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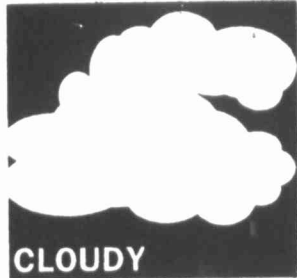
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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT WEDNESDAY  
27°-29° 32°-34°

## Snow returns to Crossroads area forecast

Snow is in the forecast again.

According to the National Weather Service in Midland, there will be a 20 percent chance of snow tonight, increasing to 50 percent during the day Wednesday.

Temperatures will be in the lower 20s tonight and warm up only to the lower 30s on Wednesday.

Wednesday night, the chance of snow decreases to around 30 percent.

## College holding late registration through Friday

Late registration at Howard College for the spring 2001 semester will continue until Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Late registration is set through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. On Friday, students may register late for classes from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is a \$5 late registration fee.

After receiving the necessary documentation from guidance and counseling, a student should enroll in their selected classes at the Admissions office.

An opportunity to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test is set for Wednesday at noon.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's.

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## Former Big Spring resident to perform for Bush send-off

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Another Big Spring native will be performing Wednesday in Midland as Texas holds its big send-off for President-elect George W. Bush.

Former Big Spring resident Johnnie Saldivar and his Ector Junior High School mariachi band will perform during a musical tribute at the Centennial Plaza in downtown-Midland. The group will be performing at 10:50 a.m.

Saldivar said he is thrilled and honored to get to participate in the event, even if it is a brief moment.

"I feel really honored to get to be a part of this musical tribute," said Saldivar. "There are so many talented people that could have been chosen for this. We are just very excited to get this opportunity."

Saldivar attended school in Big Spring. He also attended Howard College

and took music lessons from Marshall Horn and Adolph Labbe. He later studied classical guitar at the University of North Texas.

"I owe a lot to them for my early training on the guitar," said Saldivar, who played in a group called "La Primera" while still in Big Spring. "I just recently moved to Odessa and began teaching there and I really enjoy working with that age group."

Saldivar not only attended Howard College but also

taught there.

"I taught adult basic education there for a while," said Saldivar. "I also taught music while at the federal prison working in the recreational department. I also worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for a while, teaching music therapy, which was very interesting."

Saldivar, who plays in a band called "Live Train," still considers Big Spring home and has lots of friends here.

"Though I no longer live in Big Spring this will always be my home," said Saldivar.

At approximately 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Big Spring country music artist Vince Hatfield will perform.

Entertainment is set from 9:30 a.m. until noon on a stage on Loraine Street. The event is free, but tickets are required and can be obtained at the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

The inauguration is Saturday in Washington, D.C.



Marty Whitworth of Howard Cottage reads to 2-year-old Ashley Luce, left, and 3-year-old Tristin Rodriguez this morning. Two-year-old Arturo Rocha sits in the corner listening to the story.

## All-state not in the cards this year, but BSHS band members play well

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Dozens of Big Spring High School students have been competing against their

peers from across West Texas in all-region, area and all-state band competitions.

Some of them took top honors, including first-chair status in regional band and slots in the 5-A regional band.

The students first began their musical journey hoping to qualify for all-state by competing in regional band auditions where more than 50 Big Spring High School students performed for the judges.

Almost 40 Big Spring High

School students qualified for regional band while more than 20 qualified for area.

The latest competition was a Jan. 6 audition for all-state honors.

"We did not have anyone qualify for all-state band," said Rocky Harris, Big Spring High School band director.

Competition was stiff as almost 90 area students competed for about 15 slots in that top band, Harris said.

"In some sections like the piccolo, those students that qualify from area have to test again for all-state because those sections are so small," he said.

Several of the students earned first chair for their section in regional band, including: Sara Murphree, piccolo; Breck Simmons, oboe; Chelsey Helsley, bassoon; Teri Denton, bass clarinet; Wayne Jordy,

tenor saxophone; Val Aguirre, cornet; Jessica Ray, horn; Daniel Mata, trombone; Jeff Stanley, bass trombone; and Adam Partee, baritone. Those students also qualified for area band.

Other students who qualified for area band and regional band include: Chelsea Churchwell, flute; April Ward, flute; Jamie Pineda, clarinet; Eloy Leal, clarinet; Vanessa Rodriguez, clarinet; Joe Landin, alto saxophone; Gracie Acosta, cornet; John Ontiveros, cornet; Aaron Scholer, cornet; Katie Policky, horn; Tanya Adusumilli, horn; Jason Martinez, trombone; Eric Gamble, baritone; Ricky Yanez, tuba; and John Giles, percussion.

Churchwell and Aguirre also qualified for 5A Regional Band, an addition

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## Sinking Officials will not wait until June to continue compaction grouting

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Due to some movement of the soil beneath Big Spring Junior High School, another round of

compaction grouting will be done again, probably one day this week, according to Big Spring ISD Superintendent William "Bill" McQueary.

"This is something that we had already made plans to do," said McQueary. "Our plans were to do it as soon as school lets out but engineers tell us we would be better served to do it now rather than later."

The work had been scheduled for June.

Compaction grouting, a method used to stop the sinking, was done by Haywood Baker Grouters at a cost of more than \$200,000 last year but the work has not completely stopped the foundation from sinking.

Rimcus Corporation, a company that conducted the foundation study, recommended the school bring them Haywood Baker back as soon as possible.

"There are three areas that we need to reshoot," said McQueary. "Engineers feel that this time with their direction, this should solve the problem of the foundation shifting. We are certainly hopeful of that as well."

McQueary said that the cost of the work would be recuperated from the contractors who built the facility.

Open house for the \$10 million dollar school was held in July of 1999. Just three weeks after students

## BSISD board to meet today

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring ISD trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. today at the high school boardroom.

Among the items on the agenda are the consideration of hiring a new high school assistant principal to replace Michael Ritchie.

Ritchie was named to replace principal Kent Bowermon, who resigned effective Dec. 22 to take the superintendent's position at Weimar ISD.

Other items to be addressed will be grant approvals and Bankhead scholarships.

begin attending classes, it became evident there was a major problem. Cracks began to appear in the classroom cement walls, lockers in the physical education dressing rooms pulled from the wall, the terrazzo flooring began cracking and exterior bricks started to gap.

In 2000, the school district filed suit against Terracon Consultants in 118th District Court, seeking payment for all past and future damages to the building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Terracon Consultants, headquartered in Lenexa, Kan., was the firm hired by the district to determine if the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable. However, it has since been determined that the a canyon once existed on the site.

## Moore Development takes no action on plea for help by housing firm

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

After deliberating for more than an hour, Moore Development for Big Spring

directors took no action on a proposal by an Austin management company to bring additional housing to Big Spring.

Patty Pence, owner of Management USA, head met with the board in December, seeking assistance in securing land that formerly occupied by the Apache Bend apartments. Directors at that time tabled the proposal until more

information could be gathered.

Pence said her company would like to build between 200 to 240 housing units in the next few months.

Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director, said the board would "love to help out" but added that its hands are tied when it comes to helping fund private industries. He noted that construction of housing is beyond Moore Development's scope.

"We would do everything we could do to help Mrs. Pence if they weren't a private industry," said Sharp. "It's like I have said before, our main purpose here is to help industry and industrial growth and anything out

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Howard College admissions office employee Janet DeLeon waits while Amanda Jordan of San Marcos fills out the paperwork to drop a class. Late registration and adding or dropping a course will continue through Friday at the admissions office.

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# With Ashcroft hearing looming, Bush pays tribute to King

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush honored Martin Luther King Jr. with a promise to advance King's work by improving public schools, as civil rights questions loomed over the confirmation of his attorney general nominee, John Ashcroft.

As Ashcroft faced those questions today on Capitol Hill, Bush was spending his last day at home in Texas before changing his address to Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Laura, will take up residence at the White House following Saturday's inauguration.

"America does not always live up to our ideals," Bush said at a predominantly black Houston elementary school. "The hopes of too many children are frustrated by deep poverty and unequal schools," he said. "And when this happens, our whole country feels the loss of their gifts."

Standing at Bush's side was Rod Paige, his designated education secretary and a product of segregated schools in Mississippi.

Bush held up school desegregation efforts by King's generation as "one of the great victories of our

nation." "Today the challenge is different, but there's still a challenge," the president-elect said. "See, every child can go to school now. The fundamental question is, is every child learning?"

"Access is equal, but not opportunity when not all children are learning in America," he said.

Segregation was among the issues critics have pointed to in assailing Ashcroft's nomination. Ashcroft also has criticized desegregation lawsuits in Kansas City, Mo., and in St. Louis.

Ashcroft opposes affirmative action programs based on racial preferences, and as a Missouri senator voted against expanding hate-crimes laws to make it easier for federal prosecutors to try such cases.

He spoke out Monday against racial profiling, and some civil rights leaders spoke out to defend him.

Nevertheless, Ashcroft remains the most polarizing of Bush's nominees, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson has demanded that Democratic senators vote against him.

Bush drew one in nine black votes in the November

election, and acknowledged earlier this week he was "whipped" among that bloc.

Seeking to reassure mistrustful blacks, he said in his 12-minute address: "My job will be to listen not only to the successful, but also to the suffering."

Paige, who heads the Houston school district, also urged his listeners to back Bush.

"His presence here today signals he understands the importance of this day to you and to me and to all of us in the nation," Paige said.

And echoing King's

words, he called on his young listeners to pay tribute to King by minding the content of their characters.

"You're in charge of the content of your character," Paige said.

The president-elect on Tuesday was receiving a national security briefing, conducting a television interview and putting the finishing touches on his packing, spokesman Gordon Johndroe said.

En route to Washington on Wednesday, he planned to stop in Midland, where he spent his early years, for a send-off rally.

## Court considers scope of discrimination law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Martha Sandoval understood a little English — enough to know what signs like "stop" or "right turn" meant, but not enough to read a book, or a driver's license exam.

Sandoval, originally from Mexico, wanted to take Alabama's driver's exam in 1996. She gave up when she learned that the state, following up a 1990 "English only" law, had stopped offering the test in Spanish.

The Supreme Court was hearing from her lawyers Tuesday in a case that will test the scope of a major federal anti-discrimination law. The court agreed to settle whether private individuals such as Sandoval can sue under the part of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that bars state recipients of federal money from discrimi-

nating based on race, color or national origin.

Sandoval won a federal class-action suit scrapping the English language rule for driver's exams, and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

The lower courts said the policy violated the federal anti-bias law because it would have a "disparate impact" on non-English speakers, and ordered the state to offer the tests in other languages.

"The protection of the Constitution extends to all," the appeals court wrote. "To those who speak other languages as well as to those born with English on the tongue."

Both lower courts rejected state officials' arguments that the relevant portion of the 1964 law does not allow lawsuits by private citizens.

All the federal appeals courts that have studied that issue have reached the same conclusion, but the Supreme Court has never spoken definitively on the issue.

It is not clear whether a Supreme Court ruling would revisit the legality of the English-only tests, but if Sandoval never had the right to sue, her class-action case could be a hollow victory.

Lawyers for Sandoval, a house cleaner and shopkeeper in Mobile, Ala., urged the court to keep the case narrowly focused on Sandoval's right to sue, which the lawyers argue is plain.

Ensuring the right to sue is especially important because a previous Supreme Court ruling blocked alleged victims from receiving

money such as back pay in similar situations.

"If private civil actions are not available, funding recipients will have even less incentive to comply with these regulations," her lawyers wrote in court papers.

The Clinton administration sided with Sandoval.

Alabama agrees that the "national origin" part of the 1964 law bars intentional discrimination. But the state claims that the driver's exam rules did not discriminate intentionally and had nothing to do with the several million dollars of federal aid that the Alabama Department of Public Safety receives each year.

"The problem is, every law has a disparate impact on someone," Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor wrote in court papers.

## Motorola says layoffs will improve efficiency

CHICAGO (AP) — Motorola Inc. is laying off 2,500 employees, about 2 percent of its work force, but the wireless giant contends its share of the global cellphone market is showing signs of improving.

The company said Monday that it plans to shut down its only U.S. cellphone manufacturing operation at its facility in Harvard, Ill., by June 30. About 2,500 employees will remain at the factory 60 miles northwest of Chicago, working on research, marketing and customer service.

In early December, the company announced the layoffs of 2,870 employees in Iowa, Florida and Ireland as part of a money-saving plan to outsource more of its cellphone production.

Motorola is the world's second-biggest manufacturer of cellular phones, and is No. 3 in semiconductors.

A senior executive stressed that the latest reductions don't signify new trouble for the company, which has seen its stock skid to a two-year low.

"This is not in reaction to any recent market change nor any kind of reassessment of our situation," said Leif Soderberg, senior vice president of strategy for Motorola's personal communications division. "This is part of our longer-term plan in terms of making the cellular business cost-competitive."

Motorola said new products currently planned for the Harvard facility will

either be outsourced or made at its plants in Brazil, China, Germany, Mexico and Scotland.

Motorola engineers based at Harvard are working on the next generation of digital phones.

Motorola lost its industry lead to Nokia in 1999 and has slipped further behind its Finnish competitor. In the third quarter of 2000, industry-tracking data showed it had just a 13 percent share of the market, compared with 30 percent for Nokia.

But Soderberg said preliminary data shows Motorola's market share

rose in the fourth quarter. He declined to elaborate.

Motorola had sales of \$37.6 billion last year. Sales of mobile phones and other wireless devices rose just 1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2000.

## Reward now \$440,000; possible convict sighting

IRVING (AP) — With the seven escaped convicts from a South Texas prison having eluded authorities more than a month, the reward for information leading to their arrests and convictions has risen to \$440,000.

Two of the fugitives were reportedly spotted north of Houston on Monday. The sightings could not immediately be confirmed by state officials, although initial FBI review of the store's surveillance video showed promise.

Navasota Police Chief Bill Lucas said his investigators are reviewing surveillance photos with state corrections and Texas Department of Public Safety officers.

The chief said employees of an Exxon station near Texas 6 reported seeing two men in a red and white flatbed pickup truck who fit the descriptions of Donald Keith Newbury, 38, and Randy Ethan Halprin, 23.

The two men purchased beverages and tried on sun-

glasses at the store, then requested directions to Conroe.

The men were last seen heading east on Texas 105, leaving Navasota in the direction of Montgomery County.

Lucas said police in Navasota, about 60 miles north of Houston, notified law officers in that area. Montgomery County sheriff's officers began searching Conroe streets for the fugitives.

Halprin and Newbury escaped with five others from the Connally Unit near Kenedy on Dec. 13. The fugitives face capital murder charges in the shooting death of police officer Aubrey Hawkins during a Christmas eve robbery of an Oshmans Super Sports USA in Irving.

Irving police said Monday that the FBI added an additional \$140,000 to the existing \$300,000 reward for finding the two killers, two armed robbers, a child beater, a serial rapist and a burglar.

## Houston power source threatens to bankrupt California utilities

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In the midst of California's struggle to obtain more regional power, a major electricity supplier is threatening to take the state's two largest utility companies to bankruptcy court.

If Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric do not make payments due this week, officials from Houston-based Dynegy Inc. said Monday they will have no choice but to take them to court.

"If we can't get this bill through in the next two days, this will start to unravel," Stephen W. Bergstrom, president of Dynegy, said. "When and if they (Edison) default on Thursday, it puts us in a position where we have to take them into bankruptcy, and I'm sure others will be right beside us."

Bergstrom refused to say how much money Dynegy is owed but said if any three creditors jointly petitioned the court, it would be enough to start involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

State and federal lawmakers are trying to craft a temporary solution to California's power crisis. Officials met last weekend with electricity wholesalers to negotiate a plan for the state to buy electricity and sell it to utilities.

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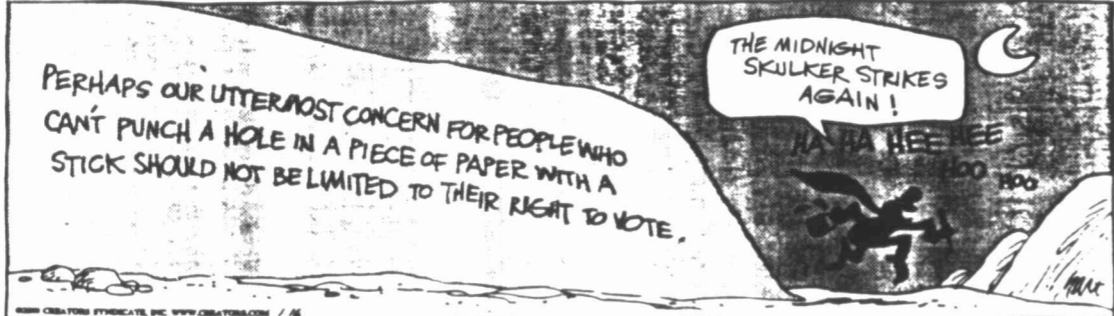
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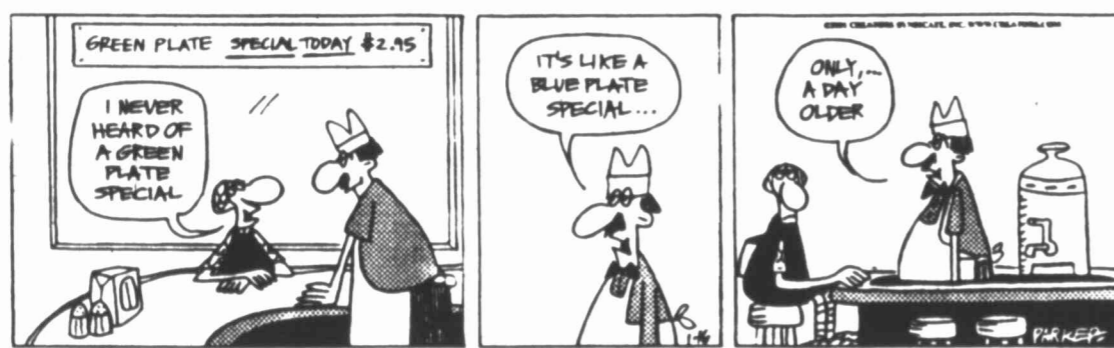
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was crowned Czar of Russia. In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established. In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri became the 36th, 37th and 38th states to ratify Prohibition...

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Robert Zimmerman San Diego, CA 1/16/01

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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