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YEAR IN REVIEW



From the basketball court to district court, the *Herald* takes a look at how 2002 impacted lives throughout the Crossroads area. Sports, general news, births and deaths — they are all in today's issue.

BRIEFLY

Flu shots

The Texas Department of Health, 501 Birdwell Lane, will be giving flu shots from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays for those age 9 and older. Cost is \$10.

WATER LINE REPAIRS

The City of Big Spring Water Utilities Department will be replacing three valves in the water system on Friday from 6:30 a.m. until the work is completed.

Customers in the following areas will experience low or no water pressure during this time: South Owens from Second to 10th Street, South 10th Street from State to Johnson, State Street from Sycamore to Howell and Sixth Street from Caylor to Benton.

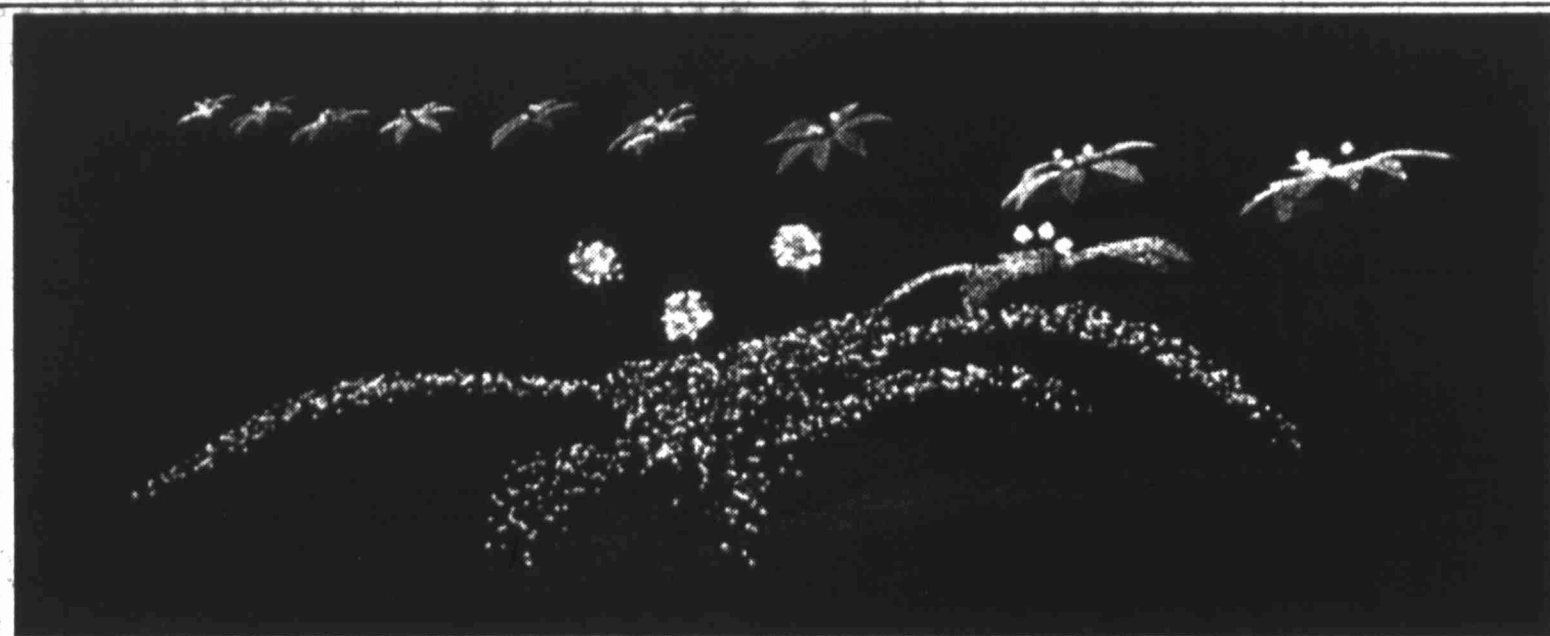
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Eleven giant poinsettias line the Comanche Trail Lake dam. Tonight is the last chance to check out the Festival of Lights in Comanche Trail Park. Close to half a million lights have illuminated the park and the historic spring for the past two weeks. More than 16,000 visitors from all over Texas, 35 other states and seven foreign countries have visited the exhibition.

Courtesy photo/Lane Bond

Last opportunity to see Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

If you haven't seen it yet, tonight's the night. Or even if you have driven through this year's

Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights, you have one more chance to give it another look.

The festival will fill the park with twinkle from 6 to 10 p.m. today, and then

6-10 tonight!

go dark for 11 1/2 months until the 2003 lights flare up.

"Tonight's the last

night, thank the Lord," joked organizer Pat Simmons. "It has been a good year really. The weather has really cooperated. It's just been nippy some nights."

Turnout for the event is already a bit more than it was for last year's event, Simmons added.

"We are about four

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Trees accepted at landfill or compost facility

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The egg nog is gone, ornaments are placed away and all the tinsel is taken down. Now it's time for another holiday tradition — hauling off the Christmas tree.

The city of Big Spring is asking the public to give a helping hand by making sure each tree goes to the right place.

"Since we are short of personnel and equipment, we're asking people to bring their Christmas trees to the landfill or the compost facility," said Armando Gil, city of Big Spring solid waste and compost facility superintendent.

About 50 trees have straggled into the landfill, 2100 E. FM 700, since Christmas and are waiting to be transported to



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Joe Pesina, supervisor of the city of Big Spring solid waste facility, loads another Christmas tree into a 30-yard container located at the city landfill, 2100 E. FM 700. Trees can also be taken to the city compost facility on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

the compost facility, located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

"At the landfill, we have a 30-yard, open-top container to place the

trees," Gil said. "We will See TREES, Page 3A

Hangar 25 soaking live trees for cover

HERALD Staff Report

Hangar 25 Air Museum is asking for the donation of container-grown Christmas trees.

Eldercia pines, firs and small-container grown ornamental trees are being accepted. Norfolk pines cannot be used.

The trees will be used for landscaping at the museum, which is located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Hangar 25 is a not-for-profit museum which is dedicated to preserving Big Spring's aviation history.

For more information, contact Susan Lewis, museum coordinator, at 264-1999.

Fund-raiser promotes safe graduation night for Garden City

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Donations are now being sought for Garden City High School's "Project Graduation," an all-night party aimed at helping to reduce the chance of automobile-related accidents during graduation night.

"Right now things are a

little slow," said Martha Schwartz, "Project Graduation" prize committee member. "We're trying to get organized. We will have a big fund-raiser at the end of January for Super Bowl Sunday.

"We usually have a barbecue chicken dinner and watch the Super Bowl,"

Donations can be sent to: Project Graduation, P.O. Box 302, Garden City 79739.

Schwartz continued. "We'll have another fund-raiser at the end of April

to wrap up donations."

The all-night, chemical-free party costs around \$12,000 to \$15,000 to put on, Schwartz said. The cost varies, depending on class size and the type of activities planned.

"We've sent out letters asking for monetary donations," Schwartz said. "They can give gifts

such as savings bonds or food or prizes like movie passes."

This will be the seventh annual "Project Graduation" for Garden City High School seniors and will be held on the school property.

"After graduation every-

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Local Dodge dealership closing its doors today

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

After nearly a year in Big Spring, All-American Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep is closing its doors, effective today.

"The main thing is the market penetration from outside the area is pretty much controlling the new car sales in Big Spring," said Duke Owens, regional vice president of All-American's parent company, Oregon-based Lithia Motor Corporation. "There's just not enough to support a store stand-alone in Big Spring. A lot of cars are being what we call 'pumped in' to Big

"We're transferring the ones that want to transfer to our other stores in Midland and Odessa, which is the majority of our employees."

Duke Owens, regional vice president

Spring from our Midland store. As a matter of fact, we service a lot of the Chrysler owners in Big Spring through our

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
After a year under the All-American Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep name, the dealership, formerly Fiesta Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep, is shutting its doors effective today. Vice President Duke Owens blamed the shutdown on a large percentage of Big Spring car buyers shopping outside the city.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Dorothy Thomason



Dorothy Thomason, 80, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on July 18, 1922, in Ringling, Okla., and married Cramer Thomason in 1978 in Stanton. She was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her children, Elmer Hensley, on Jan. 15, 1972.

Dorothy worked as a nurse for Big Spring Hospital, Malone-Hogan Hospital, and then later retired from the Big Spring State Hospital. Mrs. Thomason helped the Medicine Shoppe in screening for high blood pressure for their clients after her retirement. She was very dedicated too and loved nursing.

Dorothy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include her husband, Cramer Thomason of Big Spring; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Valoise and Joel Record of Chino, Calif., Mary Partlow of Big Spring, Doris Jo Walling of Big Spring and Danny Walling of Midland; one brother, C.J. Bruton of Shoshoni, Wyo.; one sister, Mrs. Jesse Walton of Norwalk, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Doyle Hensley; one granddaughter, Mindy Michelle Record, and one grandson, Jimmy Ray Parlow.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Robert Gary Margolis

Robert Gary Margolis passed away on Dec. 29, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, in the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mr. Margolis grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Rice University. He graduated from the SMU School of Law in 1977. He was involved in local politics and the Democratic Party. Robert was passionate about learning, reading and having "grand discussions."

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn; his sister, Maridene Margolis, and husband, Peter Robles; three brothers, Larry and wife, Susan, David and wife Jean and Glenn and wife, Shirley Banfield; and four nephews.

Services under the direction of Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas.

Paid obituary

Mary Jo Ates

Funeral service for Mary Jo Ates of Stanton were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, in the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Kelly Inman officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at Memorial Cemetery in Malden, Mo.

Mrs. Ates was born on Jan. 2, 1928, in Malden, Mo. She died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at Stanton Care Center. She moved to Stanton in December 1981 and worked in the cafeteria for the Stanton Independent School District. She was a Baptist and had been a resident at Stanton Care Center for the past three years.

Survivors include four daughters, Donna Clark and Linda Mendez, both of Stanton, Linda Jones of Missouri and Joyce Turner of Joplin, Mo.; three sons, Roger Ford of Florida, John Clark of Midland and Charles Clark of Austin; five brothers, Bill Burke of Chicago, Ill., Jim Burke of Haiti, Mo., Bob Burke of Malden, Mo., Charlie Burke of Missouri and Donald Burke of Florida; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Ates; a son, Billy Joe Clark; a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Take note

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **A BENEFIT FUND** has been set up for Chris (Rocky) Tubb at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray the medical bills and assist his wife and child until his long term disability is in effect. He had no short term disability insurance. He was injured in an accident and is in critical condition in ICU in Austin. He is the son of Cindy and David Tubb of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. today:

• **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 55, of 1511 Princeton was arrested on charges of public intoxication and theft less than \$50.

• **KRISTIN RENE HAWKINS**, 20, of 405 Moss Lake Road was arrested on two local warrants.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1700 block of Alabama.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson, the 1200 block of Frazier and the 700 block of Lorilla.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla. Home electronic equipment worth \$638 was reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2000 block of South Scurry. Someone reportedly removed the glass from the front door causing \$10 damage before stealing consumable goods worth \$10.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3200 block of West Highway 80. A red 1994 Dodge was reported stolen and later recovered.

Support groups

TUESDAY

□ **TOPS Club TX 1756** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

□ **AA open discussion meeting** from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; **Women's meeting**; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ **Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group** meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ **AA open discussion meeting** from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ **Open Discussion Meeting**, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. **Open Podium/Speakers Meeting** 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Open Birthday Night No Smoking** — meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

□ **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

□ **Encourager's Support Group**, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

□ **Project Freedom**, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

□ **Surviving Pregnancy Loss** meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

□ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MONDAY

□ **TOPS Club TX 21** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ **New Voice Club** support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

Weather

Tonight — Breezy and clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph.

New Years Day — Windy and sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 25 to 30 mph.

Wednesday night — Windy and clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Thursday — Breezy and sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Friday — Clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash Five drawing Monday night: 11-17-19-20-24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 8-5-9

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@ccroom.net.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial park, 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

Coffee Club, 7 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, country and western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, open for tours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Eagles Lodge, dance, 8:30 p.m., 703 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Sr. Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Seniors 50 years and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring, noon, 610 Scurry.

Concerned Citizen's, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Big Spring Chapter & Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic building, 221 1/2 Main.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third, Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

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ahead of last year," she said. "We have had 16,830 go through thus far."

The total qualifies as the festival's best turnout ever, including years when the show was open for a full month instead of two weeks.

"Even back in 2000 when we were running for the whole month, we had 14,000 go through," Simmons said. "With this being two weeks, in comparison, we're doing great. We still have one more night."

The count of other states and countries from which visitors hail remains at 35 states and seven foreign nations: Brazil, Scotland, France, Japan, Mexico, Germany and the Philippines, Simmons said.

"I thought I had a new one last night, but then I was like, 'Ahh...I think we've had Montana,'" she said. "I checked that out and sure enough, we had."

This year's festival has been free of major vandalism, she added.

"I think some of the little gremlins are pulling our plugs," she said. "Then last night a woman accidentally ran into our cable dividing the traffic into the spring. So I've got to get that repaired tonight."

And what can we expect for next year?

"What I'm thinking about right now are our blank spots — we still have some blank spots — and getting those in lights," Simmons said.

"Of course we'll try to get some Indians down there with our diorama. We might do some additions there, but there's not much we can do with the diorama. We can add little minute things. There will probably be some other new things. We don't want to tell everything."

Simmons is looking for new volunteers for next year's show.

"Anyone that would be interested in working with the Festival of Lights, have them give me a call," she said. "What I need basically is manpower, when it gets right down to it. When we get in pinches, we need manpower."

People to wrap trees, troubleshooters and people to walk the trails and find burned out lights or vandalism.

For more information call Simmons at 263-4607.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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More water line repairs planned

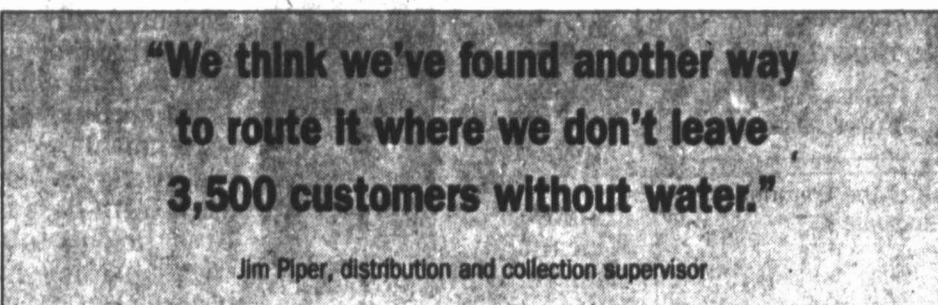
City to revisit original problem again on Friday, officials say

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

After repairing a couple of main breaks Friday, the city Water Department is planning to shut down the water to several customers again — this time to make the repairs they originally intended.

Big Spring crews were set to replace two water line valves Friday, but when they cut water to the section they intended to work in, extra pressure on the system caused a 20-inch main in at the intersection of Baylor Boulevard and Kentucky Way and an 8-inch main in the 1500 block of East Third Street to break, leaving 3,500 customers in eastern Big Spring, Sand Springs and Coahoma waterless most of the day.

Crews were able to repair the new leaks and restore water ser-



vice to those customers, but didn't get the original job finished. That work is scheduled for this Friday.

"There's two valves," said Piper. "The big one we're putting in is an 18-inch valve on one of our main transmission lines right there at 10th and Owens. We're also going to be changing out a six-inch valve that's broken there at 10th and Goliad at the same time."

The problems experienced last Friday shouldn't repeat, he said.

"We think we've found another way to route it where we don't leave 3,500 customers without water," said Distribution and Collection Supervisor Jim Piper.

Areas that will be out are South Owens from Second Street to 10th Street, South 10th Street from State Street to Johnson Street, State Street from Sycamore to Howell Street and Sixth Street from Caylor to Benton.

Piper said he's not sure how long the water will be off for

those customers.

"It will be at least late afternoon or early evening before I start restoring service," he estimated.

The water should be off by 6:30 a.m.

Piper said crews are doing the repairs now so that they'll be completed before school children return to Big Spring High School and Junior High.

"The high school will be out of water and the junior high," he said. "That's why we're doing it at the time they're on their Christmas break. We've been waiting for about a month to do this job because we knew the school would be shut down when we did it."

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the trees."

Gil advises not to dump trees in neighboring alleys.

"I noticed a lot of people are putting them in the alleys," he said. "No one is picking them up and they are too large for the three gallon containers. Eventually if there is debris in the alleys people think its a disposal area and it starts to gather junk. Then code enforcement has to come in and start issuing citations."

Neither the landfill nor the compost facility charges a fee to dispose of a tree, Gil said.

The city will be closed Wednesday for New Year's day and will resume garbage collection on Thursday.

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one is excited," Schwartz said. "Sometimes, alcohol is involved and alcohol-related accidents. Mostly, the kids are very tired because of finals and senior week activities."

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And the all-night celebration also gives students a time to build special memories.

"They may not realize it but this is the last time they will all be together as a group," Schwartz said.

For more information about the program or to donate, call Schwartz at (915) 397-2268 or Rose Pelzel at (915) 397-2762. Donations can be sent to: Project Graduation, P.O. Box 302, Garden City 79739.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

DODGE

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Midland store."

Owens said the company is providing jobs in Midland or Odessa for those employees that want to transfer.

"We're transferring the ones that want to transfer to our other stores in Midland and Odessa, which is the majority of our employees," he said. "Some of them don't want to transfer, obviously, because they don't want

to make the drive. They're looking for jobs here. But we've been able to accommodate all of them."

"We have talked to several. The problem is that once this store closes today, it will remain a closed Chrysler point. Chrysler will not reopen it. So unless somebody comes to the table today, we're still going to close it. I don't see that happening on New Year's Eve. We've entertained a number of people, but once they look at the numbers and look at the market share in this town, it's hard to support a stand-alone store."

Owens said Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge owners can have their vehicles serviced in Midland.

"Absolutely," he said. "All-American Dodge in Midland. We're going to service all our cars out of there. We want to continue servicing our customers."

Anyone with questions or service needs can contact the Midland store at



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

MYERS & SMITH
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& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

915-522-3115.

The auto dealership located at 502 E. FM 700, formerly Fiesta Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep, was acquired by Oregon-based Lithia Motors Corporation in January.

Contact Staff Writer

Happy 8th
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OUR VIEWS

Celebrate New Year's but don't drink and drive

Tuesday night isn't the most ideal time to celebrate the coming of the new year — but maybe that's good. It could even save a few lives. Drinking and driving is a constant problem, and one that escalates on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Because of this, state, county and city law enforcement officers will be on alert this evening and Wednesday. Anyone who has been drinking and takes the chance of getting behind the wheel runs a better than usual chance of getting stopped. We're appreciative of that, and thankful they will be out there to get drunk drivers off the roads.

We're not saying don't celebrate, however. We all enjoy celebrations and the end of a year has always been as good a reason as any. 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 — that's just a fact. And though you may be able to keep a vehicle on the road, you won't be prepared to react if something goes wrong.

Besides, you'd be trading one night of fun for what could be a lifetime of misery. If you are caught, you'll do jail time. It will be on your record. You'll be humiliated and your family will be embarrassed. And that's probably the best situation. The worst is that people could die. And one fun night or afternoon is not worth the chance of endangering your life, the lives of those with you or the lives of other motorists or pedestrians.

So go ahead. Celebrate. Drink sensibly if you like. But if you are planning on drinking and being out, appoint a designated driver. Do it ahead of time.

Make sure you and those you love are around to celebrate the coming year.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us change our pattern of life, Lord, to daily include you. Amen

When discrimination is OK

Alan Yorker is being discriminated against, and President

Bush thinks it's a good thing.

Last October, the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, Ga., refused to interview Yorker for a counseling position upon realizing that the otherwise eminently qualified psychotherapist is Jewish (another applicant was allegedly told that resumes with Jewish names were automatically tossed out). Why would our famously compassionate president not only not condemn such rank acts of discrimination, but actively fight to make them easier?

On Dec. 12, Bush issued an executive order clarifying that religious charities that receive federal funds are permitted to discriminate on the basis of creed. This extends to recipients of federal grants a carve-out for the hiring practices of religious groups that already existed in the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and had been

affirmed in the 1987 Supreme Court case *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. Amos* (in that case, a longtime employee at a Mormon-run gym had been fired for not getting certified as a Mormon).

When Bush tried to extend this exception legislatively as part of his new faith-based initiative, he encountered bitter resistance in Congress. The provision barely escaped the House and died in the Senate, making it necessary for Bush to resort to the executive order.

Gay groups in particular have waged war on the hiring exception. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is suing the United Methodist Children's Home both on behalf of Alan Yorker and a former counselor named Aimee Bellmore.

Bellmore worked at the home until November 2001, when she was fired for being a lesbian. The home has a policy of employing only Christian heterosexuals who are married or celibate.

Since the Methodist home receives about 40 percent of its funding from the state of Georgia, the Lambda suit maintains "that Georgia is violating the federal and Georgia Constitutions by financ-

ing a religious institution that discriminates on the basis of religion."

Is the home's hiring policy discriminatory? Yes. But any religious faith is inherently discriminatory, since it requires including people who hold a certain set of beliefs and excluding those who don't. Is the policy rational by a strict secular standard? No. But it helps make the United Methodist Children's Home uniquely Methodist.

Other religious groups are welcome to hire on the basis of their own beliefs, including that the Methodists in Decatur have gotten this whole Christianity thing all wrong. Such competing visions, freely and vigorously pursued, would be a pretty good definition of pluralism.

But the otherwise-sacred quest for "diversity" abruptly ends when it runs up against something liberals find offensive. So, the Methodists have to prove their commitment to diversity by becoming just like everyone else, or at least just like everyone else who thinks hiring on the basis of religion or sexual orientation is always wrong.

Bush is seeking to remedy the tendency of government to interact with religious groups by

denuding them of their religious character. He cited examples of this dynamic when he announced his executive order: "In Iowa, for example, the Victory Center Rescue Mission was told to return grant money to the government because the mission's board of directors was not secular enough. The St. Francis House Homeless Shelter in South Dakota was denied a grant because voluntary prayers were offered before meals. A few years ago in New York, the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty was discouraged from even applying for federal funds because it had the word 'Jewish' in its name."

The idea of Bush's faith-based push is to open the essentially secular social-service functions of religious charities to government funding, without undermining the faith that animates them or funding their proselytizing. It's an admirable goal, but a delicate one, especially when government funding is subject to political pressure by groups with stilted notions of "tolerance."

One wonders: In contemporary America is it too much to ask that we be tolerant of Methodists?

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Both GOP and Dems need a credit check

President Bush did everything he could to defeat Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu, but Landrieu survived, proving that Bush is not invincible and that the Democrats have a message after all.

Landrieu campaigned on a payroll tax holiday, a tax cut that would offer economic relief to workers earning up to \$80,000 a year. As Bush prepares to go to Congress to ask for more tax cuts in an effort to revive the economy, his new economic team is looking at ways to co-opt the Democratic proposal. Just as candidate Bush morphed into the "reformer with results" after John McCain beat him in the New Hampshire primary, President Bush can become a champion of the working class should the political need arise.

The smart money in Washington says Bush will accept some Democratic tax cutting in exchange for making his tax cut permanent and ending the estate tax. Dollar-for-dollar, Bush and his wealthier Republican constituents will get the lion's share of relief, but Bush will also claim credit for easing the burden on ordinary workers. Never mind that it was a Democratic idea. How many voters thanked Democrats when they received their \$300 and \$600 rebate

checks last year, just in time for Christmas? The instant cash fueled consumer spending, and kept the economy from sinking deeper into recession. Democrats rammed that proposal through over Bush's objection. He accepted the rebates as a way to get what he wanted, which was the much bigger tax cut that is not yet fully implemented.

This is a habit with Bush, and it's smart politics. Stealing the other party's good ideas and presenting them as your own is a strategy that worked well for President Clinton, just as it's performing political wonders for Bush. Clinton signed a welfare reform bill that ended the federal guarantee to poor children, a Republican idea that meshed nicely with Clinton's campaign pledge to "end welfare as we know it." Clinton also co-opted Republican ideas in the debate over values, urging the wearing of school uniforms as a way to enforce discipline.

Clinton's moves to the right were transparent and much remarked upon. His critics liked the policies but portrayed them as politically expedient and evidence of Clinton's slippery character. Bush has so far been spared any of the negative interpretations. When he reverses himself, he wipes the slate so clean that he leaves the voters thinking it was his idea in the first place.

On the new Homeland Security Department, Bush scored points during the election accusing Democrats of holding up the bill.

Yet for months, it was Bush who resisted creating another big-government bureaucracy, relenting only when its passage appeared certain.

Bush also fended off for more than a year any outside commission to look into the terrorist attacks. Only when the families of the Sept. 11 victims applied pressure, and Senate sponsors like John McCain kept up their advocacy, did he reverse course. Even then, White House aides worked behind the scenes to limit the scope of the investigation with a one-year timetable and strict rules about issuing subpoenas.

Another area where Bush jumped on the bandwagon when the issue got hot is corporate governance. After the Enron bankruptcy and revelations about his friendship with Enron founder, Kenneth Lay, Bush backed a watered-down corporate-reform bill. When wave after wave of corporate wrongdoing dominated the headlines, Bush signed on to a tougher bill and held a Rose Garden ceremony to celebrate its passage.

Given Bush's history, he is likely to embrace some payroll tax relief. Ideally, if it's good policy, it shouldn't matter which party gets the credit. But we don't live in an ideal world, and if the Democrats want to revive themselves as a party, they have to do a better job of keeping credit for their ideas.

Prediction: Co-opting has become part of the political landscape and will continue to be practiced by both parties.



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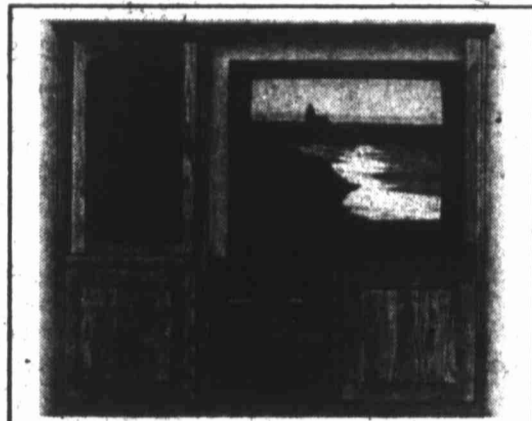
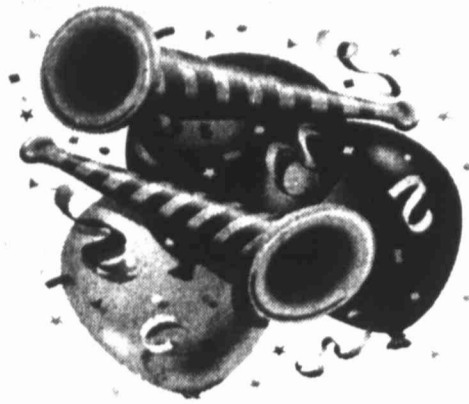
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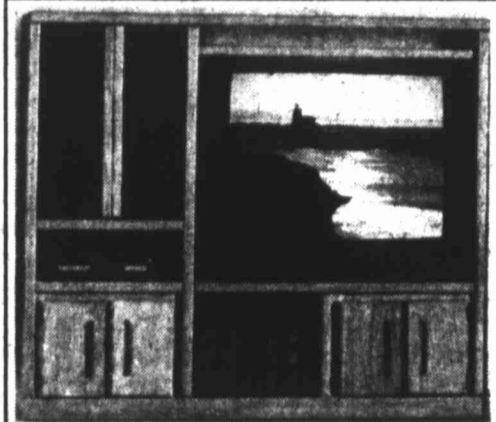
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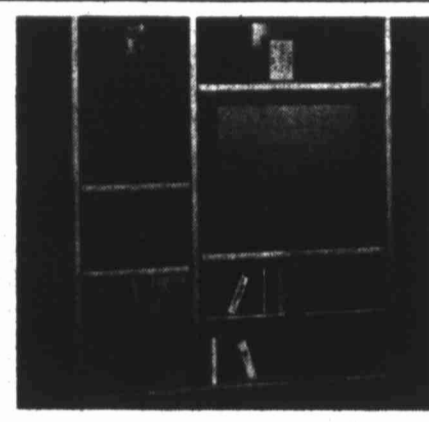
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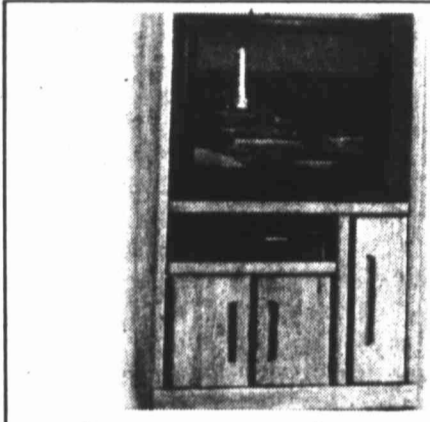
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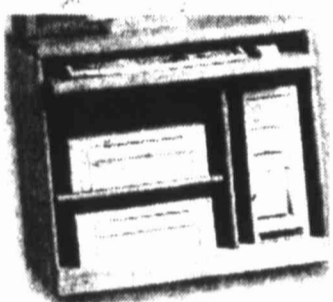


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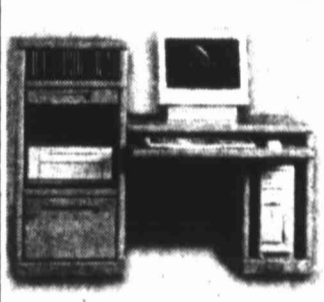


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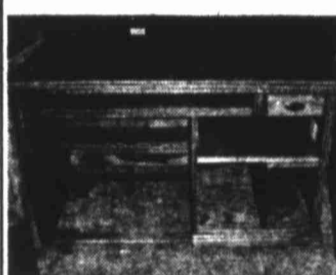


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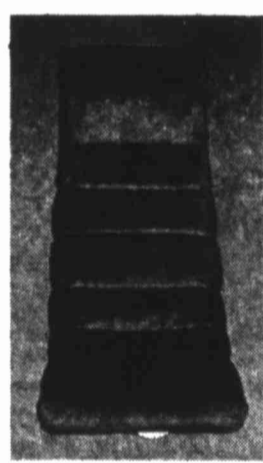


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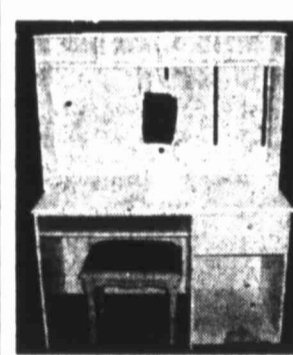


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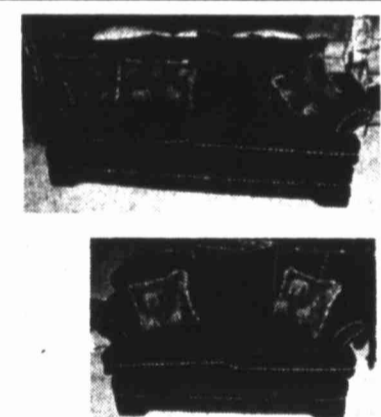


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State and national news at a glance

Rains take toll on theme parks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Summer flooding and rainy weather took a heavy toll on South Texas theme parks in 2002, according to an industry publication that reported steep declines in attendance.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas' attendance dropped 9 percent, to an estimated 1.87 million visitors, in 2002 compared with the previous year, while SeaWorld San Antonio's attendance fell 11 percent, to 1.6 million, according to an annual survey by trade magazine Amusement Business.

Schlitterbahn water park in New Braunfels had an estimated attendance of 810,000, a 14 percent decline from the previous year.

It is not yet known if the declines will affect ticket prices at the parks.

The downward slide extended to parks across the country, with 29 of the top 50 North American amusement parks reporting attendance declines in 2002. About 15 percent posted an increase.

Closed AIDS center burglarized

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — An AIDS foundation forced to stop serving its 400-plus clients because of a funding shortfall has been burglarized.

Staffers of the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation said they noticed Monday morning that several donated items, such as a guitar worth \$3,000 and a CD player, were missing.

"Since our alarm system has not been paid, they turned it off," board director Laurie Lee said. "Most of the things taken were things that deceased clients had donated, things that can't be replaced."

The foundation was forced to close after it could no longer pay bills and care for clients, problems stemming from an ongoing contract dispute with its main funding agency.

The funding agency, Bexar County Housing and Human Services, has refused to release about \$300,000 to the foundation because of questions over the contract agreement.

The foundation did receive some good news Monday. Bexar County had sent a \$78,000 check.

Missionaries' killer sought

JIBLA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni interrogators suspect the man accused of killing three American missionaries at a Baptist hospital may have ties to al-Qaida, officials said Tuesday, as U.S. investigators joined the search for those behind the murders.

An FBI team arrived Monday in Jibla, the southern Yemeni town where the killings took place, and worked overnight, an American diplomat said

on condition of anonymity. The diplomat would not say whether U.S. investigators were being allowed to directly question the suspect arrested for the slayings, but said the Americans "are very close" to the interrogation.

Officials close to the investigation said Yemeni interrogators have strong suspicions the accused gunman has connections to Osama bin Laden's terror network. Yemen is bin Laden's ancestral homeland and has been a fertile recruiting ground for him.

In the attack, the gunman slipped past security at Jibla Baptist Hospital, 125 miles south of the capital San'a, cradling his hidden gun like a baby. He entered a room where the director was conducting a meeting and opened fire at about 8:15 a.m. Monday, officials and witnesses said.

U.N. arms inspectors fan out

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms inspectors fanned out Tuesday to eight sites suspected of involvement in the making of banned weapons, as an Iraqi Cabinet minister warned the United States of "the heaviest losses" if it attacks.

The sites visited included an engineering company owned by the state Military Industry Corporation, a military chemical unit west of Baghdad, an oil research center, an electronics factory that produces components such as transistors and a medical research center.

The United States accuses Iraq of stockpiling mass destruction weapons and says it will use force if necessary to disarm Iraq if the Arab nation does not fully cooperate with the inspectors.

On Tuesday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he did not yet see any justification for a military strike against Iraq since Baghdad had not hampered the work of the inspectors. The United States should wait for a report from the inspectors before launching any offensive, he added.

Priest's death investigated

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Authorities are investigating the death of a Roman Catholic priest from New Hampshire who was accused of molesting a child just days before a hiker found his body off a wooded trail.

Officials with the Diocese of Manchester called the death of the Rev. Richard Lower an apparent suicide, but police in Enfield, where the body was found, said no cause had been determined.

Capt. Richard Crate said investigators do not suspect foul play, but said the cause of death was not obvious and may have been natural causes. He would not say whether Lower, 57, had left a note.

According to the church's statement, the diocese was contacted Wednesday by a man who accused Lower of sexual abuse in 1973 while the priest served at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Littleton.

The Rev. Edward Arsenault, the diocese's delegate on sexual misconduct cases, said Lower was notified that day in Manchester, and returned alone to New London.

damantly injurious to the American public," Elliot Spitzer, New York's attorney general, said in an interview.

The Environmental Protection Agency's easing of certain requirements of the Clean Air Act's "New Source Review" program was being published in the Federal Register.

EPA Administrator Christie Whitman has said the new rules would encourage emissions reductions by giving utilities and refinery operators new flexibility.

Tyco 'pushed' regulations

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Tyco International Inc. pushed the limits of accounting regulations to inflate earnings in recent years, according to an internal investigation into the embattled company.

The report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday said Tyco's accounting since 1999 has been within the law, if not always with generally accepted accounting practices.

"Aggressive accounting is not necessarily improper accounting," the report declared.

It said the money incorrectly accounted for last year was a small amount for a company with \$36 billion in annual revenues, though the errors prompted an additional \$382 million in charges for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. Tyco makes everything from telecommunications equipment to home alarm systems.

Clean air rules issued today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major changes to clean air rules for utilities, refineries and manufacturers were being formally issued today by the Bush administration, prompting a court challenge from a coalition of New England and mid-Atlantic states.

"We think what they are doing is contrary to the Clean Air Act and it is fun-

Chicken export tariff studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Mexican officials are working on a plan to keep — and possibly even increase — tariffs on U.S. chicken exports set to expire this week.

Tariffs on nearly 80 agricultural goods, including chicken, are to drop from 49 percent to zero on Jan. 1 as part of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Mexican farm groups have complained that unless the government protects them, their country's chicken industry will collapse after the tariffs expire.

"It's apparent that what they're doing is trying to put in place their own means of protecting themselves against a large surge of poultry imports come Jan. 1," said Jim Sumner, president of the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council.

Mexico is one of the largest buyers of U.S. poultry, especially of chicken parts, such as wings and legs. Mexican consumers buy them because they are cheaper than chicken breast meat, and they usually get them at a lower price than what Mexican producers charge.

The National Chicken Council hopes the two governments agree to extend the tariffs for five more years and raise them to 99 percent for 2003 — the level they were at in 2001.

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IN BRIEF

Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 264-4135.

Big Spring girls open 4-4A play on Friday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will open District 4-4A play on Friday when they host the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in the BSJHS gym.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off the action beginning at 6 p.m. The BSHS varsity squad, 14-6 overall, will start at 7:30 p.m.

Area teams begin district slates Friday

District play will explode onto the scene Friday as no less than five area teams begin their quests for district championships.

The Sands Mustangs open loop action against Borden Co. The two are slated to begin play at 4 p.m.

Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton begin the 2-2A slate on the road. Forsan travels to Crane for a 5 p.m. start, while Stanton draws a 6:30 start in Colorado City. Coahoma visits Seagraves for a 5 p.m. tip-off.

Howard College will return to play Jan. 5

The Howard College Hawks will return to action Jan. 5 with a road game against the Hill College Rebels.

The Hawks, 12-0, are ranked No. 10 in the latest NJCAA national poll.

The Hawks, led by freshman Je'Kel Foster, are slated to tip-off the contest at 4 p.m. in Hillsboro.

Coahoma, Garden City to play today

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Garden City Bearkats will square off in non-district basketball action today in the CHS gym.

Coahoma, 8-6 overall, is coming off a loss to Colorado City on the third-place game of the Reagan Co. Tournament. The Bearkats were in the third-place game of the Sterling City Tournament.

The Garden City Lady Kats, led by Jessica Hoch, will face the CHS girls, beginning at 1 p.m. The boys' game will follow at 2:30 p.m.

The GCHS girls are ranked No. 8 in the latest TABC Class A poll.

ON THE AIR

Event, Time	Station
Jan. 1	
Texas vs. LSU, 9 a.m.	1490
Jan. 2	
Mavericks vs. Clippers, 7 p.m.	1490
Jan. 4	
Mavericks vs. 76ers, noon	1490
Jan. 7	
Lady Steers at Loveland, 7:15 p.m.	1490
Jan. 10	
Mavericks vs. Boston, 6:30 p.m.	1490
Jan. 12	
Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490
Jan. 2	
Mavericks vs. Clippers, 7 p.m.	1490

Ring in the New Year

Lady Buffs improve to 19-1 with 55-15 romp

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Ashley Newell's homecoming was a good one for Shelby Harp and the Stanton Lady Buffaloes.

Newell, who spent some time as a young girl in Ackerly, and Harp combined to lead the state-ranked Lady Buffaloes to a convincing 55-15 win over the Sands Lady Mustangs Monday night.

With the win, Stanton upped its season record to 19-1. Sands, playing without star guard Deisi Porras, slipped to 6-12 for the year.

Harp enjoyed a solid performance for the Lady Buffs. She pumped in a game-high 14 points and led a 13-6 fourth-quarter run that all but sealed the win.

Stanton, coming off a championship run at the recent Iraan Alley Hoops Tournament, got off to a quick start against Sands. The Lady Buffs picked up first quarter points from Merrida Koonce, Harp, Heather Washington, Kayla Cook and Newell and rolled to a 13-4 cushion.

Kristi Bridges helped Stanton inflate its lead to 30-7 at the half. She scored six of her 10 points in the second quarter and sparked a 17-3 spree.

Harp and Karyn Cook helped the Lady Buffs' second-quarter onslaught. Harp pushed in five points in the stanza, while Cook chipped in four.

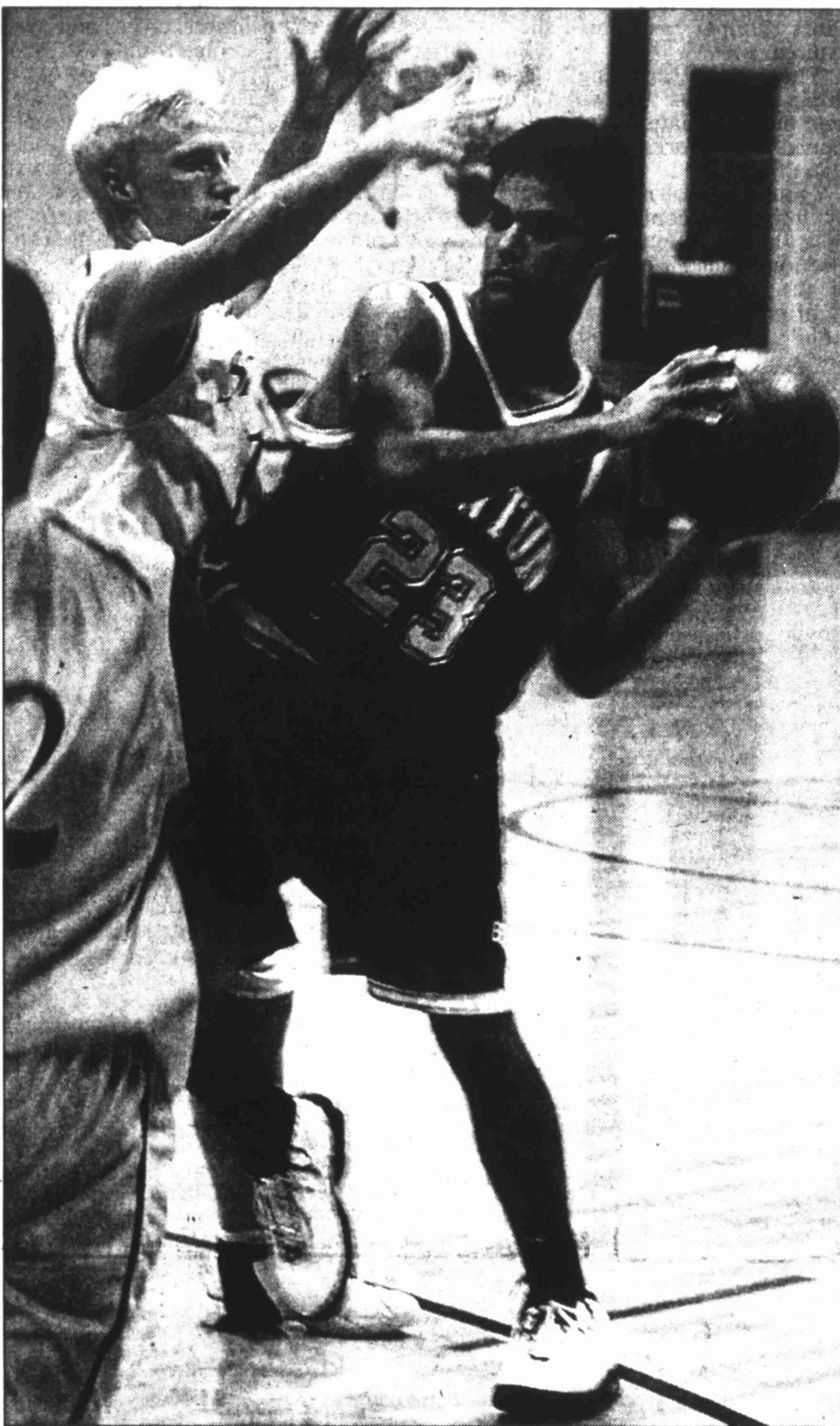
The Lady Buffs put the game on ice in the third by holding Sands to just a single field goal.

Stanton outpointed Sands by a 12-2 margin and took a commanding 42-9 lead into the final eight minutes of the non-district matchup.

Harp scored seven of her team-high total in the fourth period.

Belinda Maldonado, Washington and Newell all finished the game with six points.

Hollie Gibbs and T'Auna Reed led Sands with five points apiece.



Sands' Brandon Woods tries to stop Stanton's Chris Ramos from passing the ball during the third quarter of their game Monday night. Stanton used a 20-4 run in the third quarter to break open the game and cruise to an easy win.

Stanton girls climb to No. 18 in latest Class 2A poll, Grady No. 4

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes just couldn't be ignored any longer.

After quietly rolling to an impressive start, the Stanton girls made their debut in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' poll this week, climbing into the Top 20 in the Class 2A poll.

Overall, the Lady Buffs were one of four area teams ranked among the best in the state. Joining Stanton in the weekly survey of Texas high school basketball coaches are the Garden City Lady Kats, the Borden Co. Lady

Coyotes and the Grady Wildcats.

Stanton, 19-1 heading into Friday's District 3-2A opener, was rated No. 18 in the Class 2A girls' division. The Lady Buffs are coming off a resounding win in the finals of the Iraan Alleyhoops Tournament Saturday.

The Garden City Lady Kats remained eighth in the Class A, Division I standings. The Lady Kats, who qualified for the finals at the recent Sterling City Tournament, are slated to close out their non-district schedule this afternoon against Coahoma.

The Borden Co. girls, despite a loss at

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Forsan takes consolation at SC tourney

The Forsan Buffaloes picked up double-digit performances from four players and rolled to an 80-54 victory over the Water Valley Wildcats in the consolation finals of the Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

With the win, the Buffaloes erased the sour memories of Friday's first-round loss to Ozona in which Forsan suited

up just six players.

"Coming out of the holidays, we're starting to get our legs back under us," said FHS head coach Tommy McDonald.

Forsan, after battling its way to a slim 32-25 half-time lead, put Water Valley away with a solid effort in the third and fourth quarters. The Buffs outscored the Wildcats by a staggering 48-29 clip in the final 16

minutes.

Josh Helmstetter led all Forsan scorers in the contest, pouring in 19 points — nine via three 3-point bombs. Brent Huff and Wes Longorio both finished with 17 points. Matt Ellis also hit double figures offensively, scoring 12.

Forsan, now 14-3 overall, will return to action Jan. 7 against the Grape Creek Eagles.

Thomas, Bucks sneak past Mavericks, 110-107

DALLAS — The Milwaukee Bucks went into Dallas struggling. So they played to the Mavericks' strength — and won.

Tim Thomas hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 9.9 seconds remaining as the Bucks rallied from a 17-point second-quarter deficit and handed the Mavericks

only their second home defeat of the season, 110-107 Monday night.

The Bucks showed they could keep up offensively with the Mavericks, the league's highest scoring team at 102.9 points per game before Monday. Milwaukee entered as the NBA's third-highest scoring team at 99.3 points. "We played against a

team equally able to score," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We got beat at our own game."

Thomas, a 31 percent 3-point shooter at the start of the night, worked along the baseline, getting free in the left corner for the decisive jumper.

With the loss, Dallas fell to 25-5 — still the best record in the league.

Pokes release Campo

IRVING (AP) — Dave Campo was fired as coach of the Dallas Cowboys on Monday, possibly clearing the way for Bill Parcells to take over.

The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site Monday afternoon that Parcells agreed to an \$18 million, four-year deal and would be introduced as the team's coach Tuesday. The story was based on an unnamed source close to Parcells and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

But ESPN, the network for which Parcells has worked as a football analyst, reported on its Web site that Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, and two other unnamed sources said there was no deal.

When he announced the firing, Jones said he had no timetable to hire a replacement, but added, "I hope it can happen quickly."

Team spokesman Rich Dalrymple wouldn't comment on the newspaper's report and said the team had no plans to discuss the coaching situation any further Monday.

Sexton did not immediately return phone calls to The Associated Press.

The Dallas Morning News said the details of the contract were finalized when Jones and Parcells met Friday, two days before the Cowboys' season-ending 20-14 loss at Washington.

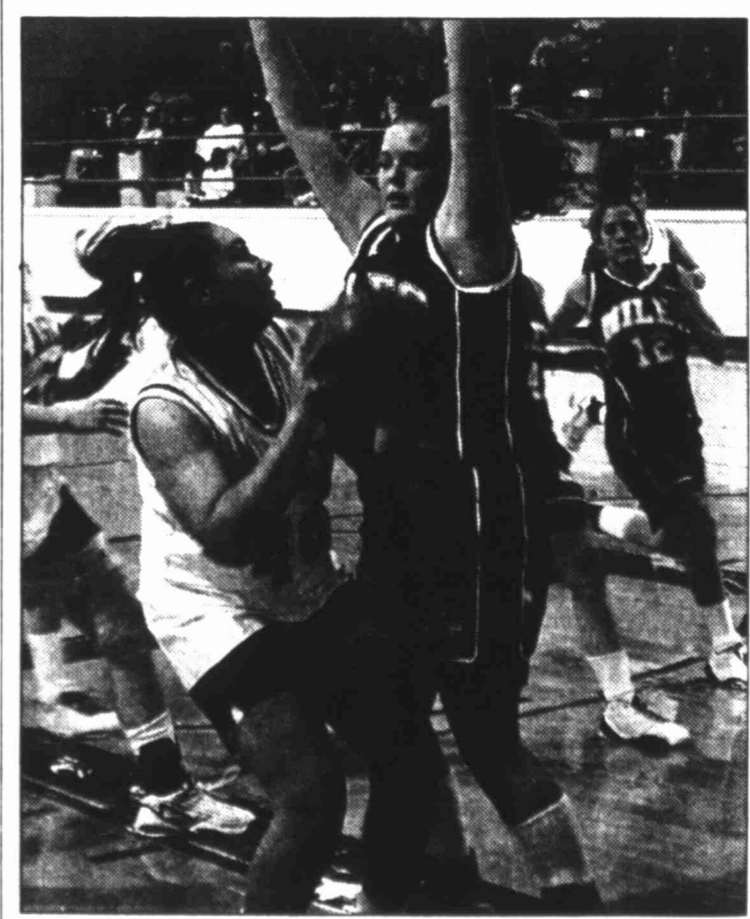
Campo's firing ended a dismal three-year tenure. Campo, the fifth coach in team history, is the first to leave with a losing record (15-33) and also is the first to never win the division or make the playoffs.

"The only regret I have is that we didn't get it done," said Campo, who has been with the club since 1989. "In today's NFL, to stay in the same zip code for 14 years is very, very difficult to do. I consider myself very lucky."

Jones began talking with Parcells about two weeks ago and their negotiations have turned serious in recent days. Jones also spoke with former Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green.

Parcells has been close to deals before and

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The Sterling City Lady Eagles nailed down the 34th Annual Sterling City Invitational Tournament championship with a win over Garden City Monday.

Robinson's final game at Madison Square Garden ends on sour note

NEW YORK (AP) — David Robinson's last game at Madison Square Garden turned out to be a last-second celebration for the New York Knicks. Allan Houston scored 28 points, including the game-winning free throws with 5.4 seconds left, and Michael Doleac added a season-high 16 as the Knicks beat the San Antonio Spurs 96-95. "It's one of the best sports places to play and our championship memories are here," Robinson said of the arena where the Spurs won the championship in 1999. "It's a tough way to go out." Tim Duncan made a short jumper while being fouled with 6.8 seconds left. His free throw gave the Spurs the lead, 95-94.

But Stephen Jackson fouled Houston trying for a steal, and New York's leading scorer sank both free throws. Duncan then missed a short jumper as time expired. "The most amazing thing to me was that we kept our poise late in the game," New York coach Don Chaney said. A game that was marred by physical confrontations, technical fouls and ejections ended with one of the most unexpected sightings of the season: After the game, Latrell Sprewell patted P.J. Carlesimo's back and put his arm around his waist as the two walked off the court. The Knicks forward and his former Golden State

coach, now a San Antonio assistant, engaged in a brief conversation as they entered the tunnel. Sprewell was suspended for the final 68 games of the 1997-98 season by the NBA after choking Carlesimo during a Golden State practice. Duncan had 31 points and 17 rebounds for his 13th straight double-double, and Jackson added 19 points for the Spurs, who went on an 11-2 run in the fourth quarter while Knicks forwards Kurt Thomas and Othella Harrington sat with foul trouble and Clarence Weatherspoon was ejected. "These games are big not only because it's a win, but they are good for your confidence, too,"

Houston said. "We've had some big losses this season, and this was a big win." Doleac blocked a shot by Duncan with under a minute to go, and Ward stripped the ball from Duncan seconds later. That set up Sprewell for a free throw that gave New York a short-lived lead. Doleac provided the Knicks with consistent shooting, even when the Spurs switched Duncan to guard him, and New York stayed close by grabbing as many rebounds (36) as the Spurs. Robinson finished with 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting, and grabbed four rebounds. "He's definitely in the top 10 (all-time centers)," Chaney said before the game.

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walked away, including last year when he signed with Tampa Bay, then changed his mind. Because of that contract, the Buccaneers said Sunday they should have been asked for permission to talk to Parcells and want compensation. League officials said Jones has done all that's necessary to make a move, an indication that the interview with Green met the minority candidate requirement. Parcells, 61, has been out of coaching since ending a three-year stint with the New York Jets after the 1999 season. In 15 NFL seasons, he has a 138-100-1 record, winning two Super Bowls with the New York Giants and taking the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl six years ago. Jones said part of the reason he fired Campo was to bring in a proven, successful NFL coach. All five coaches the Cowboys have had were first-time head coaches in the NFL. "This change is more about a change in philosophy, not about what Dave didn't do," Jones said. "There's never been an individual that has appreciated more the opportunity that he got. There's never been anyone that has worked any harder, any more diligent, any more loyal, with a positive attitude about getting the job done than Dave Campo." Under Campo, the Cowboys were racked with instability and injuries. After going 5-11 his first two seasons, better things were expected this fall, especially from Jones, who spent \$40 million in bonuses sprucing up the

roster. Instead, Dallas went 5-11 again. Campo was never above .500 in a season, and his teams never won more than two straight games. The Cowboys had only five 10-loss seasons in 40 years before Campo arrived. Dallas is 39-57 since its last playoff victory, in 1996, and hasn't made the postseason since 1999. Jones has ousted all five coaches in team history and hired four of them. Campo moved up from defensive coordinator when Chan Gailey was fired after the 1999 season. His first head coaching job on any level had an ominous start in the 2000 opener, when quarterback Troy Aikman got a concussion and newly acquired receiver Joey Galloway went down for the season with a knee injury. Aikman's release after the season severely limited the salary cap in 2001. Losing him also started a carousel at quarterback — seven starters over Campo's three seasons. Campo came to Dallas in 1989 as the last assistant added to Jimmy Johnson's first staff. Campo was Johnson's secondary coach at the University of Miami; it was his 11th college coaching job over 18 years. After two years as defensive assistant, he became secondary coach, then defensive coordinator. The Cowboys won the Super Bowl in his first year as coordinator. He held the job four more seasons, then was picked over several assistants to replace Gailey. Miami head coach Dave Wannstedt has also been mentioned as an option.

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TABC Basketball Polls

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the Post Bold Gold Tournament, were ranked fifth in the Class A, Division II bracket. Grady was the area's highest rated team. The Wildcats were ranked No. 4 in the Class A, Division II poll. Only Nazareth, Avinger and Utopia are rated ahead of the GHS boys.

The polls didn't reflect an easy drive for either the Big Spring Steers or Lady Steers. Two District 4-4A opponents are ranked among the best teams in both the girls' and boys' brackets.

The Lubbock Estacado Matadors are ranked No. 5 in the Class 4A boys' poll. Frenship is No. 15. In the girls' poll, Estacado is fourth, while Levelland checks in at No. 11.

The Big Spring girls, 14-6 overall in the first year under new head coach Gary Miller, are slated to open district play Friday against the San Angelo Lake View Maidens. The BSHS boys open a week later.

Fort Worth Dunbar is the top rated 4A boys team. Dallas Lincoln is No. 1 in the girls' poll — one spot ahead of Plainview.

The following are the TABC basketball rankings for Dec. 30.

Boys	Girls
Class 5A 1. Allief Hastings 2. Coppell 3. Cedar Hill 4. Fort Bend Hightower 5. SA Clark 6. Katy Cinco Ranch 7. Fort Bend Clements 8. Humble Kingwood 9. DeSoto 10. Arlington Martin	Class 5A 1. Duncenville 2. Euless Trinity 3. Mansfield Summit 4. Georgetown 5. Baytown Sterling 6. Houston Madison 7. Longview 8. John Tyler 9. EP Eastwood 10. Spring Westfield
Class 4A 1. FW Dunbar 2. Beaumont Ozon 3. Lancaster 4. Killeen Ellison 5. Lubbock Estacado 6. South Oak Cliff 7. North Crowley 8. Dallas Kimball 9. SA Sam Houston 10. Dallas Highland Park 11. Frenship	Class 4A 1. Dallas Lincoln 2. Plainview 3. Angleton 4. Lubbock Estacado 5. SA Sam Houston 6. North Crowley 7. Granbury 8. Kenville Tivy 9. Nacadoches 10. Texas City 11. Levelland
Class 3A 1. Everman 2. Pittsburg 3. Denver City 4. Kountze 5. Hempstead 6. Mexia 7. Arkansas Pass 8. Hardin Jefferson 9. Tatum 10. Canyon	Class 3A 1. Canyon 2. Muleshoe 3. Brownsboro 4. Baytown 5. Ballinger 6. Carthage 7. LaVega 8. Navasota 9. Atlanta 10. Canton
Class 2A 1. Edgewood 2. Shallowater 3. Brock 4. SA Cole 5. Woden 6. Clarksville 7. Hitchcock 8. Jim Ned 9. Aggie 10. Haskell	Class 2A 1. Brock 2. Rio Vista 3. Shallowater 4. Cisco 5. Wall 6. Nixon Smiley 7. DeLeon 8. Franklin 9. Weimar 10. Goldthwaite 11. Stanton
Class 1A, Division I 1. Normangee 2. Rotan 3. Crosbyton 4. Morton 5. Iron Co. 6. Port Arkansas 7. Lipan 8. Kingsville Academy 9. Trenton 10. Claude	Class 1A, Division I 1. La Poyner 2. Roby 3. Whittace 4. Archer City 5. Tolar 6. Lipan 7. Muenster 8. Garden City 9. Slocum 10. Mouton
Class 1A, Division II 1. Nazareth 2. Avinger 3. Utopia 4. Grady 5. Calvert 6. Chireno 7. Byers 8. Valley 9. Ft. Elliott 10. Ira	Class 1A, Division II 1. Hedley 2. Happy 3. Whitharral 4. Priddy 5. Borden Co. 6. Gordon 7. Dodd City 8. Fayetteville 9. Blackwell 10. Strawn

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Each year, The Mini Page asks school kids from across the country to send in surveys of their favorite things.

For the year 2002, we selected Crescent Harbor Elementary School in Oak Harbor, Wash., as the school to feature. The survey teachers were Rodney Bickley and Debbie Longland. More than 120 students in the third, fourth and fifth grades took part.



What's "in" in Washington State The Kids of 2002



See the T-shirts, sweatshirts and baggy pants.



Scoters and skateboards are big.

Favorite fads

These fads are big in Oak Harbor. Put a check if they are popular where you live, too.

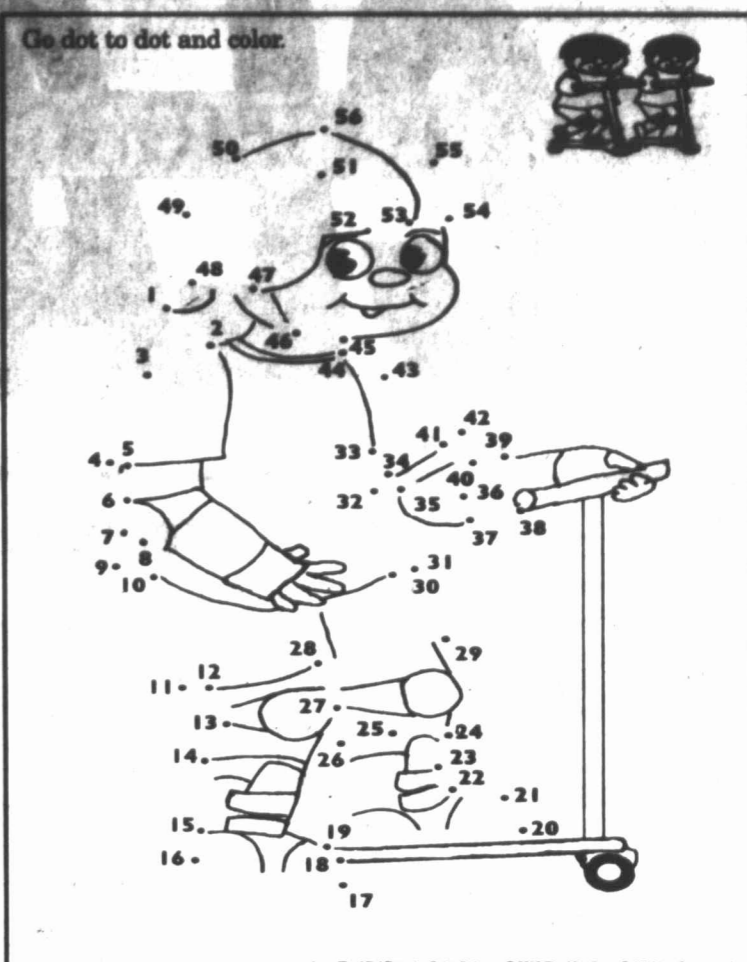
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- bikes
- CD Discman
- DVDs
- flares
- four-wheelers
- Game Cube
- Game Boy
- Game Boy Advance
- gel pens
- glitter
- go-carts
- hair dye
- hats
- Micropets
- "No Boundaries"
- No Fear shirts
- PlayStation 2
- Scooby-Doo things
- sweatshirts
- video games
- Xbox
- Yu-Gi-Oh cards



Color the state of Washington on the map.

Here's what the class had to say about their city: "Welcome to Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor is found on Whidbey Island, one of the largest islands in the contiguous United States. There are many activities to do in our area, including hiking, fishing, boating, climbing and sightseeing. Ours is a very diverse population of people from many different cultures around the world."

The Mini Page thanks Eileen Woods and Julie Toomy of the Skagit Valley Herald in Mount Vernon, Wash., for help with this issue.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Cinnamony Applesauce

- You'll need:**
- 1 (24-ounce) jar unsweetened applesauce
 - 2 tablespoons cinnamon candies ("red hots")
 - 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- What to do:**
1. Combine all ingredients in a saucepan.
 2. Cook over medium heat until candies are melted, about 5 minutes. Stir often.
 3. Remove from heat. Serve warm, or cover and refrigerate and serve chilled.
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Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Alana Beard

Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 5-14-82 Hometown: Shreveport, La. Class: Junior Alana Beard is the kind of basketball player every coach dreams about but seldom finds. She's a versatile athlete who can play all five positions for Duke's Blue Devils, the No. 1-ranked women's team in the country. Last season she made first-team All-America and led Duke to the Final Four. She averaged 19.8 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Alana also was a standout on defense. "Fantastic" and "terrific" are the way opposing coaches have described Duke's No. 20. On game days, Alana has a set routine. She arrives at the arena two hours before the game, prays, takes a shower, fixes her hair and listens to her favorite Christian CD (Mary Mary). Alana grew up playing against her mother, Marie, older brother, LeRoy Jr., and older sister, Megan. At Duke she sometimes goes to the gym at 2 a.m. to shoot. Alana also is a good student majoring in sociology. In her spare time, she enjoys baby sitting.

Meet Daniel Radcliffe

Daniel Radcliffe, 13, is the young British actor starring in his second Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." He also starred in the first movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." Daniel was born in London, England. He began showing interest in acting at the age of 5. His first big role was playing David Copperfield in a TV movie. Thousands of boys wanted to play the young wizard in J.K. Rowling's books. The director says that when Daniel walked into the room, he knew he had found the right boy. While making movies, Daniel has a tutor on the set for schoolwork. He will start filming the third movie, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," this year.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Customer: Man, this coffee tastes like mud!
Waiter: Well, sir, it was ground only five minutes ago!

Joshua: What kind of coffee does Dracula like when he gets up in the morning?
Jeremy: De-coffinated!

Customer: Please bring me some coffee without cream.
Waiter: We are all out of cream. Would you like it without milk?

Kids of 2002 TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the year 2002 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SCOOTERS, GEL, BAGGY PANTS, VIDEO GAMES, BOOTS, PINK, SWEATSHIRT, FLAG, RED, FADS, WHITE, BLUE, SKATEBOARD, RUSTINE, JK ROWLING, SPIDERMAN, HARRY, POTTER, CD PLAYER.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is having fun playing video games. See if you can find:

- heart
- elephant head
- word MINI
- lemon
- letter E
- cat
- number 8
- banana
- feather
- horse head
- jackknife
- kite
- brush
- arrow
- letter D

The ABC fads are from around the country.

- A** American flags
- American girl dolls**
- "American Idol"**
- ankle socks**
- B** bandannas
- baseball**
- basketball**
- beanie babies**
- bell-bottoms**
- big pens**
- black clothes**
- bleached hair**
- "Blue's Clues"**
- boots**
- braids**
- Bratz dolls**
- Build-A-Bear**
- buzz cuts**
- C** capri pants
- chain necklaces**
- charm bracelets**
- clips in hair**
- clogs**
- corn rows**
- cowboy clothes**
- cowboy hats**
- D** denim
- Digimon**
- dirt bikes**
- "duh"**
- DVDs**
- dyed hair**
- E** earrings
- F** faded jeans
- fake fingernails**
- flipflops**
- flared jeans**
- football**
- fringed clothes**
- G** gel pens
- gelled hair**
- golf**
- H** hair in ponytail
- hair weaves**
- Harry Potter**
- Heelys**
- Hello Kitty**
- hip-huggers**
- highlights in hair**
- hoop earrings**
- I** instant messaging on the computer
- inline skating**
- J** Jimmy Neutron
- jump rope**
- K** keychains on backpacks
- L** learning
- "Lilo and Stitch"**
- little purses**
- long hair**
- long, baggy shorts**
- long skirts**
- "Lord of the Rings"**

Favorites from Oak Harbor

- Underline the things that are popular where you live.
- Fans hold up their CDs and CD players.**
- Favorites games and things to do include Game Boy, Game Boy Advance, Beyblades, cars, models and basketball.**
- Readers hold their books by R.L. Stine and Jack London. The Jack London books are adult classics especially adapted for younger readers.**
- The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam
- Associate Editors: Anne Chamberlain, Lucy Lien, Staff Artist: Wendy Daley
- TV and movie stars**
- Jackie Chan
 - Eddie Murphy
 - Scooby-Doo
 - "Rocket Power" stars
 - Rugrats
 - Jim Carrey
 - Tom Hanks
- Musical artists**
- Baha Men
 - Lil' Romeo
 - Pink
 - Aaron Carter
 - Destiny's Child
- Athletes**
- Babe Ruth
 - Michael Jordan
 - Ichiro
 - Mark McGwire
 - Sammy Sosa
 - Shaq
 - Michelle Kwan
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- Dr. Seuss
 - Beverly Cleary
 - R.L. Stine
 - J.K. Rowling
 - Barbara Park
 - Mary Pope Osborne
 - E.B. White
 - Joanna Cole
 - Judy Blume
 - Lemony Snicket
- Television shows**
- "Fairly Odd Parents"
 - "Sponge Bob"
 - "Lizzie McGuire"
 - "Yu-Gi-Oh"
 - "Kim Possible"
 - "Scooby-Doo"

M mini bikes

- Monkey Bike
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- nail polish
- Nomination bracelets
- O one-sleeve shirts
- P pants with lace
- patriotic clothes
- peasant shirts
- pizza
- pointy-toed shoes
- Pokemon
- Powerpuff Girls
- Power Rangers
- R reading
- ruffled cuffs
- rugby shirts
- S sandals
- Scooby-Doo
- scooters
- "70s outfits
- short hair
- short skirts
- sideways caps
- skateboards
- slingshots
- sneaker skates
- soccer
- sparkle pens
- spiked hair
- T tank tops
- tattoos
- teddy bears
- tennis shoes with no backs
- trampolines
- U untied shoelaces
- V vests
- video games
- vintage clothing
- visors
- W wall ball
- weird hats
- wide sleeves
- Y Yu-Gi-Oh
- yo-yos
- Z Zipflops

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- Athletes**
- Tiger Woods
 - Tony Hawk
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 - Daniel Boone Elementary, San Diego, Calif. Survey teacher: Martha Klages
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 - Backstreet Boys
 - Britney Spears
 - Aaron Carter
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You have the uncanny
ability to zero in on situa-
tions. Learn to use this trait
not only for yourself but
also for others. You might
frequently need time alone,
as you often could and will
go on overload. You need to
chill out, so to speak, in
order to come from a cen-
tered point of view. Opt to
understand those in your
immediate life better, espe-
cially if attached. Discus-
sions and time together help
you build your tie. If you are
single, you could easily tumble
into a relationship that
demands a lot from you. This
person might be emotionally
unavailable. Travel and
education star after summer.
SAGITTARIUS reads you well.

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) ***** You won't need
to make an extra effort in
order to enjoy the next few
days. You're ready to close
out the year in great form.
An unanticipated invitation
or response from a friend
could cause second
thoughts about plans.
Tonight: Start the celebra-
tions.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20) ***** A partner sorely
needs your support, but you
just might not be willing to
give it in the way he or she
desires. Rather than cause a
snafu in your emotional
life, why not have a long-
overdue conversation? Start
the new year with a grin.
Tonight: Keep it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Others cannot imag-
ine starting the new year
without your presence. Ac-
cept an invitation, even if
it is last-minute. Once you
put on your dancing shoes,
you might be difficult to
stop. Christen your new
year in your effervescent
style. Tonight: Let the
party go on.

CANCER (June 21-July
22) ***** Handle some last-
minute details involving
your plans for the day. You
also might be the person
who decides to throw the
party or get-together with
others. Add laughter. Start
the new year by clearing
out a problem. Tonight: You
don't have to go far.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Keep reaching out for
never-never land. Play out
a fantasy or opt to do some-
thing very fun. End the last
day of the year light and
easy. You do need to reach
out for others you care
about. Consider yourself
the cheerleader this New
Year's Eve. Tonight: Play
away.

Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Reach out for those
around you, making the
most out of the fact that
many are home. Though
you might not be in the
mood for a full-scale cele-
bration, you do enjoy the
celebratory mood of your
friends and loved ones.
Tonight: The party is at
your house.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Reach out for loved
ones, and make sure others
have holiday plans. You
don't have to go far or do
much, but staying in touch
with others works well for
you. Expect some last-
minute changes. Others pop
in and check on you.
Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21) ***** Visualize more of
what you desire, and start
putting it into action this
very moment. Take a stand.
Be a leader. Zero in on what
you want. Fun surrounds
this holiday if you start act-
ing on your resolutions.
Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21) ***** The Moon
glows in your sign this New
Year's Eve, making any-
thing possible. Now, what
would make you happy? Aim
for just that, inviting
friends and loved ones
along on your particular
mission. You're the main
player right now. Tonight:
As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19) *****

Realize when you've had
enough, and just say so.
If you feel like it, cancel
New Year's Eve plans. For
once, do what you want,
not what everyone else
expects. You'll find that
someone else has similar
feelings. Go for a big ja-
pana party. Tonight: Vanish
happily.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18) ***** Friends won't
let you alone, and you'll
have a great time wherever
you are. Christen the new
year where you most like
to be: around your friends.
Whether throwing a party
or going to one, you're all
smiles. A relationship heats
up. Tonight: Where the
gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20) ***** Be imaginative
when dealing with parents
and loved ones. Perhaps
instead of deciding what
might please you, consider
doing something for your
immediate family that
could make a difference.
Invite them over for a fam-
ily night. Tonight: A force
to behold.

BORN TODAY
Actor Anthony Hopkins
(1937), artist Henri Matisse
(1869)

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Son's nudity causes household problems

Dear Annie: I married
"Stan" four months ago. He
and his 9-year-old son,
"Adam," have moved into
my two-bedroom condo
until we can buy a bigger
place. Adam shares a bed-
room with my 11-year-old
daughter, a situation that
she complains about every
day.



Annie's Mailbox

Stan and Adam both like
to sleep in the nude. My
daughter finds this disgust-
ing. I find it troubling.
Further, Adam makes no
effort to cover himself
between the bathroom and
bedroom. He does not own a
pair of pajamas. I bought
him a robe, but he refuses
to wear it.

I have asked Adam to
cover up when he is out of
bed, but he doesn't listen to
me. Stan sees nothing
wrong with his son's behav-
ior. He thinks my daughter
simply will have to get used
to it, and that it won't hurt
her to see a naked boy. I
should mention that Stan
pulls on a pair of shorts
when he leaves the bed-
room. My daughter has
never seen him in the buff,
so that is not an issue.

I suspect a large part of
my daughter's distress has
to do with sharing the room
she previously had to her-
self. She also is quite pro-
tective of her privacy and
has a fit if Adam so much
as catches a glimpse of her
underwear. She has started
changing her clothes in the
bathroom, which I think is
a bit excessive.

Your suggestions always

seem so clear and reason-
able. Can you help me out?
— No Jaybird in Shelton,
Conn.

Dear Jaybird: It is not a
good idea for an 11-year-old
girl and a 9-year-old boy to
be sharing a room, especial-
ly when the boy walks
around naked. Your daugh-
ter is obviously uncomfort-
able with this situation, and
you should respect her feel-
ings.

Is there any way to put a
divider in the room so each
child has private space? If
not, tell Stan either Adam
covers up when he is out of
bed, or the boy will have to
sleep on the sofa in the liv-
ing room. And find that
"bigger place" soon.

Dear Annie: I am a college
freshman and am having a
great time in school. I love
college life, except for one
thing — my roommate,
"Alison."

Alison and I were best
friends in high school, and I

thought rooming together
would be easy. Big mistake.
It turns out we are nothing
alike, and our living habits
are totally incompatible.
Last week, we had a huge
argument, and I'm afraid
the damage to our friend-
ship is irreparable. I don't
want to lose her as a friend,
but I can no longer stand
being in the same room
with her. Please help. —
Dorm Doom in South
Carolina

Dear Dorm Doom: Be honest
with Alison. Tell her
you value her friendship
and don't want your living
arrangements to ruin
things between you.

Suggest that you each
request a different room-
mate immediately. Most
schools are quite accommo-
dating. If yours isn't,
arrange your schedule to
see as little of each other as
possible, and find new
roommates next year.

Dear Annie: This is for
the teenage girl who has
acne on her back. If the
acne appears nowhere else
on her body, she's probably
getting it from her hair
products.

I used to wear my hair to
my waist and had frequent
acne breakouts on my back,
although my face was clear.
I discovered my conditioner
was causing part of the
problem and began rinsing
my hair more thoroughly.
When I began to wear my
hair short, the acne cleared
up completely. — Been
There Myself in California

Dear Been There: You
were not the only reader to
suggest that the oil in the
girl's hair, or the residue
from her hair products,
might be causing the prob-
lem. Many advised her to
wear her hair up or cut it
off. Thanks to everyone
who wrote.

Dear Annie: I work for a
small business. One night,
I stayed late with the attrac-
tive plant manager, and
well, things happened. (He
is married.) Now he has a
hard time looking me in the
eyes. I feel a little guilty,
but I don't want this one
night to ruin our friendly
relationship. What can I do?
— Still Attracted in Toronto

Dear Toronto: Get your
head out of the clouds. This
man is not available. If you
don't want to quit, make
sure you keep things strict-
ly professional. Period.

Dear Annie: I didn't like
your advice to "Fed Up in
California." How can you
say to a dual income couple
that "you should be able to
afford" help around the
house?

My wife and I both work
and are well paid, but we
still have a tough time mak-
ing ends meet. The cost of
living is very high these
days. You should never
assume someone has a solid
financial situation because

they both work. — Jim in
California

Dear Jim: True, but in
most cases, working cou-
ples can afford some clean-
ing assistance once in a
while. It depends on how
you prioritize your money.
We apologize to those
working couples who
absolutely cannot afford it
at any time.

Dear Annie: I was a hair-
dresser for many years and
had several elderly clients.
"Agnes" came in every
week, and I became quite
fond of her before she devel-
oped Alzheimer's and
stopped coming to my shop.

One week, I looked out
the front window and said
sadly, "The clouds are com-
ing in, and the sunshine is
gone." Agnes replied, "Well,
dear, sometimes you need
to make your own sun-
shine." From that day for-
ward, whenever I see a
dreary day or feel a little
blue, I say it's time to make
my own sunshine. It always
makes me feel better and
reminds me of that sweet
lady. — T.I. in Acampo,
Calif.

Dear T.I.: What a lovely
sentiment. We should all
make our own sunshine, as
often as possible. Thanks
for sharing your story.

Dear Annie: I am friends
with "Norma." Three years
ago, Norma's son was mar-
ried. Norma invited the
women in our ladies group
to three bridal showers.
Most of us did not attend
because we did not know
the bride. I did, however,
give a rather expensive gift
to the couple as a wedding
present.

Norma recently learned
that she's going to be a
grandmother. She has
already mentioned that she
expects us to do better in
attending the baby showers.
I have not seen Norma's son
or daughter-in-law since the
day of the wedding. Plus,
the couple has yet to
acknowledge the wedding
gift I sent three years ago,
and I'm a bit miffed.

Am I obligated to attend
the showers because I'm a
friend of the grandmother?
What should I do? — The
Grinch in Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Grinch: You do not
have to attend a baby show-
er for Norma's sake. No one
should be invited to more
than one shower unless she
is an immediate family
member or very close
friend. And, by the way, not
knowing the bride is no rea-
son to avoid attending a
shower. There is nothing
nice to say, however, about
bridal couples who do not
acknowledge wedding gifts.
Ask Norma if the gift was
received.

Please e-mail your ques-
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know might cost you!

TUESDAY DEC. 31

TV schedule table with columns for station (KMID, KPEJ, KERA, etc.), time, and program details.

DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip. Panel 1: Dennis is talking to his father. Panel 2: Dennis is driving a car. Caption: "Daddy, have we ever driven by old Lang's sign?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip. Panel 1: A girl is looking at a sign. Panel 2: A girl is talking to her father. Caption: "Daddy, have we ever driven by old Lang's sign?"

HAGAR comic strip. Panel 1: Hagar is talking to a woman. Panel 2: Hagar is talking to a group of people. Panel 3: Hagar is talking to a woman. Panel 4: Hagar is talking to a woman.

BLONDIE comic strip. Panel 1: Blondie is talking to a man. Panel 2: Blondie is talking to a man. Panel 3: Blondie is talking to a man.

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WIZARD OF ID comic strip. Panel 1: Wizard of Id is talking to a man. Panel 2: Wizard of Id is talking to a man. Panel 3: Wizard of Id is talking to a man.

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People In The News article. Title: People In The News. By The Associated Press. Text: LOS ANGELES (AP) - Architect Frank Gehry, who won acclaim for his Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, is expected to help renovate a dilapidated theater district in Lisbon, Portugal. Gehry said he had not yet entered into a formal contract with Lisbon officials but had, in principle, agreed to do the work. "It sounds magical ... to resurrect an old theater district," Gehry told The Associated Press. "I've done theaters and performance areas before," he said, "so I have an affinity for this kind of stuff." Gehry said he plans to meet with Lisbon officials next month and tour the area that needs revitalization. Besides the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Gehry has designed buildings in Seattle, Minneapolis, California, Paris, Japan and Germany. ... ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Andrew Cuomo, unsuccessful candidate for governor of New York, is compiling a book about what went wrong for the Democratic Party in the 2002 elections. Cuomo says he'll ask about 20 Democratic and Republican politicians, historians, academics and activists to write essays about the just-concluded elections and where the Democratic Party goes from here. Former President Clinton, former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, former Republican speech writer Peggy Noonan, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Republican Congressman J.C. Watts will be among those invited to contribute. Cuomo says his book, scheduled for publication next fall by Random House, will examine issues such as the relevance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to politics and the impact of race, taxes and the economy on voters. "Also, and more important, we need to know where we go from here," Cuomo said recently. "Must Democrats recast themselves? Has the country shifted in its ideology?" Democrats lost control of the U.S. Senate to Republicans on Nov. 5 - the GOP will control both houses of Congress in 2003 - but Democrats won races for governor in battleground states such as Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Answer to previous puzzle: SPAN, ANDOR, RHO, AMARE, MOORE, ERA, HAVE, ONSET, MAT, STEM, GATE, ASIS, OBERON, LIPS, SHANK, LED, EERIE, GOATS, ENOLA, ILL, TABOO, KODAK, SAMBA, LEW, ELUDES, ALOES, ESCAPE, ARKS, PALS, ADANO, MEAT, IRA, PLAYONWORDS, CAR, TILES, ONTOP, SHE, ANISE, ODES.

GEECH comic strip. Panel 1: Geetch is talking to a man. Panel 2: Geetch is talking to a man. Panel 3: Geetch is talking to a man.

GEECH comic strip. Panel 1: Geetch is talking to a man. Panel 2: Geetch is talking to a man. Panel 3: Geetch is talking to a man.

HI AND LOIS comic strip. Panel 1: Hi and Lois are talking. Panel 2: Hi and Lois are talking. Panel 3: Hi and Lois are talking.

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GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip. Panel 1: Gasoline Alley is talking. Panel 2: Gasoline Alley is talking. Panel 3: Gasoline Alley is talking.

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SNUFFY SMITH comic strip. Panel 1: Snuffy Smith is talking. Panel 2: Snuffy Smith is talking. Panel 3: Snuffy Smith is talking.

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Newsday Crossword puzzle. Title: NEWSDAY CROSSWORD. by SUITABLE by Lee Weaver. Edited by Stanley Newman. Includes a list of clues (ACROSS and DOWN) and a crossword grid.

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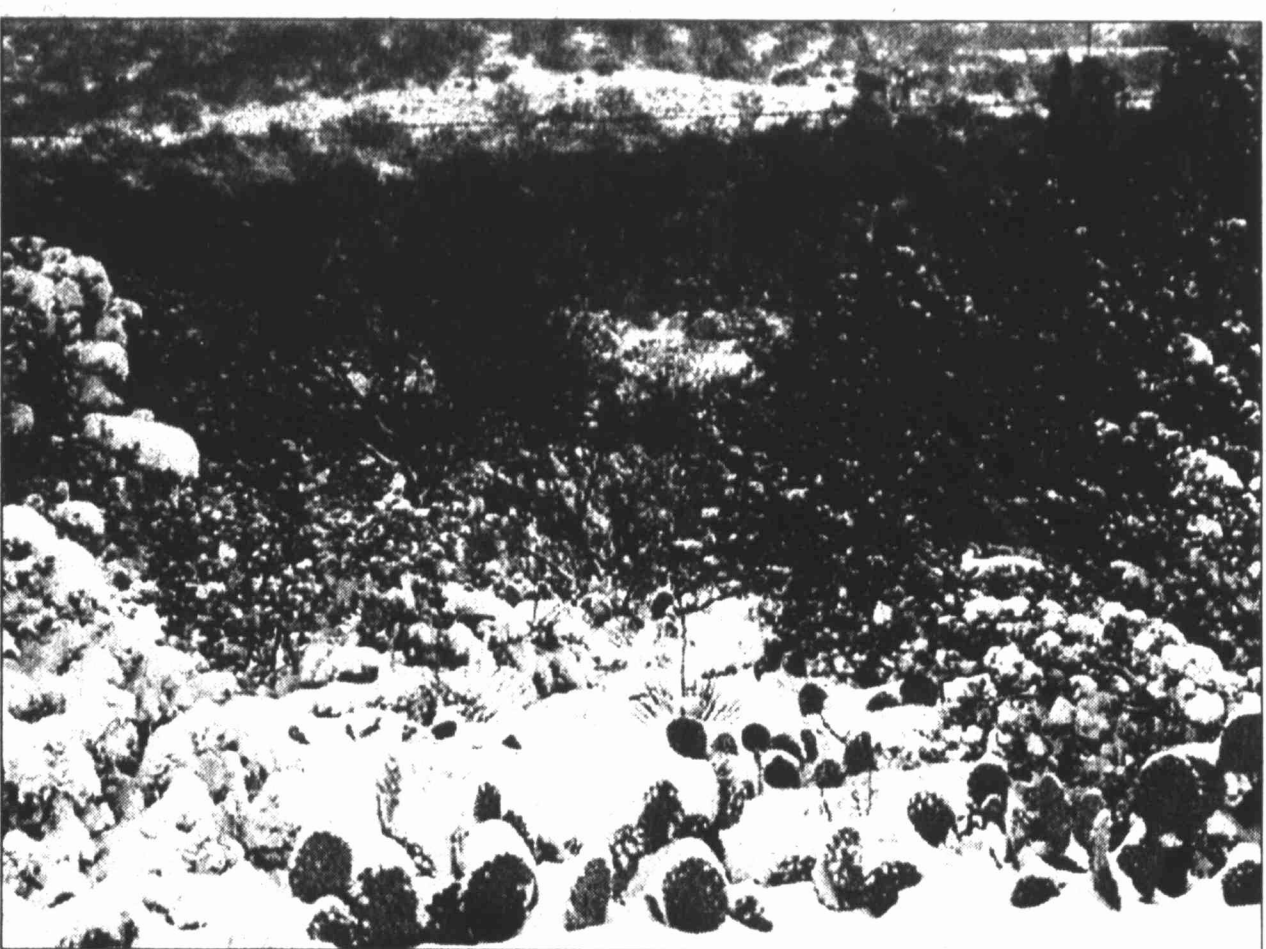
January

Snow, murder trials mark first month

Crossroads residents welcomed in the New Year by waking up to a winter scene. Snow blanketed the area, bringing much-needed moisture. It was the second snowfall of the season.

January also finally brought to court the murder trial of Carl Stanley Friday. The trial had been postponed twice. Friday was convicted on Jan. 11 in the 118th District Court of bludgeoning to death Bob Joe Coonce, 64, of Midland and burning his body beyond recognition in Coonce's own car. The murder occurred on May 4, 2001. A Howard County deputy discovered the car engulfed in flames on a county road. According to expert testimony, evidence showed Coonce was killed at his mother's residence, which was also set on fire. Friday was sentenced to 75 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In other news:
• Joseph Nicholas Fierro became the first baby born in Howard County for 2002. Born on Jan. 2, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Fierro was seven pounds, eight ounces and 20 inches long. His parents are Edward Jr. and Esperansa Fierro.
• Big Spring businesswoman Myra Robinson of Robinson Drilling became the first woman ever to receive the Top Hand award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. She was honored at a banquet in Midland on Jan. 17.
• County Commissioners appointed Katie Walker the Texas Agriculture Cooperative Extension family and consumer science agent on Jan. 14.



Crossroads residents woke up to a wintery view on Jan. 1 as snow blanketed the area for the second time in the season.

• Bobby Hill and Jane Stripling Jones were awarded Man and Woman of the Year respectively during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on Jan. 15
• A worn wheel caused a cargo train to partially derail near Coahoma on Jan. 16, the first of at least three Union Pacific train derailments in the area during 2002.
• Big Spring resident Mary Churchwell was attacked on Jan. 11 by a neighbor's dog and suffered severe injuries to her leg.
• Scenic Mountain Medical Center began its multi-million dollar renovation and expansion project of the

emergency room.
• Todd Allen Treadway, 39, of Big Spring was killed when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a truck on the intersection of Old Gail Highway and FM 700. The driver of the pickup, Keith Lee Newton, 18, was uninjured. In May, a Howard County jury no-billed Newton for criminally negligent homicide in Treadway's death.
• Big Spring Independent School district began the first of six forums to debate the closing of Anderson Kindergarten Center. Declining enrollment and shrinking school funding prompted the board to take cost-cutting actions. The

board approved the closure in February.
• On Jan. 24, precursors to create methamphetamine were discovered in the Big Spring bureau offices of KWES-TV. The information about the possible drug lab came after Howard County sheriff's deputies arrested Eric Olivarri, 24, a KWES-TV cameraman and Telena Rodgers, 19, for possessing the material to make methamphetamine.
• On Jan. 30, Stephen Calhoun was convicted in the 118th District Court of beating his girlfriend to death and sentenced to 45 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

BIRTHS

Cowan, Logan Michael, Jan. 15	Gutierrez, Matthew Jacob, Jan. 11	Jan. 10	10
Fierro, Joseph Nicholas, Jan. 2	Hilario, Tristan Tye, Dec. 28	Mills, Camron Curtis, Jan. 9	Unger, Franz Suderman, Dec. 26
Gonzales, Darren Mathew, Dec. 28	Kennemur, Brady Michael, Dec. 28	Patterson, Haley Kate, Dec. 29	Welch, Curtis Russell, Dec. 27
	Marquez, Anastasia Marie, Jan. 10	Rocha, Jewel Pearl, Jan. 11	Vara, Beyonce Renee, Jan. 8
		Starr, Paige Kimber-Li, Jan. 10	

DEATHS

Aikin, Edward Owen, 51, Big Spring, Jan. 25	Garden City, Jan. 4	Green, LaVern, 91, Big Spring, Jan. 10	Griffith, Glennie, 89, Coahoma, Jan. 12	Grissam, Pearl, 82, Big Spring, Jan. 11	Hallmark, Mae Cline, 91, Colorado City, Jan. 28	Harrison, Bess Claire Fincher, 79, Big Spring, Jan. 28	Hicks, Roger, 55, Carlsbad, Texas, Jan. 13	Hyden, W.H. "Bill," 74, Big Spring, Jan. 14	King, Jean, 69, Big Spring, Jan. 16	Kinsey Jr., James Alexander, San Angelo, Jan. 21	Kinzey, Margaret, Altoona, Pa., Jan. 17	Lewis, Patricia, 70, Stanton, Jan. 16	Lindsey, Velma "Tillie," 87, Big Spring, Jan. 12	McBee, Wayne, 72, Lubbock, Jan. 15	McCurdy, Mary, 84, Stanton, Jan. 2	McDonald, Georgia Ellen, Midland, Jan. 5	Merrick, Cleora J., 87, Big Spring, Jan. 7	Moore, Frank James, 59, Wolfforth, Jan. 9	Moran, Enriqueta Terrazas, 62, Big Spring, Jan. 12	Mier, Jesus, 83, Big Spring, Jan. 29	Neeffe, Charles W., 75, Harlingen, Jan. 23	Nunez, Andrea, 72, Big Spring, Jan. 17	Padgett, William F., 87, Big Spring, Jan. 7	Polney, JoAnn Salgado, 45, Bakersfield, Calif., Jan. 25	Pitts, Janice, 48, Pecos, Jan. 10	Riffe, Billy, 54, Big Spring, Jan. 28	Rodgers, Elsie C., 74, Big Spring, Jan. 1	Rodriguez, Albert, 70, Big Spring, Jan. 29	Rodriguez III, Armando, Fort Worth, Jan. 9	Rodriguez, Betty Olague, 65, Big Spring, Jan. 13	Rodriguez, Louise Madrid, Midland, Jan. 19	Self, Aubrey L., 85, Colorado City, Jan. 6	Tindol, Asa W., 80, Coahoma, Jan. 10	Treadway, Todd Allen, 39, Big Spring, Jan. 21	Valles, Jesus Mier, 83, Garden City, Jan. 29	Whitehead, Alexandra, 2, Midland, Jan. 30	Whitten, Virginia, Big Spring, Jan. 10	Winchester, Ken, 62, Brady, Jan. 17
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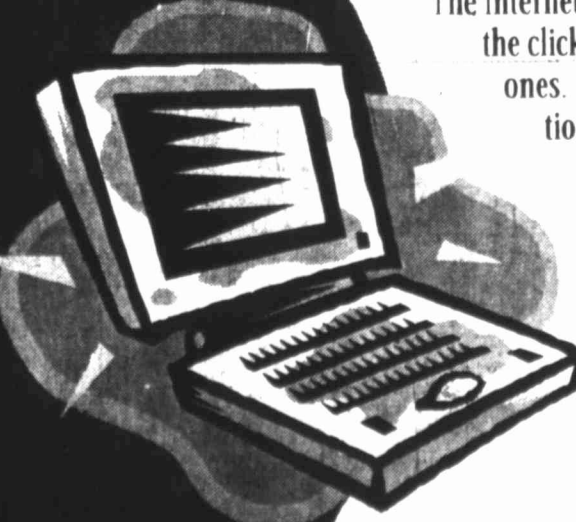
HERALD file photo
Howard College first-year head coach Chris Jans grimaces as he watches the Hawks open WJAC play with a 3-3 mark in January.

The Big Spring swim team highlighted the start of the 2002 year by turning in a stellar effort at the district swimming and diving meet. Big Spring, anchored by a stunning win by the BSHS 400 freestyle relay squad, finished second in the final standings to Pecos. The 400 relay quartet of Josh Pike, Mark Sheedy, Will Liggett and Michael Carrasco upset heavily-favored Pecos in the race, edging out the Eagles by 33 one-hundredth of a second.
Jessica Hughey also turned in a stunning performance. The BSHS freshman took first place in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke. Overall, she was voted the co-Outstanding Female of the Year, sharing the honor with Abilene Wylie's Jennifer Haney.
Pike led the boys' district runner-up efforts. He won the 200 freestyle and finished second in the 500 freestyle race.
Sheedy was right on his heels, taking first in the 100 Butterfly and second in the 100 Backstroke.
Overall, the Big Spring girls finished fifth in the district's final team standings.
As a result of the Steers' strong male and female showings, the team landed several berths in the Region I, Class 4A Swimming and Diving Championships.

In other sports highlights during January:
• The St. Louis Rams returned to the Super Bowl for the second time in three years by downing the Philadelphia Eagles 29-24 in the NFC title game. St. Louis faced the upstart New England Patriots in the NFL's season finale.
• Brothers Leon and Dan Pettitt became the first Big Spring residents to take part in the Olympic Games since Rose Magers-Powell in 1984 when they received word they were going to Salt Lake City — as the drivers of the Russian hockey team bus. The two 68-year-old bus drivers were picked by their company, Whirlwind Tours of Midland, to drive athletes at the event.
• The Sands Mustangs landed two spots on the Six-Man Illustrated All-American football team. Junior line-backer Heath Webb was a first-team selection, while senior Dusty Floyd was selected to the magazine's second-team unit. Both Webb and Floyd were also named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-state team.
• Two Coahoma Bulldogs were named to the Class 2A all-state football team by the Texas Sports Writers Association. Chase Ward was named to the second-team defense, while teammate Cory Hill was a third-team pick.

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February

Controversy piles up in second month

February was a month of auspicious beginnings and endings, with the announcement of the closure of the Anderson Kindergarten Center and the retirement reception of longtime city secretary and finance director Tom Ferguson as well as the promotion of Ferguson's replacement Peggy Walker and the controversial hire of McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Director Jim Curtiss.

After six meetings to hear public comment on the matter, the Big Spring school district voted unanimously Feb. 22 to close Anderson.

The vote also included changing Goliad Elementary to Goliad Intermediate, a district-wide fifth-and sixth-grade campus.

Administrators recommended the changes, citing declining student enrollment, underused facilities and limited operating revenue.

The move was part of a move to attempt to cut about \$1 million out of the 2002-2003 BSISD budget.

Ferguson's last day on the job was in January, but the city honored him with a reception Feb. 2.

Ferguson said that although he originally viewed his time in Big Spring as temporary, he held the double position of city secretary and finance director for 27 years.

Despite public protest which included a recall election against Mayor Russ McEwen, the Big Spring



Nineteen people were arrested in Big Spring and Odessa Feb. 8 on federal charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

City Council created the position of airpark manager for the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, and in February they filled it.

The hire of James Curtiss, pilot and former Disney consultant, was announced at the beginning of the month after a hiring process which included 25 applicants.

Curtiss' first day on the job was Feb. 11. After barely six months on the job, he resigned the position in August, citing family and

personal problems.

Also in February:

- The state of Texas took over the Big Spring Senior Care Center Feb. 5, citing "poor care and unsafe practices." On Feb. 25, a judge ordered the center's 39 residents relocated.

- Nineteen people were arrested Feb. 8 on charges of cocaine possession and trafficking. Among those arrested were local brothers John Paul Franco, 34, and Manuel Munoz Franco, 26. The U.S.

Attorney's Office said the brothers masterminded a "network of individuals to store, transport and distribute their cocaine."

- Police officers in Canton, 60 miles southeast of Dallas, rescued Laura Ornelas, 22, of Big Spring from her estranged husband, David Ornelas, 22, of Big Spring. Mrs. Ornelas reported that her husband held her hostage in his car for four days. She was not injured during the ordeal.

Sports



Seven members of the Steer swim team qualified for the University Interscholastic League's Class 4A State Swimming and Diving Championships. Among the locals advancing to the meet were freshman Jessica Hughey, Cody Clark, Mark Sheedy, Will Liggett, Michael Carrasco, Josh Pike and Justin Petrowski.

The water was the best place to be for seven members of the Big Spring High School swim team as February dawned across the Crossroads.

Seven members of the Steer swim team qualified for the University Interscholastic League's Class 4A State Swimming and Diving Championships. Among the local swimmers to advance to the meet was freshman Jessica Hughey, who had blossomed into a force in her first year at the high school level.

Joining Hughey at the meet were Cody Clark, Mark Sheedy, Will Liggett, Michael Carrasco, Josh Pike and Justin Petrowski. The team was coached by Harlan Smith.

None of the Steer swimmers managed to qualify for the finals at the meet, which was held in Austin. They did, however, post strong efforts at the event.

In other sports news in February:

- The Big Spring Steers opened the month with a stunning upset of Levelland in District 4-4A basketball action. Big Spring, behind the play of Arthur Belvin, won, 76-60.

- The Big Spring Lady Steers' hoops season didn't end on such a high note. The girls closed out their 2002 campaign with an 84-26 setback to No. 1-ranked Plainview. Leina Braxton led all BSIS scorers in the game with 12 points.

- The University Interscholastic League made some major changes in the local sporting scene when it announced its realignment process for the next two years. Gone from the Big Spring map was Snyder — which fell to Class 3A — and Plainview. Additionally, the changed grouped Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton into District 3-2A with former 3A power Crane.

- The New England Patriots capped an improbable season with a 20-17 win over the St. Louis Rams in the Super Bowl. New England ended the year by winning nine straight games. They began the season with a 5-5 mark.

- The Coahoma Bulldogs added to what was already an amazing school year when they ripped Post in a District 3-2A game and claimed a share of the district basketball championship. The Bulldog football team had captured the school's first district title in 29 years only a few months earlier.

- The Class 4A regional tournament tipped off in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. When the dust settled, the Plainview Lady Bulldogs earned their second straight trip to the state tournament by downing Canyon, 64-47.

- Howard College head women's basketball coach Joey Wells announced he would leave the team to pursue "other opportunities" shortly after the Lady Hawks finished their season at the WJAC Tournament.

BIRTHS

Baker, Callie Cate, Feb. 15
Delbosquez, Bethany Natilia, Feb. 20
Esparza, Korina Jalne, Feb. 4
George, Adriana, Feb. 28
Gonzales, Jason Ryan, Feb. 8
Grabehart, Jonathon Paul
Fredrick, boy, Feb. 16

Hewtt, Damian Cruz, Feb. 3
Joy, Kynleigh Avery, Feb. 1
Juarez Jr., Andres Lee, Feb. 17
Lowry, Michael Neal, Feb. 8
Martinez, Chloe Yasmine, Feb. 25
Martinez Jr., Cruz, Feb. 16

Mendez, Honesty Shy, Feb. 26
Munoz, Kelli Elizabeth, Feb. 4
Pesina Jr., Jose Marcos, Feb. 6
Rios, Bradee Lynn, Feb. 26
Rivera, Sernity Mariah, Feb. 22

Valle, Aidan Luke, Feb. 7
Velasquez, Mireya Alexis, Feb. 24
Watson, Rebecca Ann, Feb. 2

DEATHS

Allen, Mary Ellen, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 28
Brown, Delmar Ray, 65, Coahoma, Feb. 15
Byrns, Boyd, 79, Austin, Feb. 25
Burcham, Dixie Pauline, 67, Big Spring, Feb. 11
Butler, B.Y., 77, Tyler, Feb. 25
Calhoun, Rebecca "Becky," 45, Midland, Feb. 13
Carr, Marilyn Joyce, 72, Stanton, Feb. 4
Cable Jr., E.G., 90, Big Lake, Feb. 26
Cable, Pauline Evelyn Gregory, 89, Big Lake, Feb. 25
Christie, Richard Lee, 56, Fort Worth, Feb. 8
Clark, Jesse, 71, Big Spring, Feb. 13
Collinsworth, Zoe Ella, 97, Feb. 20
Corder, Beth Conklink, 74, Lubbock, Feb. 26
Cortez, Lusia C., 80, Big Spring, Feb. 25
Cowley, Evelyn L., 75, Forsan, Feb. 28
Crawford, Wayne, 89, Big

Spring, Feb. 6
Davis, Leon, 85, of Casper, Wyo., Feb. 18
Dyer, Jack L., 73, Joshua, Feb. 26
Everett, Maria (Cuca), 92, Big Spring, Feb. 28
Fields, Georgia, 92, Palestine, Feb. 18
Finley, Walter L., 78, Big Spring, Feb. 26
Gilbert, Hattie, 90, Granbury, Feb. 26
Glover, Joyce J., 66, Big Spring, Feb. 17
Gonzales, Carmen Moreno (Carmelo), 54, Big Spring, Feb. 20
Harris, Gerald D., 79, Midland, Feb. 5
Harris, Lucile, 87, Big Spring, Feb. 1
Haynie, Joan Carol, 66, Big Spring, Feb. 5
Henson, Juanita Janice, 64, Stanton, Feb. 25
Jones, Mary Ann, 64, Snyder, Feb. 18
Keeney, Ann Ross, 73, Big Spring, Feb. 17
Keisling, Tommye Walker, 76,

Sherman, Feb. 26
Kinard, Gary, 52, Big Spring, Feb. 21
King, Grace, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 8
Kirkland, Mabel, 93, Big Spring, Feb. 6
Lee, Arnold, 83, Colorado City, Feb. 23
Lovelace, Earline Clanton, 78, Big Spring, Feb. 28
Luevano, Santiaga "Chaga", 93, Big Spring, Feb. 27
McDurmon, Ruby, 94, Fort Worth, Feb. 22
McKenzie, Bette Virginia, Midland, Feb. 22
Miramontes, Cruz, 41, Big Spring, Feb. 3
Montano, Lydia, 55, Big Spring, Feb. 23
Neas, Viola, 85, Big Spring, Feb. 7
Pitcock, Irene M., 69, Big Spring, Feb. 22
Puga, Joe, 94, Stanton, Feb. 28
Ramey, Ethel, 77, Big Spring, Feb. 9
Ratliff, Arlis Dale, 77, Midland, Feb. 16

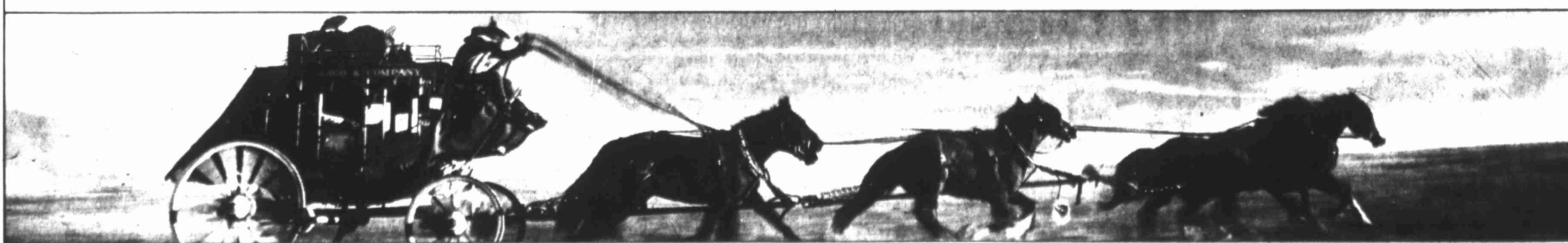
Riddle, Mozelle A., 84, of Big Spring, Feb. 13
Rogers, Lota Winnona, 96, Sweetwater, Feb. 5
Rubio, Josefita "Fita" Parras, 68, Big Spring, Feb. 25
Sanders, R. Clifton "Clif", 86, Austin, Feb. 2
Schuelke, Fred, 92, Ackerly, Feb. 17
Stanley, Daisy Louise, 86, Big Spring, Feb. 9
Swann, James R. "Rec", 78, Big Spring, Feb. 14
Teeters, Snowy, 74, Big Spring, Feb. 18
Tucker, Mary, 53, Stanton, Feb. 12
Valez Sr., Rene, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 17
Vasquez Sr., Ricardo, 64, Uvalde, Feb. 1
Waldrep, LaVerne Starrett, 82, Lubbock, Feb. 17
Wolcott, Nancy, 73, Big Spring, Feb. 21
Wallis, Jack Anthon, 76, Little Elm, Feb. 11
Williams, Marvin Eugene "Flash", 78, Big Spring, Feb. 28

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March

Tomatoes, tomatoes and not one fit to eat

A tractor trailer carrying crates of red and green tomatoes, careened off Interstate 20 near Sand Springs, struck a utility pole and spilled its cargo across the Midway Baptist Church parking lot on Sunday, March 10. The crash brought church members dashing from Sunday School classes. A pickup truck parked in the church's lot was destroyed by the 18-wheeler but there was no other damage. Worship services had to be held in the dark while a power company replaced the utility pole.

Moss Elementary fifth grader James Bowen won the Howard County spelling bee by correctly spelling "tropical." Later in the month, he placed ninth at the regional bee.

Republicans Jerry Kilgore, Precinct 2 incumbent, and Roy Don Beauchamp, running in Precinct 4, won party nominations for Howard County commissioner.

Four Big Spring State Hospital employees underwent preventative safety measures March 18 after coming in contact with a suspicious-looking envelope. Some 40 employees were evacuated from the administration building. Police investigated and determined that the powdery substance was chalk. It was discovered some interoffice mail envelopes had been stored underneath a chalkboard.

Big Spring ISD was released from a 20-year-old desegregation lawsuit on



HERALD file photo Sunday School at Midway baptist church was disrupted when a tractor-trailer full of roma tomatoes went off Interstate 20, crossed the service road and crashed into the church's parking lot. The driver was released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center following treatment.

March 7.

The 1982 suit had contended the district's student assignment policies for certain elementary schools resulted in the maintenance of racially identifiable schools and alleged that the district acted in a discriminatory manner in student transportation, faculty hiring and assignment as well as school construction programs.

More than a thousand people attended the 40th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard

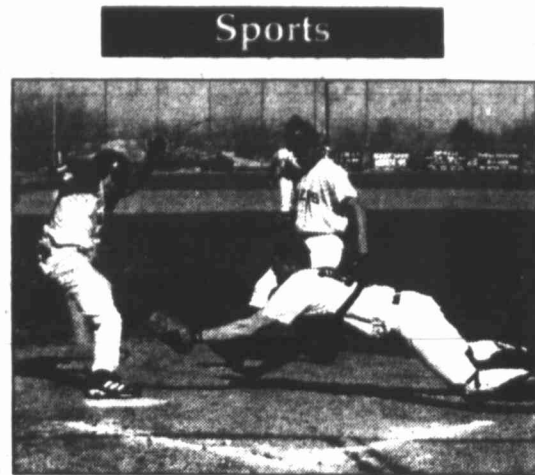
County Fairbarns. There were demonstrations of snake handling, venom milking and snake skinning, as well as races and many more activities.

The Society for Creative Anachronism held its Crown Tournament in Big Spring on March 23-24. About 150 SCAers gathered in Comanche trail Park for the event.

Michael Lynn Brooks of Coahoma was hired as a Texas Cooperative Extension agent for Howard County.

Frank Long was named Ag Producer of the Year and Big Spring Farm Supply (owners Ronnie and Diane Wood) was named the Agri-Business of the Year during the Ag Expo Luncheon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on March 27.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, presented a Texas flag and a United States flag to the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home on March 28.



HERALD file photo The Big Spring Steers' 2002 baseball season was marred by a perfect game from Andrews.

Perfect ... absolutely perfect. That's the only way to describe how Andrews senior pitcher Brock Johns highlighted March's sports activities. Johns keyed a 12-0 five-inning performance by hurling a perfect game against the Big Spring Steers on March 21 at Steer Park. The big right-hander faced just 15 batters in the game, striking out all but two. The only two players Johns didn't fan were erased on easy grounders to third base.

As a result of the perfect game, the Mustangs entrenched themselves in the District 4-4A lead with 4-0 record. Big Spring slipped to 1-3.

Johns didn't have to worry too much during the game. A Big Spring error helped Andrews pound out six runs in the top half of the first inning.

In other sports action in March: • The Big Spring High School golf team battled its way to third in the overall team standings after the second round of the District 4-4A Tournament, which was held at Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring posted a score of 322 and trailed only Snyder (312) and Frenship (318) heading into the third round, which was played in April.

• Big Spring softball coach Dan Arista watched on as they Lady Steers began the district portion of their schedule with a 21-0 win over Lubbock Estacado. Big Spring reeled off seven runs in their first at-bat.

• Howard College sophomore Zack Moss was named to the all-Region V team, despite not playing in the Region V Basketball Tournament.

Moss, who averaged 16.4 points and 8.2 rebounds a game, was also named to the all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball squad.

• It was an all-Fort Worth affair in the finals of the Region I, Class 4A Boys' Basketball Tournament in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. And No. 1-ranked Dunbar was the team that got its ticket punched for another trip to Austin and the state tournament. Dunbar defeated FW Polytechnic, 74-65, in front of a large crowd.

With the win over Poly, the Flying Wildcats made their 11th trip to the state tournament.

• The Plainview Lady Bulldogs nailed down their second straight Class 4A state championship by downing Dallas Lincoln in a repeat of the 2001 state finals. Plainview beat Lincoln, 68-40.

• The Howard College Lady Hawks rebounded from an opening round loss to run the table and claim the championship of the Murray State College Softball Tournament. With the win, the Lady Hawks improved to 24-12 for the season.

• Dallas Lincoln became the first team in Texas to claim a mythical national championship when they were voted the best team in the country, according to the final USA Today prep basketball poll. Lincoln finished the year with a perfect 40-0 record and claimed the state title.

BIRTHS

Aguilar, Allison Nicole, March 11
 Boyce, Jesse Harlan, March 8
 Chavera, Joshua Ray, March 22
 DeLos Santos, Augustin
 Gomesindo, March 7
 Flanagan, Baby Boy, March 8
 Franco, Tori Paige, March 9

Gamboia, Lindsay Nicole, March 11
 Guidry Jr., Charlton, March 31
 Gutierrez, Adolfo Garcia, March 13
 Haggard, Bryan Lane, March 22
 Humphries, Katie Ann, March 8

Melendez, Andreia Nicole, March 12
 Quinonez, Carlos Anthony, March 19
 Rivera, Aaliyah Reyna, March 31
 Robertson, Haden Tyler, March 17
 Slaton, Triston Shane, March 22

VanDyken, Donald Seth, March 1
 Vasquez, Kaleb Elijah, March 28
 White, Knandin James, March 25
 Young, Seth Henry, March 5

DEATHS

Adams, F. Preston, 74, Big Spring, March 11
 Allred, Hazel, 79, Ackerly, March 25
 Anderson, Penny Lee, 80, Big Spring, March 31
 Anderson, Vera Patricia "Pat" (Matteson), 60, Big Spring, March 11
 Ballard, Shirley, 67, Lubbock, March 26
 Barron, Maxine Marie Hall, 81, Snyder, March 3
 Belew, Andrew Lynn, 17, Prairie Grove, March 2
 Bird, Holly R., 71, McKinney, March 8
 Bird, Wilma Wilborn, 68, McKinney, March 8
 Bobo, Willie P., 65, Big Spring, March 4
 Bray, Glen, 61, Big Spring, March 4
 Brown, Nell, 92, Big Spring, March 19
 Burrow, J. Dan, 68, Abilene, March 13
 Campbell, Doyle, 76, Big Spring, March 20

Cohorn, A.B., 83, Lamesa, March 4
 Coleman, Luther, 89, Big Spring, March 19
 Cowley, Evelyn Lucille, Big Spring, March 3
 Denton, Ralph Durwood, Midland, March 25
 Dobbs, Joe B., 79, Big Spring, March 28
 Eckert, Carl, 46, Big Spring, March 19
 Gonzales, Enedina, 86, Colorado City, March 21
 Hale, Autie J., 65, Carrollton, March 24
 Hanson, Billie D., 77, Big Spring, March 26
 Harris, Ida Nell, 98, Odessa, March 9
 Johnson, Will, 89, Big Spring, March 29
 King, Ida Mae (Mickey), 71, Big Spring, March 11
 Lawson, Alvin Dean, 74, Sterling City, March 1
 Liner Jr., Paul S., 64, Big Spring, March 27
 Madison, Claudine, 85,

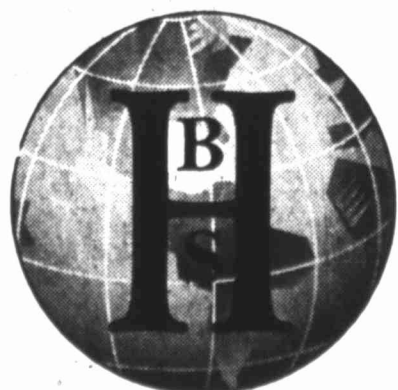
Stanton, March 6
 Mann, Nora Bolling, 95, Stanton, March 18
 Mears, Effie, 77, Big Spring, March 27
 Moore, Dollie Faye, 86, Portland, March 30
 Myers, Anita Sue, 56, Big Spring, March 27
 Olague Sr., Thomas H. (Tomas), 67, Big Spring, March 8
 Parks, Roy Wendal, Feb. 26, Big Spring, March 10
 Patrick, Clara Pearl, 67, Big Spring, March 17
 Peters, Bobbie, 82, Big Spring, March 20
 Phillips, Imogene R., 82, Big Spring, March 29
 Preston, Claudie Belle Carpenter, 66, Abilene, March 21
 Rambo, Joy Sumpter, 90, Laverne, Okla., March 26
 Rawlings, Harry V., 75, Midland, March 23
 Reynolds, Charles Whitney, 62, Brenham, March 18

Russworm, Reba Doris, 79, Big Spring, March 13
 Soles, Gracie L., 84, Sweetwater, March 22
 Scott, Thornton A., 74, Stanton, March 22
 Stewart, Jimmy, 58, Big Spring, March 18
 Stripling Sr., Robert L., 95, Big Spring, March 17
 Swafford, Janie, 52, Big Spring, March 3
 Thigpen, Kathryn Craig, 90, Big Spring, March 25
 Vaughn Jr., Claude C., 84, Big Spring, March 17
 Wade, Marita, 98, Big Spring, March 9
 Webb, Carol Sue, 63, Big Spring, March 12
 Wilson, Janie Huffstetler, 78, Big Spring, March 12
 Winn, Jerry Paul, 49, Hurst, March 19
 Wright, Mary, 70, Big Spring, March 12
 Yoder, John Michael, 57, Lakeland, Fla., March 4

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April

Laughter, tears mark year's fourth month

The month of April saw laughter and tears with annual events such as the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo and a murder trial in 188th District Court.

While Israeli tanks surrounded Bethlehem in the continuing war against terrorists, Big Spring welcomed home Air Force Airman Landon Wegner from his stint in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, homemade mailbox bombs were found locally with the offenders eventually turning themselves in.

A local son made good, Daniel "Bubba" Franks, tight end for the Green Bay Packers, enjoyed a hometown welcome during his visit with his family.

In a tale of tragedy that gripped a family for more than a year, John Ross Cansino was found guilty on April 25 of murdering his 7-week-old son Julian and sentenced to life in prison. The boy died in January 2001.

The Michaelises — Cindy, who headed The United Way, and Joel, who directed workforce programs at Howard College — decided to pursue interests in the hometown of Waco and left Big Spring after a two-year stay.

Other notable events in April were:

- New DAV officer Patrick Carnahan settled into his new post.
- Big Spring High School senior Nathan Smith was selected National Merit Scholar, the first for BSHS in four years.
- Big Spring ISD got training from 24-year food service veteran Jeff Simpson of Quality Food Service.
- Johnny Mack Dow, 22, was sentenced to 25 years in



HERALD file photo
Community leaders and heads of United Affordable Housing met at the site of the planned Limestone Ridge Apartment Complex on April 17 for a groundbreaking ceremony. From left are Frances St. Claire of State Sen. Bob Duncan's office, Randy Spivington of UAH, Mayor Russ McEwen, County Commissioner Bill Crooker, Crossroads Housing Director Paul Pryor, Big Spring Housing Authority Director Mark Gentry and UAH President Kent Hance.

prison after entering a guilty plea for aggravated assault against a public servant. He had pulled a gun on a Big Spring police officer during a traffic stop.

• The Salvation Army doll auction — there would be a second one later in the year — raised \$1,000 for the needy.

• Becky Rau became great-aunt to sextuplets that were born to her niece in Kansas.

• Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days celebrated its 10th anniversary.

• A groundbreaking ceremony was held in preparation for the new Limestone Ridge Apartments.

• Two thousand health conscious Big Springers attended the annual Health Fair.

• Howard College was approved to offer a bachelor degree program.

• Firefighter Dusty Shelhamer received the Distinguished Membership Award.

• AIDS victim Tony Cano accomplished his goal of

running the Master of the Mountain race.

• Testimony was emotional during a candlelight vigil held to honor victims of violent crimes on Tuesday, April 23.

• Alison Grace Flores, 20 days old, was the recipient of Howard College's April Baby Scholarship.

• Hundreds attended Around the World In 80 Bites, a fund-raiser for the Heritage Museum.

Sports



HERALD file photo
Howard College starred in rodeo action in 2002, climbing to No. 3 overall in the southwestern U.S. poll.

Big Spring ushered in spring by turning on the warmth for one of its own in April.

The City of Spring staged a Daniel "Bubba" Franks Day on April 5 for the former Big Spring High School standout, Franks, who went on to star at the University of Miami; now plays in the National Football league with Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

More than 500 people turned out to welcome the former Steer standout back to West Texas at a special ice cream supper held in the BSHS gymnasium. Franks spent more than an hour signing autographs, shaking hands and posing for pictures with locals.

Franks, a Pro Bowler, graduated from Big Spring in 1996. He followed his prep career with an outstanding run at Miami before becoming the Packers' first-round selection in 2000.

Franks made several other appearances while in town, including visiting with former teachers and coaches. He also threw out the first pitch at the Steers' District 4-4A baseball game against Frenship.

In other sports action during the month of April:

• Ka'Rissa Magers and the Big Spring Lady Steers won the annual AMBUCS Big Spring Relays by a large margin. The BSHS girls rolled up 243 points — almost 100 more than its nearest challenger, Andrews.

Magers won the triple jump, the long jump and the 200-meter dash. She also ran a leg on two of the three relay races the BS thinclads won.

• The Forsan High School tennis team won the District 3-2A championship with a stellar effort from both its boys' and girls' teams. En route to winning the 3-2A crown, the Buffs won both the boys' and girls' championships.

Members of the district championship team were Megan Fishback, Heather Hise, Karissa Reed, Holly Walker, Erin Posey, Lacy Eggleston, David Lee, Matt Reyna, Zack Johnson, Josh Gibson and Trey Kuykendall.

• The Coahoma High School boys' golf team nailed down the District 3-2A championship. The Bulldogs finished the tournament with a 693 total — 26 strokes ahead of district runner-up Forsan. In the girls' division, the Stanton Lady Buffaloes edged out the Plains Cowgirls for the district crown.

• Four area track and field athletes earned spots in the State Track and Field Championships late in the month. Gaining berths in the state event were Big Spring standout Cierra Butler, Coahoma's Rachel Williams and Garden City's tandem of Allison Jansa and Bryan Hillger.

Williams gained her spot by tying a 20-year-old Coahoma High School record in the 400-meter race. Jansa qualified for the state meet in two events, including the 3,200- and and the 1,600-meter runs

BIRTHS

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| Baucum, Emma LeeAnn, April 18
Deatherage, Greenley | Danielle, April 26
Flores, Jewel Rebecca, April 25 | Galan, Ezekiel Pete, April 20
Hernandez, Nydia Marie, April 23 | Spargo, Michael David, April 8 |
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DEATHS

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| Baker, William, 72, Big Spring, April 6 | Freeman, Scottie Lee, 35, Coppel, April 17 | Lepard, Richard "Dickie," 49, Andrews, April 8 | Spring, April 19 |
| Barth, Walter D., 94, Big Spring, April 30 | Froman, Artie Burns, 84, Big Spring, April 13 | Livrone, Ethel, Sand Springs, April 23 | Raney, Madeline Faye, 43, Mesquite, April 27 |
| Bennet, Clarence Jack, 81, Big Spring, April 15 | Garcia, Maria Reyes, 68, Big Spring, April 24 | Lloyd, Margaret McAdams, 78, Big Spring, April 26 | Ringener, Ronald, 52, Siler City, N.C., April 5 |
| Birdwell, C.E. "Ed", 93, Tahoka, April 18 | Grant, David Emery, 79, Lake Brownwood, April 20 | Majors, Ricky Delter, 49, Auburn, Wash., April 19 | Rios, Irma Yanez, 47, Big Spring, April 30 |
| Booth, Freda Mae, 86, Ballinger, April 15 | Hall, Lewis, 73, Big Spring, April 3 | Martin, Cecil S., San Antonio, April 15 | Rivas Sr., Raul (Peaches), 52, Big Spring, April 4 |
| Brown, Lillie, Big Spring, April 8 | Heflin, Juanita Gibbs, 79, Big Spring, April 8 | Martinez, Paula T., 73, Big Spring, April 6 | Rubio Sr., Trinidad G., 98, Stanton, April 19 |
| Butler, A.J. (Tommie), 71, Big Spring, April 14 | Hinojosa, Eufenia, Lubbock, April 22 | Miller, Earnest Gail, 72, Big Spring, April 18 | Simpson, Bob, 68, of Big Spring, April 15 |
| Cates, Fannie Jo, 90, Big Spring, April 14 | Hitch, Bobby Jack "Bob," 74, Big Spring, April 14 | Morphis, Lula Mae, 91, Oak Ridge, Tenn., April 20 | Smelser, W.R. (Bill), 90, Big Spring, April 2 |
| Corrales, Carmen M., Midland, April 16 | Hughes, James Houston, 75, Marble Falls, April 18 | Nairn, Mark, 44, Tropp, April 2 | Sundy, Pauline (Polly), 72, Big Spring, April 24 |
| Cravens, Clyde D., 89, of Fort Worth, April 14 | Hughston, Adelle Carter, 84, Big Spring, April 5 | Ortiz, Juanita, 87, Big Spring, April 16 | Turner, Nelda Ruth, 63, of Stanton, April 21 |
| Denton, Mildred Bernice, 79, Big Spring, April 18 | Johnson, Finette, 72, Big Spring, April 8 | Phillips, James E., Midland, April 7 | White, Lila, 94, Big Spring, April 3 |
| Douglass, Josephine Majors, Richards, April 4 | Jones, Grace, 89, Big Spring, April 18 | Porter, Ruby Ella, 82, Big Spring, April 1 | Wright, Marzee Ellen, 88, Lubbock, April 23 |
| Everett, Ada Mae Appling, 79, Midland, April 20 | Lawdermilk, Margaret Elizabeth, 78, Big Spring, April 21 | Rains, William L., 74, Big Spring, April 19 | |

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Elections see some changing of the guard

As another academic school year ended for area public schools and colleges in May, students said good-bye to one phase of life and welcome in a new one.

Area elections also brought new faces to city and school boards as well as the return of some familiar ones.

Big Spring Independent School board trustee Larry McLellan failed in his bid for another term on the board by 40 votes to Big Spring businessman Allan Partee. BSISD incumbent Irene Bustamante was re-elected to her seat.

JoAnn Staulcup was elected to her first term on the Big Spring City Council, replacing Chuck Cawthon who decided not to run. Stephanie Horton was elected for another term on the council.

Incumbents Marie Ethridge, Dr. Charles Warren and John Freeman filled three Howard College trustees at-large seats.

Winners in area races were: Coahoma schools, John Wayne Metcalf, incumbent, and Dale Coates; Forsan schools, Debbie Dure and Marty Whetsel and Dale Humphreys, both incumbents; Sands schools, Martin Nichols, incumbent, and Robin Barraza; Coahoma City Council, Paulette Lindsey and Eleanor Garrett, both incumbents, and Warren Wallace; Forsan Mayor, Jim Buske.

In Other news: On May 6, Victim Services, with the help of area emergency services and law enforcement, held the Shattered Dreams program to a joint presentation of Coahoma and Forsan High School students. The day-long event included a staged drunk driving accident and the consequences that follow.

Despite constant power-



Candidates running in Big Spring's city and school board elections had numerous supporters out at the poll on May 4, election day, to drum up last-minute support.

ful wind, hundreds of walkers persevered through the evening of May 10 and morning of May 11 to collect the largest Relay for Life fund-raising total ever in Big Spring. The 24-hour event raised \$174,008.36, exceeding its goal by more than \$40,000.

BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy was selected by his peers to sit on a committee that advises state Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis on educational issues.

A fire broke out in the mill and cabinet shop at Solitaire Homes May 17, causing more than an estimated \$1 million in damages and mass layoffs at the home manufacturer plant.

Big Spring police began the search for two unknown subjects in an aggravated robbery of a northside laun-

dry business on May 19.

Fire Marshal Carl Condray ruled a fire at Lamesa Drive RV Center and City Radiator Service on May 21 was not an act of arson but caused accidentally by would-be burglars.

Zach Johnson, a Howard County Volunteer Fire Department firefighter, and the HCVFD helped to talk down a possibly suicidal man. On May 23, Jeffrey Scott Cox of Coahoma had climbed a 200-foot American towers cellular telephone tower on Deleon Road.

Construction work on FM 700 by the Highway 87 overpass began at the end of May and still continues. The project entails building a new exit ramp to Gregg Street from FM 700, a turn-around structure on the



Wanda Gamble of the VA Medical Center team struggles to keep luminaria lit at the eighth Howard-Glasscock counties Relay for Life on May 10. The Relay proceeded despite high winds which snuffed the bagged candles, ending with an announcement of a record \$174,008.36.

overpass and one-way frontage roads.

BIRTHS

Cervantes IV, Manuel Christian, May 17
Dean, Haley Renee, May 31
Gomez, Maribel Raquel, May 2

Horn, Cory Brian, May 23
Herrera, Nicholas Edward Gonzales, May 11

Ladesma, Alexander Joydon, May 2
Paul, Samantha Maryie, May 20

Pendleton, Takota Cheyenne, May 24

DEATHS

Alexander Sr., R.J., 85, Big Spring, May 5
Bailey, Mickey Stewart "Stu", 53, May 17
Barnes, Merritt H., 81, Big Spring, May 26
Bassinger, Nila, 78, May 27
Bordofoske, Margaret, 85, Abilene, May 9
Carrillo, Angel Padron, infant, May 24
Chamberlain, Mary Juanita, 83, Big Spring, May 2
Chau, Eden Van, 50, Big Spring, May 27
Dedrick, Herbert, 73, Big Spring, May 27
Diaz, Pioquinto "Jacinto", 84, Big Spring, May 27
Duncan, Gerene "Gene", 97, Big Spring

Dutchover Sr., Robert, 70, Big Spring, May 25
Flowers, Faye Powell, 80, Robert Lee, May 11
Garcia Jr., Antonio, 16, Manor, May 19
Garza Jr., Camilo C., 58, Big Spring, May 14
Godwin, Beulah, 81, Big Spring, May 11
Gonzales, Amalia D., Austin, May 8
Haggard, J. Alex, Stanton, May 10
Hardeman, Freddy, 89, Big Spring, May 12
Jurecek, Lillie Ida, 87, Garden City, May 10
Key, Earnest, 88, Big Spring, May 15
King, Donnie Ray, 57,

Coahoma, May 27
Kinman, William David "Pappy", 75, Marble Falls, May 18
Lampkin, Hubert, 79, Monahans, May 11
Lehman, Sharon Reid, 46, Arlington, May 2
McNew, R.X. (Jack), 86, Big Spring, May 6
Moore, Ruby A., 84, Big Spring, May 30
Olivarez, Louis Frank, 23, Manor, May 19
Osmulski, Timothy Aaron (Tim), Dallas, May 2
Partlow, Jimmy Ray, Midland, May 28
Porter, Lela Patton, Gail, May 4
Reagan, Geneva J., 81, Big

Spring, May 13
Reese, Callie Mae, 89, Big Spring, May 16
Rutledge, Juanita, Quitman, May 6
Smith, Luna Lee, 96, Brownfield, May 23
Watkins, John "Jack", 84, Big Spring, May 5
Willett, Jerome, 71, Wichita Falls, May 21
Williams, Clyde B., 92, Big Spring, May 7
Wood, Harry, 74, Odessa, May 7
Wood, Winifred, 96, Big Spring, May 6
Wyrick, Greta, 38, San Diego, Calif., May 16
Yater, Billy Wayne, 76, Big Spring, May 17

Sports



Big Spring's Whitney Hufford helped the Lady Steers advance to the regional semifinals.

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Coahoma Bulldogettes' softball teams dominated the sports scene in the crossroads in May. Both made extended runs in the state playoffs.

Big Spring, under head coach Dan Arista, rode the arm of pitcher Alex Watkins to a 22-10 record and a berth in the Class 4A regional semifinals. Coahoma, in what has become a tradition, advanced to the Class 2A state tournament.

Watkins highlighted Big Spring's run through the 4A playoffs. In the Lady Steers' area playoff matchup, she hurled a no-hitter.

Big Spring's season ended with a tough loss to Fort Worth Brewer.

The Lady Bulldogs' fifth trip to the state tournament since 1996 ended in the semifinal round with a 1-0 loss to Alto. Coahoma, which won the state crown in 1998, was led by the pitching ability of Erin Stovall.

The Lady Bulldogs battled Alto tooth-and-nail for 10 innings before giving up a run in the 11th.

In other sports action during the month of May:

Big Spring High School closed out a memorable month by turning the reins of its boys' basketball and baseball programs to new head coaches. Jim Kinnear was introduced as the new basketball coach, replacing Brian Ellington, who retired from coaching. Roland Herrera replaced Greg Winder.

Seattle Mariners' outfielder Mike Cameron tied a major league record by hitting four home runs in a single game. Cameron became the 13th player to hit four homers — and the first since 1993 — in a game.

Six members of the Howard College rodeo team managed to qualify for the Conference Finals Rodeo in Hobbs. Qualifying for the rodeo were Trey Hale, Trent Cornelius, Colby Scheeman, Chris Herin, Jake Degeer and Tony Saulter.

Wes Longorio and Cynthia Becerra were named the outstanding male and female athletes at Forsan High School during the annual awards ceremony.

Longorio and Becerra were among many students recognized for their efforts during the year. Zach Johnson and Candace Gamble were named the top basketball athletes.

For the third time in 15 months, Ryan Leaf found himself without a job. The Cowboys cut the former No. 2 overall pick in 1998, signed with Dallas after being cut by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He was originally drafted and played for the San Diego Chargers.

Garden City High School sophomore Allison Jansa was named to the Texas Girls' Coaches Association All-State Track and Field team. She won the regional cross country championship in the 3,200-meter run and finished second in the 1,600-meter run. She placed sixth in both races at the UIL Class 1A State Cross Country meet in Austin.

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Appeals Court ruling angers many

Big Spring residents were shocked when the a panel of three Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judges ruled June 26 that schoolchildren reciting the phrase "...under God..." as part of the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional.

The court found that the phrase endorses religion in conflict with the first amendment-based principle of separation of church and state.

The 2-1 ruling was the verdict in a case involving an atheist trying to keep his second-grade daughter from being exposed to religion in school.

Big Spring leaders, area legislators, schoolchildren and citizens expressed displeasure with the ruling.

Less than 24 hours after the ruling was issued, Circuit Judge Alfred T. Goodwin decided to stay the ruling until fellow members of the Ninth Circuit Appeals Court decide whether to reconsider the case.

The decision was later struck down by a hearing before the full Ninth Circuit court.

June was a month of deep sadness for *Big Spring Herald* employees as publisher Ken Dulaney died of a sudden heart attack.

A 37-year veteran of the newspaper industry, Dulaney was the *Herald's* advertising manager from December of 1992 to April of 1996, when he left to serve as publisher of several other newspapers. He returned to the *Herald* as publisher in April of 2001.

Also in June:

- Josue Pena was tried, convicted and sentenced to 12 years in state prison and a \$1,000 fine on three counts of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old Big Spring girl.

- William Edmond Gossett, 26, was arrested on suspicion of armed robberies in Big Spring and Odessa. Big Spring robberies Gossett was suspected of included those at the Lone Star Pawn Shop June 10 and the Northside Laundry May 19. Gossett would later plead guilty to federal charges of robbing a postal facility, a contract post office at Petal Pushers florist shop in Odessa.

- At a June 20 board meeting, Big Spring Independent School District trustees voted down 4-3 the promotion of Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Osbelia Rocha to the school's



HERALD file photo
The Howard County Sheriff's Office apprehended two women who attempted to smuggle this marijuana through Big Spring June 28 in the gas tank of their van.

top spot. June 27, Rocha was hired and accepted the positions of high school principal and curriculum director in the Weimar ISD.

- Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen announced his "Clean and Green" initiative, aimed at cleaning and beautifying the city. Among the program's focuses are stricter penalties for littering, to include community service trash cleanup; banning front-yard parking in areas with curb-and-gutter streets; controlling eyesore property containing junk sofas, high weeds or trash within sight of the street; and encouraging community pride in keeping the city clean.

- Twelve-year-old Dakota Dawson and 25-year-old Ike Morrow were killed

in a one-vehicle rollover accident near Westbrook June 25. Driver of the vehicle, Russell Whitesides, 22, and former Howard College cheerleader Brooke Dawson, 20, received minor injuries.

- Howard County sheriff's deputies arrested two Oklahoma City women when they discovered the fuel tank of the women's Astro Van contained about 70 packages of marijuana with a street value of about \$16,000. Deputy Pat Carter attempted to assist the women when he found them carrying fuel back to the van, which ran out of gas on Interstate 20.

- The man who robbed Stanton's First National Bank July 9, 2001 — David Large, 36 — was sentenced to more than 14 years in prison.

Sports



HERALD file photo
Area little league action heated up in June. The Astros rallied to beat the Toros for the Minor League city championship.

Matt Ritchey may not hit home runs like Barry Bonds or Sammy Sosa, but he certainly carried the big stick for the Cardinals when it counted.

Ritchey, who had struck out in his first two trips to the plate, hammered out an RBI run single to center in the top of the fifth inning evening and helped the Cardinals rally from an early deficit and claim a thrilling 5-4 win over the Coahoma Reds in the final game of the 2002 Big Spring Major League Division City Championship. In all, the Cardinals, who finished the season at 21-4, scored three times in the inning, erasing a 4-2 deficit.

Cade Hollingsworth highlighted a spectacular pitching matchup in the Big Spring American League park. He and Reds' standout Donnie Garcia combined to strike out 22 batters in the affair.

Just how tough was Hollingsworth? Consider this: In addition to striking out 11, he did not allow a Coahoma player to advance past second base in the final five innings. The last to reach second was Garcia, who stole second base after earning a lead-off walk in the third.

The wheels came off the Coahoma wagon in the fifth.

After the Cards' Lloyd Morgan had been retired on a fielder's choice play off the bat of catcher Suraj Patel, the Reds' defense dozed. After the Reds had retired Morgan, Patel advanced to third on a passed ball and later scored, pulling the Cards to within 4-3.

Hollingsworth tied the game at 4-4 by scoring on a 2-run throwing error at third. Ritchey also scored on the play.

Other sports news in June: Dayvion Young came to the Astros rescue as he hit a two-run double to left in the bottom of the sixth inning that helped the Astros claim a wild 5-4 come-from-behind win over the Toros in the Big Spring Minor League City Championship game at the National League park.

- Kay Blandford waited through three days and a major storm before finally getting the chance to run the barrels at the 69th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo. When the opportunity arose, she was equal to the challenge, turning in a blazing time of 16.88 seconds to win the barrel racing competition and a check for just under \$900.

In all, more than \$30,000 was handed out during the 4-day event.

- Coahoma's Erin Stovall gave the fans at Abilene Christian University their money's worth. Of course, so did former Bulldogettes Erin Evans and Karen Sterling and former Big Spring stars Bridget Cain, Nicole Chesworth and Trista Casey.

The six Crossroads standouts turned in solid efforts for the Permian Basin squad during a 6-4 loss to an Abilene-area team in the inaugural West Texas All-Star Softball Classic.

BIRTHS

Aguilar, Marissa Elena, June 12	Gonzales, Reina Mercedes, June 9	Rayford, Rodney A. Jr., June 17	Whitmore, Nathaniel Scott, June 6
Blair, Corbin Michael Wesley, June 10	Hernandez, Anthony Ray, June 16	Valencia, Alyssa Jadin, June 18	Yeats, Erin Lynn, June 14
Cantu, Anica, Marcella, June 21	Jones, Julia Deeann, June 12	Viasana Jr., Christopher, June 15	

DEATHS

Armendariz, Natalia, 95, Big Spring, June 25	Spring, June 18	Spring, June 24	Ackerly, June 19
Armstrong, R.C. (Jack), 78, Big Spring, June 15	Derr, Diana Jo, 53, Miami, June 13	McMahon Sr., Clyde, 91, Big Spring, June 26	Smith, Loena, 88, Big Spring, June 29
Arner, Mrs. Frank (Sue), 79, Big Spring, June 19	Dulaney, Kenneth W., 60, Big Spring, June 9	Meeck, Melburn Wayne, 40, Hamilton, June 18	Smith, Lois O'Barr, 99, Cypress, June 17
Bain, Leone "Nannie" Townsend, 94, Big Spring, June 29	Flores, Josefa, 72, Big Spring, June 27	Miers, Alice (Skeat), 93, Big Spring, June 17	Sorrells, Janie Campbell, 67, Odessa, June 14
Benham, Willie Olean Leonard, Midland, June 28	Harris, William J. (Bill), 87, Big Spring, June 20	Morris, Laura Maple, 88, Franklin, June 18	Teel, Dorothy, 74, Big Spring, June 27
Bennett, Bonnie, 82, Big Spring, June 14	Holland, Marvin H., 71, San Angelo, June 28	Olivas, Guerrero "Gary," 70, Stanton, June 26	Thompson, Nellie, 93, Big Spring, June 30
Berger, LaVerne, 79, Big Spring, June 28	Holloway, Colleen, 68, Tarzan, June 19	Porter, Dr. Thomas Lee, Atlanta, Ga., June 18	Thompson, W.L. (Squeaky), 87, Big Spring, June 23
Cates, Phillip, 84, Odessa, June 18	Hooper, Minnie Mae (Doodle), 84, Big Spring, June 26	Ringener, Willie, 95, Big Spring, June 20	Torrez, Steven Alex, 21, Lubbock, June 14
Davidson, Joe A., 88, Springdale, Ark, June 22	Hopkins, Gerfía, 66, Stanton, June 26	Ruse, Jeanne, 81, Big Spring, June 15	Tucker, Frances L., 80, Big Spring, June 25
Davis Sr., Ralph Wayne, 67, El Paso, June 24	Jennings, Sterling Edward, 88, San Angelo, June 30	Sisson, Jessie, 58, Midland, June 29	Williamson, J.C., 89, Weatherford, June 25
Dean, Robert M., 81, Big Spring, June 18	Johnston, Mae Dell, Midland, June 14	Skywark, Eugene Frederick, 78, Big Spring, June 13	Wood, Doris, 67, Big Spring, June 28
	LeVier, Francis Willis, 82, Big Spring, June 18	Smith, Deana Ann, 46, Spring, June 24	

The City of Big Spring thanks our employees for their hard work and success on all of the following projects:

- Completed Phase II of the Computer Fiber Network.
- Implemented double seal coat program to eliminate all dirt streets.
- Completed Capehart sewer line replacement project with funding from the Texas Community Development Fund.
- Renovated and enhanced Roy Anderson Ballpark.
- Installed new playground equipment at Dr. Morgan Park.
- Successfully refunded two bond issues through the issuance of the Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, with gross debt service savings of over \$476,000.00.
- Initiated funding of \$60,000.00 for new irrigation system at the Mt. Olive Cemetery.
- Initiated funding of \$15,000.00 for new playground equipment at ABC Park.
- Reorganized the City of Big Spring Administration for an annual savings of approximately \$50,000.00.

We would like to express our appreciation at your continued dedication each and every day in the rates of: Public Safety, Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services, Water and Sewer Line Repair, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Street Maintenance, Code Enforcement, Sanitation, Parks and Recreation, Airport Management, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, Purchasing, Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance, Finance, Personnel and Administration.

Pops, parades dominate Independence month

Thousands gathered in Comanche Trail Park for Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual symphony and fireworks show to celebrate Independence Day. A light rain didn't stop crowds from enjoying the festivities, which took on a special significance in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"This is the time that everyone feels patriotic and comes together and celebrates their country. We are just honored to be able to sing for everybody and bring a patriotic message," said Larry Thibault, director of the West Texas Musical Revue, which performed during the day.

The day after "Pops," the Downtown Revitalization Association held its first Fantastic Fourth Festival, which drew a large crowd to the downtown area to see a battle of the bands and enjoy food, games and wares offered by various vendors.

The 34th Highland South Fourth of July parade was held the next day. The neighborhood parade of children and animals is one of the longest-running of its kind in the United States.

Coahoma celebrated the Fourth of July with a weekend parade on Saturday, July 6. House Speaker Pete Laney was a special guest. He also spoke at the Coahoma High School Exes Reunion.

Hank Bond, publisher of the *Sweetwater Reporter*, was named publisher of the *Herald* in July. Bond filled the vacancy created by the sudden death of Ken Dulaney on June 9.

Howard County 911 District moved to a larger office at 610 Main in July. The move would later gener-



Members of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra prepare for the annual Parks in the Pops concert and fireworks show. Thousands of people attend the annual event, held at Comanche Trail Park each July 3.

ate some controversy on the city council because of the pricetag.

Head football coach and athletic director Mark Cotton was named principal at Stanton High School.

In bouts with the law, two men, Paul Daniel Lee and Scotty Murl Casselman, were jailed for possession of chemicals used to make methamphetamines, and Howard County cooperative Extension Agent David Kight was charged with insurance fraud. Kight would later resign his post as county agent.

Hundreds attended the Old Settlers Reunion in Stanton, which kicked off with the usual colorful parade. The occasion also marked dedication of the Carmelite

monastery's Texas Historic Landmark designation.

Cowboy poets, barbeque and "horse racing" dominated the 78th annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion. The horses were wooden, but a big hit with those in attendance.

Big Spring Shrine Club once again recognized fire, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel with an ice cream social.

Scenic Mountain medical Center opened its "new" emergency room to the public in July. Some 6,000 square feet was added to the existing ER.

Big Spring ISD trustees came under fire again in July from Estella Aguirre, assistant superintendent who resigned to take a post

in another school district. She first thanked principals, directors and teachers, as well as board members Frank Long, Irene Bustamante and Terry Wegman for their support, but added "in closing, I refuse to let four non-educators hold my future or have control over me" — speaking of trustees Mike Dawson, Phil Furquerson, Kent Sharp and Allan Partee. Those four had rejected the superintendent's recommendation to hire former Big Spring High School assistant principal Osbelia Rocha for the position of Moss Elementary principal in June. Rocha immediately resigned and accepted another position outside of the district.

Sports



HERALD file photo
Sands' Dusty Floyd earned MVP honors at the annual Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star game.

During the 2001 high school football season, Dusty Floyd gave everyone fits en route to leading the Sands Mustangs to the state quarterfinals. Nothing was any different in the summer of 2002.

Floyd picked up right where he had left off at the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star football game. The Sands standout helped power the West to a 32-18 win in Wolfforth.

Floyd was a one-man gang for the West team. In addition to handling the team's punting duties, he caught four passes for 133 yards and two touchdowns. For his efforts, he was rewarded with the West's offensive MVP honors.

After the two teams had battled through a scoreless first quarter, Floyd helped kick-start the West offense by plowing into the end zone on a 1-yard dive.

A six-man All-American selection, Floyd burned the East defense again less than a minute later when he hauled in a long pass for a touchdown and a 12-0 lead with 2:07 left in the half.

Floyd capped his summer all-star experience two weeks later by representing the Crossroads region in the 2002 All Americas Bowl, an international six-man all-star clash.

In other Crossroads sports action in the month of July:

- The Big Spring United Softball Association All-Stars advanced to the championship round of the 2002 State All-Star Tournament in Abilene. The team finished third in the overall team standings, finishing the tournament with a 5-2 mark.

- It really became Miller Time in Big Spring in mid July when Gary Miller was named the new BSHS head girls basketball coach. Miller replaced Jimmy Avery, who resigned to accept a similar position with Class 2A Jim Ned. Miller had previously coached at Cleburne.

- Wesley Smith pitched six strong innings and slammed a two-run home run en route to leading the Howard Co. all-stars to a 15-3 rout of South Odessa in the second round of the 2002 District 3 All-Star Baseball Tournament. Big Spring scored three times in the fifth inning to enforce the 10-run rule.

- Cimarron Thompson turned the 57th Annual Howard Co. Junior Rodeo into her personal playground in July. She highlighted the 3-day event by winning the calf roping competition. She also placed second in two other events.

- Australian Antonio Seremet, and his younger brother, really liked the people and the American football they encountered in their month-long visit to the Texas this past summer.

- Seremet, a world-class long jumper, and his brother, Danny, introduced Big Spring residents to a glimpse of life Down Under during their visit to the States. The two were here to participate in the 2002 All Americas Bowl.

BIRTHS

Barrientes, Cody Russel, July 23
Chapa, Kristen Belle, July 29
Cox, Gracie Dawn, July 9
Faz, Valerie Alexis Faz, July 18

Gonzales, Gladys Shakira R., July 22
Gordon, Brylea M'Kell, July 12
King, Desiree Denice, July 28
Martinez, Jose Adalberto Guy,

July 9
Means, Baylor Lee, July 15
Montemayor, Butch Albert, July 29
Ornelas, Christopher Daniel Jr., July 10

Shults, Devin Cash, July 23
Straughter, Lalia Mauk, July 20
Valencia, Valerie July 7

DEATHS

Anderson, Connie, 67, Lubbock, July 14
Beltran, Julio, 38, Big Spring, July 12
Berry, T.L., 83, Big Spring, July 28

Blauser, Darl Eugene (Barney), 69, Big Spring, July 4
Braden, Melvin A., 85, San Angelo, July 28

Burchett, Evelyn, 75, Big Spring, July 10
Eckert, Delores Ineta, 67, Snyder, July 16

Esparza, Jesus Ruiz "Raymond," 67, Big Spring, July 22

Gonzales, Pantaleon "Leon," 81, Aransas Pass, July 18
Graham, Richard H. "Dick", 80, Phoenix, Ariz., July 30
Hall, Ronald Wayne, 55, Big Spring, July 13

Hardy, L.C., 90, Garden City, July 17

Hein, Bonnie Cross, 84, Big Spring, July 29

Hernandez, Jesse F., 78, Big Spring, July 23

Hise, Ralph Louis, 90, Big Spring, July 12

Holmes, Justin A., 68, Irvington, Va., July 2

Hudson, Jerry Don, 48, Whitney, July 31

Keele, Myrtle Kilgore, 99, Big Spring, July 23

Kilpatrick, Winston Eugene, 79, Big Spring, July 10
Larsen, Helen Ann, 78, Midland, July 1

Lee, Iva, 81, Sun City, Calif., July 15
Little, Bernice Irene "Bunny" Whetsel, 86, Midland, July 15
McClure, Robert F., 72, San

Antonio, July 4

McCollum, Fay, 99, Big Spring, July 19

Majors, O.D., 73, Coahoma, July 3

Martin, Grace, 94, Odessa, July 10

Martinez, Frank J., 73, Big Spring, July 4

Morris, Jack, 35, Big Spring, July 27

Myrick, R.L.D., 82, Big Spring, July 28

Oliver, W.J. (Joe), 73, Del Rio, July 22

Oyler, Wilford, 77, San Angelo, July 13

Larsen, Helen Ann, 78, Midland, July 1

Lee, Iva, 81, Sun City, Calif., July 15

Little, Bernice Irene "Bunny" Whetsel, 86, Midland, July 15

McClure, Robert F., 72, San

Reynolds, Mildred Martin, 87, Plano, July 17

Rodriguez, Mary Santiago, San Angelo, July 19

Schaafsma, Clifford T., 83, Midland, July 13

Smith, David E., 90, Meridian, July 14

Sullivan, Gwendolyn Jean, 80, Big Spring, July 8

Taylor, Jenifer Ritter, 46, Lubbock, July 14

Thomas, Dee Gerald, 74, Big Spring, July 15

Tubb, Carolyn Cay Roane, 47, Blackwell, July 27

Wade, V.O., 95, San Angelo, July 25

Wiggins, Ova, 82, Albuquerque, N.M., July 2

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August

Classrooms, county fair... and murder

The month of August began with students and parents getting ready for back to school, and with the school districts themselves receiving their own report cards.

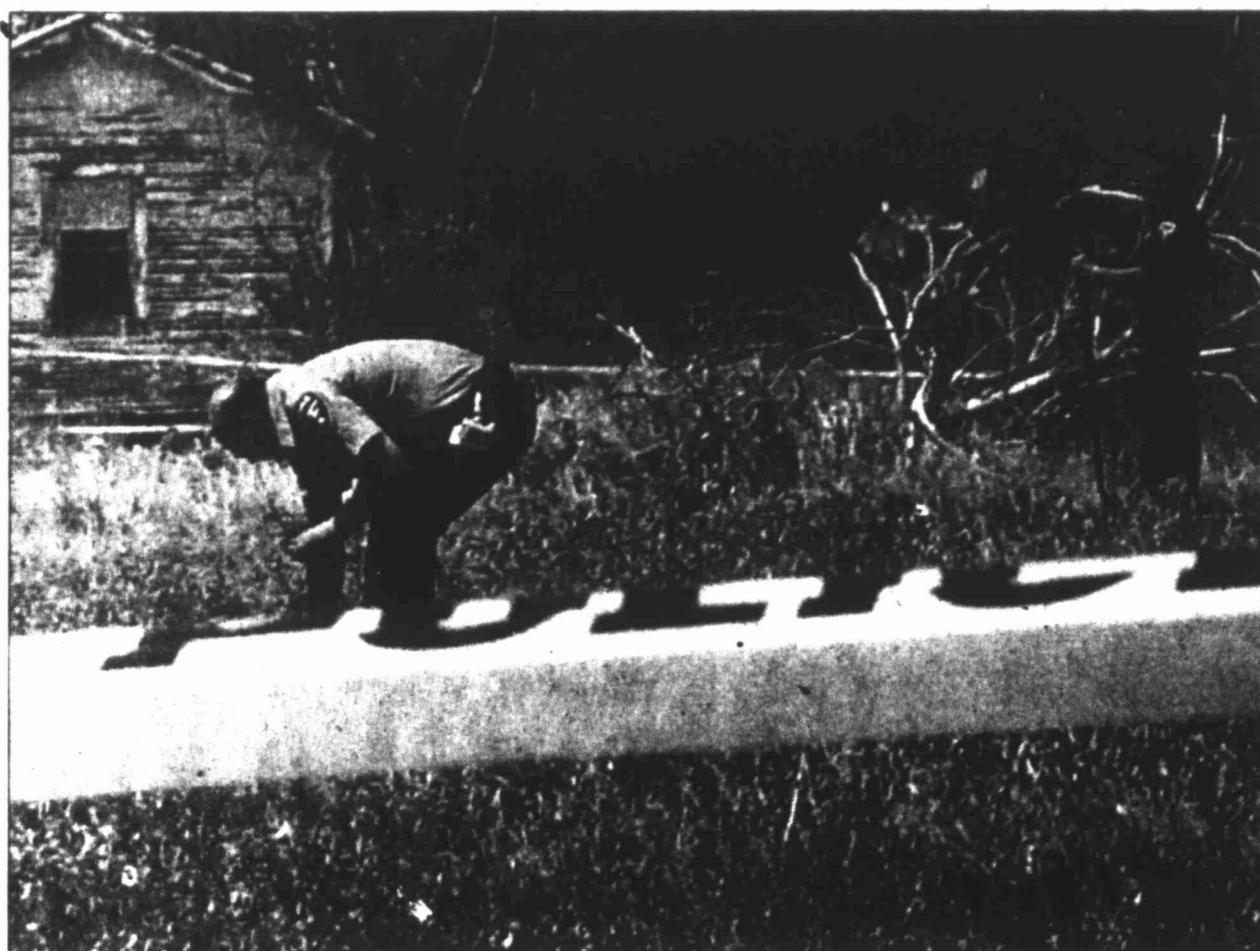
Many received exemplary status including Bauer, Forsan ISD, Forsan High School, Elbow Elementary, Sands CISD, Sands Elementary and High School, Grady ISD and Grady Schools, and Glasscock County Elementary and Coahoma High School.

Parents enjoyed the tax free holiday and everything was matter of routine — that is, until the body of 16-year-old Lennon Lane was found in a vacant lot, allegedly the victim of a brutal murder. Three suspects, two juveniles and one adult, Terrell Jackman, were arrested for the crime. This was but one incident in a series involving area youth including the murder of a 70-year-old man that occurred in July.

Meanwhile, the Heritage Museum's curator, Beth Purcell, ended her tenure to pursue a master's degree.

Former Big Spring mayor, Maxwell Green, ended his tenure with the Moore Development Corporation, which he helped found.

Forsan held its all-school reunion and the Amigos del Barrio Hispanic was also held in honor of Hispanic



HERALD file photo
Police tape surrounds the crime scene where the body of a Big Spring juvenile was found on Aug. 5. ID Tech Wayne Jones, left, and Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons, collect data at the 1900 block of Donley where the body was found.

soldiers that served in Vietnam.

Another veteran, albeit from another war, Ross Roberts received his high school diploma from Coahoma High School 58 years after dropping out to serve in World War II.

Other highlights of August were:

Storms curtailed attendance somewhat at the Howard County Fair, but overall, the week-long event was a successful one.

After barely six months on the job, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Manager Jim Curtiss tendered his resignation — effective immedi-

ately.

Howard College trustees approved a one-cent tax hike, from 25.854 cents per \$100 to 26.985.

Howard County commissioners approved a 5.3 cent tax hike, their first increase since 1995.

Coahoma ISD trustees voted to raise taxes to the state cap level of \$1.50 per \$100. That was a 4-cent hike. Already at \$1.50, Forsan ISD stayed put.

The announcement of the winners of the 9-11 Commemorative Edition of the Big Spring Herald and its art and essay contest.

There were winners in all categories at the Howard County Fair, including 4-year-old Lane Allen White and 3-year-old Preslie Smithie, named "Kountry Kids." Stanton won the

Battle of the Cheerleaders.

The United States Hang Gliding Association competition was held at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Also \$30,000 was raised during the Howard County Texas A&M Club's 2002 Scholarship Auction.

Local physician Abdul Baluch plead guilty to fraud and money laundering.

Ana Lee Sanchez, daughter of candidate for Texas governor Tony Sanchez, visited Big Spring in support of his campaign. It didn't help.

The Heart Walk was dedicated to the memory of former Herald publisher Ken Dulaney.

And after a lengthy battle with cancer and a tremendous out-pouring of support from the community, 9-year-old Matthew Wynn lost his fight with the disease.



HERALD file photo
Hundreds of teachers and staff gathered for a Big Spring ISD back to school luncheon.

BIRTHS

Blanco, May Iiah, Aug. 25
Christie, Tatum Sterling, Aug. 12
Cypert, Jenifer Lynn, Aug. 9
Galvan, Ester, Aug. 9

Garcia, Alexis Michelle, Aug. 13
Gomez, Nicholas Aaron, Aug. 29
Hughes, Tori Michele, Aug. 12

Jamison, Trinity Renea Galloway, Aug. 8
Luna, Bianca Marie, Aug. 10
Martinez, David Christopher, Aug. 30

Ogle, Margaret Ann, Aug. 8
Spivey, Taryn Raye, Aug. 12
Torres, Sonya Rose, Aug. 10
Viera, Kierra Danielle, Aug. 2

DEATHS

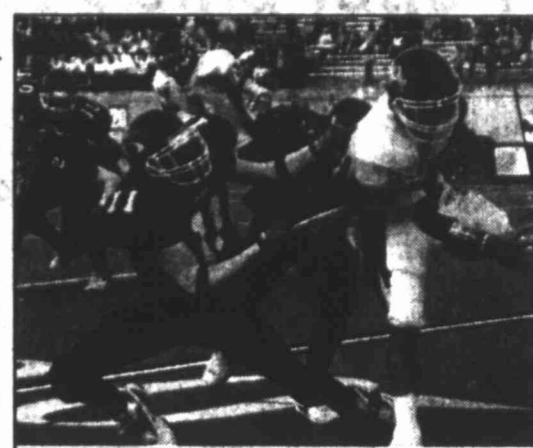
Aguirre, Cruz Marquez, 33, Stanton, Aug. 17
Bacus, Dott Darlene, 80, Fort Worth, Aug. 10
Barrier, Chancey J., 96, Big Spring, Aug. 16
Bodin, Edward Kyle, 41, Raton, N.M., Aug. 29
Broadrick, Mary Helen Arthur, 72, Conroe, Aug. 21
Brockman, Bonnie, 59, Lake Colorado City, Aug. 31
Coggin, Mason, 93, Stanton, Aug. 20
Cuellar, Damien Ray, Aug. 30
Ellison, Mary Grace, 76, Midland, Aug. 25
Gregg, Alliene M., 85, Lubbock, Aug. 13

Hatfield, Candace L., 44, Big Spring, Aug. 31
Henderson, Jack, Big Spring, Aug. 5
Hogan, Iia V., 94, Big Spring, Aug. 12
Hyden, Charles Craig (Charley), 52, San Angelo, Aug. 15
Jones, Ivana Faye, 62, Lorraine, Aug. 11
Keith, Kayden Felicity, infant, Clyde, Aug. 22
Kennemur, Wes, 76, Comanche, Aug. 19
Kentscher, Vicki L., Detroit Lakes, Minn., Aug. 7
Lane, Lennon Everett, 16, Big Spring, Aug. 5

Martinez, Ernesto Sr., 79, Stanton, Aug. 16
Martinez Jr., Patricio, 53, Big Spring, Aug. 28
Miranda, Robert, 58, Big Spring, Aug. 4
Moron, Felipe Romero, 84, Coahoma, Aug. 21
Ogle, Margaret Ann, Aug. 8
Polson, Jerry, 59, Midland, Aug. 21
Pope, Julia, Big Spring, Aug. 13
Rentfrow, Vicky L., 51, Big Spring, Aug. 2
Salazar, Juanita Marez, 89, Big Spring, Aug. 26
Salling, Lucille, San Angelo, Aug. 11

Sawyer, L.T. (Buz), 84, Big Spring, Aug. 24
Shiflet, James (J.C.), 76, Alvin, Aug. 3
Smith, Carl, 59, Forsan, Aug. 13
Valdez-Cooper, Becky, Hattiesburg, Miss., Aug. 20
Walden, Earl Samuel, 83, Conroe, Aug. 12
Walker, Margerette Lou Ellen, 82, Stanton, Aug. 22
Warneke, Harold Lee "Papy", Big Spring, Aug. 23
Woodard, Wiley, 58, Grapevine, Aug. 17
Wynn, Matthew Jarrod, 9, Coahoma, Aug. 23

Sports



HERALD file photo
The Big Spring Steers began their 2002 football season with a tough loss to Odessa High.

Heading into the 2002 school year, expectations were at their highest level since the mid-1980s for several sports entities, including the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball program, the return of high school football and the heroics of local collegiate golfer Ashlie Simmons.

None may have been as high as those surrounding the Big Spring volleyball team. In fact, not since Rose Magers-Powell led the Lady Steers to back-to-back appearances in the Class 5A state tournament had a team been so anxiously watched.

Big Spring didn't disappoint many when it began its quest to earn a second consecutive playoff berth. Sporting a starting lineup of four juniors and two seniors, Big Spring got off to a strong start to the year when it pounded out back-to-back wins over Midland Greenwood and Brownfield in front of a small crowd in the Steer gym.

Just how dominating were the BSHS spikers in their debut? Consider this: Big Spring outscored its first two foes by a staggering 60-27 clip.

The Lady Steers, who had made their first appearance in the state playoffs in 16 years the previous year, unloaded on Greenwood in the first game. Big Spring allowed the Rangerettes just seven service points en route to winning, 15-6, 15-1.

Big Spring went on to finish third in the 4-4A race and posted its first 20-win season in a quarter century. The Lady Steers, led by juniors hitters Ka'Rissa Magers — the niece of Magers-Powell, who played on the U.S. Olympic volleyball team in 1984 — and LaKenya Wrightsil and junior setter Lindsay Phillips advanced to the fourth round of the state playoffs.

Like the girls, area football teams return to the field in August, beginning two-a-day workouts in the summer heat. Big Spring, under head coach Dwight Butler, debuted a major shift in philosophy when it stepped onto the gridiron — changing from a run-oriented game to a more wide-open 4-receiver set.

In other sports action in August:

Ashlie Simmons ended Susie Hernandez's bid to win a third consecutive city golf championship by turning in a solid effort in the annual event. Simmons, the NJCAA national champion individual winner at McClennan Junior College, edged out Hernandez by 16 strokes.

Another Big Spring golfer, Nick Read, also made waves in August. The BSHS standout fired a 6-over-par 78 over the final 18 holes and rolled to the West Texas Junior Golf Foundation's Tournament of Championships crown.

Chris Brooks became a two-time world champion in disc golf. He repeated as the Under 13 champion in grand fashion. He edged out Shane Lynch by four strokes and earned a berth in the 2003 World Championships in Kansas City, MO.

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September

Howard County remembers 9-11

Emotional reaction to the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001, when the tragic day was revisited one year later.

Among those remembering were thousands of Howard County students who submitted art or essays for the *Big Spring Herald's* 9-11 special edition.

Also in September, two murders that occurred in the summer were resurrected as two teenagers were certified to stand as adults.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, 16-year-old Tommy Rodriguez was certified to stand trail as an adult for the July 30 killing of Harlan Jene Patton 70 of Big Spring. Patton's body was discovered in a field off Rock House Road on July 30. The cause of death was ruled asphyxiation by strangulation.

On Sept. 20, 16-year old Pedro Castilo Jr. was certified to stand trail as an adult for the Aug. 5, slaying of 16-year-old Lennon Lane of Big Spring. Lane's body was discovered the afternoon of Aug. 5, in a field north of the intersection of 19th and State streets after he failed to return home following a sleep-over the previous night at a friend's house.

In other news:
 • Long-time Heritage Museum employees Tammy Schrecengost and Nancy Raney were promoted. Schrecengost was named the museum's curator and Raney was promoted to serve as director.

• The Muscular Dystrophy Association in Big Spring effort tripled its goal for the Labor Day Telethon from the previous year. The annual event raked in \$28,000.

• TV talk show host John Walsh interviewed David



The last standing tower of the World Trade Center smolders before finally collapsing on Sept. 11, 2001, after terrorists fly a hijacked plane into the building. A year after the event, the nation took time to remember.

Onelas, a Big Spring man serving seven years for kidnapping his estranged wife and two counts of indecency with a child.

• Robert Scott Spillman, 62, of Tucson, Ariz., died on Sept. 7, after his 18-wheeler struck a pillar supporting the Stanton overpass on Interstate 20. Before striking the pillar, his truck crossed the highway median and headed west in the east-bound lane.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez visited Big Spring on Sept. 6. The wealthy Texas banker failed in his bid for the office.

• A fire at ALON USA on Sept. 11, caused injury to one man. The plant to par-

tially shut down operations for about two weeks.

• After grilling the Howard County 9-11 Communication District Board with tough questions on Sept. 18, area mayors said they were satisfied with the director's explanation of events surrounding a large budget amendment earlier this year. The 9-11 board approved a budget amendment of \$220,000 for the purchases of a new building. According to the area governmental entities, they never received any request for the budget amendment.

• Howard College trustees green-lighted construction for a new campus auditorium on Sept. 23.

• Howard County sheriff's

deputies arrested four suspects diving a black Ford Mustang for having a Nazi speed lab, which produces methamphetamines.

• Big Spring Independent School District held the last of two forums on whether to switch the trustee election method of three at-large seats and four signal member districts to seven single member districts. Trustees approved the switch to seven single member districts on Oct. 1, and favored a phase-in method.

• Troy Allen, 42, of Odessa formerly of Big Spring, was arrested on Sept. 28, for allegedly abandoning his two children on Interstate 20 after being involved in an accident.

Sports



The Crossroad Little Football League began its 2002 season with more than 150 players in three divisions.

The Big Spring Steers finally found their magic. To the Hereford Whitefaces, that magic probably tasted a lot like Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans — foul.

Tye Butler passed for 320 yards and Josh Mathews rushed for 101 more as Big Spring shrugged off two weeks of offensive woes and rolled to a 35-20 victory in front of a large crowd at Whiteface Stadium. In all, the Steers rolled up a season-high 418 yards on offense and — more importantly — found the end zone five times against a Hereford squad that qualified for the state 4A playoffs a year ago.

"We still have some things to work on. We let down a little in the second half but it's still a win, and we'll never turn down a win," said head coach Dwight Butler, who watched on as his team notched its first win of the year.

"These young men came out fighting and never gave up," he added.

The Steers had opened the 2002 season with back-to-back losses to former 5A rivals Odessa High and Odessa Permian.

In other sports news in September:
 • The Big Spring cross country team began what would evolve into a record-setting season. The Steers would begin their record-setting streak of six straight wins during the month.

• The Crossroads Little Football League began its 2002 season with more than 150 players participating. The Steers won the Division II title when the final gun sounds. The Coahoma Cardinals won the CLFL flag championship.

• The Forsan Buffaloes must have felt as if they were in the drive-thru window of a fast food restaurant as Week 5 of the season dawned because they had everything their way on Homecoming night. Mired in a 3-game famine, the Buffs emerged on the good side of a Happy Meal by dealing the Rankin Red Devils a 27-13 setback.

With the win, Forsan closed out its brutal non-district schedule on a positive note. The Buffaloes were 2-3 heading into their Oct. 11 District 3-2A opener against Crane. Rankin fell to 3-2.

• After beginning the season at 0-4, the Coahoma Bulldogs found the best remedy for its woes in the final weekend of the month. They defeated the McCamey Badgers, 17-0, in front of a large crowd at Midland's Grande Communication's Stadium.

• The Grady Wildcats, under new head coach Carl Krug, got off to a great start to the 2002 season, winning their first four games. By going 4-0, the Wildcats were one of just 33 unbeaten six-man football teams in the United States and Canada heading into October.

• LaKenya Wrightsil and the Big Spring Lady Steers turned in a solid effort at the San Angelo Invitational Volleyball Meet. Wrightsil was named to the all-tournament team.

BIRTHS

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| Chavarria, Wesley Ray, Sept. 9 | Hamm, Quemarian Lex, Sept. 15 | Hillger, Mason Kyle, Sept. 20 | Hudson, Kaci Rae, Sept. 6 | Jones, Josie Elizabeth, Sept. 24 | Lee, Marcus Tyler, Sept. 17 | Lindemann, Tatum Gayle, Sept. 11 | Mitchell, Codi Rhae, Sept. 27 | Padilla, Ozzy Jay, Sept. 29 | Ramirez, Tanner Cole, Sept. 9 | Rivas, Romeo Nathaniel, Sept. 19 | Savell, Ashlee Dawn, Sept. 19 | Scott, Carter Sentelle, Sept. 3 | Smith-Davidson, Gage Aaron, Sept. 12 | Williams, Jake Archer, Sept. 28 | Workman, Brance Mallett, Sept. 27 |
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DEATHS

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| Anderson, Marvelene, 84, Arlington, Sept. 4 | Angel, Annie Matt Clyde, 90, Waco, Sept. 22 | Bennett, Muriel Virginia, 66, Big Spring, Sept. 22 | Bigham, Gerrel Watson, 81, Snyder, Sept. 4 | Boykin, Ross H., 88, Big Spring, Sept. 7 | Britton, Johnny W., 80, Midland, Sept. 17 | Brown, Alfred Neil, 82, Big Spring, Sept. 24 | Carrillo, Epifanio P., 86, Big Spring, Sept. 6 | Davis, Nancy Bea, 83, Spring, Sept. 5 | Doelp, Alice Daniel, 94, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 4 | Edmondson, Robbi, 41, Big Spring, Sept. 6 | Herring, Charles Anthony, 58, Odessa, Sept. 2 | Hix, Billye Voorhies, Sweetwater, Sept. 4 | Hood, Maude, 85, Big Spring, Sept. 24 | Hopper, Jack, 78, Stanton, Sept. 5 | Jaramillo Sr., Adam Gilbert, 35, Big Spring, Sept. 18 | Jennings, Lillie Maurice Moon, 82, Moss Point, Miss., Sept. 20 | Jones, Claudia B., 89, Big Spring, Sept. 24 | Juarez, David A., 36, Big Spring, Sept. 15 | Lawson, Jennie E., 84, Big Spring, Sept. 5 | Leatherwood, Agnes I., 85, Lubbock, Sept. 23 | Lunsford, Barbara, 69, Big Spring, Sept. 20 | McNew, Geneva, 80, Stanton, Sept. 20 | Miller, Rufus H. "Doc", San Antonio, Sept. 17 | Moore, J.R., 83, Big Spring, Sept. 11 | Noyes Sr., Robert L., 93, Charlton, Mass., Sept. 29 | Parker, Dolly Mae, 90, Big Spring, Sept. 27 | Prager, Janice, Dallas, Sept. 5 | Ramos, Benigna M., 57, Midland, Sept. 21 | Ratliff, Dee Arvin "Cocoa," 57, Big Spring, Sept. 28 | Rios, Jesus Z., 68, Kansas City, Kan., Sept. 12 | Rodriguez, Beatrice Estrada, 65, Stanton, Sept. 25 | Rodriguez, Dorothy H., 78, Snyder, Sept. 27 | Smith, Thomas E., 35, Big Spring, Sept. 2 | Stokes, Bobbie J., 70, Big Spring, Sept. 1 | Thorp, Loyce Jane, 53, Big Spring, Sept. 11 | Tinsman Sr., Larry, 59, Big Spring, Sept. 22 | Vasquez, Raul Y., 77, Midland, Sept. 18 | Wakefield, Ethel (Eboni), 52, Big Spring, Sept. 4 | Wiggins, Donnie Michael, 54, Kingsland, Sept. 20 | Zamora, Hermanegilda Flores, 68, Luling, Sept. 1 |
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October

Big Spring schools are in the news

Big Spring Schools underwent major changes in October. The Big Spring Independent School District approved phasing in a board comprised of members chosen from seven single-member districts.

The district also settled a suit for \$1.5 million over design problems with the new Big Spring Junior High School, while St. Mary's Episcopal School announced its closure. The city also welcomed hundreds of former Webb Air Force Base servicemen to a reunion.

BSISD trustees approved the move to seven single-member districts in a 4-3 vote Oct. 1.

The new scheme creates a second minority-majority district and includes a phase in period during the 2003 election which allows constituents in the new minority-majority district to elect representation.

The plan — designed to more accurately mirror the district's population — is a change from the current four single member districts and three at-large districts.

The trustees unanimously agreed Oct. 17 to accept a settlement in its lawsuit against Terracon Construction Inc., the company which chose the site for construction of the new Big Spring Junior High — a site formerly occupied by a canyon filled in by a garbage landfill.

The \$1.5 million will cover \$1.35 million the district has already spent in repairs to the building and part of the district's attorney fees incurred in fighting the case in court.

St. Mary's Episcopal School board members announced Oct. 30 that the school would close Nov. 8, citing financial problems.

The school, founded in 1960, started with a single kindergarten class and taught Pre-K through Sixth Grade at the time of its closing.

Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene would later take up part of the slack by forming New Hope Christian School. Currently the school only caters to pre-school children.

Nearly 400 former residents of the Big Spring's Webb Air Force Base returned to the now-closed base for a reunion.

The event included tours of the area,



HERALD file photo
About 400 veterans from across the United States turned out for the Webb Air Force Base Reunion, sponsored by Hangar 25 Air Museum in October. Here, Roy and Bobby Deel and Teresa, Cecil and Austin Bynum watch the aerobatic maneuvers of stunt pilot Jan Collmer Oct. 11 during the reunion.

a stunt flying demonstration, banquets and a lot of reminiscing.

The reunion, hosted by the Hangar 25 Air Museum, drew visitors from as far away as Washington state, New York state and Nebraska.

- Jerry Leon Fry Jr., 42, of Big Spring was tried, convicted and sentenced to 99 years in prison on three counts of aggravated sexual assault against his three juvenile step-granddaughters. Fry will be 91 years old before he is eligible for parole.

- Three Big Spring juveniles accused of local murders were certified in October to stand trial as adults. Michael Scott Jackman, 15, and Pedro Castillo, 16, will stand trial as adults for the Aug. 5 murder of Lennon Lane, 16.

- Tommy Rodriguez, 16, will face trial in adult court for the July 30 killing of Harlan Jene Patton, 70. Terrell Jackman, 19, is also charged in Lane's killing, while Melanie Castenada, 17, was also charged with Patton's death.

- The Big Spring Alzheimer's Association raised \$7,625 with its

fourth annual Memory Walk Oct. 12. A horse and three dogs joined in the walk, helping make turnout for the event the largest ever.

- The Relay For Life fund-raiser of the Howard-Glasscock Unit of the American Cancer Society ranked best in Texas for the third year in a row, and sixth in the United States, per capita. The event raised \$163,633 to battle cancer.

- Oct. 22, 16 cars of a train derailed near Coahoma. One car carrying hydrochloric acid split open, spilling half its load. Emergency management crews sprang into action and cleaned the mess up before impending rains could cause a chemical reaction and create a deadly cloud of fumes.

- Longtime Big Spring resident and retired Air Force colonel Jim Little was hired Oct. 22 as the new McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark manager. Little — chosen from about 60 applicants for the position — replaces Jim Curtiss, who resigned in August. Little resigned from the Airpark Development Board upon his hire.

Sports



HERALD file photo
Chelsea Yarbar and the Big Spring Lady Steer junior varsity completed a perfect 10-0 march through District 4-4A play.

Here's a quick sports quiz for the Big Spring High School volleyball faithful. Name the Big Spring team that won 20 games this season ... and won the District 4-4A title.

If you said anything but the Lady Steer junior varsity, you'll need to enroll in Volleyball 101 next semester.

Niebes Ortega and the BSHS girls closed out a perfect 10-0 district run by downing the Andrews Lady Mustangs in the 2002 season finale.

The Lady Steers, who began the year by losing five of their first 15 outings, caught fire when district play rolled around. Big Spring reeled off 10 straight wins and joined the BSHS varsity as 20-game winners.

The JV girls' team was a sophomore-dominated squad. Seven of the players on the roster were part of the school's 10th grade class, including Ortega, Cycelye Tuitt, Kendall Adams, Stefanie Scott, Amisha Vanderbilt, Chelsea Yarbar and Alex Watkins. Three juniors were also on the squad, including Any Hanes, Kristin Choat and Cindy Padron.

In other sports action in October:

- The Sands cross country team nailed down its fifth consecutive championship by winning the District 9-A crown in Lamesa. Steven Barraza and Marcello Barraza finished first and second, respectively, in the boys' race. The Mustangs are coached by Felipe Castro.

- The Big Spring varsity volleyball team stunned the No. 8-ranked Andrews lady Mustangs in their regular-season finale. With the win, the Lady Steers earned their second straight playoff berth.

- Former Big Spring High School golfer Ashlie Simmons broke two school records and propelled Texas A&M-Corpus Christi to a top 10 finish at the Price's Give 'Em Five Intercollegiate Tournament. The 2001-2002 NJCAA Player of the Year, Simmons fired a school-record 70 in the final round and finished fourth in the final individual standings.

- Patty Sanchez and members of the Goliad Cavaliers raised several hundred dollars for the American Heart Association by staging a faculty volleyball game. The event was played in front of a large crowd in the GIS gym.

- The BSHS varsity football team completed the non-district portion of its schedule with a 28-27 come-from-behind win over San Angelo Central. Big Spring finished its non-district slate with a 3-2 record — including a 1-2 mark against its former District 5-4A rivals in Odessa High, Odessa Permian and Central.

- The Texas Rangers became the third team in 16 months to give up on troubled reliever John Rocker. The Rangers, who would finish the year in last place in the AL West, cut ties with the former all-star. Rocker had been traded from Atlanta to Cleveland, and then to Texas.

- Big Spring's Greg Brooks won Open Division at the 10th Annual DiscOver Big Spring Disc Tourney.

BIRTHS

Atkinson, Jacob Andrew, Oct. 17.
Belew, Jacqueline Marie, Oct. 4.

Cantu II, Jose, Oct. 17.
Cross, Kavon Ancude, Oct. 9.
Donnell, John Alexander, Oct. 4.

Donnell, Katherine Elinore, Oct. 4.
Donnell, William Calvin, Oct. 4.

Herrera, Ka Trina La Shay Herrera, Oct. 18.
Hiliario, Jonathan Scott, Oct. 30.

DEATHS

Bailey, Karen Katy, 49, Snyder, Oct. 9
Beauchamp, Mable, 80, Big Spring, Oct. 23.
Beard, Roger, San Angelo, Oct. 16
Beck, Grady C., 88, Big Spring, Oct. 8
Bell, Shirley A., 67, Big Spring, Oct. 16
Brown, Grady, 90, Big Spring, Oct. 22.
Brown, Margaret, 87, Hilliard, Ohio, Oct. 12
Campbell, Mary Jane, 78, Big Spring, Oct. 30
Carson, M.K. "Kit," 72, Big Spring, Oct. 17
Daily, Orbin Homer, 91, Big Spring, Oct. 3

Ellsworth, Dr. Jill Harrison, Big Spring, Oct. 21
Fletcher, Janelle, 72, Brownwood, Oct. 7
Gilmore, Mary Helen, 75, Big Spring, Oct. 5
Grantham, Norma Jean, 62, Big Spring, Oct. 23
Gaskins, Esther Grantham, 85, Big Spring, Oct. 27.
Grissam, Marjorie, 87, Big Spring, Oct. 8
Gross, Vivian Rasco, 85, Buffalo Gap, Oct. 23
Hayes, Bob, 49, Eastland, Oct. 6
Herrera, Destiny Elizabeth, infant, Big Spring, Oct. 4
Hinojosa, Manuel A., 38, Big Spring, Oct. 11

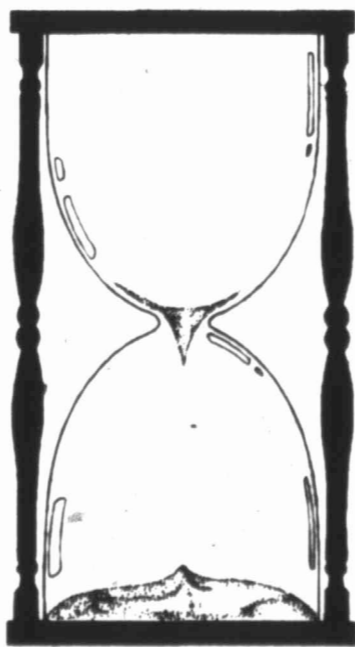
Hughes, John W., 82, Big Spring, Oct. 12.
Hyer, Jewel Barton, 95, Big Spring, Oct. 14
Frances Laffer, 38, of Big Spring, Oct. 7.
Lancaster, Marion M., 82, Big Spring, Oct. 29
Lewis, Royce LaVerne, 77, New Braunfels, formerly of Coahoma, Oct. 31
Looney, Pamela Fay, 46, Big Spring, Oct. 27
Miller, Billie, 72, Big Spring, Oct. 26.
Minnick, Vada, 78, Greenwood, Oct. 12
Munoz, Emeteria, 89, Big Spring, Oct. 30.
Nagel Jr., Harry W., 71,

Pecos, Oct. 6
Overby, Vera Lee, 90, Boerne, Oct. 15
Pruett, Mary Nell, 57, Stanton, Oct. 12
Roberson, Flora "Flo", 71, Vealmoor, Oct. 9
Rowland, Rufus, 59, of Big Spring, Oct. 31.
Ryan, Avinell, 65, Big Spring, Oct. 6
Steadmon, Ruth, 86, Denton, Oct. 16
Sturdevant, Chester, 81, Big Spring, Oct. 13.
Worphan, Hazel Rene (Moonie), 94, Big Spring, Oct. 11
Zack, Jim, 103, Big Spring, Oct. 18.

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November

Five teens indicted for murder

Five area teenagers will stand trial for murder — that was the decision handed down on Nov. 7 by a Howard County grand jury.

The grand jury delivered capital murder indictments against two of the teens — 18-year-old Melanie Castenada and 16-year-old Tommy Rodriguez. They were charged in the July 30 slaying of 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton of Big Spring.

First-degree murder charges were handed down against 19-year-old Terrell Jackman, 16-year-old Pedro Castillo Jr. and 15-year-old Michael Jackman. They were charged with the Aug. 5 beating death of Lennon Lane, 16, of Big Spring.

Though juveniles, Rodriguez, Castillo and Michael Jackman were also certified to stand trial as adults.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board members, after extending the campaign an extra week, announced Nov. 27 that the goal of \$250,000 had been exceeded.

An article in November's *Herald* noted that Big Spring doctor Abdul Rashid Baluch, who had pleaded guilty to healthcare fraud in August, was sentenced to 60 months in prison and three years supervised release.

He was also ordered to make restitution of more than \$4 million to the Medicare system.

Eve Tobar was named queen and Seth Kirn was king during halftime ceremonies of Big Spring High School's homecoming festivities.

A new committee, the Cultural Affairs Committee, was formed by the Big



Howard County residents paid their respects on Veterans Day in November with observances at local schools, the Vietnam Memorial and, above, the VA Medical Center.

Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Named to chair the committee was Raul Marquez, the chamber's vice president for cultural affairs.

Incumbents kept their seats on the Howard County Commissioners Court during November's general election. Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Kilgore defeated Jerry Crawford while Precinct 4 Commissioner Gary Simer defeated Roy Don Beauchamp.

After St. Mary's announced in late October that it was closing its private school after 42 years, First Church of the

Nazarene stepped in. Opening New Hope Christian School in the same facility, First Church of the Nazarene committed to finishing out the school year, and offering "new hope" for the future.

On Nov. 11, Veterans Day, Howard County came together to salute its veterans. Ceremonies were held at the VA Medical Center, the Vietnam Memorial and several local schools.

Ben Neel was hired as principal of Big Spring Junior High School.

Linda Perez, Victim Services volunteer coordinator, received a statewide

commendation by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for her dedication to *Shattered Dreams*, an anti-drinking and driving program directed toward teens.

Suzanne Haney's Chicken Dressing Casserole won Herald Choice and Mamie Lee Dodds' Honey Braised Chicken was Judges Choice in the annual *Big Spring Herald* Holiday Cookbook recipe contest.



Perez

Sports



The Big Spring Lady Steers turned in a stellar volleyball playoff run that took them to the regional quarterfinals.

The Big Spring Lady Steers' most successful season in 25 years came to a dramatic end in front of a large crowd at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center. The Lady Steers suffered a tough 15-2, 15-10 loss to defending Class 4A state champion Hereford in the regional quarterfinals.

The Big Spring Lady Steers enjoyed one of the best seasons in the past 25 years this fall. They were state-ranked, surpassed 20 wins and won their first playoff game since 1977.

The Lady Steers added to their accomplishments when they had 11 players named to the 2002 District 4-4A all-district teams.

Junior setter Lindsay Phillips highlighted Big Spring's selections, winning the 4-4A Outstanding Setter accolades. Big Spring, which advanced to the regional quarterfinals before falling to defending Class 4A state champion Hereford, dominated the district's first-team all-district roster. The Lady Steers claimed four of the 10 spots filled.

Senior Krystle Long earned first-team all-district honors as did a trio of underclassmen in LaKenya Wrightsil, Ka'Rissa Magers and middle blocker Leina Braxton.

Joining the four BSHS spikers on the first team were Andrews' Katie Fariss and Natalie Mosley; Lake View's Allison Hill and Nana Harris and Estacado's Tomisha Martin.

Big Spring's Timmi Blackshear, Sterling Burchett and Stormie Huff were second-team picks. Erica Stewart, Shannon Higgins and Krystal DeLeon were honorable mention selections.

The Big Spring Steers' magical football season came to an abrupt end Saturday afternoon in front of a large crowd at Texas Stadium. The Aledo Bearcats used a 14-point run in the third quarter to roll to a stunning 31-21 come-from-behind victory over the Steers in a Class 4A regional semifinals showdown.

With the loss, the Steers closed out a remarkable season, finishing at 8-5 and advancing to the regional semifinals for the second time in three years. Aledo, now 12-1, advances to play Denton Ryan in the regional finals next week.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, according to a Chinese proverb. And for Howard College's Hawks, their first step into the 2002-2003 junior college basketball season was an impressive one.

Howard, sporting a lineup providing a number of combinations of seasoned veterans and talented newcomers, literally ran roughshod over a team from Sheppard Air Force Base in a 118-50 laugher.

Big Spring closed out the month with a bang. On Nov. 30, in front of a large crowd in Artesia's historic Bulldog Bowl, the Steers nailed down the Area football championship by hammering out a 37-20 victory over El Paso Ysleta.

BIRTHS

Bailey, Jordan Michael Wayne, Nov. 20.
Cruz, Charity Hope, Nov. 2.
Ford, Kymby Nicole, Nov. 27.

Martin, Jayden Nicholas, Nov. 2.
Matthies, Ely Dylan, Nov. 19.
Spencer, Emily Paige, Nov. 27.

Soto, Alyssa Renee, Nov. 21.
Stokes, Sebastian Daniel, Nov. 27.

Zant, Zadie Kate, Nov. 22.

DEATHS

Ralph Bateman, 87, of Big Spring, Nov. 30.
James Balios, 68, Big Spring, Nov. 12.
Audrey N. Cain, 92, Bedford, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 26.
R.R. "Kent" Carpenter, 81, Big Spring, Nov. 12.
Juan Carrillo Jr., 5 month old, Big Spring, Nov. 20.
Michael Dean Dahl, 23, of Stanton, Nov. 11.
Lavada Dear, 85, Big Spring, Nov. 27.
Ray Daughettee, 64, Big Spring, Nov. 9.
Helen Margaret Doll, 83, Big Spring, Nov. 15.
John R. Hall, 79, of Big Spring, Nov. 22.
Ina Lucille Harrison, 87, of Lamesa, Nov. 14.
Guillermo "Willie" Hernandez,

76, Big Spring, Nov. 25.
James C. Hollandsworth, 81, Big Spring, Nov. 18.
C.H. Hyden, 79, of Big Spring, Nov. 26.
Sherry Diane Jacobs, 42, of Coahoma, Nov. 26.
Jim King, 86, Big Spring, Nov. 30.
Fannie F. Kinman, 70, Big Spring, Nov. 4.
Verlin Knous, 75, Big Spring, Nov. 6.
Isabel Martinez, 69, of Big Spring, Nov. 28.
Miguel Ortiz Mata Sr., 76, of Big Spring, Nov. 16.
Lula Bell McAdams, 84, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 8.
Tammy Miller, 36, of Big Spring, Nov. 27.
Jan Morgan, 70, Big Spring,

Nov. 21.
Melba "Totsy" Cauble Neel, 89, of Elbow, Nov. 3.
E.L. "Buck" Osburn, 76, of Big Spring, Nov. 12.
Manuel C. Prado, 79, of Big Spring, Nov. 24.
Frederick W. Pace, 69, Nov. 12.
Sonny Peach, 83, Big Spring, Nov. 16.
Beatrice Perkins, 72, Big Spring, Nov. 20.
James "Jim" Prescott, 72, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 29.
Robert R. Pruitt, 66, Big Spring, Nov. 12.
Ulan Dale Puckett, 81, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 8.
Terry D. Reese, 55, of Big Spring, Nov. 23.
Doyle M. Rice, 79, Big Spring,

Nov. 19.
Michael Dominic Rodriguez, 2-months-old, of Big Spring, Nov. 13.
Faith Homsey Scott, of Garden City, Nov. 4.
Hannah L. Sechler, 89, Big Spring, Nov. 16.
Violet Lucinda "Cindy" Simonds, 41, of Lahoma, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 25.
Noah Franklin Fouts Smith, 70, Big Spring, Nov. 26.
Eva Murriel Brooks Wallis, 88, Sand Springs, Nov. 2.
Robert Watson, 85, Big Spring, Nov. 8.
Carolyn Webb, 58, Big Spring, Nov. 6.
Eugene Wood, 76, Big Spring, Nov. 16.

MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING, INC. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SPRING TEXAS

Although the overall national and state economy performed at a lackluster pace during fiscal year 2001-2002, Big Spring was able to maintain a healthy economic climate during the same period.

FY 2001-02 CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Moore Development acting as the City of Big Spring's official economic development entity saw its corporate revenues climb from \$919,260 in FY 2000-01 to \$950,684 in FY 2001-02. This is a direct result of increased sales tax collected within the corporate city limits of Big Spring, Texas.
- Endeavored to reduce overall operating expenses in the areas of general and administrative.
- Aggressively paid down long-term debt related to past projects due to a sharp and favorable decrease in interest rates.
- Moore's balance sheet continues to strengthen every month.

INDUSTRY RETENTION AND EXPANSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worked with the following local industries to either retain or expand their operations: Commercial Cabinets, Rick's Automatic Transmissions, Parker-Hannifin, Fiberflex, and Fibercom.
- Continues to partner with allies such as Howard College and the Workforce Network to maintain an adequately skilled labor force.

BUSINESS CLIMATE ENHANCEMENTS:

- Participated in sharing responsibility for updating the City Master Plan.
- Realizing that our community must be comparatively advantaged in all areas of infrastructure our organization together with the City of Big Spring responded to several local industries by engaging in a comprehensive advanced telecommunications study. The benefits of this study should yield favorable dividends to businesses and citizens for years to come.
- Recognizing that ours is a diverse economy of which agriculture plays a leading role, the Board of Directors created a new agriculture committee this year as a way of formalizing the importance of agriculture in our scope of responsibility.

INDUSTRY ATTRACTION & RECRUITMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continues to actively promote Big Spring through regional and state marketing efforts including The High Ground of Texas and the Texas Marketing Team.

December

Crossroads area celebrates the holidays

A Big Spring man suspected of several robberies in Big Spring and Odessa entered a plea in federal court as December began.

William Edmond Gossett, 26, pleaded guilty in federal court to robbing a postal facility. Gossett, appearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt, admitted that he used a 9mm semi-automatic pistol to rob Petal Pushers florist in Odessa on June 18. Petal Pushers also serves as a contract post office and part of the money stolen was post office money. Sentencing was postponed until February.

Gossett had been arrested by Big Spring police on June 20. He is a suspect in the robbery of the Spanish Shield Liquor Store in Odessa and the Lone Star Pawn Shop in Big Spring.

The community musical "Wizard of Oz" was held in the first weekend of the month, featuring a cast and crew of more than 90 residents.

Also that weekend were many holiday events. Among them were the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade — which boasted 65 entries — and the second Forsan Christmas in Boomtown Parade. First United Methodist Church held its 24th annual Living Christmas Tree — a traditional performance by more than 70 people. Also, Howard College presented its annual luminaria and 19 dolls were auctioned through the Salvation Army Doll Auction — netting the corps \$1,350.

As they shopped, Crossroads area residents also gave both their time and money to charitable organizations. Through canned food drives, church drives, the Salvation Army Angel Trees and kettles, the Children's Protective Services Giving Tree, the KBST-Herald Humane Society Pet Food Drive and other efforts, area citizens did their best to make sure neither man nor beast went without a smile or a full stomach during the holiday season.

Other holiday highlights included the Church of the Nazarene's Live Drive Through Nativity Scene and the Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights — both events attended by thousands. The Downtown Revitalization Association showed its appreciation to



HERALD file photo
Young Hannah Spence practices driving the Christmas Train while Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad Museum director Jack Harrison looks on.

citizens by putting on the Funtastic Christmas Gift to the Community Concert — which was not only long in name, but in talent as well.

Tommy Yater, an El Paso native and former Howard College student, was hired as the new Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture. He is to take over those duties in early January.

Longtime volunteer Carmen Brooks was recognized for her efforts with the Heart Walk and American Heart Association and Paul E. Abundez, a 1978 Big Spring High School grad, was hired as BSJH assistant principal.

There was great news — United Way of Big Spring and Howard County officially announced that it had raised \$258,072.82 to surpass its goal of a quarter-million dollars. And not good news — a flu-like illness swept through the area, causing schools to be closed at Coahoma and Forsan for a couple of days.

A cotton report at mid-month showed area gins were doing a great business; well, perhaps not great, but certainly better than the previous few years. Many gins were processing double to

triple the amount of cotton than they were a year ago.

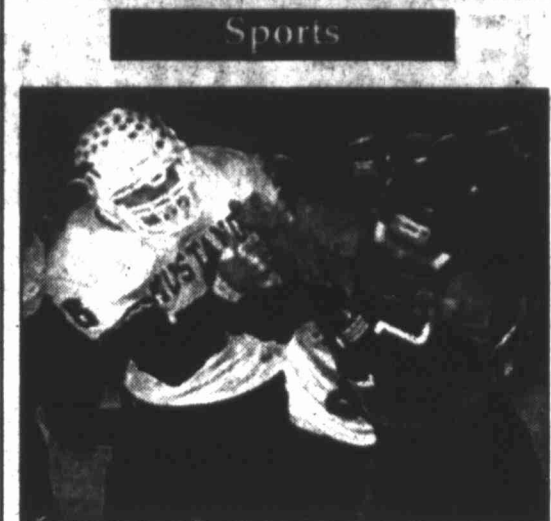
The YMCA recognized 100 years of existence in Big Spring with a day-long celebration and a banquet on Dec. 18. Long-time volunteer Jimmy Taylor received the first Clyde McMahon Sr. Distinguished Volunteer of the Year award at the banquet.

StarTek laid off employees — officials would only say "less than 70" — just days before Christmas, but also said its bilingual program was growing — cause for hope, perhaps, for a community that by the next census will likely see a Hispanic majority.

And speaking of business, Christmas sales were, for the most part, steady if not overwhelming, merchants said.

For most Crossroads residents, December 2002 was a time of joy. As the year ended, the old auditorium at Howard College was torn down to make way for a performing arts hall, and the American Red Cross, Howard County Chapter, was expecting to move into offices at the county courthouse.

Small, but stable signs of prosperity.



HERALD file photo
The Sands Mustangs highlighted December's activities by advancing to the state semifinals.

The Sands Mustangs saw the future of six-man football Friday night. Unfortunately, it was in the form of Sanderson.

Sanderson, anchored by a 166-yard rushing performance from senior tailback Stevie Fuentes, used its speed to perfection in front of a large crowd at Jim Bird Stadium in Big Lake. The Eagles rolled up more than 310 yards on the ground and raced to a 58-16 victory over Sands in the state semifinals.

With the win, the Eagles improved to 14-0 on the year, Sands finished its season at 12-2 — both losses coming to Sanderson. The win sends the Eagles into the state finals for the first time in the school's history against Calvert, which rolled past Abbott in the other semifinal game by a 52-6 margin.

The season didn't have a happy ending for the Eagles, however. Calvert, after handing Sanderson a 37-0 lead, roared back to win the state six-man crown by a 51-46 clip.

For Sands, the trip to the state semifinals was the team's third.

The Big Spring Steers landed six players on the Associated Press Sports Editors all-state honorable mention team. Making the state's list of elite players were senior Kyle Newton, Tye Butler, Brandon Mendoza and Curtis Woodruff. Junior defensive end David Lopez and defensive back Jordan Cobb were selected defensively.

Howard College head basketball coach Chris Jans got an early Christmas present from the National Junior College Athletic Association this week. In fact, the Hawks' second-year mentor is one of just 10 coaches nationally to receive the good news.

His team is rated as one of the top basketball teams in the nation, according to the latest NJCAA poll.

Howard College, off to a 14-0 start to the season, moved up two spots in the latest NJCAA Division I basketball poll to No. 10 nationally. The Hawks received 30 points in the polls, just five behind No. 9 Three Rivers Community College.

Allison Jansa rang in the Christmas season in grand fashion by writing her name into the Midland Co. history books. The Garden City High School senior finished second overall in the 2002 Jingle Bell 5K Run held in downtown Midland. Overall, Jansa was the top female finisher, edging out 175 competitors for the runner-up honors.

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes nailed down their record fifth Hooptown Classic championship by outlasting the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs, 52-47, in front of a large crowd in the Stanton gymnasium. With the win, Stanton ended Robert Lee's two-year stranglehold on the crown and earned its first Hooptown championship since 2000.

The win also enabled the Lady Buffs to improve to 14-1 on the year.

BIRTHS

Boling, Kendalyne Dawn, Dec. 21.	Lopez, Angelica Deanna, Dec. 10.	Salazar, Joshua Matthew, Dec. 12.	Smith, Jaiken Anaunti', Dec. 1.
Cisneros, Isaak Ray, Dec. 20.	Miramontes, Adam Daniel	Sandoval, Joshua Allen, Dec. 13.	Upadhyaya, Kosha, Dec. 20.
Contreras, Karla Cecilia, Dec. 6.			

DEATHS

Clara Elsie Allred, 93, Stanton, Dec. 14.	Spring, Dec. 8.	Spring, Dec. 20.	Spring, Dec. 17
Ben Baeza, 94, Coahoma, Dec. 8.	W. Ray Echols, 73, Big Spring, Dec. 8.	Marciala T. Luevanos, 89, Big Spring, Dec. 11.	Morris E. Robertson, 77, Big Spring, Dec. 14.
Raymond Barraza, 79, Big Spring, Dec. 21.	Carlos "C.H." Ford, 78, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 4.	Dorothy McCauley, 86, Big Spring, Dec. 5.	R.H. Rowden, 64, Lampasas, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 1.
Elizabeth Holton Beck, 82, Big Spring, Dec. 14.	Lillian Goodman, 90, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 24.	Alma Louise (Pittman) McLaurin, 101, Llano, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 14.	Amelia T. Rubio, 53, Big Spring, Dec. 6.
David Blackshear, 42, Big Spring, Dec. 3.	Pauline Hanson, 78, Big Spring, Dec. 4.	Joana May McMurray, 33, Big Spring, Dec. 9.	Walter A. Sanders, 51, Big Spring, Dec. 13.
Essie C. Burchettm, 99, Stanton, Dec. 27.	Dewey Howard, 60, of Big Spring, Dec. 22.	H.D. McCright, 86, Big Spring, Dec. 18.	A.W. Schraeder, 83, St. Lawrence, Dec. 23.
Jean Cantrell, 87, Big Spring, Dec. 8.	Tommy Hart, 86, Big Spring, Dec. 11.	Lambert V. Misek, 88, Plano, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 4.	Laurence Haggard Snively, 90, New Braunfels, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 11.
Cipriano "Chico" Carrasco, 67, of Big Spring, Dec. 16.	Y.B. Hodnett, 75, Big Spring, Dec. 11.	Robert B. Murphy, 89, Big Spring, Dec. 7.	J.D. Stiehl, 83, Big Spring, Dec. 27.
Clifton Roy Crim, 83, Stanton, Dec. 13.	Dewey Howard, 60, Big Spring, Dec. 22.	Alma Louise (Pittman) McLaurin, 101, Llano, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 14.	Jeff Wilson Stubblefield, 87, Big Spring, Dec. 7.
Eddie L. Crow, 77, Stanton, Dec. 11.	Margaret "Toby" Kelly, 93, Big Spring, Dec. 8.	Irvin Myrick, 100, Stanton, Dec. 8.	Emil George Szabo, 73, Big Spring, Dec. 9.
Barbara Darrow Harmon, 65, of Ore City, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 30.	W.J. Kizer, 82, Big Spring, Dec. 27.	Leslie McNeese, 78, Big Spring, Dec. 11.	Don Tolle, 78, Cushing, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 6.
Mrs. Harmon died on Friday, Dec. 27.	Don Lindsey, 55, Big Spring, Dec. 6.	Martha Parker, 67, Stanton, Dec. 22.	Jack E. Wagenman, 50, Big Spring, Dec. 8.
Richard L. Dutchover, 68, Big	James A. Lancaster, 80, Big	Hubert L. Perkins Jr., 57, Big	

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