June 7  
Bristow, Mary Kathryn, 76, Midland, formerly of Stanton, June 25  
Bruton, Charles, 73, Sand Springs, June 6  
Bullock, Marcia, 48, Big Spring, June 20  
Cackrell, M.A., 91, Big Spring, June 18  
Easterling, Pat y Bledsoe, 65, Big Spring, June 8  
Eckert, Annie, 77, Big Spring, June 30  
Erhardt, Laura E., 89, Big Spring, June 1  
DeLeon, Simona, 39, Big Spring, June 25  
Delgado, Chris, 21, Big Spring, June 25  
Dunlap, Foy, 79, Lake

Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, June 24  
Fuller, Joann, 58, Millersview, formerly of Big Spring, June 12  
Fuhrman, Hattie, 90, Big Spring, June 18  
Garza, Mary Linda, 55, Big Spring, June 10  
Gay, Homer Lee Jr., 71, Big Spring, June 14  
Gomez, Albert Patrick Jr., 19, Big Spring, June 17  
Grizzard, James F. "Jim", 81, Big Spring, June 5  
Henson, Bobbie Bradbury, 70, Big Spring, June 6  
Horn, Lester Baily, 96, Colorado City, June 7  
Howard, Thelma, 79, Stanton, June 2  
Jimenez, Petra, 86, Big Spring, June 7  
Leek, Rita Kay, 55, Vealmor, June 24  
Long, Vallie Mae, Big Spring, June 9

Marquez, Eugene "Cuyo" Sr., 41, Big Spring, June 12  
Mason, Minnie Alvena, 85, Big Spring, June 15  
McElreath, Hazel McMurray, 94, Big Spring, June 27  
Mendez, Janie Tejerina, 56, Big Spring, June 25  
Merrick, Lucille, 93, Big Spring, June 2  
Mooney, Jane, 73, Big Spring, June 17  
Morales, John G., 80, Big Spring, Friday, June 30  
Murphy, Leland E. "L", 81, Odessa, formerly of Colorado City, June 6  
Peacock, Martha Linnora Palmer, 53, Big Spring, June 20  
Phillips, Cecil, 85, Big Spring, Tuesday, June 13  
Rasberry, Mary, Denison, formerly of Big Spring, June 15  
Richmond, Mabel, 99, Big Spring, June 3  
Rodriguez, Hilda Navarro, 44,

Stanton, June 3  
Shockley, Roxie, 75, Sundown, formerly of Knott, June 21  
Shortes, L.O., 96, Big Spring, June 24  
Southerland, Andy, 80, Big Spring, June 8  
Studer, Frank B., 76, Big Spring, June 18  
Sullivan, Sylvia Gaskins Campbell, 90, Big Spring, June 1  
Thames, Henry C. 96, Rose Bud, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, June 18  
Turner, John Monroe, 79, Big Spring, June 12  
Valencia, Erlinda Olivas, 69, Big Spring, June 1  
Yanez, Victor R. "Toyo" Sr., 81, Big Spring, June 4  
Zinn, Bee Hickman, 85, Big Spring, June 11

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# July

## Dive team searches for murder weapon

The triple murder that occurred late last month continued to dominate the local news in July.

A Texas Department of Public Safety dive team from Austin began on July 7 searching the Comanche Trail Park Lake for a weapon possibly used in the June 24 murders. The search was later called off after nothing was recovered, however.

Local law enforcement said the weapons had been used by 17-year-old David Martinez who was accused of shooting four people — killing his mother-in-law, 39-year-old Simona Hollingsworth DeLeon, 21-year-old Chris Delgado and 56-year-old Janie Mendez and seriously injuring one, Vicki Green, who identified Martinez as the assailant.

On July 12, Martinez was charged with capital murder and a grand jury handed down capital murder indictments against him on July 20.

In other news this month: July began with singing, patriotic music and a fireworks display to celebrate our country's freedom. Thousands of people filled Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater on July 3 for the third annual Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display. The celebration began with a talent show comprised of 10 acts provided by Crossroads residents and also featured a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale with music timed along with the fireworks.

During the board of adjustments and appeals meeting on July 11, Apache Bend Apartment complex became one of several buildings that were scheduled for demolition. The complex had long been cited as an eyesore and haven for illegal activity.

Also on that day, Rudy Acosta Holguin was found not guilty on four counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child in the 118th

Even The King, Elvis Presley, visited Big Spring during the annual Pops in the Park celebration at Comanche Trail Park on July 3. Below, former longtime local resident Joe Pickle was the featured speaker during the 50th anniversary celebration for the VA Medical Center July 25.



District Court.

More than 100 cyclists pedaled their way into Big Spring on July 15 when they took part in the 12th annual FOG Resources Cactus and Crude MS Bike Tour. Riding from Midland through Big Spring to Snyder, the two-day event was held to raise funds to fight multiple sclerosis.

Colorado City began their Rail Head Days on July 15 with vendors, refreshments and entertainment highlighting the

two-day event.

Howard County and Glasscock County 4-H clubs conducted a water drive for the residents of Throckmorton. The town of 1,036 people found itself in an emergency situation with only 45 days supply of water on hand. The town's city council later worked out an agreement to obtain water through a pipeline from the city of Graham.

Several meetings were held by the community for Howard County Night Out, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald planned for Aug. 1. The event's goal was to bring neighbors together to get to know each other and prevent crime where they live.

On July 17, Big Spring Police discovered a pipe bomb during the arrests of four people on burglary charges. The bomb was discovered in the possession of one of the juveniles arrested.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association held their annual Lock Up at the Big Spring Mall on July 19. The event raise

\$19,000. During the day several Big Spring residents were "locked up" at the Big Spring Mall "jail" until they could get donors to bail them out.

In the month of August, the Big Spring VA Medical Center celebrated its 50th anniversary. Former longtime Big Spring resident Joe Pickle was the main speaker for the ceremony held on July 25. Some 150 people attended the event.

A two-vehicle accident on a north I-20 service road 3 1/2 miles west of Midland claimed the lives of three Howard County residents on July 26. Larry Joe Padron, 25, Michael Anthony Rodriguez, 29, both of Big Spring and Annie Marie Harrison, 17, of Coahoma, were killed in the accident.

On July 27, it was announced that the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. was shutting down its warehouse and distribution operations in Big Spring. The local operation, which employed 24 people, was expected to close by early August.

### Sports



Daniel "Bubba" Franks, pictured here at the University of Miami, agreed to terms with the Green Bay Packers in July after having been the team's No. 1 draft pick and the 14th player taken overall.

As is often the case during the summer months, coaching changes proved to be the biggest sports news in the Crossroads area in July.

In Big Spring, Kathy Loter, who had rebuilt the Lady Steers basketball program and led the team back into the Class 4A playoffs, left the coaching ranks to spend more time with her children.

Loter's position was filled by Jimmy Avery, who'd spent two previous seasons with the Steers basketball program; his place there was filled by Brian Ellington, an assistant at Hobbs, N.M.

At Ackerly, Sands head football coach and athletic director Billy Barnett announced that he was leaving to accept a principal's position at Irion County ISD.

Clint Lowry, who had been head football coach at Kopperl, was hired to replace Barnett, who'd amassed a 52-20 record in six seasons at Sands and led the Mustangs to three straight district championships.

Lowry's wife, Lisa, joined the Sands coaching staff, replacing Jimmy Taylor as the Lady Mustangs head basketball coach.

Brad Hart was named the new head baseball coach in Coahoma, filling the void left when Scott Lewis accepted the baseball coach's post at Odessa Permian.

Howard College also saw another coaching change become necessary when Lady Hawks softball coach Andy Mace announced he was leaving Big Spring to accept the post as head girls' basketball and softball coach at Hughes Springs.

Mace, who'd led the Lady Hawks to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region V tournament in both of the first two seasons as runners-up to El Paso Community College, was replaced by Dave George, an assistant at Arizona Western.

Other major sports stories in July:

Former Big Spring Steers and Miami Hurricanes star tight end Daniel "Bubba" Franks agreed to terms with the Green Bay Packers after having been the team's first-round choice in the NFL draft. Franks signed a five-year contract for \$6.45 million that included a \$4.67 million signing bonus.

Big Spring's 7-on-7 football team finished 10th at the state tournament in College Station. The Steers won their pool by knocking off Class 5A Klein, Class 2A Lone Oak and Class 4A Belton and then rolled to a 30-12 win over Brady in the medal round. They were eliminated by Class 5A powerhouse Katy.

Coahoma seniors Delvin White and Aaron Ovalle earned spots on the Texas Sports Writers Association's (TSWA) Class 2A All-State Baseball Team, while Bulldogettes junior Kenni Kay Buchanan was included on the TSWA Class 2A All-State Softball Team. White was selected as a second team pitcher, while Ovalle earned honorable mention as both a pitcher and catcher. Buchanan was an honorable mention selection as both a pitcher and infielder.

Division winners at the Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo, sanctioned by the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, were Emily Smith of Post (Girls 16-19); Kimberly Howard of Elida, N.M. (Girls 13-15); Lacey Edwards of Midland (Girls 9-12); Katelyn Andrews of Andrews (Girls Under 8); Tanner Packard of White Deer (Boys Under 8); Tell Good of Kenna, N.M. (Boys 9-12); Stetson Vest of Childress (Boys 13-15); and Vin Fisher of Andrews (Boys 16-19).

### BIRTHS

Aguilar, Edward Jr., boy, July 4  
Aguilar, Nicholas Isaac, boy, July 13  
Amos, Jessica Dawn, girl, July 25  
Campos, Cobey Thomas, boy, July 25  
Chen, Nickolas, boy, July 25

DeJesus, Jimmie Jo Enrique, boy, July 19  
Dugan, Payton Joyce, girl, July 26  
Gee, Lexie Shea, girl, July 5  
Gomez, David, Jose, boy, July 19  
Gomez, Vanessa Aida, girl, July 19  
Gutierrez, Destiny Alexis, girl, July 16

Herandez, Veronica, girl, July 27  
Islas, Christian Ryan, boy, July 14  
Marbeiter, Kaigen Lee-Ann, girl, July 14  
Martinez, Julian Rey, boy, July 26  
Partlow, Jesse James, July 24

Porter, Alexandria Nicole, girl, July 31  
Rogers, Esperansa LeAnn, girl, July 21  
Ramirez, Raymond Blake, boy, July 27  
Williams, Katie Lynn, girl, July 16

### DEATHS

Adams, Eleanor, 60, July 20  
Aguilano, Juan, 65, Big Spring, July 16  
Annen, Nancy, 81, Big Spring, July 14  
Arnold, Eva I., 78, Big Spring, July 18  
Bates, D.R., 64, Big Spring, July 15  
Caffey, L.C., 71, Big Spring, July 29  
Cantu, Celia Franco, 76, The Colony, formerly of Big Spring, July 15  
Chandler, Fannie Ada Murphy, 92, Big Spring, July 26  
Clark, Eugene (Buster), 94, Big Spring, July 4  
Copeland, Mildred Jannie, 86, Stanton, July 22  
Crow, Ru., May Owens, 84, Luther, July 29  
Franks, Deborah (Debbie), 44, Big Spring, July 27

Glaspie, Claud Jr., Stanton, 83, July 12  
Gum, Jaunita, 81, Big Spring, July 8  
Harrison, Annie Marie, 17, Big Spring, July 26  
Hartwell, Jeanetta, 76, Big Spring, July 13  
Henson, Loretta Marie Heffington, 82, Big Spring, July 20  
Lassetter, J.W., 72, Big Spring, July 21  
Madden, Morris Lester, Sr., 93, Big Spring, July 2  
Madrid, Guadalupe R., 95, July 31  
Martinez, Antonio G., 80, Big Spring, July 7  
Mauldin, Tommy Alan, 51, Big Spring, July 10  
McCrary, Hazel E., 86, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, July 8

Mills, James W., 87, Big Spring, July 11  
Morrison, Pat M., 69, Stanton, July 14  
Neighbors, Jean, 67, Big Spring, July 12  
Padron, Larry, 25, Big Spring, July 26  
Paredes, Santiago "Chaga", 65, Big Spring, July 6  
Patterson, Harvey D., 51, Big Spring, July 10  
Pierce, Chloe L. Newton, 80, Big Spring, July 4  
Rivas, Juan T., 76, Lenorah, July 29  
Rodriguez, Michael Anthony, 29, Big Spring, July 26  
Rowland, Mildred, 87, July 20  
Sanchez, Dora Flores, 48, Big Spring, July 31  
Shuffield, Margaret, 73, Big Spring, July 5  
Smith, Callie, 95, Big Spring, July 22

Smith, Stella Barbara Riley, 103, Big Spring, July 7  
Spinks, Linnie Inez McMurray, 88, Big Spring, July 4  
Springfield, Neva, 89, Odessa, formerly of Ackerly, July 3  
Sprinks, Linnie Inez, 88, Big Spring, July 4  
Stephens, Utis "Steve", 82, Stanton, July 22  
Stovall, Albert, Big Spring, July 6  
Valdez, J.C. (Tino), 68, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, July 27  
Walker, Helen Jane Ferguson, 79, Goldthwaite, formerly of Big Spring, July 12  
Warman, Randa, 46, Big Spring, July 6  
Watkins, Ruby B., 82, Big Spring, July 14

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# August

## Infant's body found in vacant farmhouse

The gruesome discovery of an infant body in an abandoned Crossroads area farmhouse topped August's news.

A partially decomposed body, later determined to be an infant girl was found in an abandoned farmhouse located five miles west of Big Spring along county road 18 by a farmhand on Aug. 2.

The farmhand, who stopped to check on two owls that had been seen in the old Mabel Dunagan Place, discovered a suitcase under a pile of rags. The body of an infant was found wrapped in a towel inside the suitcase.

Due to the condition of the body, the sex and race of the child could not be determined right away. Later, a detailed autopsy would determine the female infant had been close to full term, but the time or circumstances of her death were unclear.

Later that month, the sheriff's office, as part of their investigation, presented Scenic Mountain Medical Center with a subpoena to obtain the names of women who had received care in the later stages of pregnancy. To this date, the crime remains unsolved.

In other August news:

• Hundreds of residents participated in Night Out on Aug. 1, an event sponsored by the Big Spring Herald to bring neighbors together to get to know each other and prevent crime where they live.

• On Aug. 4, city workers began demolition of the Apache Bend Apartment complex after the structures were



It was back to school for local children in August. Big Spring Independent School District classes started Aug. 16, a week later than last year.

deemed unsafe by the board of adjustments and appeals.

• The 76th annual Howard Glasscock Old Settler's Reunion was held on Aug. 5, with more than 350 people attending the event. Gene Stephens earned the overall winner for the Hoyle Nix Memorial Fiddler's contest.

• Former city of Big Spring mayor Tim Blackshear dropped out of the Congressional seat District 70 race against David Counts (D-Knox City) in early August. Blackshear had earlier resigned as mayor when he filed to run for the state office.

• The sale of the Big Spring refinery by Fina Inc. to Alon USA Israel Oil Co. announced

earlier in the year was completed on Aug. 7. The sale included Fina's domestic fuels marketing business and related fuels pipeline and terminal assets. No employee layoffs were expected during the transition.

• A renovation project planned to cost \$3.2 million on Highway 87 began in early August. Parts of Gregg Street were closed down to one lane while work crews removed old pavement and concrete from the road.

• Area secondary students returned to the classroom during the middle of August. Also during that week, the Big Spring Herald implemented program to area

schools and delivered 340 papers per day to eight different public school campuses and Howard College.

• On Aug. 17, Big Spring Independent School District reclaimed an acceptable rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Last year, the district had been declared academically unacceptable which administrators said was due to a problem in reporting the drop-out rate.

• Also on that day, Big Spring High School learned the campus had received a "recognized" rating by the TEA for first time. Coahoma ISD, Forsan ISD, Glasscock ISD, Sands ISD, Stanton ISD and Colorado ISD all received overall "recognized" ratings.

• Police responded to a domestic dispute on the night of Aug. 16, to discover 33-year-old George Rodriguez had suffered stab wounds to the abdomen. Rodriguez was transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson. An unidentified subject was questioned and later released in the investigation.

• Howard County representatives along with other West Texas communities testified before a joint meeting of the state Senate and House committees on redistricting held in Lubbock on Aug. 25. The hearing addressed the drawing of district lines for Congressional, state house and senate districts and state Board of Education districts for the 77th legislature that will convene in January. Redistricting will be based on the 2000 Census; because of loss of population, rural communities are expected to be regrouped into larger districts.

• A condensed version of the Howard County Fair began on Aug. 25. Live stock shows, food contests and exhibits highlighted the four-day event. Earlier, 17-year-old Heather Harris had been crowned Queen of the Howard County Fair.

• The Cooperative Gin of Knott celebrated 50 years of business on Aug. 26th.

• Howard County was added to the list of counties designated by the state as drought-stricken on Aug. 29.



These two cuties, Ashton Shelton, left, and Makaila Walker, were winners in the Country Kids Contest during the Howard County Fair, which began a four-day run Aug. 25.

### BIRTHS

Bosley, Madison Lynn, girl, Aug. 3  
Calvert, Zeithry Zane Curtis, Aug. 26  
Coker, Zachary Lester, boy, Aug. 8  
Corvantez, Kristopher James, boy, Aug. 8  
Escobar, Carissa Danae, girl, Aug. 31

Fair, Austin Lee, boy, Aug. 13  
Gonzales, Laryn Kylie, Aug. 31  
Henry, Austin Kvlle, boy, Aug. 12  
Juarez, Elizabeth, girl, Aug. 7  
Juarez, Isabel Liliana, girl, Aug. 30  
Leos, Jason Lee, boy, Aug. 14  
Lopez, Steven Andrew Jr, Aug. 13

boy, Aug. 2  
Martinez, Demetrio Martinez, boy, Aug. 11  
Overton, MaKayla Joy, Aug. 5  
Payne, Jacob Michael, boy, Aug. 22  
Raney, Christopher Andrew, boy, Aug. 19  
Rayford, Mone't Takara, girl, Aug. 10

Robles, Destiny Hope, girl, Aug. 20  
Slate, Trenton Everett James, boy, Aug. 8  
Talbot, Tessa Chantel, girl, Aug. 10  
Wheat, Tre' Nathaniel, boy, Aug. 29

### DEATHS

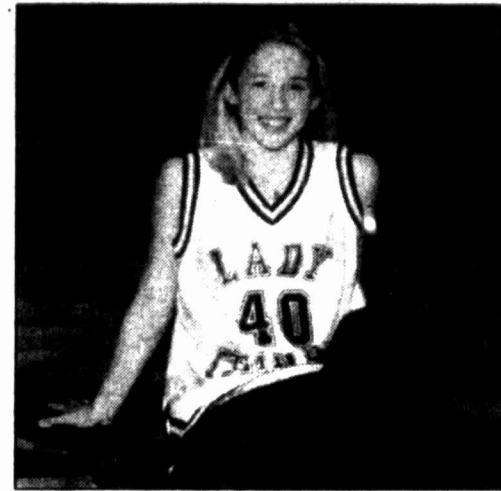
Berry, Helen, 83, Big Spring, formerly of Greenville, Aug. 10  
Brown, Bevie Alice, 91, Ackerly, Aug. 28  
Buntyn, Melva, 83, Big Spring, Aug. 17  
Bustamante, Basilisa (Licha), 65, Big Spring, Aug. 29  
Clark, Sybil "Sister", 66, Big Spring, Aug. 3  
Daniels, Murphy, L., 67, Big Spring, Aug. 26  
Faulkenberry, Alice, 98, Big Spring, Aug. 13

Fields, Jean Duncan, 73, Big Spring, Aug. 13  
Gutierrez, Tommy, 35, Olivia, Minn., formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 1  
Hare, Ikey Joe, 53, Big Spring, Aug. 3  
Harris, Bertis "Bert", 74, Big Spring, Aug. 14  
Hood, Curtis, 87, Big Spring, Aug. 18  
Hughes, Oliver, R., 88, Big Spring, Aug. 28  
Jackson, Myrtle, 89, Big Spring, Aug. 11

Johnson, Lillian Jeanean, 61, Big Spring, Aug. 23  
Kee, Charlene Estes, 77, Big Spring, Aug. 12  
Mendez, Edward, 45, Big Spring, Aug. 24  
Nichols, Ray, 88, Big Spring, Aug. 3  
Pierce, Roger S., 64, Big Spring, Aug. 25  
Rees, William H. Jr., 72, Stanton, Aug. 16  
Rodriguez, George, 33, Big Spring, Aug. 16

Spring, Aug. 16  
Saldivar, Porfirio, 94, Big Spring, Aug. 4  
Watson, LaQuita Joy, 65, Big Spring, Aug. 24  
Witt, Willie Mae, 83, of Clearwater, Kan., formerly of Big Spring  
Worhan, D.O. "Dee", 75, Big Spring, Aug. 24  
Yanez, Audrianna Nicole, infant, Aug. 12  
Zamarron, Guadalupe, 50, Stanton, Aug. 29

### Sports



Sands' Brianne Fryar turned in an impressive 14-point performance in helping lead her West teammates to an 82-25 win over the south in the Six-Man Coaches Association all-star game.

While the area's schoolboy football teams were making preparations for their September openers, the Crossroads' two high school volleyball programs — Big Spring's Lady Steers and Colorado City's Lady Wolves — opened their seasons, as did Big Spring's tennis team.

The Lady Steers got off to a strong start with a sweep of Midland Greenwood's Lady Rangers and Brownfield's Lady Bears. Big Spring rolled to a 15-9, 10-15, 15-5 win over Greenwood and followed that with a 15-10, 10-15, 15-9 win over Brownfield.

The wins continued to come for the Lady Steers, as they took a 15-9, 15-8 victory over Alpine to claim the Bronze division of the San Angelo Invitational tournament. They followed that with a fourth-place finish at the Monahans Invitational tournament, as senior Melissa Forth earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

The Lady Wolves also opened well, taking a 13-15, 15-9, 15-0 win over Water Valley's Lady Wildcats.

Big Spring's tennis squad, under the leadership of new head coach Sarah Corse, opened its season with a 13-8 win over Abilene Cooper.

The Big Spring tennis team then followed that start with a second-place finish in the Fort Stockton Invitational team tennis tournament.

In other top sports stories in August: • Sands' Lady Mustangs star Brianne Fryar scored 14 points in helping lead the West to an 82-25 win over the South in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Game in Lubbock. Teammate Caroline Madison of Grady added six points in the rout.

• Chad Reynolds, a graduate of Texas Tech University, was hired as an assistant baseball coach at Howard College.

• Johnny Willis, a 1985 graduate of Sands High School, was announced as the new head boys' basketball coach at Garden City High School. Willis takes over the Bearkats program after coaching stints in Novice, Union and Rochester.

• Christina Gwyn of Big Spring helped pitch the Everman Cowgirls to a seventh-place finish out of 116 teams at the AFA National Softball Tournament in Shawnee, Kan. Gwyn posted a 5-0 pitching record at the tournament, striking out 29 while allowing just nine walks and fashioning a 0.46 ERA. Offensively, she batted .353 with two home runs and eight runs batted in.

• Blair Nutting of Big Spring returned home after a trip to Australia. The former Steers tight end played on a team sponsored by the Arizona Gridiron and Cultural Exchange Team that rolled to a 34-0 win over a team from Townsville, Australia. Nutting caught a 17-yard touchdown pass, contributing to the lopsided final.

• The Howard College Hawk Flight Booster Club organized to provide support for all of the school's athletic programs.

• Duane Fulgham of Big Spring won the 100cc division in the West Texas Motorcross Series. Teammate Ryan Vassar finished third in the 125 cc division, while Ryan Wester was fifth and Ben Moses seventh in the 125 cc class.



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## Task group studies truck relief route

A task group studying a possible truck relief route around Big Spring heard the public say proceed to the west.

In a show of hands none of the more than 40 people attending the September meeting were against the project.

Diverting heavy traffic from Gregg Street is the primary reason a bypass is being considered, through task members also cited economic benefits. Agreement to pursue a relief route would get further justification in December when Congress recognized the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor in its spending bill.

The information session about the route was just one of a number of events that took place in September. Among others:

- StarTek was listed among Fortune Magazine's annual ranking of the 100 Best Small Companies in America.

- The local telethon raised more than \$30,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

- A funeral service was held Sept. 7 for Baby Jane Doe, an infant found abandoned in a Howard County farmhouse in early August.

Business and individuals across the Crossroads Area donated time, money and services to ensure the unidentified infant received a funeral and burial.

The child was estimated at being between 32 and 36 weeks of gestation, a month or more short of full term.

- An auction between two longtime rival university alumni groups on Nov. 7 raised \$8,000 for scholarships. The Howard County A&M Club and the Texas Tech Exes Club put the event together.

- A 55-year-old Big Spring man, Billy Ray Carver, was killed on the night of Sept. 13 when he was struck by a car while walking on South U.S. Highway 87.

- A Stanton man who had been acquitted of aggravated sexual assault in 1997 was found guilty on Nov. 13 and sentenced to two life terms by a Martin County jury.



Kenny Davis, code enforcement officer for the city, waters a pine tree at Heart of the City Park as Herald publisher John H. Walker, from left, Leslie Hooper and Steve Pointevint look on. The 18-foot tree was donated to the park by Herald employees with the assistance of Pointevint and Decker Farm & Supply.

Juan Carlos Valles was found guilty on two charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

- Big Spring State Veterans Home was named after two World War II veteran and one Vietnam veteran who gave their lives in defense of their country and its allies. From names submitted by local individuals and groups, the Texas Veterans Land Board named the facility the Lusk-Sanchez-Lamun Texas State Veterans Home. It was named after Sgt. Joe Martin True Lusk, Pfc. Reynaldo A. Sanchez and Pfc. David Vance Lamun.

- Leandra Williams was crowned Big Spring homecoming queen during halftime festivities in a game between the Steers and Abilene Wylie.

- Kara Jeffcoat was selected homecoming queen at Coahoma High School.

- Former Big Spring resident R.E. "Peppy" Blount signed copies of his book, "We Band of

Brothers," at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Blount, who had served as the youngest member ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives, wrote the book to tell of the time he spent in the South Pacific as a pilot during World War II.

- Several hundred Howard County residents turned out on Sept. 26 to get the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County campaign kicked off and enjoy the talents of entertainer Janie Fricke.

During the annual luncheon, Fricke entertained the crowd with some of her hits including "I'll Need Someone to Hold Me When I Cry" and "Do Me With Love."

- Assistant superintendent Ron Logback, who spent 25 years with the Big Spring Independent School District, announced he would retire, effectively Dec. 31.

- Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. received statewide

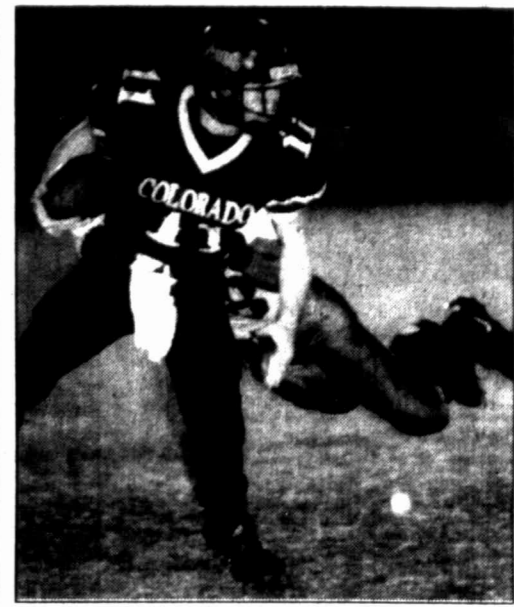
recognition at the end of the month by winning the Community Economic Development Award in Houston.

- A Howard County grand jury indicted 17-year-old David Cano Martinez of Big Spring on three counts of murder, stemming from the shooting deaths of three individuals, including Martinez's mother-in-law, which occurred on June 25.

- Another piece of what is to become Heart of the City Park was put into place on Sept. 28 when a large Afghanistan pine was planted at the site. The tree was donated to the community by employees of the Big Spring Herald, in cooperation with Steve and Cheryl Pointevint, Decker Farm & Supply and the city of Big Spring.

- An Alzheimer's Memory Walk in Big Spring generated \$9,400 to help patients, their families and caregivers.

### Sports



Colorado City quarterback Chase Pharris breaks free from a would-be tackler and picks up a big gain.

Several Crossroads area schoolboy football teams opened their seasons on the first day of September and there was plenty of promise to be found in the play of Big Spring's Steers, Coahoma's Bulldogs, Colorado City's Wolves and Stanton's Buffaloes.

Steers fans saw their team open the 2000 campaign with a one-sided, 34-0 romp over former district foe Sweetwater's Mustangs.

But the Steers stumbled the next week, dropping a 28-7 loss to Hereford and then absorbed a 20-6 homecoming loss to Abilene Wylie to close out non-district play with a 1-2 record.

After having opened the season in impressive fashion with a 25-0 shutout of Stamford, Colorado City's Wolves gave a hint that they would be a power to contend with in District 3-2A when they rolled to a 21-6 win over Crane, which had entered the game ranked No. 16 in some Class 3A polls.

The Wolves' luck would not hold throughout the month, however, as highly-regarded Ballinger dealt the a 34-12 loss. It would prove to be the only loss Colorado City would suffer until reaching the Class 2A playoffs.

Stanton opened the season with a wild 38-34 win over Class 3A Midland Greenwood's Rangers and then set their sights on avenging their 1999 bi-district loss to Iraan's Braves.

The Braves, who'd dropped to the Class 1A ranks and entered the second week showdown as that division's No. 1-ranked team, found the revenge-minded Buffs too tough to handle and suffered a 22-8 loss.

Coahoma, the fourth of the area's teams to open their season during so-called "Week 0," had little trouble in posting a 20-0 win over Hawley's Bearcats.

The following week would see the remainder of the Crossroads' eight teams play their openers.

Grady's Wildcats were the first to get things going that week with a 44-32 win over Hermleigh's Cardinals, while Forsan opened the season with a 22-8 win in Week 1 over Garden City's Bearcats.

Forsan and Garden City would see their fortunes turn abruptly, as the Buffs, plagued by injuries, struggled through the remainder of the season, while the Bearcats steadily improved and went into the final week of the season with an opportunity to qualify for the Class 2A playoffs.

Sands' Mustangs would hit somewhat of a speed bump early in the season, suffering a loss to Sanderson's Eagles. That loss would prove somewhat prophetic by season's end.

While Sands would go on to lose just one more game — what proved to be the District 7 championship game against Grandfalls — they would have to open the six-man football playoffs facing the same Sanderson squad.

Other top sports stories in September included:

- Big Spring's netters opened District 4-4A team tennis play with a win over Andrews, snapping a three-year drought at the hands of the Mustangs.

- Jim Blacketer, the professional at the Figure 7 Tennis Center, announced he was leaving Big Spring to accept a similar position at the Rushing Tennis Center in Lubbock.

### BIRTHS

Baker, Madeline Nicole, girl, Sept. 18  
 Barraza, Noah Seth, boy, Sept. 11  
 Berringer, Brett Mason, boy, Sept. 15  
 Cervantes, La Sara Elexis, girl, Oct. 29  
 Cox, Sarian Dane, girl, Sept. 15

Crawford, Hayley Bryann, girl, Sept. 5  
 Everett, Jack Edward, Sept. 6  
 Garcia, Haley Paige, girl, Sept. 1  
 Gressett, McKenzi Michelle, girl, Sept. 25  
 Gross, Destiny Ann, girl, Sept. 30  
 Ledesma, Adrian Ethan, boy,

Sept. 13  
 Kesterson, Kinna Autumn, girl, Sept. 6  
 Magana, Alissa Rae, girl, Sept. 13  
 Mathews, Kailey Nicole, girl, Sept. 13  
 Mills, Stetson Ray, boy, Sept. 5  
 Montijo, Cheyanne Mercedes, girl, Sept. 12

Shubert, Casey Brendan, boy, Sept. 12  
 Valdez, Cristian Jay, boy, Sept. 15  
 Webb, Korleigh McKail, girl, Sept. 11  
 Yarbrough, Michael Ethan, boy, Sept. 11

### DEATHS

Adcock, Emma, 86, Ackerly, Sept. 17  
 Alexander, Marjorie Elizabeth, 81, Big Spring, Sept. 24  
 Arguello, Jose Eloy, 47, Big Spring, Sept. 29  
 Ballou, Viletta, 77, Normal, Ill., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 23  
 Barnes, Mary Joe, 77, Big Spring, Sept. 4  
 Brumley, Annie "Mae", 95, Big Spring, Sept. 18  
 Burch, Arnetta, 96, Coahoma, Sept. 25  
 Carroll, Loy, 67, Big Spring, Sept. 29  
 Carver, Billy, 55, Big Spring, Sept. 13  
 Chaney, Robert Charles, 74, Big Spring, Sept. 11

Cross, C.O., 86, Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 15  
 Darden, G.A., 72, Big Spring, Sept. 20  
 Darden, Larry, 40, Big Spring, Sept. 1  
 Douglas, Mildred, 88, Stanton, Sept. 13  
 Doe, Baby Jane, Aug. 2  
 Edward, Justin John Harris, 10, La Luz, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 29  
 Fent, Greg, 53, Big Spring, Sept. 18  
 Gomez, David G. Sr., 73, Big Spring, Sept. 1  
 Harris, J.B. Jr., 84, Big Spring, Sept. 3  
 Hazlewood, Bob, 83, Stanton, Sept. 4  
 Henderson, Marjorie, 75, Big Spring, Sept. 24

Hinton, Margaret, 81, Big Spring, Sept. 8  
 Holley, Lucy, 92, Big Spring, Sept. 20  
 Hooser, Harvey C. Jr., 84, Big Spring, Sept. 25  
 James, Troy Walter, 64, Big Spring, Sept. 8  
 Madison, "Papa" Gene, 68, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 30  
 Martinez, David, 67, Big Spring, Sept. 21  
 McCarty, Mary Catherine, 88, Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 26  
 McCarty, Peggy, 60, Big Spring, Sept. 20  
 Mize, Gladys, 93, Colorado City, Sept. 23  
 Parker, Leo, 79, Big Spring, Sept. 19

Riley, Olive W., 96, Sept. 2  
 Roberts, Grace, 98, Big Spring, Sept. 26  
 Rodriguez, Pedro, 43, Big Spring, Sept. 17  
 Smith, Audie Mae, 85, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 28  
 Thigpen, Merlon Ray "Shotgun", 63, Big Spring, Sept. 25  
 Tucker, William H. "Bill", 79, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 19  
 Wallace, Glenda Faye, 78, Ackerly, Sept. 29  
 White, Susan M., 42, Big Spring, Sept. 9  
 Williams, B.J. "Bill", 70, Knott, Sept. 25  
 Wooden, Dorothy Mae, 75, Big Spring, Sept. 19



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## Guilty plea filed in triple shooting deaths

Big Spring citizens saw a chapter in a brutal tragedy come to some close in October when 17-year-old David Cano Martinez Jr. pleaded guilty to the June 25 shooting deaths of three people, including his wife's mother.

In admitting he shot to death his mother-in-law, Simona Hollingsworth DeLeon, Chris Delgado and Janie Juanita Mendez, Martinez avoided a possible death penalty. He pleaded not guilty to assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of Vicki Green, who survived and identified Martinez as the assailant.

Martinez will serve three life terms, running concurrently, that will keep him in prison for

no less than 30 years.

In another case, a grand jury declined to indict 52-year-old Raymond Delacruz in the Aug. 16 stabbing death of 33-year-old George Rodriguez. Witnesses had told police that Rodriguez had come to Delacruz's residence and started a fight.

Other crime-related news was of a more positive nature in October. It was announced that "stash houses" seized by law enforcement were turned over to the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation.

Officials said the process was an example of law enforcement working together and in cooperation with federal and city government. The two properties identified will be turned into an office for Crossroads Housing and as a home for a handicapped individual.

A science teacher and coach who was discovered to have been arrested on sexual assault charges after being hired by Big Spring Independent School District during the summer was officially relieved of his duties on Oct. 1. Jason Ferguson, who officials said never actually taught in a Big Spring classroom, was dismissed after failing to meet contractual obligations. Specifically, the district hired him on July 6 and later learned he had been arrested on sexual assault charges. He was placed on administrative leave Aug. 10. To date, Ferguson has not been tried on the charges.

Assault allegations were filed against Howard County Sheriff William "Bill" Jennings in October. A complaint alleged that Jennings had physically assaulted a boy.

Jennings, who was seeking re-election, said the complaint may have been politically motivated. The case was later dismissed.

Nathan Sellers accepted the 4-H Gold Star Award at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in October. The award for outstanding junior female went to Teryn Bibb. Travis



Youngsters take advantage of the Big Spring State Park's Harvest Saturday hayrides, despite some frosty weather.

Roberts won the junior clover award while Trevor Bibb won the leadership award. Friend of the 4-H award was presented to Johnny and Cindy Middleton. 4-H adult leader award were presented to Penni Kothmann and Van Gaskins.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander visited Big Spring in October, telling Howard Countians that government has gotten too big. She made the trip with State Sen. Robert Duncan.

Big Spring got some much-needed rainfall in October. Unofficially, the city received 3.85 inches. Much of it came within a 30-minute span on Oct. 17 that flooded some Big Spring streets.

First Baptist Church pastor Eddie Tubbs announced that he would be leaving his congregation after more than two years to accept a similar post in Dumas.

Crossroads area marching bands earned judges' top ratings in October. Big Spring, Coahoma Stanton, Forsan and Garden City bands all came away from contests with Division I ratings.

The YMCA board of direc-

tors gave approval to the construction of a skate park, providing property can be secured, funds raised and safety standards assured. The park is expected to be constructed in early 2001.

Chelsea Shults, a Forsan High School student, won a \$100 savings bond for her winning flag design in a contest held by the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Spooks came out across Howard County as Canterbury, Friends of the Settles and Boy Scout Troop 25 all sponsored "haunted" houses around Halloween. Fall festivals at many area churches captured a holiday spirit as well.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award in October. The award, presented for 1999, was awarded by the Residential Fire Safety Institute.

Groups joined together for a common cause on Oct. 28 making a difference. It was part of a day-long program in which various groups provided assistance for others or simply picked up trash in areas around the community.

### Sports



Big Spring fullback Jason Woodruff breaks loose for a portion of the more than 1,500 yards he piled up during the Steers' run to the Class 4A, Division II regional semifinals.

Big Spring's Steers enjoyed a fantastic October string, guaranteeing themselves a berth in the Class 4A football playoffs with a 41-7 win over Lubbock Estacado.

The Steers had preceded that win by opening District 4-4A play with a 21-13 win over Andrews, a 28-7 defeat of Levelland, a wild 39-31 decision over San Angelo Lake View and a come-from-behind 27-26 win over Plainview.

Elsewhere in the Crossroads area's football wars, Colorado City's Wolves pulled off a major upset, taking a 20-18 win over Stanton's heavily-favored Buffaloes.

That win would eventually leave the Wolves as District 3-2A champions, while the Buffs would have to settle for a second-place finisher's berth in the Class 2A, Division II playoffs.

While the area's football teams were battling their way through district schedules, the area's cross-country athletes were racking up championships.

Garden City's Lady 'Kats rolled to the District 8-1A championships behind individual champion Michelle Fuchs. M'Lynn Niehues finished third, while Jessica Hoch was fifth, Allison Jansa was sixth and Amy Flores finished 17th. Leslie Jansa added a 25th-place finish.

Sands' Mustangs followed to their district's championship and followed that with a Region II, Class 1A championship.

Meanwhile, Stanton's Buffaloes and Coahoma Bulldogettes dominated their respective boys' and girls' fields at the District 3-2A cross-country meet.

J.D. Ramos, Aaron Hernandez, Abel Wilson and Robert Saenz led the way for the Buffs, as they took the first four individual places in the boys' 3-mile race. Zeke Bryand rounded out the team's finish by crossing the finish line 11th.

The Bulldogettes were paced by the 1-2 finish provided by Rachel Williams and Leanne Smith. Courtney Kemper added eighth place for Coahoma, while Ashley Lang was ninth and Stephanie Sparks rounded out the effort with 12th place.

Other top sports stories in October included:

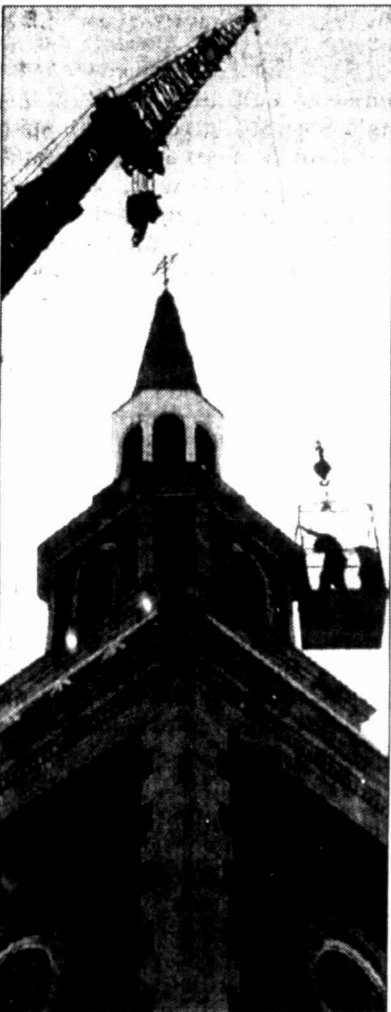
Big Spring's Lady Steers see their hopes of qualifying for the Class 4A volleyball playoffs evaporate with a heart-breaking 15-12, 15-10 loss to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

Rusty Martin of Big Spring finishes sixth at the Texas Junior Bull Riders Association finals, earning a berth at the National Junior Bull Riders Finals in Muskogee, Okla.

Howard College's De'Shaun Drake, who served as a pitcher and outfielder on the Lady Hawks' team that finished as runner-up to El Paso Community College in the 2000 Western Junior College Athletic Conference race took part in the Texas Junior College All-Star Softball Game held in Waco.

The team of Jeanie Rutledge, Peggy Wilson, Sarah Lands and Janelle Britton — representatives of the Big Spring Country Club Ladies Golf Association — finished second at the Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association Championships at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

Big Spring's Luis Diaz and Heather Harris joined Stanton's Jon Cotton as nominees for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.



Workers touch up the steeple at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

### BIRTHS

Baker, Jasmine Renee, girl, Oct. 28  
Carrillo, Erin Hera, girl, Oct. 26  
Carroll, Chance Hogan, boy, Oct. 30  
Castle, Garrett Lee, boy, Oct. 1  
Duffer, Cassidy Rain, girl, Oct. 10  
Eddington, Rodger Henry Jr., boy, Oct. 23

Fierro, Shawn Marcus, boy, Oct. 11  
Franco, Michael Anthony, boy, Oct. 10  
Fuller, Sterling Cheyenne, girl, Oct. 26  
Galaviz, Bryan Anthony, boy, Oct. 31  
Garcia, Nick Luca, boy, Oct. 31  
Grant, Morgan Marie, girl, Oct. 11

Oct. 24  
Jeter, Cameron Thomas, boy, Oct. 14  
Klug, Christian Pasco, boy, Oct. 23  
Mason, Quanharis El-Keithryck, boy, Oct. 3  
Mills, Alexia Anne Marie, girl, Oct. 18  
Mo koe, Sabrina Nicole, girl, Oct. 16

Munoz, Brianna Margarita, girl, Oct. 22  
Overton, Stacey Nicole, girl, Oct. 17  
Savell, Anjelica Sue, girl, Oct. 17  
Smith, Ty'janae Ji'shae, girl, Oct. 3

### DEATHS

Arista, Anthony "Tony", 41, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Ashinhurst, Ora "Granny", 87, Big Spring, Oct. 18  
Barnes, Robin J., 61, Stanton, Oct. 10  
Barr, Maureen, 84, Big Spring, Oct. 7  
Barrier, Jim, 67, Big Spring, Oct. 27  
Childress, John, 85, Sand Springs, Oct. 22  
Conway, Ruth, 82, Big Spring, Oct. 17  
Emerson, Bill G., 76, Big Spring, Oct. 8  
Dahmer, Mark, 39, Big Spring, Oct. 14  
Gaitan, Cristina V., 72, Big Spring, Oct. 13  
Gaskins, Kay, 56, Boyce, La., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 17  
Guerra, Maria Concepcion "Concha", 79, Ackerly, Oct. 7  
Harris, Jeanetta Frances, 74,

Big Spring, Oct. 29  
Fulesday, Joseph J. "Joe", 73, Big Spring, Oct. 10  
Hernandez, Josefa, 71, Stanton, Oct. 25  
Hughes, Leona, 90, Big Spring, Oct. 7  
Hutcheson, Karl Dwayne, 72, Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Jones, Harold T., 88, Big Spring, Oct. 7  
Kesterson, Velma, 84, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 1  
Lucas, Wilford "Buddy", Goliad, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 21  
McClane, Vestal, 94, Midland, formerly of Stanton, Oct. 21  
MaComber, Lena, 88, Big Spring, Oct. 19  
Marquez, Rosa Montez, 84, Stanton, Oct. 12  
Marrujo, Ricardo, 88, Big Spring, Oct. 13

McLeod, Audre, 85, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Moore, Eugene, 71, Big Spring, Oct. 29  
Murphey, Geraldine (Jean), 71, Big Spring, Oct. 6  
Nichols, Ila Marie (Duke), 84, Big Spring, Oct. 11  
Ortega, Jose Mendoza Sr., 76, Big Spring, Oct. 20  
Osburn, Norma Lee, 74, Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Parsons, Fred M., 63, Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Rard, Frances, 63, Big Spring, Oct. 22  
Richardson, Doug, 79, Big Spring, Oct. 1  
Rodriguez, Maria Luisa, 81, Big Spring, Oct. 21  
Saiz, Eusebio, 61, Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Smith, Richie Mae, 68, Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Sneed, Ida Mae, 87, Big

Spring, Oct. 12  
Stocks, Ina Nell, 71, Big Spring, Oct. 29  
Stoll, Cynthia, 69, Big Spring, Oct. 22  
Tucker, Delma Lucille, 86, Conroe, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 3  
Villareal, Bobby, 41, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Watkins, Tonya Kai, 38, Sapulpa, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 28  
Wells, James Earl, 77, Big Spring, Oct. 9  
White, Blanche Inez, 88, Big Spring, Oct. 7  
Wilbanks, Bob L., 66, Big Spring, Oct. 25  
Williams, Doris, 77, Big Spring, Oct. 31  
Willis, Stanley "Strawberry", 85, Forsan, Oct. 2

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# November

## Celebrations mark 11th month of the year

Celebrations were in order during November. Candidates celebrated their election into office — all except George W. Bush, that would come later — while Howard College and the Colorado River Municipal Water District celebrated milestones in their history.

United Way celebrated making its goal for the fifth straight year and the community joined the Salvation Army in celebrating the holidays with an annual Thanksgiving Day meal and placing of the Angel Trees.

There were a number of other noteworthy events that took place in November, but first, a look back at that election:

There was only one locally-contested race confronting Howard County citizens and in something of an upset, Democrat Dale Walker — he wasn't even a candidate in the primaries — defeated Republican incumbent William "Bill" Jennings for sheriff. Walker had been appointed by the county Democratic Party after its original candidate, Javier Becerra, disqualified himself by voting in the Republican Party primary.

Colorado Municipal Water District celebrated its 50th anniversary in November. Former CRMWD secretary and

Big Spring Herald employee Joe Pickle signed copies of his book, "Water in a Dry and Thirsty Land." Many dignitaries were on hand, including former Gov. Mark White, State Reps. David Counts and George "Buddy" West and former State Sen. Bill Sims.

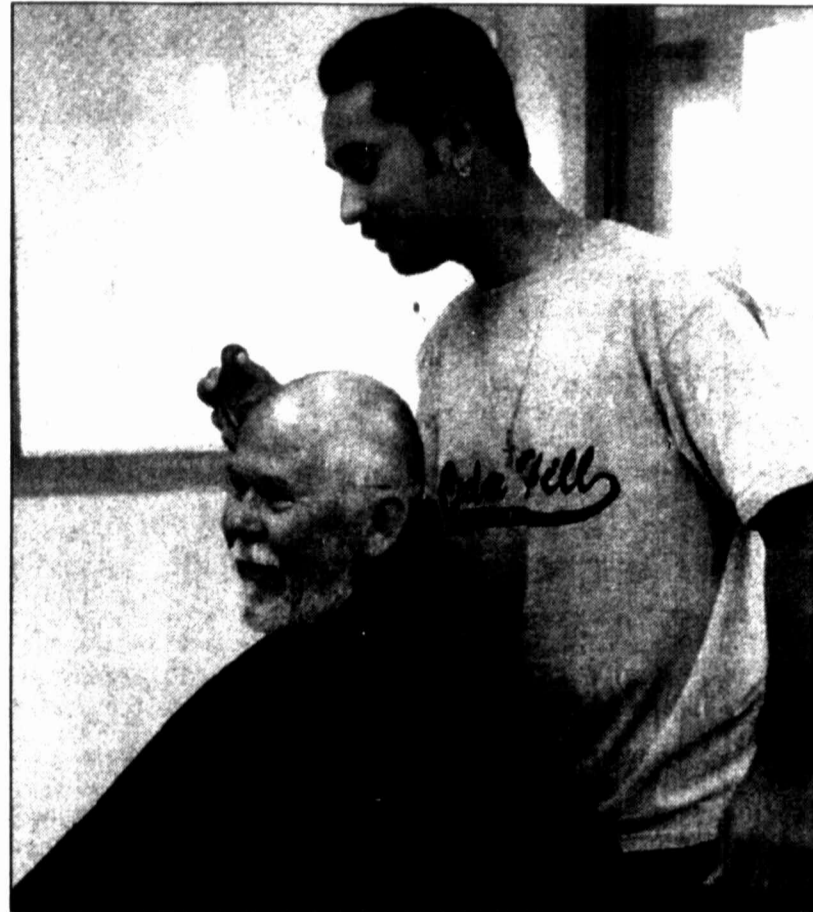
Howard College celebrated 55 years of existence with "Homecoming 2000," a series of events attended by thousands on Nov. 17 and 18. They included a candlelight dinner.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County also celebrated in November as it announced donations of some \$229,656. The goal was \$227,000. It was the fifth consecutive year United Way had reached its goal under director Carroll Jennings, who incidentally had announced earlier that he would be retiring after the year's campaign.

Jennings was honored, too, as he was named grand marshal of the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, planned for Dec. 5.

West Texans took a day late in the month to honor Rep. Counts with a special luncheon. Among those praising the Knox City Democrat were U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm.

Not everyone was celebrating. In some disappointing



Cedar Hill Unit warden Jerry Brookmole has his head shaved by Cpl. Hector Nunez to fulfill a United Way campaign promise.

news, the Texas Railroad Commission told Big Spring City County and seven other cities to settle a rate case with Energas.

"The Railroad Commission said they did not want to hear this. They said in no uncertain terms they wanted us to settle with Energas," a dejected Mayor Russ McEwen said following a special session of the council. "Essentially, they put a gun to our heads."

The end result was Big Spring Energas customers having to pay about \$1.10 a month more on their utility bill, plus a 45-cent charge to pay off litigation costs.

In other happenings during November:

- Area eighth graders got a close look at the judicial system during a mock trial staged by a group of local attorneys. Robert Miller organized the annual event, held at the court-

- house.
- A 37-year-old Big Spring man, Michael Douglass, attempted to hang himself in the Howard County Jail on Nov. 13 after being arrested for driving while intoxicated. Douglass died Nov. 18 in a Lubbock hospital from injuries suffered during the attempt.

- Area farmers and ranches, joined by the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association, filed suit in federal court, seeking to stop the Air Force from flying low-level flights over their property.

- Seventy-one people participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk on Nov. 18 at the First Baptist Church Life Center.

- Kent Bowerman, Big Spring High School principal, announced his retirement late in the month. He accepted the superintendent's position with the Weimar school district.



Former Colorado River Municipal Water District secretary Joe Pickle signs a copy of his book for Lacy Edwards during the district's 50th anniversary celebration.

### BIRTHS

Allen, Bryson Keith, boy, Nov. 11  
Coots, Chase Ryan, boy, Nov. 8  
Cortez, Julia Nikole, girl, Nov. 8  
Cruz, Destiny Faith, girl, Nov. 7  
Grant, Tanner Mitchell, boy, Nov. 1  
Gustin, Grace Avery, girl, Nov. 12

Gutierrez, Aaron William, Nov. 11  
Gutierrez, Paisley Monae, girl, Nov. 8  
Hutcheson, Ceirra Nicloe, girl, Nov. 30  
Hyatt, Celeste Hallie, girl, Nov. 28  
Letz, Nathaniel Jay, boy, Nov. 6  
Lopez, Gabriella Marie, girl, Nov. 12

Martinez, Haley Madison, girl, Nov. 15  
Nalley, Dakota James, boy, Nov. 9  
Sarmiento, Alenna Daniella, Nov. 15  
Talamantes, Maisy Myranda Mier, girl, Nov. 2  
Robertson, Hayley Annette, girl, Nov. 6  
White, Preston Aaron, boy, Oct. 30

Gutierrez, Paisley Monae, girl, Nov. 8  
Perez, Fe Delavida, girl, Nov. 9  
Cortez, Julia Nikole, girl, Nov. 8  
Martinez, Haley Madison, girl, Nov. 15  
Gutierrez, Aaron William, boy, Nov. 12  
Sarmiento, Alenna Daniella, girl, Nov. 15

### DEATHS

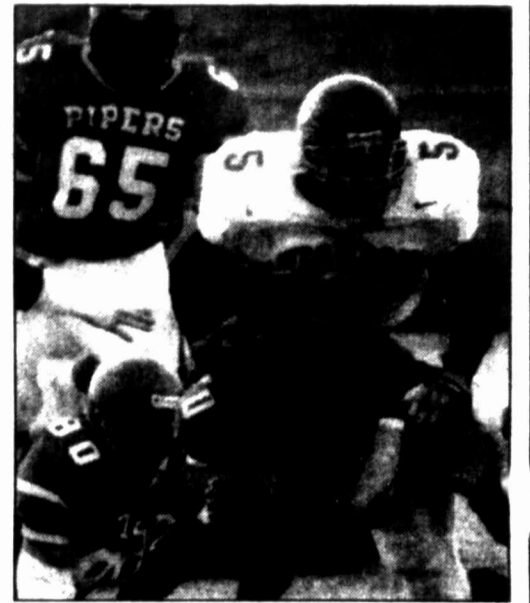
Baird, Allene, 87, Big Spring, Nov. 3  
Becker, Pearl, 83, Big Spring, Nov. 13  
Booth, W. Ed., 79, Big Spring, Nov. 14  
Brooks, Dixie Jane, 63, Stanton, Nov. 23  
Bruton, Pat, 54, Big Spring, Nov. 6  
Castillo, Maria Santos, 89, Big Spring, Nov. 6  
Clanton, Allan Ely, 53, Highland Village, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 17  
Coates, Earl F., 79, Big Spring, Nov. 2  
Collins, Fred, 79, Big Spring, Nov. 10  
Croker, Corinne Faye, 79, Big Spring, Nov. 8  
Douglass, Michael "Mike", 37,

Big Spring, Nov. 18.  
Drake, Myra, 74, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 22  
Faries, Virtle L., 79, Big Spring, Nov. 25  
Franco, "Sonny" Ysrael, 58, Ackerly, Nov. 5  
Gomes, Phillip Charles, 68, Stanton, Nov. 3  
Grant, Freida, 80, Big Spring, Nov. 2  
Greenwood, Mary E., 84, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 15  
Harrington, H.C., 93, Big Spring, Nov. 9  
Jones, Ida Lee, 84, Big Spring, Nov. 9  
Kunschik, Lola, 77, Big Spring, Nov. 1  
Lesueur, Freda Louise Cate, 58, Forsan, Nov. 27

Limon, Phoebe, 57, Big Spring, Nov. 20  
Little, Robert Sr., 61, Big Spring, Nov. 11  
Mancha, Louis Sr., 69, Big Spring, Nov. 9  
Mellies, Eunice, 87, Big Spring, Nov. 27  
Montez, Maria Losoya, 83, Stanton, Nov. 26  
Mullins, Ida Virginia, 101, Big Spring, Nov. 24  
Neel, Dorothy D., 86, Big Spring, Nov. 22  
Painter, Lorraine Jo Hanna, 76, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 25  
Pate, John Paul, 79, Lake Colorado City, Nov. 5  
Proctor, Erma Lee, 69, Big Spring, Nov. 8  
Ratliff, John Weldon, 64, Fort

Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 1  
Reagan, Earl, 83, Big Spring, Nov. 27  
Reed, Orene McElrath, 89, Arlington, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 15  
Richardson, Elsie, 89, Big Spring, Nov. 9  
Rodriguez, Michelle, 21-month-old, Stanton, Nov. 8  
Smith, Floyd C. "Smit y", 55, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 22  
Van Vleet, Lois Powell, 80, Stanton, Nov. 2  
Villa, Manuel M., 66, Stanton, Nov. 8  
Webb, Wayne, 63, Ackerly, Nov. 10

### Sports



Stanton's Jeremy Hull breaks loose for a touchdown during the Buffs' run in the Class 2A football playoffs. Hull would eventually rush for more than 2,500 yards on the season.

Schoolboy football continued to take center stage on the Crossroads sports scene in November, as five area teams finished the regular season with trips to the playoffs in their respective divisions.

Big Spring's Steers, who suffered a 35-21 loss to Snyder in the next to last week of the season, saw their hopes of claiming a District 4-4A title go awry when they dropped a 25-23 decision to Frenship in a championship showdown.

That disappointment didn't last long, however, as the Steers ripped Canyon, 35-14, in a bi-district playoff and followed that with a 46-12 romp over El Paso Riverside in an area game played at Artesia, N.M.

The same night, Colorado City's Wolves and Coahoma's Bulldogs squared off for the District 3-2A championship. The Wolves closed out league play unbeaten with a 24-23 win over the Bulldogs, advancing to the Class 2A, Division I playoffs where they faced Idalou.

That would be as far as the Wolves would get, however, as they were overwhelmed in a 35-0 bi-district loss.

Coahoma, which advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1972, also saw their stay in the postseason a brief one as they fell to New Deal's Lions, 29-6.

Stanton opened the playoffs with a 37-6 win over Sundown in bi-district play and followed that with a 40-18 romp over Ozona.

Sards also saw its stay in the playoffs last just one week, as the Mustangs suffered a 44-34 bi-district loss at the hands of Sanderson's Eagles.

Other highlights included:

- Big Spring's Lady Steers opened the season with a 59-44 win over Odessa Permian's Lady Panthers under new head coach Jimmy Avery. The Steers and new head coach Brian Ellington suffered a lopsided loss to Midland Lee in their opener.
- Midland High's Lady Dawgs took the Howard College Pizza Invitational basketball tournament championship.

- Senior Melissa Forth and freshman Kim Wrightsil led Big Spring's selections to the District 4-4A all-district volleyball team. Forth earned a first-team spot at her outside hitter's position, while Wrightsil, a middle hitter, was named the district's newcomer of the year. Teammates Meghan Pudliner and LaTrisha Rollins earned second-team spots, while Brittany Bryant and Krystle Long received honorable mention status.

- Big Spring's boys dominated the District 4-4A team tennis rankings following the fall season. Jay Shroff, Alex Edgemon, Derek DeHoyos and Brian Wingert were first-team singles players, while Michael Roffers was a second-teamer and Zach Smiley earned honorable mention. Smiley and DeHoyos were a first-team doubles tandem, as was the duo of Roffers and Wingert. Edgemon and Shroff were honorable mention.

- Big Spring High School's Stephanie Stewart and Clint Bamert signed early NCAA scholarships. Stewart, a member of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders, signed with Boise State, a traditional Division I gymnastic powerhouse, while Bamert, a 6-foot-4 righthand pitcher and first baseman inked a baseball letter with LSU.



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# December

## Weather put the freeze on holiday plans

Weather and plenty of it topped the news in Big Spring for December. A Dec. 26 storm of sleet and freezing rain paralyzed the city for the better part of two days, leaving travelers stranded and putting motorists in peril on ice-covered roads.

It was not the month's first ice storm, however. That came Dec. 12, when many local schools took the day off and businesses delayed opening until the melt could start.

Both storms, however, caused numerous accidents and sent emergency workers dashing from one incident to another.

Other events in the news this month included:

- Holiday spirit hit the community early as the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade rolled down Gregg Street on Dec. 2. Thousands lined the parade route despite freezing temperatures and biting wind. Other local celebrations kicked off that same night, including the Festival of Lights display in Comanche Trail Park and the Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church.

- Richard Saxton, Big Spring Postmaster, announced Dec. 5 that he would take the top job in Denton, a post he had been filling temporarily. The change was effective Dec. 16.

- Big Spring Independent School District officials



Mel Prather, Coats for Kids project organizer, gives Isalah 58 volunteers Erma Dunne and Barbara Ervin, right, close to 200 coats for them to distribute to the community. The project collected more than 700 coats during November and December.

announced Dec. 7 that cracks at the junior high school were not cause for concern. The school, which had earlier suffered foundation failure, was said to be cracking slightly again, this time due to thermal conditions.

- Anna McLaughlin and Torny Haynes received an early Christmas this month as it was announced they would be advancing to the state forensics meet.

- Big Spring Junior High students took the challenge issued by their teachers and began the sale of 1,900 miniature Christmas trees to raise money for a field trip. The kids succeeded in their endeavor; teachers rewarded the effort with various stunts, including being taped to a chair.

- As the shopping season kicked in to high gear Dec. 10, local merchants said they were pleased with sales, despite gloomy retail news in other cities.

- Howard County Commissioners said they would cover the medical bills for a man who took his own life in the jail in November.

- Two Howard College programs, the dental hygiene and emergency medical technician programs, received reaccreditation, announced at a board meeting Dec. 11.

- Seventy beautifully dressed dolls were auctioned Dec. 12, raising more than \$4,500 for the Salvation Army.

- School district trustee announced Dec. 14 that they had filled the high school principal post left vacant by the departure of Kent Bowermon.

Mike Ritchey, who had been an assistant, was given the job.

- At mid-month, the Texas Workforce Commission announced the local unemployment rate had dropped to 4.4 percent.

- The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County allocated more than \$150,000 of local donations to 13 agencies.

- A budget bill passed by Congress at mid-December included funding for the Port-to-Plains highway designation that would benefit Big Spring.

- Just after the midway point, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service announced there had been renewed interest in starting up an underground water district in the county.

- Sales tax rebates took a dip downward as the month headed into its second half.

- On Dec. 18, the Festival of Lights announced it expected to set a record for visitors.

- Howard College announced that same day that it would start a new continuing education program in 2001, the Senior Academy for those 55 and over.

- On Dec. 19, a snag had appeared in the news about Big Spring's Veterans Home: A huge increase in liability insurance had made finding a new operator necessary.

- A new charitable project, the Coats for Kids program, announced Dec. 20 that it had collected more than 700 serviceable coats to give to the needy.

- The Harley Owners Group and Scenic Mountain Medical Center came through in the 11th hour of the Salvation Army Angel Tree program, adopting the last 60 angels between the two groups.

- Seventy-eight Big Spring High School students received letters marking their academic achievement as school let out for the holidays.

- The annual Christmas bird count found 106 different species in the local area.

- Just before the holidays, St. Mary's Episcopal head of school Carol Hanes announced she was resigning to take a teaching position at Howard College.

## Sports



Big Spring middle linebacker Bowe Butler (8) assists a teammate in bringing down a Canyon runner during the Steers' bi-district playoff win. Butler was named the AP's Class 4A defensive player of the year.

Enjoying their best season in a decade, Big Spring's Steers joined Stanton's Buffaloes as the Crossroads' longest-lasting football playoff teams in 2000.

The Steers saw their season come to an end with a 33-7 loss to No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls' Coyotes in a Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal game.

Stanton advanced to the Class 2A, Division II semifinals where it faced two-time defending state champion Celina.

Celina took no prisoners, rolling to a 59-7 win over the Buffs.

Big Spring's and Stanton's losses, however, signaled the announcement of all-district teams selected by coaches in District 4-4A and District 3-2A.

But those announcements paled in comparison to the honors bestowed on several area athletes on the AP' all-state football teams.

Middle linebackers from Big Spring and Stanton were named defensive players of the year in the respective classes.

Bowe Butler was Class 4A's top defensive player and teammate Jason Woodruff earned honorable mention status as both a fullback and kicker.

Clay White topped Buffs' selections to the Class 2A all-state team, being named the defensive player of the year.

Put star tailback Jeremy Hull, who piled up more than 2,500 yards rushing on the season, was relegated to second-team status on both offense and defense.

However, Stanton place two others on the first-team all-state squad, as Jon Cotton earned a spot at tight end and Ace Keele was selected as an offensive lineman.

Coahoma had two honorable mention selections in Cory Hill and Travis McMillian. Stanton placed offensive lineman Matthew Tollison on the honorable mention squad.

Butler led Big Spring's selections on the 4-4A all-district team, being named as the league's defensive MVP. He was joined on the first-team by Justin Nichols, Woodruff, Jason Choate, Nick Valencia and Willis Morrison.

Crossroads teams also dominated the 3-2A all-district team. Hull was offensive MVP, while White was the top defensive player. Teammates Rushton Pardue, Lance Kargl, Tollison, Kery Hinjosa and Stoney Brown were also first-teamers.

Colorado City placed Chase Phariss, Kevin Wright, Marquise Lenard, Andrew Spear, Tyson Ziegler, B.J. Graham and Jed Anderson on the first-team; while Coahoma's selections included Hill, Lane Belew, Allen Belew, Chase Ward, McMillian and Taylor Parrish.

Forsan's all-district first-teamers were Wes Longorio, Andy Neel, Brad Gillihan and Dustin Morgan.

Other sports highlights in December included:

- Big Spring's Lady Steers won the Brownfield Invitational basketball tournament. The Lady Steers then opened District 4-4A basketball play with a 51-46 win over Frenship's Lady Tigers.

- Ron Mayberry announces his resignation as head coach of the Howard College Lady Hawks basketball program. Assistant Joey Wells was named as interim head coach.



From left, China Long, Candy Parrish and Andi Andrews-York were the judges for the Salvation Army Doll Festival.

## BIRTHS

Calvin, Alexis Renee, girl, Dec. 18.  
Flores, Megan Lee Ann, girl, Dec. 7.  
Gonzales, Abraham Joseph "A.J.", boy, Dec. 5.  
Herrera, Faith Charlotte, girl, Dec. 5.  
Hoard, Amber Rose, girl, Dec. 17.  
Lara III, Luis, boy, Dec. 10.  
Marquez III, Manuel Moreno, boy, Dec. 7.  
Martinez, Cassidy Guadalupe, girl, Dec. 12.

Mauzey, Marilee Elizabeth Renea, girl, Dec. 11.  
Moreno, Adonna Monea Garcia, girl, Dec. 11.  
Morgan, Kaylee Nicole, girl, Dec. 10.

Redlin, Gary Colton, boy, Dec. 10.  
Rodriguez, Christon Maria, girl, Dec. 7.  
Vanderbilt, Janeigh Alexis, girl, Dec. 18.

## DEATHS

Averitt, F.D. "Don", 55, Lufkin, Dec. 9.  
Balzer, Albert W., 91, Big Spring, Dec. 4.  
Banks, Hosea, 86, Big Spring, Dec. 17.  
Brown, Glenn Larry, Stanton, Dec. 1.  
Callenden, Curtis, Big Spring, Dec. 22.  
Cannon, Minnie, 94, Big Spring, Dec. 7.  
Couture, Cleo, 74, Big Spring, Dec. 25.  
Crittenden, Curtis, 88, Big Spring, Dec. 22.  
DeLeon, Bertina, 42, Big Spring, Dec. 10.  
Forrest, Jewell, 92, Midland, Dec. 24.  
Gomez, Moises Parra, 81, Odessa, Dec. 20.  
Hankins, Jack Weldon, 77, Stanton, Dec. 23.  
Hill, Latha, 89, Big Spring, Dec. 21.  
Horton, Marie, 84, Big Spring, Dec. 23.  
Johnson, Roy W., 64, San Antonio, Dec. 16.  
Long, Lucille, 85, Mesquite, Dec. 19.  
Loveless, Louis, 71, Big Spring, Dec. 24.  
Martinez, Frank, 76, Midland, Dec. 20.  
Massey, Cora Hettie, 89, Ft. Worth, Dec. 17.  
McCabe, Marcella King, 85, Big Spring, Dec. 23.  
Merrick, Elizabeth, 95, Lamesa, Dec. 26.  
Meyers, Sue Ann, 54, Odessa, Dec. 6.

Minchew, Billy Joe, 39, Big Spring, Dec. 22.  
Neel, Freeda L., 90, Big Spring, Dec. 15.  
Perkins, Vergil L., 87, Big Spring, Dec. 14.  
Pigott, Onita Bernell Ward, Colorado City, Dec. 18.  
Porter, Louise, 91, Kerrville, Dec. 7.  
Prescott, Donald Ray, 50, Big Spring, Dec. 25.  
Preston, Dacia Fay, 96, Odessa, Dec. 15.  
Reese, Vada, 61, Big Spring, Dec. 16.  
Reaves, Donald, 69, Palm Bay, Dec. 12.  
Reaves, H. Bennett, 77, Lubbock, Dec. 15.  
Rodriguez, Armando, 46, Big Spring, Dec. 11.

Seay, Florence Vivian, 89, Big Spring, Dec. 18.  
Spinks, Joe L., 88, Big Spring, Dec. 14.  
Trent, Raymond (Ray) Lee, 75, Big Spring, Dec. 25.  
Tucker, June, 68, Big Spring, Dec. 17.  
Warren, Douglas, 35, Fredricksberg, Dec. 5.  
White, Mildred A., 87, Lubbock, Dec. 16.  
White, Wilfred, 85, Big Spring, Dec. 8.

Because of deadlines, the cut-off for inclusion in the year-in-review was Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000. All obituaries and births show the date listed on the forms provided the Herald by the funeral homes and/or hospitals.

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