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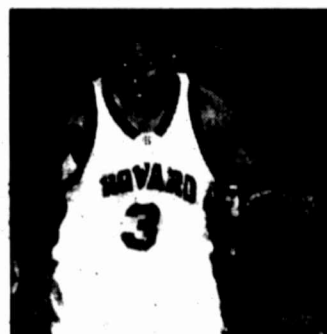
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Forty-two Big Spring High School students received either their academic jackets or academic letter this week as an award for having a yearly average grade of 90 in each eligible subject.

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Howard College's Hawks defeated NMJC Thursday 77-61 for their 20th straight victory.

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## COMING

## SUNDAY

## CELL PHONE CONTROVERSY

You see it all the time. People driving around town or out on the highway with one hand on the steering wheel and the other holding a cell phone to an ear.

This Sunday, the *Herald* explores the use of cell phones in vehicles. Is it safe? Should there be laws regulating it? Read what legislators, law enforcement officers and others have to say about this controversial subject.

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## Trustees to bring in TASB consultants

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District agreed Thursday to bring in consultants from the Texas Association of School Boards to discuss the process for finding a new superintendent.

In a 6-1 vote, with trustee Phil Furquerson voting

against the measure, trustees agreed to listen to a presentation by TASB consultants before deciding on seeking professional help in the search.

"We have not done this process in this school district," said trustee Irene Bustamante. "I think this is just a way of giving us a direction of what to do and where do we start."

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Irene Bustamante



Trustees received a list of professional consultants compiled by district administrators and debated

on whether to seek professional help and to what extent.

"This district has not done a superin-

tendent search in 26-plus years that I know of," said Murray Murphy, outgoing superintendent.

Furquerson said he was cautious about relying on professional "head hunters."

"A friend of mine in the community... he has been involved with education — he has a Ph.D. and runs

state public education programs — said the last thing you want to do is (use consultants for) a superintendent search," Furquerson said. "What they do is, they have developed a really good industry recycling superintendents."

"Based on my experience, any time you

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## Hundreds attend chamber banquet

Hartfield Jr., Forrest get top awards

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Area residents turned out in force Thursday evening to welcome new and former state legislators, Big Spring's Man and Woman of the Year for 2002 and to celebrate Big Spring business.

About 360 people packed the floor of Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the event, the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Howard County legislators Rep. Pete Laney and Sen. Teel Bivins and the area's previous legislators, Rep. David Counts and Sen. Robert Duncan, were honored with Chamber resolutions and gifts during the event.

Counts and Duncan were also each honored with the establishment of scholarship funds in their honor.

Both of the men, who lost Howard County in the latest round of legislative redistricting, vowed to continue to work for the area.

"We're really excited, in a new way, to continue to



The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year, Clarence Hartfield Jr. and JoAnne Forrest, chat with Chamber Director Debbye ValVerde after receiving their awards at Thursday night's Chamber Banquet. Area legislators Sen. Teel Bivins and Rep. Pete Laney, and former area legislators Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. David Counts, were also honored at the banquet.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

be your state senator," Duncan said.

In an emotional address, Counts echoed Duncan's sentiments.

"I thank the Lord for the opportunity to be able to

come and work with you guys, and that's plural and that's non-gender,"

Counts said. "As long as I have any influence whatsoever, I will continue to work for and support Big

Spring and Howard County."

The chamber's 2001 Woman and Man of the Year — Jane Jones and Bobby Hill — introduced their counterparts for

2002: JoAnne Forrest and Clarence Hartfield Jr.

Forrest, a longtime employee at Big Spring State Hospital, has also

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## Cutback no cause for alarm, Western Container GM says

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

A recent cutback in the Western Container's locally-based trucking force should not be a cause for alarm, said Patrick Chesworth, general manager of the Big Spring plant.

Chesworth said the recent layoff of 14 truck drivers based in Big

Spring and the reassignment to other locations of two more is not because of production cutbacks.

"No," he said. "In fact, this next year we're projected to make between 16 and 17 percent more bottles that we did last year. That's a huge growth in one year's time frame."

The cutbacks, Chesworth said, are simply because changes in

company procedure no longer require the Big Spring plant to ship plastic bottle pre-forms to California.

"Our shipments from this location of pre-forms have been reduced over the last year," he said. "No secret, everyone knew about that, because we opened a new facility in Tolleson, Ariz. It was a business move. These

people knew. These 14 people knew this was happening well ahead of time."

Chesworth said 16 drivers were offered the opportunity to transfer to other locations within the company. Only two accepted, he added.

The Big Spring plant is increasing its output each year, he said.

"For many years we

shipped all the pre-forms, supplied all the pre-forms to the west coast," he said. "We no longer do that. So now the pre-forms are used in-house."

Chesworth said he can't say for certain that the Big Spring facility will increase staff in the near future.

"That is dependent on

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## Buffalo Trail Council hosts recognition event Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Four volunteers for the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America will receive the highest award during the council's annual recognition banquet Saturday evening.

Around 150 people from the council's 18-county service area are expected to attend the banquet, which will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

"The council recognizes the districts that have done well during the year in membership, fund-raising, recruitment, leader-

ship and building up of quality units," said Warren Wallace, district executive.

The council will also recognize the achievements of individual officers.

"They will recognize officers who have given service over the years and the Silver Beaver, the highest award the council can give to a volunteer, will be given to four volunteers this year."

Guest speaker for the event is Dr. David Ring, First United Methodist Church minister. A father of two Eagle Scouts — the highest award a Boy Scout can achieve — Ring is a member of the district's advisory board.

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WALLACE



A line of people wait to have local author Bebe McCasland sign copies of her first book "Do Chickens Go To Heaven?" Thursday at the Howard County Library. Numerous people traipsed in and out of the library for the book signing.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



# House fire kills four in rural Scurry County

Special to the Herald

A house fire early Thursday morning took the life of a young Hermleigh woman and her three young children.

Desiree Flores, 18, died in the fire, which consumed a trailer home just a block from U.S. Highway 84. She is the daughter of Snyder residents Ernest and Connie Flores.

Also killed were the woman's three small children, ages 2, 1 and one month.

The owner of the home, 40-year-old Salvador Luna, was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital in stable condition with burns to his face and smoke inhalation, said Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson.

"Mr. Luna entered the home to try to save the others, but he wasn't able to reach them," Jackson said.

A car parked next to the mobile home was also destroyed.

Firefighters, who were hampered by freezing temperatures and a relentless wind, also had



to keep the fire from spreading to a large butane tank just feet away from the burning structure.

"That was a real concern for the firefighters," Jackson said. "They had two trucks working on the house and another concentrated just on that tank."

The cause of the fire was unknown, though Jackson said no foul play was suspected. Deputy State Fire Marshal Kelly Vandygriff is conducting an investigation and the bodies were sent to University Medical Center in Lubbock for autopsy.

Hermleigh is located 12 miles southeast of Snyder.

*Brian Brisendine, staff writer for the Snyder Daily News, contributed to this article.*

community as well as the students.

"We want someone who is going to stay and really care about all of our kids and our community as well because it goes hand in hand."

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## CHAMBER

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put in many hours on the hospital's volunteer service council. She helped organize the first Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser and has helped with the event ever since.

For more than 20 years she has been a member of the Howard/Glasscock Chapter of the American Cancer Society and has been instrumental in leading the chapter's Relay For Life fund-raiser

to No. 1 status in Texas. Forrest has also served for many years on the Heritage Museum board and with the Mary Jane Club.

She is a member of First United Methodist Church, where she coordinates the Living Christmas Tree.

Hartfield, the first African-American recipient of the Man of the Year Award, is a Cosden and Fina retiree after 29 years of service and a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Hartfield has served the community in many ways as a volunteer, including work with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Junior Achievement, Crimestoppers, the Citizens Police Academy, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is a lifetime member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Hartfield serves as a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and has been on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Heritage Museum, Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Big Spring Rotary Club.

In addition to his tireless volunteer service, he has made many appearances to explain the early days of integration and Big Spring's role in the movement. He has done

extensive research on Buffalo Soldiers and on African-Americans' role in the military.

A member of Holy Trinity Church, he serves as assistant Sunday-school superintendent and sings in the choir.

Hartfield is devoted to his family, tending his father, Clarence Hartfield Sr. He has two sons.

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## LAYOFFS

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business," he said. "Obviously if our business continues to grow every year at such a rate, it may require us to do that. We can't predict the future. We have a good feel about it, but we can't say for sure. I do know the staff level we have here now, we will maintain. We have 130 full-time employees here, and we will maintain that level."

In a written statement, Chesworth said Western Container plans to invest \$1.5 million in the Big Spring Facility in 2003 and to expand its Quality Assurance Laboratory by 3,400 square feet.

The company, the second largest employer in Big Spring, employs 156 full-time workers with an annual payroll of \$3 million. The company also is the second leading taxpayer in Howard County behind ALON-USA.

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handle something in-house with people you know and trust, the better off you are going to be."

Trustee Kent Sharp agreed that in the industry many "head hunters" have a reputation of recycling professionals but as in any field companies run the gambit.

Both President Frank Long and trustee Terry Wegman were in favor of using TASB for at least a starting point in the search. Mike Dawson was also in favor of using TASB for some services but wants the board heavily active in reviewing all candidates.

Bustamante, who is involved in several state school advocacy boards, said she has had good experience working with the state organization.

"I think they are a great resource for us," she said. "Their business is schools and I think they will do a good job for us if they pick TASB."

Bustamante said she personally hopes to secure a superintendent who is dedicated to the

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **MATTIE FULLER**, recognized as one of Howard County's "Difference Makers."

• **EVERYONE** who participated in the annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff, sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Shop.

• **VA MEDICAL CENTER** for its annual STAND DOWN PROGRAM and the DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, who work diligently to help the nation's homeless veterans.

• **MIKE RITCHEY**, Big Spring High School principal, who was named Principal of the Week.

• **ROSIE LAIN**, Washington Elementary School fourth grade instructor, who was named Teacher of the Week.

• **BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, on another successful banquet Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us hear you, Lord, as you whisper your words of love and encouragement to us.

Amen.

Research for conducting research?

Every once in a while you write something that upsets someone. One little word, one little sentence strikes a nerve, and the guy who thought you were great last week because you reported on trash in a city official's yard is now is sure you are scum because he found his name on the police blotter.



BILL MCCLELLAN

And so it goes. I'm sorry about things like that, but not apologetic. There's never any intent to harm anyone, just present the facts. Course, that's not always the case in this column, where the truth gets stretched from time to time. It is, however, a column, and not meant to be taken seriously unless I say so. And trust me, you'll be able to tell when that is. But despite that disclaimer, I can still upset some folks from time to time. Sometimes it's close to home, too. Take folks like my brother-in-law, a professor at Texas A&M, who took offense to a column I wrote awhile back about a research project that to me was just plain silly. Actually, he was only miffed. My sister, who not-so-coincidentally

happens to be married to my brother in law, the researcher, lectured me on the importance of research.

"It's important, you idiot!" she screamed. Yeah well...

Here's what went on:

Did you see the latest study? I'm not making this up.

**The Associated Press: "Cocaine and cigarettes, both known to trigger heart attacks, are considerably more dangerous when taken together than alone, a study has concluded."** Well, duh.

OK. Now wait a minute. Let's put logic to this. Half the medical field and two-thirds of all researchers have told us that tobacco causes all kinds of heart and lung diseases. They also concur that cocaine can mess up your heart and your brain.

So it stands to reason that both of them together would be, well, almost twice as bad, right?

That's what you'd think, but you'd be wrong. You aren't thinking scientifically enough.

Here's a researcher, soliciting a government grant:

"Well, not necessarily. You see, there is a chance that what we perceive to be the detrimental and often devastating effects of cocaine and tobacco, when placed in an interactive state, may produce a chemical component which could be

useful, beneficial, actually. It's a possibility we simply cannot ignore. This could be crucial to modern medicine. I'll tell you what. Procure for me, say, \$275,000, and I'll conduct a through analysis."

The analysis was conducted. No kidding. Forty-two smokers were brought in for testing. While being tested, each smoked a cigarette, snorted cocaine, or both.

Sure enough, the study found out that people who smoke and snort cocaine at the same time showed a more dramatic increase in blood pressure and narrowing of the arteries to the heart. Golly what a discovery!

After five minutes, they also tended to suck on the cocaine and snort the cigarettes, but that's the subject of another study.

The medical journal report went on to reveal, "Doctors have noticed that people seem to be at an especially high risk of dying from heart attacks when they use cocaine and smoke at the same time, and this study could help explain why."

Something about two wrongs doesn't make a right, maybe?

I can envision a whole group of studies based on this. I call it the "two wrongs may not always make a bigger wrong so we better test it theory."

Point 1: If you slam your hand in the car door; research shows that it causes tremendous pain and possible injury.

Point 2: If you are dragged down the road, it also causes pain, and possible injury, according to leading doctors and physicians. BUT... if you slam your hand in the car door and get dragged down the road, will that cause more injury? Hmmm.

Research concludes that if you eat an entire cherry cake, you are likely to gain some amount of weight. Nutritionists conclude that if you eat an entire chocolate cake, you are likely to also gain some weight. BUT, if you eat an entire cherry cake and an entire chocolate cake, will you still gain weight? This needs to be researched.

Here's another one:

If you give a two-ounce mouse three packets of sugar substitute a day he will be eventually turn up his toes and die. And if you make a two-ounce mouse inhale the smoke from a pack of cigarettes every day for five years, he will also turn toes-up and die. But, if you give a two-ounce mouse three packets of sugar substitute and a pack of cigarettes a day for five years, will he still die?

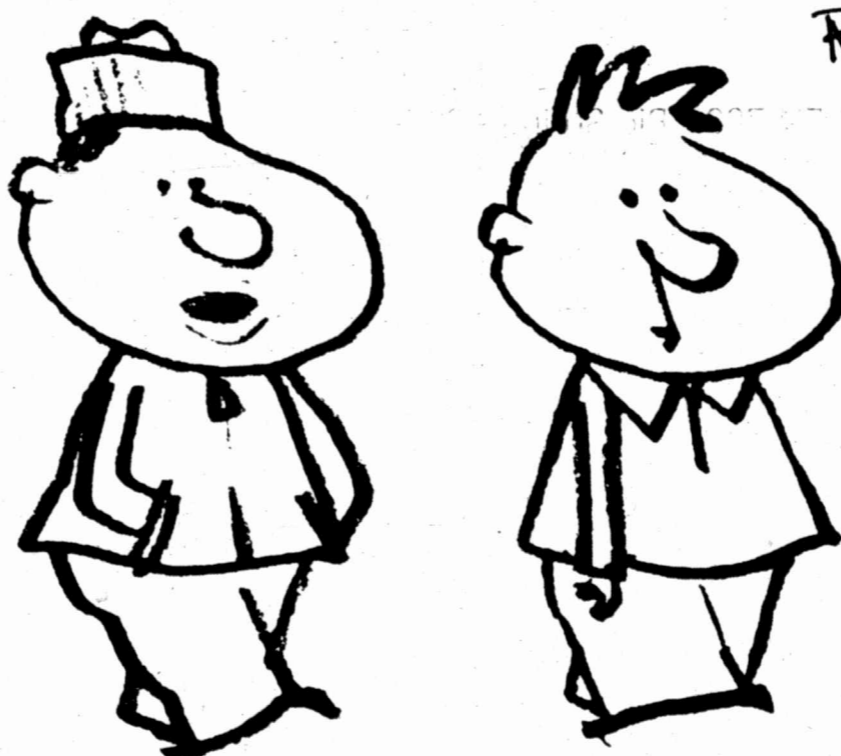
Oh wait, I forgot. They did that study already.

The research goes on

Today, I'm doing my own study. If you tick off family members with a column about research once, will they be twice as ticked off if you do it again?

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"My dad's philosophy about New Year's resolutions is 'break them before they break you!'"

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to express my displeasure at the callous treatment I received from the local Code Enforcement Office and Officer Lupe Nieto in particular.

On Jan. 14, I received a call from my frightened wife, to tell me someone was in my backyard. I rushed home to see who was trespassing. Imagine my surprise and disgust to see it wasn't a crook, but a city employee.

When I called to complain I was treated rudely by Kenny Davis. At first, Davis tried to tell me the picture was taken over a fence, not from my yard. I asked how he could be looking at a picture of the front of my vehicle without someone having been in my yard.

At that point, the entire situation changed. I was told, "It's not my problem if you have junk vehicles in my city!"

This is the way these "officers" have been instructed to deal with the citizens who pay their way? I doubt it, but never the less, that is the treatment I received.

After doing a bit of research, I discovered several troubling facts. First, the city code specifies that

these so call officers are actually just ordinary citizens, employees of the city of Big Spring. Second, these officers can legally enter your property, front or back, and basically do as they please, provided some "anonymous" tipster turns you in.

Forget about your Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure, because according to the same city code above, they do not even have to show the common courtesy of knocking on a occupied dwelling before creeping around your property.

Don't take my word for it, ask Officer Lupe Nieto.

The third, and most disturbing fact is that this code is enforced to the whim of anonymous tipsters. Since when are officers allowed to only enforce the law upon those of us who are unfortunate enough to live near nosey, vindictive people. Isn't the law supposed to be equally enforced?

I also wonder just how many residents of Highland South and Kentwood have experienced these officers creeping and peeping in the backyards of their homes? I'd

be willing to bet that particular situation won't be arising in those neighborhoods. It appears that this type of enforcement is reserved for the poorer portions of town.

Another good question for us to ask ourselves, why is it so critical to keep the identity of the informants secret? Could it be because there really aren't any? I doubt anyone will get killed over such a thing, so who is the Code Enforcement Office actually protecting?

The bottom line is this: Selective, secretive enforcement of the city codes will only cause more strife between the "haves" and "have nots." If the mayor truly wants the city of Big Spring clean, then get it out in the open as to just who all these informants are, and then enforce the code equally or not at all.

I would like to say that I am rectifying the situation, and would have gladly done so without all the drama, had they only knocked on my door and asked me to, rather than trespassing.

CRAIG BAILEY  
BIG SPRING

CHURCH NEWS

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CHURCH NEWS

Coahoma United Methodist Church

United Methodist Church, 401 N. Main, will be hosting an area wide worship service. Once again, the Methodists of Big Spring and its surrounding communities are getting together! Our next meeting will be Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.

We'll gather to worship and praise our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in unity. There will be singing, preaching, witnessing, sharing and praying.

Dr. David Ring of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring will be our preacher. A time of fellowship will follow worship. Please come share with us in the blessings of God.

Coahoma United Methodist Church has Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday service at 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Due to St. Mary's annual meeting, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. only. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. the Adult Sunday School class will be studying a series on "The Christian Life."

The annual meeting will be after the 10:30 a.m. services this Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

The Inquirers' Class is on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. in the library. This class is for adults who are interested in learning more of the ways and teaching of the Episcopal church.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbsst.org](http://www.stmarysbsst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Baptist Church

If you are a fan of old time gospel music, you are in for a treat. Ed Enoch, formerly with the Statesmen who were back-up singers for Elvis, and Golden Covenant will be here in concert tonight at 7. A love offering will be taken to support these men in their ministry. There will be childcare for children 3 years of age or younger.

Come to First Baptist Church this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join a Sunday School class for Bible study and fellowship. Morning worship begins at 10:45. Pastor Dennis Teeters' sermon topic for Sunday morning is

**"What's A Fair Wage?" Bible Buddies and Bible Drill starts at 4:45 p.m. for children 1-6 grades. Youth choir meets at 5 p.m. as well as "Old Testament Survey" and "What Did Jesus Say About That?" classes taught by our pastor and youth director, Dr. Jeff Donnell. We'll meet again for evening worship at 6.**

For more information concerning the other programs of our church, please call 267-8223.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Here's help in raising responsible young men in today's culture! Free to the community! St. Paul will be sponsoring a six-week video seminar titled "Bringing Up Boys." This seminar is produced by Focus on the Family Ministries and Dr. James Dobson. All parents, grandparents, youth workers, pastors, teachers — anyone who can make a difference in a boy's life — don't miss this seminar. It will be held in the St. Paul Lutheran fellowship hall on Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning Feb. 6. Please call 267-7163 to reg-

ister. The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

Friends of Unity

Faith is the power being studied at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Unity Center. This power is personified by the Apostle Peter.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, come and hear Pastor Dave Ring deliver his message from Mark 1:14-20 "The Call of Christ."

The First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will host a noon Bible study with lunch every Wednesday in Garrett Hall. The Bible study will be open to the community for a great time of food and fellowship. The cost of the lunch is \$2 and the size of the group that participates is usually between 35 and 70. The study will last from noon until 12:50 p.m. If you aren't already enjoying Wednesday Noon

Bible Study, please come and join.

Sunday School is brimming with excitement at the First United Methodist Church. Come and be a part of a worship service that had record breaking attendance last Sunday. A new Young Sunday School class taught by Murray and Diane Murphy is ongoing and will meet Sunday in Garrett Hall at 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday, there will be a Youth Super Bowl Party at 3:30 p.m. For additional details call Courtney Johnson at 267-6394.

There will be a joint United Methodist worship service at the Cohoma United Methodist Church on Sunday at 6 p.m. Pastor Dave Ring will deliver the sermon.

Kid's Club has once again started for this semester. Kid's Club meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the

Partee Building. Please call Pam Steel at 263-5128 for additional details.

Additionally, Children's Day Out is conducted on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

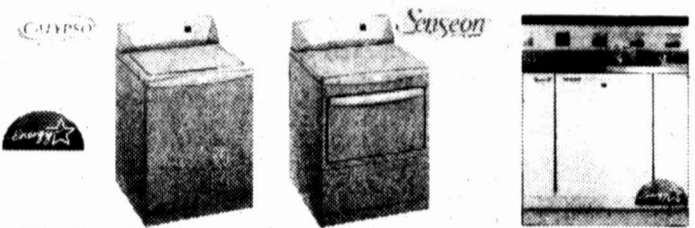
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center

CEO report to the community

By: Timothy E. Schmidt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center



As CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, I want to take this opportunity to let you know about our achievements in 2002 and what we are planning for 2003. During the course of the year, I plan to write a series of articles in order to give you an overview for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the many issues facing health care providers and introducing you to various members of our Medical Staff and our outstanding employees. Today's article will focus on 2002 accomplishments and 2003 opportunities.

Significant Accomplishments in 2002

**Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) Survey**  
JCAHO is the nation's predominate accrediting body for healthcare providers. JCAHO is an independent, not-for-profit organization and has helped develop state-of-the-art, professionally based standards used to evaluate hospitals. In January 2002, Scenic Mountain's Laboratory was surveyed by the JCAHO and received a score of 97. Scenic Mountain Medical Center was surveyed in June 2002 and received a score of 94. Both of these scores are well above the national median score.

Emergency Department Expansion

In January 2002, we began construction and renovation of our emergency department in order to better serve our community. We moved into a temporary emergency room and promptly treated the highest patient volume we had ever experienced in any month. In August 2002, we moved into our new emergency department. The new \$1.6 million emergency department has a dedicated trauma room, seven private exam rooms, a triage room, a new waiting area and registration area. In December 2002 a new group of physicians began providing 24-hour/day coverage for emergency care.

Retention of Hospital Staff

In 2000 our turnover was 54%. In 2002 our turnover rate decreased to just under 20%. Nationally, the turnover rate is 22-25%. This represents a significant improvement in our ability to provide quality care to you our customers. We are able to now focus more dollars on training rather than recruitment.

Physician Recruitment

Three physicians joined our medical staff in 2002. Alan Abel, M.D., Susan Roberts, D.O. and Cynthia Rutledge, D.O. Dr. Abel is Board Certified General in Surgery. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Rutledge are both Board Certified in Family Practice. All three physicians are very excited about being in Big Spring, TX. These physicians not only increased the access to healthcare locally, but contributed to the overall Big Spring economy.

Charitable, Grants and Tax Contribution

In 2002, Scenic Mountain Medical Center provided over \$6.1 million in charitable and grants care. We also paid over \$500,000 in property taxes. Furthermore, the hospital was very active in community activities such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Relay for Life, American Heart Association, United Way, and sponsoring of our local youth activities.

Patient Satisfaction Scores

Our Patient Satisfaction scores continue to improve each quarter. We continue to receive positive feedback from the community concerning the quality of our services. Yes, we still receive feedback from customers whom we did not meet their expectations. And we are glad that they do take the time to voice their concerns, as this gives us an opportunity to improve our services.

Opportunities for 2003

**Improving Access to Care**  
In 2002, we secured the commitment of six (6) additional physicians who plan to move to Big Spring and open a practice:

- Donald Ferguson, MD Internal Medicine
- Lorna Ferguson, MD, Internal Medicine
- Keith Ledford, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Fahkar Ijaz, MD, Internal Medicine
- Juan Carlos Gonzalez, MD, Internal Medicine
- Alfonso Preciado, MD, General Surgeon

The success of these physicians and other members of our medical staff depends upon our community's willingness to trust their health care needs to these professionals.

Construction of a Medical Office Building

We will soon begin construction of a 30,000 square foot Medical Office Building on the campus of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. We expect occupancy in the fall of 2003. The building will house 12-15 physicians, outpatient radiology and laboratory.

Medical Staff Development

In 2003, we will continue to recruit physicians in the following specialties:

- Cardiology
- Ear, Nose and Throat
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Anesthesia Provider

As a business, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a major employer in the Big Spring area. In 2002, we paid over \$10.5 million in salaries and wages while providing over 300 individuals employment. According to an economist, salary dollars turnover in the local economy 4-5 times. Thus, the impact to the local economy for Scenic Mountain is \$40 million to \$50 million. In addition, we treated over 14,000 people in the Emergency Department, admitted over 3,600 inpatients and performed 1,800 surgical procedures. We also invested in new modern diagnostic equipment and invested in the training of our staff.

I thank you for taking the time to read this article. If you have suggestions or questions that would be appropriate for future articles, please write or call me at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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## BSHS

By LYNDEL MOO  
Staff Writer  
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Big Spring High School and Crystal Sturtmiller academic letter award for having a every eligible subject.

## Senior Center Driver Safety

HERALD Staff Reporter  
The Spring City Center and AA scheduled a 5 Driver Safety course. The course will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6-7. A lunch is included. This course was developed as a refresher for drivers age 65 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer in addition to...

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# BSHS students recognized for academic achievement

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

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Forty-two students received either their academic jackets or academic letter as an award for having a yearly average grade of 90 in each eligible subject. The award is based on last year's academic performance.

"This represents a lot of hard work by you guys and girls," Assistant Principal Carrie Dunnam told the crowd gathered in the high school foyer.

Receiving academic letter jackets were:

Sophomores Keri Bethel, Alexandra Gariepy, Andrea Haro, Mary Hunnicutt, Crystal Sturm and Jason Vela; juniors Cole Furqueron, Jessica Lewis, Nancy Mejia and Timothy Worley; and seniors Lyndsie Cohorn and Jennifer Collins.

Receiving academic letter jackets were:

Sophomores Abner Chelsea, Kendell Adams, Brennan Bailey, Paige Gainey, Adam Heinis, Jessica Hughey, Kate Smiley, Heather Vassar and Veronica Villarreal.

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Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)



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Big Spring High School sophomores Mary Hunnicutt, left, and Crystal Sturm visit with their peers after receiving an academic letter Tuesday. Forty-two students received either their academic jackets or academic letter as an award for having a yearly average grade of 90 in each and every eligible subject.

## Senior Center, AARP to offer driver safety program course

HERALD Staff Report

The Spring City Senior Center and AARP have scheduled a 55 Alive Driver Safety Program course.

The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6-7. A lunch break is included.

This course was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer and in addition to reviewing

rules of the road, it will teach how to compensate for age-related declines in physical and perceptual ability.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount.

There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll, go by the Senior Center or call 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

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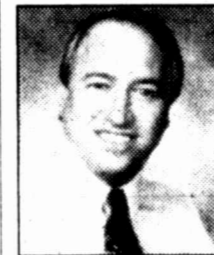
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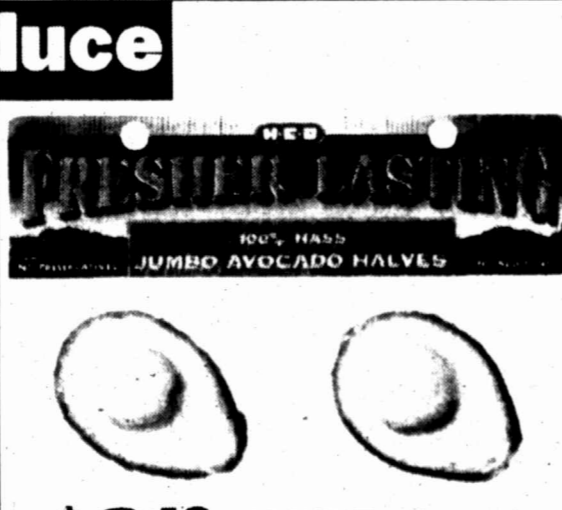


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By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor  
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## Butler will interview for Frisco position Monday

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
The Big Spring Steers claimed their first win of the off-season earlier this week when head football coach Dwight Butler removed himself from consideration for the vacant San Angelo Central job.

Now, they're hoping for one more off-season coup. Butler, the Steers' all-

time winningest coach, said he would make an obligatory visit this coming week with Frisco school officials about the opening at the city's new Class 5A school. He is scheduled to meet with Frisco officials beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning.

"I've got a meeting with them Monday morning," said Butler, who has guided the Steers' program for

the past 12 years. "They contacted me and asked me to come and talk to them about the position. I feel like I should at least talk to them since they came to



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me." The interview doesn't necessarily mean he is leaving West Texas, however. Butler could easily return to a BSHS program he has fashioned into a state power over the past 11 seasons. The 47-year-old former Eastern New Mexico graduate is still under contract with the Big Spring Independent School District through next year.

It isn't an idea he is opposed to, either.

"I love it here," he said. "I've never really wanted to live in the Metroplex, but they came to me. It's something I have to look at and then decide what's best for me and my family, but this place has been very good to us. We enjoy it here."

Last week, Butler scuttled any plans of taking See BUTLER, Page 2B

## IN BRIEF

### 'Hawk Talk' will air Feb. 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show dealing with Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST 1490-AM on Feb. 12.

The show, which is slated to begin at 9 a.m., will be hosted by Sam Stephens.

### Big Spring slated to host Levelland Friday

The Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers will continue their District 4-4A march on tomorrow when they host Levelland in the BSHS gym.

The BSHS varsity girls squad, 17-9 overall, will start at 6 p.m. The Steers are set to begin play at approximately 7:30 p.m.

### BSGSA to hold open meeting Jan. 30

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is having an open meeting on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Howard Co. Library.

Parents are urged to attend the meeting to discuss major decisions that will be made regarding the BSGSA softball program.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

### Hawks' skills camp continues Jan. 25

The Howard College Hawks coaching staff and players will continue their Skills Camp on Saturday in the coliseum.

The cost for the camp, which runs three more Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, is \$10 per person.

For more information contact Hawks head coach Chris Jans at 264-5044.

### Hunter safety class slated for Feb. 8-9

A hunter safety class will be available for local residents on Feb. 8-9 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Boyce Hale will conduct the classes, which are being sponsored by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

For more information contact Hale at 267-6957 or 267-7891.

### BSYBA hoop season continues Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues Saturday with a full state of games.

Teams from throughout the area are fielding teams this year.

### Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windwaker Farms in Stanton.

The event will consist of 4-person teams using Lewis Class scoring.

For more information contact (915) 570-0172.

# ONE FOR THE BOOKS

## HC ties school's all-time win streak with romp over NMJC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
HOBBS, NM — The Howard College Hawks added their names to the school's history books Thursday night in impressive fashion, matching the school's all-time mark for consecutive wins with a 77-61 romp over the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds.

With the win, the No. 2-ranked Hawks notched their 20th straight win, equalling the mark set by the HC team of 1990-91.

The victory also kept the Hawks in the driver's seat in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race. Howard College improved to 4-0 in league play.

The Hawks, now 20-0, dominated the contest.

from the start, reeling off eight of the game's first 10 points.

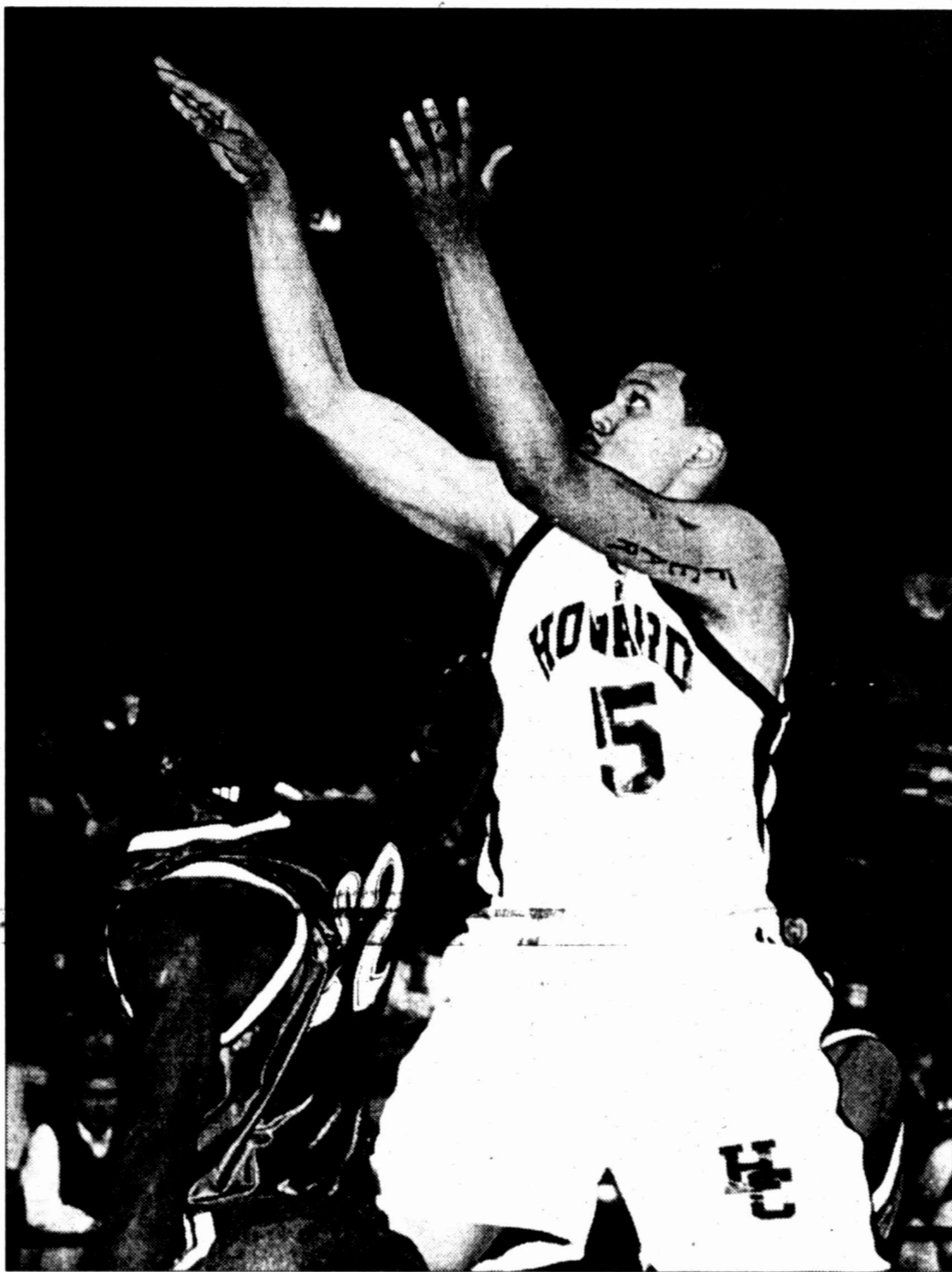
Freshman Chaun Brooks all but put New Mexico on its back at the 14:46 mark of the first half with a 3-point shot that gave the Hawks a 13-4 cushion.

Je'Kel Foster and Vas'shun Newborne helped Howard College build a 14-point lead late in the frame before the Thunderbirds, 8-11 and 0-4, managed to battle back to within 10 at the half, at 38-28.

Newborne, who finished with a game-high 19 points, and Leon Woodstock powered a 39-point second-half surge that saw the Hawks soar to as much as a 20-point lead with 5:44 to play.

Woodstock gave the

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Howard College freshman Jon Sykes returned to his home state Thursday night and helped the Hawks claim a 77-61 win over the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds. A walk-on at HC, Sykes played prep basketball at Roswell.

## Lady Hawks' slide continues

HOBBS, NM — Prior to their matchup with the No. 17-ranked New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds, Howard College head coach Kevin Bucher said his team had the talent to compete if they played an entire game.

He was right. Sparked by a 16-of-26 shooting effort in the first half, the Lady

Hawks battled NMJC throughout the first 20 minutes before faltering down the stretch and dropping a 79-71 bout.

Howard College, 9-13 and 0-4, trailed by only two, at 37-35, at the half.

New Mexico won the game in the final two minutes. They broke a 71-71 tie with 1:59 left by outscoring HC by an 8-0 margin.

## Flores, Difrancesca, Newton honors at annual banquet

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald  
Jonathan Flores simply refused to quit during the 2002 high school football season.

The senior defensive end battled his way back from what should have been a season-ending shoulder injury to become a key player in the Steers' drive to the third round of the Class 4A, Division II playoffs.

For his effort, he and teammate Scott Difrancesca were honored with the Antwoyne Edwards Memorial Award — one of only two individual



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awards given out at the Big Spring Quarterback Club at its annual football banquet Thursday night in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

After starting the evening with slide show of highlights from the season and the induction of the new Quarterback Club officers, Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler took over, thanking his players and coaching staff for the hard work they put in throughout the year.

Butler also relived some of his favorite

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## Coahoma wins CJHS tournament, seventh graders remain unbeaten

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogettes seventh grade A team remained unbeaten on the year this past weekend as they claimed the Coahoma Junior High School Basketball Tournament title with a 28-25 win over the Stanton Junior High Lady Buffaloes.

Leading the way for the Bulldogettes was Janice Gonzales with 15 points.

Earlier in the tourney, the Bulldogettes B team defeated the Forsan

Junior High Lady Buffaloes' B team by a 30-18 clip. Coahoma was lead in that win by Veronica Cortez, who tallied a game-high 14 points. Morgan Garret was the high scorer for the Lady Buffs with six.

In the consolation championship, Colorado City earned a 49-18 win over the CJHS B team.

Coahoma was once again led by Cortez, who finished with six points.

Coahoma dropped a 61-24 decision in the finals of the eighth grade girls

bracket. In the loss, Callie Paige paced the CJHS squad with eight points.

In first round action, Forsan garnered a game-high 16 points by Cayle Eggleston and rolled to a 37-12 victory over Coahoma's B team.

The Bulldogettes reached the finals by virtue of a thrilling 30-28 victory over Forsan.

Callie Paige and Monica Morelion combined to score 19 points in the contest. Forsan was led the tandem of Dani Borel and Cayle Eggleston.

## Steers, Lady Steers to host Levelland tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and take another step toward the state high school basketball playoffs tonight when they host the state-ranked Levelland Loboettes in the Steer gym.

With a win over

Levelland, the Lady Steers would claim their third straight win and move into third-place in the District 4-4A standings.

Levelland currently leads the district race with a perfect 6-0 mark.

The Big Spring Steers will be looking for their first district win tonight against Levelland. The Steers enter the contest sporting a 2-23 record and an 0-4 loop mark.

The BSHS girls game will begin at 6 p.m.

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# Mystique vs. Misery: The Super Bowl image

SAN DIEGO (AP) — So what if this is the NFL's big show.

The Oakland Raiders clearly have their own schedule. And if it's their desire to add to their mystique this week, they are off to a pretty good start.

The Raiders missed their appointed interview time with hordes of reporters and broadcasters by 50 minutes at the league's media day extravaganza Tuesday. That's practically unheard of considering everything this week is micromanaged to the second.

But these are the Raiders and this media day was different.

The reason for the holdup: veteran receivers Tim Brown and Jerry Rice were late for a team picture, and blamed it all on ABC for keeping them too long for interviews.

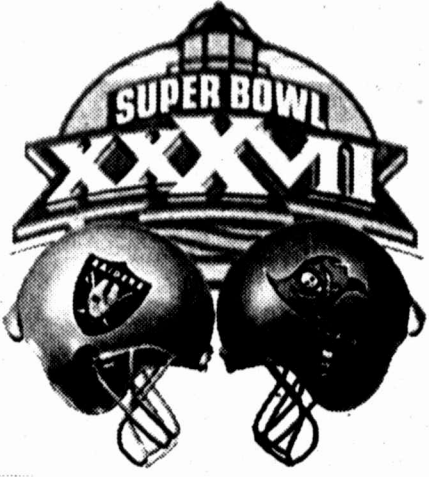
"Hey, don't blame us," Brown said. "It was ABC. It wasn't Geritol or anything."

Owner Al Davis attended a ceremony honoring the late sports editor, Jack Murphy, outside Qualcomm Stadium, where Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be played. But he stayed away from the mass interviews inside.

As the statue of Murphy was unveiled, Davis quipped, "I wish he was giving me another Super Bowl trophy."

To hear his players tell it, that's the plan.

They paid homage to a man who enjoys suing the



**Super Bowl XXXVII**  
• WHO: Oakland Raiders vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
• When: 5 p.m., Sunday  
• Television: ABC  
• NOTES: Tampa Bay has never played in the Super Bowl before. This will be Oakland's first appearance in the title game in 19 years. The Raiders are the NFL's winningest team since 1963. Oakland has won the Super Bowl 3 times.

NFL almost as much as he enjoys winning games. Those players not only credit Davis for guiding the franchise back to prominence, but for re-establishing the aura that surrounded them when they were winning championships three decades ago.

"Al has done everything he can here," Brown said, adding that he wouldn't be surprised to see Davis retire if the Raiders win the championship. "This would be another feather in his cap and show he knows the game better than you do."

"What he's created here is a situation where anybody would want to play for the Raiders."

Such as veteran free agents Bill Romanowski and Rod Woodson, both already possessing Super Bowl rings when they arrived. They believed in the Raiders' mystique even before they got to Oakland this season.

"It's real," said Romanowski, who won two Super Bowls with the 49ers and two with the

Broncos, one of Oakland's most bitter rivals. "Did they lose their mystique? I don't think they lost it, but if so, it's definitely back."

Added Woodson, an All-Pro safety who won his title two years ago with Baltimore: "I think as a player you know the mystique before you get here. Al is the black sheep of the league. He kind of likes that image and I think everybody here likes it."

The Buccaneers, on the other hand, had an image problem — they hated it. And it was understandable. They were losers from the get-go, dropping all 14 games in their debut season, then the first 12 of the next season. They had a stretch where losing 10 games was a given, and until they beat Philadelphia for the NFC championship last weekend, they had never made it this far.

To many NFL fans, the Bucs were the guys in the ugly orange jerseys and a pirate with a feather in his mouth on their logo.

You always wanted them on your schedule.

Now, they wear red, the buccaneer on their helmet looks fierce, and they play some hellacious defense. Nobody looks forward to facing Tampa Bay.

"They once called us the 'Yucks.' We were ticked about that," said linebacker Derrick Brooks, the NFL's top defensive player in 2002. "I was the first one to say something to Warren (Sapp) that this has got to stop. There ain't no way ..."

Led by their All-Pro defenders, the Bucs did, indeed, become a force in the NFC. They just couldn't go all the way, and when former coach Tony Dungy was fired a year ago, the team paid a heavy price — \$8 million and four high draft choices — to the Raiders to pry away Jon Gruden.

Gruden's chore: Change the perception of the Bucs even more by turning them into champions.

Sure, it is a great irony that the final obstacle for Tampa Bay is the Raiders. Many Buccaneers believe that, despite all they have done to erase the memories of awful football, a loss on Sunday will be a huge step backward.

"I've seen a lot of players get to this point in their career and not win, and then you hear stuff about them being losers," Keyshawn Johnson said. "Getting here, yeah, that's all good, but if you don't win it, it feels like it does not mean anything."

# Al Davis: Oakland Raiders' rebel owner gets Super again

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Al Davis is a rebel with a subpoena, as anti-establishment an owner as any sport will find. He has bedeviled the NFL off the field like no one else over the last 40 years, and he has succeeded on the field like no one else.

Now, at age 73 after a 19-year absence, he and his menacing Oakland Raiders are back in the Super Bowl for what some suspect might his last time to "just win, baby," as Davis is famous for saying.

If they do, Davis will join the late Art Rooney of Pittsburgh and Eddie DeBartolo of San Francisco as the only NFL owners to win four Super Bowls. The Raiders are already the winningest franchise since Davis took over in 1963.

"He may even retire if we win this Super Bowl. I think that's a possibility," said Tim Brown, who has spent his entire 15-year NFL career with the Raiders. "He has done everything you can possibly do in this league."

Don't ask Davis. For a high-profile owner, he avoids the spotlight. He gives few interviews, and

when reporters do corner him, he just ignores any questions he doesn't want to answer.

Al Davis is hardly an NFL company man. Not in the way he dresses — usually satin running suits, one white, one black, and the occasional black suit, black shirt and silver tie. Not in the way he wears his hair — slicked back with a '50s duck-tail. Not in the way he talks — Brooklynese with Southern inflection. Not in the way he does business — always on his own terms.

Davis was the first NFL owner in the modern era to hire a black coach (Art Shell in 1989) and the first to have a Hispanic coach (Tom Flores, 1979-1987). They also have the

# Shania, No Doubt slated to perform at game's halftime

The Super Bowl will become even more star-studded during the half this year as superstars Shania Twain and No Doubt will take to the field to perform.

The two will become the latest in a long line of musical celebrities to

league's only female chief executive, Amy Trask.

There is no doubt, though, that Davis has the real power.

As the only NFL owner who was a head coach, he torments his coaches, whether it be hands-on at practice or occasionally sending orders down during games. "Get down on the field and tell Art to get Smith back in the game," he told an aide during a game in Denver when Shell was head coach.

When Gruden got frustrated by Davis' interference and left after four seasons, Davis — as usual — came out a winner. He got two first-round draft picks, two seconds and \$8 million to let Gruden go.

Twain and No Doubt will be joined by Sting during the performance. The Super Bowl is annually the nation's highest-rated TV program.

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- XI — Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
- X — Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
- IX — Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
- VIII — Miami 24, Minnesota 7
- VII — Miami 14, Washington 7
- VI — Dallas 24, Miami 3
- V — Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
- IV — Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
- III — N.Y. Jets 16, Baltimore 7
- II — Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
- I — Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10

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San Francisco 49ers	5	0	1.000	188	89
Baltimore Ravens	1	0	1.000	34	7
Chicago Bears	1	0	1.000	46	10
New York Jets	1	0	1.000	16	7
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	1	.800	120	100
Green Bay Packers	3	1	.750	127	76
Oakland/L.A. Raiders	3	1	.750	111	66
New York Giants	2	1	.667	66	73
Dallas Cowboys	5	3	.625	221	132
Washington Redskins	3	2	.600	122	103
Baltimore Colts	1	1	.500	23	29
Kansas City Chiefs	1	1	.500	33	42
Miami Dolphins	2	3	.400	74	103
Denver Broncos	2	4	.333	115	206
New England Patriots	1	2	.333	51	98
St. Louis/L.A. Rams	1	2	.333	59	67
Atlanta Falcons	0	1	.000	19	34
Tennessee Titans	0	1	.000	16	23
Philadelphia Eagles	0	1	.000	10	27
San Diego Chargers	0	1	.000	26	49
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Butler said he was in awe of the hard work and dedication his team showed through the 2002 season - a campaign that saw Big Spring renew old rivalries with Odessa High, Odessa Permian and San Angelo Central.



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"For a team that wasn't very big physically to end up with a 1,000-yard rusher and receiver, and another receiver with over 900 yards, that's just amazing," said Butler, who introduced each team member during the event.

At the conclusion of his speech, the Steers' head coach and athletic director presented Flores and Difrancesca with the Antwoyne Edwards Memorial Award - an honor bestowed upon a BSHS player each year for high standards in character. The award was created and named in honor of former Big Spring standout Antwoyne Edwards who tragically killed in a boating accident while attending college.

"Antwoyne was one of the greatest men I have ever known," Butler said before presenting the award.

Kyle Newton also walked away from the banquet with an award. He was presented the High Academic Award for 2002. Newton was an all-state selection at offensive tackle this past year. He is one of several BSHS standouts looking at play-

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Continued from Page B1 the Central coaching position when he withdrew his name from the mix because of the unclear situation surrounding the program.

"I withdrew my name from that," he said.

The San Angelo Independent School District was scheduled to try and pick through seven candidates for the Central position, which came open when the district re-assigned former head coach Kyle Gandy, this week. SAISD officials hope to have a candidate in mind to recommend - along former Mason head coach Joey McQueen as head coach at Lake View - this week.

HAWKS

Continued from Page B1 Hawks a 69-49 advantage by pushing home a shot from the low post and then adding the ensuing foul shot.

Sophomore Jared Fears was a thorn in the Thunderbirds' side throughout the game. He pumped in 14 points in the contest, 12 via four 3-point attempts.

Overall, every Howard College player except Eddie Starks managed to score against NMJC.

The Hawks can establish a new school mark for consecutive wins Monday at home against the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen, who fell, 68-62, to Odessa.

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6:30 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboaloo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Serinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Serinfeld (CC)	Gala Salvaje	That's Raven Lizzie	Taboo Blind Date	Movie: Antitrust (CC)	Mambo (CC)	Inside the NFL (CC)	Update With John Hagee	..	Animal Attacks (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	FBI: Critical Incident						
7:30 PM	Funnest Home Videos	Fastlane (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	Movie: Down Periscope	Presidio Med (CC)	Funnest Home Videos	Mister Sterling (CC)	Movie: Random	Las Vias del Amor	Movie: The Paper	Star Trek: Next Gener.	..	Movie: The Santa Clause	Movie: Training Day	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Expedition Egypt (CC)	Talking With Animals	Movie: Assassins	Police Force (CC)						
8:30 PM	Whose Line? Drew Carey	John Doe (CC)	Wash. Week On the Record	..	Hack (CC)	Whose Line? Drew Carey	DateLine (CC)	Hearts (CC) (DVS)	Entre el Amor y el Odio	Brigade Teamo	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: The Gift (CC)	(CC) QuickFlick	(CC) ..	Light of the Southwest	Hauntings (CC)	I Survived: Terror	..	Scene of the Crime (CC)						
9:30 PM	20/20 (CC)	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Rise and Fall of Jim Crow	Life-Sitcom Last Resort	Queens Supreme (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	..	Casos de la Vida Real	Sister, Sister Lizzie	Star Trek: Next Gener.	..	Odyssey 5 (CC)	Oz (CC)	..	Best of Both Worlds (CC)	Real Miami Cops	Movie: ..	Scene of the Crime						
10:30 PM	News Nightline	Raymond Suddenly	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Portrait of Murder (DVS)	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	That's Raven Kim Possible	Star Trek: Next Gener.	..	Penn & Teller Red Shoe	Ariss (CC) Best of	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Talking With Animals	Assassins	Police Force (CC)						
11:30 PM	Up Close Hollywood Sq.	Spin City (CC) Blind Date	People Red Green	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	Show (CC) Phoenix Open	Ent. Tonight Up Close	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Dead in a Heartbeat	Derbez en Cuando	Boy World Sister, Sister	Oblivious Taboo	(CC) ..	Hot Springs (35) Movie: ..	Autopsy (20) Movie: ..	How Can I Church	Expedition Egypt (CC)	I Survived: Terror	..	Scene of the Crime (CC)						
12:30 AM	Paid Program (35) To Be	Beyond Beyond	Red Green (20) Doctor	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show (CC)	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Tu y Yo	..	Proud Family Kim Possible	Blind Date Blind Date	(12:05) Bad Timing: A	Man's Best Friend (CC)	Valentine (CC)	Update With Dr. Massey	Hauntings (CC)	Real Miami Cops	Movie: U.S. Marshals	Scene of the Crime						

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### People In the News

By The Associated Press

New movies from Spike Lee, Steven Soderbergh, Spike Jonze and George Clooney are among the films in competition for the top Golden Bear award at this year's Berlin Film Festival.

The festival will run Feb. 6-16. It boasts entries ranging from China to Slovenia and will feature 10 world premieres, organizers said Wednesday.

Lee's "25th Hour," starring Edward Norton, joins Soderbergh's "Solaris," Jonze's "Adaptation" and Clooney's directorial debut, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," for the U.S. contingent.

Britain's Stephen Daldry contributes "The Hours," co-starring Nicole Kidman, Meryl Streep and Julianne Moore. Also showing is "The Life of David Gale," a U.S.-British co-production from Alan Parker, starring Kevin Spacey and Kate Winslet.

Three French films are competing: "Son Frere," from director Patrice Chereau, will make its world debut alongside Claude Chabrol's "La Fleur du Mal (The Flower of Evil)" and Pascal Bonitzer's "Petites Coupures."

LONDON (AP) — A 1991 letter from Prince Charles and Princess Diana thanking a paramedic who treated their elder son after he was hit on the head with a golf club is to be sold, auctioneers said.

The typewritten letter is expected to fetch up to \$2,400 when it goes on sale Jan. 29, Dominic Winter Book Auctions of Swindon in southern England said Wednesday. It is signed by both royal parents.

"There is plenty of Charles and Diana memorabilia, but to get a letter of Charles and Diana talking about William is quite rare," said Richard Westwood-Brookes, documents expert at Dominic Winter.

The letter, dated June 26, 1991, refers to an incident earlier in the month when Prince William, then 8, was hospitalized with a depressed fracture to the forehead.

He underwent a 1 1/2-hour operation at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital and needed 24 stitches. He was absent from school for about three weeks.

The letter from the Prince and Princess of Wales was written to Shabir Ahmed, one of the two ambulance workers who treated Prince William at his school, Ludgrove Preparatory, in Wokingham, west of London, where the accident happened.

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### Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Cornfield raider
- Group attractively
- Word before freeze or fry
- Not often spotted
- All in the Family spin-off
- Undercarriage item
- Start of an Anne Bradstreet quote
- Hustle
- Popeye Doyle, e.g.
- Disney collectible
- Tank filler
- Comprehend
- Beehive State athlete
- Air France airport
- Multitude
- Dr. of rap
- Oath taker's reply
- Galoshes and slickers
- Middle of the quote
- South American capital
- culpa
- No longer the rage
- Rochester's boss
- Tear shape
- Start of Cain's question
- Car-grille protector
- Golf pro Ernie
- Distinctive stretch

DOWN

- Wesson rival
- Roof beam
- 1984 author
- Lament
- Whirlpool alternative
- Pungent root
- Litter's littlest
- Bother
- Archery bow wood
- Comic Carvey
- Removed forcefully
- Daughter of Agamemnon
- According to
- Refuse to share
- Innocent maiden
- Gunslinger's order
- Localized language
- At all, to a bard
- Kennel sounds
- Cathedral fixture
- Keep a ball bouncing
- Edmonton iceman
- Pleased
- Fills completely
- Just Shoot Me character
- Sinuous squeezer
- Bailey barrister
- Made an outcry
- Wanted poster figure
- Grove globe
- Walter of football
- Debt securities
- Reducing resort
- "Oh, sure!"
- English, in billiards
- In international waters
- Catch
- Detective Spade
- Oaxaca whoop

### PERIOD PIECE

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Answer to previous puzzle

RAJAS	GOSH	WARP
ARUBA	ARIA	ARAL
HAMBURGERS	LIRE	
FOCUS	ATSEA	
PESTER	PRETZELS	
ACU	CAIRO	NYE
SHIER	ALPINE	
HOTDOGS	PEANUTS	
AVIATE	LENIN	
NED	EBBED	TRI
ICECREAM	SOVIET	
BLAHS	GOGOL	
BALE	ONIONRINGS	
LIES	BARB	ECONO
ERRS	INKS	SEWUP

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