TUESDAY

December 16, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:

CLEAR

25°-27°

## Production of low-sulfur gasoline begins at refinery

Special to the HERALD

The new \$18 million low-sulfur gasoline unit officially began production this week at the Big Spring Refinery, ALON USA offi-

cials announced.

The facility will allow the refinery to produce lower sulfur motor fuels as part of its initiative to support regulatory requirements to help improve Texas air quality. Existing Big Spring Refinery employees will work at the new unit.

burning fuels can make a dramatic improvement in the air quality of non-attainment cities, like Dallas, as well as to other near non-attainment cities that

"We are committed market our gasoline throughout the Southwest region."

The Big Spring refining complex has a processing capability of 60,000 barrels per day, and plans are under way to produce a new low-sulfur diesel in mid-2006. Joe Concienne, refinery managa er, said the \$18 million investment is the latest in a series of environmental upgrades made at the facility over the last 20 years. ALON's investment in clean

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#### GIVING

TONIGHT TOMORROW

62°-63°



Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate. If your organization has an established program to help others and would like to be included in this list, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

#### **Angel Tree locations:**

- · Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- · Gale's Sweet Shop · Big Spring Mall
- Wal-Mart

#### Salvation Army Kettles:

- Post Office Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

#### • Rip Griffin's Truck Stop

**Giving Tree** 

- · Wells Fargo Bank · Western National
- Bank

#### **Herald Toy Drive** • Big Spring *Herald*

- **Canned Food Drive**
- Big Spring *Herald*

#### Judging is today

Judging is set today for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorating Contest. Categories are residential and commercial, and include religious, lights, original and others. Judging of inside displays began at mid-afternoon; other judging will be held after dark. Entries must be made at the chamber, 215 W. Third.

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to the clean fuels initiative that we introduced earlier this year when we first started construction of this new unit," said Jeff Morris, ALON USA president and CEO. "Producing cleaner-

THE WALL

## Eagles' donation major step toward bringing monolith back to Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The task of raising money to bring the Page 3A Memorial Vietnam Moving Wall to town has received a boost thanks to a Big Spring civic orga-

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie donated \$3,500 to the project, which will cover the cost of bringing in the memorial. "We looked at it like this,"

said Cecil Bynum of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie. "If we went ahead and did it all at once, then they (the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee) would

be free to worry about doing other things instead trying to raise money to get the wall."

Now with the wall secured, the committee can turn toward focusing on other areas.

"We don't have to worry abut the payment for the wall. It's made," said Jerry Groves of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee. "All we have to focus our efforts on now is finding funding to pay for the other expens-

A project of this size is expensive. Groves said. He estimates the committee still needs to raise at least \$3,500 to pay for incidental costs.

"We need to provide refreshments for volunteers who are going to be out there 24 hours while the wall is here, the electric bill because the wall is going to have to be lit at night so people can come and see it," Groves explained. "They're going to have flags flying at night, so they have to be lit. You can't fly an American flag at night

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Gracey Breitschopf, 15-months, visited with Santa Claus Saturday in the Big Spring Mall. She is the daughter of Travis and Jenny Breitschopf of Ozona. Gracey was visiting her grandparents, Steve and Joy Osborn of Big Spring. Frank Edwards helped with the Santa Claus appearance.

# War is hell but soldier misses family the most

By THOMAS JENKINS

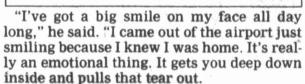
Staff Writer

The Christmas holiday is a bittersweet time for U.S. Army Spec. Randy Cadenhead, as the young infantry soldier returned to Big Spring for a short break from the rigors of service in Iraq.

Cadenhead, who is part of the 11th Bravo unit of the 1st Armor Division, returned to U.S. soil for the first time since March on Dec. 2. The young soldier is glad to be home. but said it's hard knowing he has already missed Thanksgiving and will spend the Christmas holiday in Baghdad.

"Being away from family is the hardest part for me. I'm really close to my family."

Army Spec. Randy Cadenhead



"It is kind of bitter-sweet, since I got my leave right after Thanksgiving. But they told me I'd be back in Baghdad before Christmas. I wanted to go home, but I would have much rather come home at Christmas. I almost decided not to come, since our unit is coming home in February."

Cadenhead said morale is up for the troops in Baghdad, thanks to just a few of the comforts of home that many Americans take for granted.

"Morale right now is pretty good," he said.

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# Opening night a bright one for Festival of Lights

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Strong, dusty gusts of wind didn't stop a crowd of visitors from flocking to the first day of the annual Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park.

"There were 528 people here last night," said Pat Simmons, coordinator. "We had a steady stream of people here and I'm delighted. For a Monday night, that's exceptional."

One of the newest additions, a large metal arch of poinsettias, may be the cause for extra atten-

tion, Simmons said. "In a way, I wasn't surprised by the amount of people that came last night because that archway of poinsettias attracted

a lot of people," she said.

Those viewing the display of 500,000 lights illuminating Comanche Trail Park nightly drive under this archway as they

enter the park from South Highway 87.

The event runs nightly from 6-10 p.m. through Dec. 31.

Monday's winds played havoc with the display, Simmons said, as volunteers were out during the day attempting to secure many exhibits with guy-wire.

"We had a lot of our displays blown over," Simmons said this morning as she and other volunteers were repairing the damage

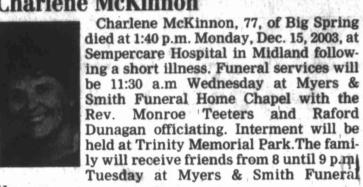
The Festival of Lights continues at Comanche Trail

Park from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 31.

and adding finishing touches to the display.

"That was some strong wind

### **Charlene McKinnon**



Home.

Mrs. McKinnon was born Aug. 12, 1926, at Elbow, Howard County, and lived most of her life in Howard County. She married Ray McKinnon Dec. 24, 1945, in Big Spring.

She taught school in Levelland and later served as a teacher and assistant principal at Jack and Jill School in Big Spring for 24 years. After retiring from Jack and Jill, Mrs. McKinnon was a substitute teacher at Forsan and Elbow, Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon served on the board of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. McKinnon was a member of Berea Baptist

She is survived by her husband Ray McKinnon of Big Spring; two sons, Ray McKinnon Jr. and his wife Doris of Coahoma, and Clayton McKinnon and his wife Reeann of Big Spring; two daughters, Pam Roper and her husband Billy of Anton and Belinda Koehler and her husband Craig of San Angelo; one sister, Rheba Cauble of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Pulis, Kari Denton, Julie Wright, Anne McKinnon, Jon McKinnon, Lance Soles, Chad Soles, James Soles and Cody Downing; 12 great grandchildren, Kirstyn Pulis, Kiefer Pulis, Kaleb Denton, Bailey Wright, John Brady Wright, Taylor Soles, Kenda Soles, Mattie Soles, Kylie Soles, Kenzie Soles, Kaycie Soles and Ahstin Downing.

She was preceded in death by her father, C.M. Grissam; her mother, Caroline McCuthen Grissam; one granddaughter; Kenda Soles; and two brothers, Thurlo and Garner Grissam.

Pallbearers will be James Soles, Chad Soles, Lance Soles, Cody Downing, Jon McKinnon and David Denton. Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

#### Daniel H. Birdwell



Daniel H. Birdwell, 94, of Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, in an Arlington hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Churche officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Birdwell was born on Dec. 9, 1909, in Dawson County and married Hermina Ramona Christen on Feb. 27, 1942, in Jourdanton. She preceded him in death on April 21, 1988.

He worked as a service man for the Southern Union Gas Company in El Paso for 27 years. He was a longtime resident of Big Spring and moved to Grand Prairie in 1995. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Birdwell served in the United States Army as a staff sergeant during World War II and received the American Theater Campaign Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, the good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization.

His survivors include numerous nieces and

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at

M.C. Humphrey

www.npwelch.com.

M.C. Humphrey, 90, of San Angelo died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, in a local hospital. Mr. Humphrey was born June 22, 1913, in Frajnkston. He was in the air conditioning business in San Angelo for many years, and was a member of St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Mr. Humphrey's suvivors include his wife Catherine Humphrey and three daughters, Dana Rickett and Jane Booth of San Angelo, and Jean Goertz of Big Spring.

## Take note

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

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today: ARTHUR ISLAS JR., 36, was arrested today on a charge of public intoxication.

· THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 100 block of East Third Street, the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 900 block of Willa, the 2300 block of Wasson, the 3300 block of Highway 80 and at the Police

 ASSAULT CLASS C FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4200 block of Highway 80 and the 2600 block of Albrook.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Mount Vernan.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80.

 ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

 KENNETH SHANE RETZLOFF, 25, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a Refugio County warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and on a charge of failure to appear.

· SHELITA JEAN DUPRE, 33, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

 RICHARD KEITH NEEFE, 25, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS troopers on warrants for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and possession of marijuana, more than four ounces but less than five pounds; and on a charge of possession of marijuana, more than four ounces but less than a pound.

· MATTHEW LESS MIMS, 21, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MARCOS JOE ANDERSON, 23, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and on a Falls County warrant.

· MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ, 18, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, 35, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of failure to identify fugitive from justice and on a Denton County warrant.

• TABRI ANN CASTILLO, 25, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a warrant for issuance of a bad check, togget • DAVID LEE CAMPBELL, 43, was taken to the

county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated. · KIMBERLY KAY CARSON, 18, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Big Spring

police officers on a warrant for driving while licenses · JUAN JUAREZ JR., 36, was arrested Monday on a

warrant for motion to revoke probation, driving while intoxicated, first offense. ADELAIDO MARTINEZ, 52, was arrested Monday

on a charge of bailsman off bond, burglary of a build-· CECILIA H. HYDEN, 33, was arrested Monday on

a local warrant. · BRANDI LYNN MAYO, 20, was arrested Monday

on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

· ANGEL VILLA, 30, was arrested Monday on an Austin warrant for parole violation.

• ALBERT MARTINEZ JR., 25, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for issuance of a bad check and on a charge of evading arrest, detention.

· JOSE ANGEL DELAO, 30, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicat-

• MARTIN A. MORA, 26, was arrested Monday on a charge of motion to revoke probation, burglary of a

habitation. · ROBERT ALLEN BURRIS JR., 23, was arrested

Monday on a warrant for driving while intoxicated. • PROWLER was reported in the 6100 block of North

LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported six miles on

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## lletin board

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Today

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in Howard County

Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in Howard County Library basement.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at 1st and Goliad streets for dinner with a meeting to follow. All Masons are welcome to attend.

#### Wednesday

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard Country Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Fraternal Order of Eagles meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 203 West Third.

#### Thursday

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

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

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-16-23-33. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-3-6

## Weather

Tonight...Glear. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest

winds 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds around 10 mph..Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 5 to 10

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 60. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph..Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday and Friday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s..Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday through Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the upper 30s.

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"Now that all of the support is in place it's a lot better. Now that we have the local PX (military exchange) up and running, we've got the chow hall up and running and Internet service. That made a big difference.

"During the war we didn't have any of the support, no Internet... nothing like that. It was just a matter of going, going, going. People were getting down.'

When asked about the average day of a soldier in Iraq, Cadenhead made one thing abundantly clear there's no such thing as an average day when you're constantly under attack.

"There's no such thing as an average day in Baghdad," explained Cadenhead. "It goes on 24 hours a day. You can go out at any hour, at any time of the day or night. At night we go out on fourhour patrols looking for IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and on sweeps.

"That's what they use to bomb the convoys. They can set them up next to the roads, and when the trucks roll by, they just blow them up. It's a definite killer. That's their main target, the convoys."

Cadenhead said the daily attacks by Iraqi insurgents have yet to slow down, but new technology used to track the movements of the rag-tag Hussein loyalists does give

him and his troops hope of catching them red handed.

We go through daily mortar attacks at our compound," he said. "It's really hard to put into words what it's like when they start. They (Iraqis) will be out about 500 meters, and they'll launch four or five mortars at us and take off. It's kind of like a hit and run. They'll launch, then run. By the time we get out of bed and get dressed, they're long gone.

"Now we have some sort of satellite radar that's tracking where they're launching from, and we have Apaches overhead. The Apaches are doing really good with tracking them down. From BIAP (Baghdad International Airport) they will also launch counter-batteries when the radar gets a fix on . their position. They've gotten lucky a few times and hit them before they knew what was coming, but it's still hit and run."

Being under attack 24 hours a day can take its toll on a soldier, but according to Cadenhead, one of the toughest enemies the troops face each day is being away from their families.

"It's really nerve wracking," he said. "You have to try to stay sharp and stay focused. Your pretty much on guard 24 hours a day. You find time to relax, but you're still always on edge. You always have that feeling though, because at any time they'll say you have to roll out. It's 24 hours a day, seven days a week, non-stop."

"Being away from family is the mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

WALL

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without it being lit."

the list is long."

267-7828.

hardest part for me. I'm really close to my family. Some people can deal with it better than others. I can deal with it because I know sooner or later we'll get to come home. A lot of the guys are 19- and 20-yearolds, straight out of high school, and they've never been away from their families. It can really get to them, especially being out this long... not knowing when they are coming home, not knowing what's going to happen the next day."

With his unit preparing to come back to the U.S. in February, Cadenhead said a great deal of the discussion between he and his fellow soldiers isn't about returning, but about where they may be shipped off to next.

"We'll be going back to Fort Riley in Kansas," he said. "We'll be there for at least a year to recover and get stable again. Then we'll start training again and get back into the groove. See what the president has in store for us... where he's going to send us next. Everyone kind of feels like it's great we're going home, but we'll probably be going to Korea or Afghanistan, maybe back to Iraq. Everyone's pretty sure we'll be going somewhere.

"Being in Iraq stinks," Cadenhead laughed. "If these people (the Iraqis) get what they want, then I guess it's a good thing. If we go and nothing changes, then it's just not worth being over there."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-

Also, the committee is attempting to recruit a mas-

"We're going to have to have people out here man-

ning the wall 24 hours a day," Groves said.

"Volunteers are needed to help people look up names, show them how to find people on the wall, security -

It's been 16 years since the moving wall was initial-

ly displayed on the site which is now a memorial to

"It's a real emotional thing," Groves said. "The

impact it has on people varies from person to person.

memorial's visit, mail donations to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

Those interested in serving as volunteers should

For more information on the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Moving Wall's visit, go to the VMC Web site at www.bigspringvietnammemorial.org.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext.

234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

contact Vicki Osburn, treasurer for the committee, at

It's very moving experience. It's very humbling.' To make a tax-deductible contribution toward the

veterans, but the impact still lingers.

sive number of volunteers to assist the hundreds of visitors that are expected to view the wall while it's displayed during the week of March 27 through April

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fuels lowered the sulfur content by more than half in the gasoline it pro-duced. This completes the first phase of a two-phase process

reduce gasoline sulfur to 30 PPM. The refinery's desulphurizaprocess tion will help the profacility duce fuels that **CONCIENNE** 

comply with the requirements of automakers and the public in meeting new regulations to reduce the sulfur content in gasoline.

The refinery's new lower sulfur gasoline will be supplied to more than 550 FINA branded locations through a distribu-

tor and direct retail network in the Southwest.

"The investment in the Big Spring refining complex is one of our largest ever, and fully underscores ALON's ongoing commitment to the environment, the refinery, and the Big Spring community," said Concienne. "Many smaller refineries that can't meet these new requirements are closing," he said. "However we chose to make these significant enhancements to our facility, which will continue to strengthen our position as one of the most competitive independent refiners in the Southwest. This project will mean cleaner burning fuels and better air quality for Big Spring residents and for all West Texans, and that's good news for everyone."

## LIGHTS

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blowing through here last night," Simmons said. "I think I had a pound of dust and sand on me when I got home. I had to wash my hair three times to get the dust out"

Those driving through the display should enter the park through the Highway 87 entrance. The display is also accessible for walkers who would prefer to view the exhibits by foot.

Contact Staff Writer

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Charlene McKinnon, 77, died Monday. Funeral services will be 11:30 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will received friends from 8:00 until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers &



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Jerry Groves of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, left, accepts a \$3,500 check from Cecil Bynum of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie to pay for the cost of bringing the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall to Big Spring. The VMC still needs volunteers and money to pay for the incidental costs connected with displaying the wall. The wall will be displayed during the week of March 27 through April 2. Those interested in serving as volunteers should contact Vicki Osburn, treasurer for the committee, at 267-7828.

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The Coahoma Choir Kids, a select group of fourth, fifth and sixth grade singers, will present a Christmas concert on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Admission is free. The public is invited to enjoy a wide variety of music.

The performance will be repeated for the school the following morning, Dec. 19, at 8:45 in the cafeteria. At that time, all grade levels will participate in a Christmas singalong.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Saddam Hussein obviously remains delusional to end

y name is Saddam Hussein. I am the president of Iraq and I want to negotiate. With those words, the Madman of Baghdad showed his true colors and character and degree of delusion under which he operates.

When captured in an eight-feet-deep hole, he had a pistol, AK-47 and grenades, yet surrendered without firing a shot. He was not the president of Iraq and he had nothing with which to negotiate.

We are glad the former president of Iraq was captured alive, although there was a time when we would have been giddy if American forces had found his body in one of his bombed-out castles.

With his capture, the world can now hear first-hand during his upcoming trial the atrocities he perpetuated on his own people, and can hear about his capture. The man who exhorted his followers to "die to the last man," meekly surrendered while hiding in a hole under a Styrofoam lid covered by a rug.

The once-mighty dictator has fallen and oh, how far Saddam he did plummet.

With his two maniacal sons dead and more than 40 of his regime's top 50 leaders dead or captured, the world does not have to fear, ever again, Saddam Hussein rising to power.

His reign of terror is over and we hope the world never has the opportunity to see his like again.

## Your Views

10 THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring High School Key Club would like to thank you the Big Spring community for it's help with all of the projects we have done so far this year. Our Trick or Treat for Unicef was a great success, we raised

Mr. Downes allowed us to pass out Unicef information to the elementary schools and the Bauer and Moss staffs passed on the information to their students and allowed them to participate and learn about how little it takes to help make life better for other children and save lives.

We appreciate your help with our Christmas ornament sales. This money will go toward paying for our trip to the Oklahoma-Texas conference

was to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to all that made this project a great success. We will be sending a check for \$200 to a Ronald McDonald House.

the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG and our very own BSHS radio station for helping us get the word out about what we are doing, and to Roxie McDaniel for all her help.

# Bush blamed for Kyoto's hot air

ast week, after a prominent Russian economic adviser announced that the Putin government might not ratify the 1997 Kyoto global warming treaty, environmentalists blamed President George W. Bush, not Russian President Vladimir Putin (even though Russia's failure to ratify likely would scotch the global warming pact, and Russia was probably



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just angling for a better deal anyway). When the news came out that the Europeans are expected to fall far short of their Kyoto commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 8 percent below 1990 levels by 2010, the blame fell to

President Bush again. (The Europeans will have reduced emissions by only 0.5 percent even though they cherry-picked a favorable baseline year, 1990. Some countries had all but reached their goals before negotiations began.)

As Dan Becker, a lawyer for the Sierra Club, told me Monday, "Because President Bush revoked America's signature to the treaty, it's given some other countries license to renege on their commitment (to the pact) because they know that the world's biggest polluter, the United States, isn't doing anything to reduce its emissions.'

A few facts are in order. First, the casual reader might think that "revoked America's signature" means that Bush revoked a ratified treaty. Not true. An official in the Clinton administration signed a Kyoto document. But Clinton never even bothered to ask the Senate to ratify the Kyoto

Why? For good reason: The Senate had voted 95-0 to reject any treaty that exempted developing nations - such as China - before then-Vice President Al Gore flew to Japan to negotiate for the United States. When Gore agreed to the exemption in defiance of that unanimous vote, he knew he was signing onto a meaningless piece of paper, not a viable pact. Yet the Democrats blame Bush

for Kyto's failure. It should be noted that White House wannabes Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., voted in favor of the 1997 Senate resolution

rejecting the global warming

treaty.

Kerry authored a resolution in 2001 that urged the president to return to the Kyoto bargaining table. The New York Times quoted a serious Kerry intoning "that the Bush administration's current posture of sitting on the sidelines is unacceptable." In the fine print, however, the resolution warned that a new pact should not exempt large developing nations and must not "result in serious harm to the United States economy."

And still they blame Bush for Kyoto's woes.

This might be a good place to mention that when Clinton left office, U.S. greenhouse gas emissions were 10 percent higher than 1990 levels.

Not to worry: Kyoto always was destined to be a toothless document. In 2001, Japan negotiated a removal of language that made Kyoto legally binding. A Kyoto spokesman explained to me that the penalties never were expected to be serious. As the Sierra Club's Becker noted, when it comes to penalties, "There is no such thing as international law in realistic terms."

To summarize, in the immortal words of energy industry lobbyist Frank Maisano: "Kyoto was never going to work.'

Bush's big mistake, it turns out,

was telling the truth. If Bush had followed the example of Bill Clinton - of giving the pact lip service, without trying to follow its guidelines - the Europeans might hail the Texan as a great internationalist.

If Bush had lobbed the hot potato to the Senate - and let that august body reject it - U.S. senators could be branded as the Satans of the environment. Instead, the buck stopped with Bush - and the blame, too.

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If Bush had talked up the treaty, knowing he wouldn't meet its goals, he'd be acting oh-so-European.

Instead, Bush was so reckless as to say out loud what Europeans already knew (you can tell by their actions) and what Democrats and Republicans knew (you can tell by their votes). No wonder critics call him unilateral.

Recent events suggest - and The Washington Post has opined – that this might be an opportune time for all parties to renegotiate a greenhouse gas treaty that, unlike Kyoto, actually can work. Even global warming agnostics like me see the health and national security interests in an agreement that would reduce pollution and petroleum usage worldwide. The key would be to work for modest, achievable reductions in the near future – not fantasy projections for far-off years.

Of course, such an effort could succeed only if the real purpose of a global warming treaty is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions not to enhance the (all bow) international community's already generous supply of hot air.

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# GOP's political inoculation

resident Bush's departure this week for a less-thanfriendly reception in Britain while his most important piece of domestic legislation is in jeopardy looks like the wrong trip to the wrong place at the wrong time. The House Republican leadership trying to pass a prescription drug subsidy is not happy about his absence. But many rank-and-file

GOP lawmakers will be delighted if the bill sinks while the president is away.

Odds are that Medicare legislation, after nearly four months in a Senatelowing passage by inoculate Bush's re-

House conference folboth houses, will not sink. It is intended to

election campaign from charges he has no compassion for senior citizens. Whether it actually achieves that end, the strategy worries many Republicans. The inoculation's side effects

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could depress the Republican political base in next year's election with disastrous consequences for the president. Apart from any political downside, the first fully Républican government-presidendy. Senate and House - in 38 years is building a major addition to the welfare state. The prescription drug subsidy will be the first major new federal entitlement since Medicare in 1965.

The danger of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy leading a lethal filibuster was diminished with a legislative sleight of hand that is standard practice on Capitol Hill. The bill's "premium support" provision attempting to graft free market

competition onto this 1965 government program – is anathema to Kennedy and friends. So, the Senate-House conference miniaturized premium support into a sixregion pilot project, an effective death sentence for privatization. That won support for the bill

from two key Senate Finance Committee Democrats: Sens. Max Baucus of Montana and John Breaux of Louisiana. The powerful American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) soon followed. Liberal contempt for a pilot project was sounded by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York. Proposing to limit the contaminating impact of private enterprise to Republican "red" states of 2000, Clinton added: "Let them experiment on people who voted for them."

Rep. Bill Thomas, the House Ways and Means Committee chairman and a Medicare conferee who knows more about the subject than anybody else in Congress, was infuriated. He stormed out of the session and said he was driving to the airport to fly home to California. He cooled off, however, and amended the pilot project.

The agreement reached last Saturday, however, did not satisfy House conservatives such as Rep. Mike Pence, a second-term member from Indiana who is regarded highly enough by the party leadership to be named a deputy whip. When Pence heard the news at the Restoration Weekend attended by conservatives at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Fla., he informed House Majority Leader Tom DeLay he could not vote for this bill. DeLay was not happy. DeLay, arguably the single most

powerful House member, had told colleagues that the prescription

drug subsidy was the price for market reform of Medicare. Now, in the opinion of Pence, Rep. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and other conservatives, DeLay has delivered the subsidy but not reform. The tough Texas conservative, in trying to fix Medicare, has become one of its bigger fans - sounding like Col. Nicholson building the bridge in "The Bridge on the River Kwai.'

"A great opportunity for the Republican Party has been lost," Pence told me. "We should not be the party of entitlements." Scores of Pence's colleagues agree with him, but only 19 voted against the bill in June and fewer will do so this time. Many might contemplate defying George W. Bush, but breaking with Tom DeLay would be more painful. The AARP and the pharmaceutical industry have joined arms supporting this bill. Bush senior adviser Karl Rove, the author of the inoculation theory, assembled private lobbyists late Monday in Room 450 of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building for a pep rally. But will the Republican inocula-

tion turn out to be an infection? Republican seniors who now get their prescription drugs through supplementary private programs will not be happy about being driven into Medicare. The new bill's "means testing" turns out to be a tax increase for upper income senior Americans. Democrats who are raging over this bill sound like they are protesting being thrown into the briar patch.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us today praise and glorify you through everything we do.

# Protecting yourself and computer from virus invasions via e-mails

most common way for a virus, Trojan Horse or worm to find it's way into your

personal computer? If you said e-mail, you're right on target. The letters, numbers and symbols that you read in your e-mail do not contaminate your PC by themselves. Email conta-

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mination always involves an "attachment" to your e-mail.

Just like back in the days when you or your grandmother would send family photos along with a letter through the post office, those family photos would be analogous to today's attachments sent through e-mail.

The attachment, however, has to be an executable program in order for it to be a virus threat, although later we shall find out that not only executables sent via e-mail could infect your

So how do you know if a file is an executable? Again, back in the old days it was rather easy. The file had to have an extension of either .EXE, .COM, or .BAT. Nowadays, aside from the three extensions we've mentioned, there can be a variety of extensions that could be virus threats — .VBS, .SCR, .PIF, .XLS... the list goes on and on. The worse part is that as viruses become more sophisticated, the virus authors are able to actually hide the offending extension. So an innocent looking .JPG (picture) file may not actually be what it seems. It could be actually be a virus in disguise.

The only effective way to combat computer bugs is with anti-virus software (of course you could just stop logging on to the net, but as with so many other activities, abstinence is often not possible, not to mention no fun at all).

There are hundreds of different software producers putting out countless programs, so which one is for you? This is more a question of preference than practicality. The best way to decide which program is best for you is to download a trial version of the program and "test drive" it. Most companies produce a trial version for just that purpose, which will only operate for a specific length of time.

It would be impossible to list all of the different anti-virus programs out there, so in the interests of time and space (my editor is already calculating the length of the column with a scowl planted firmly across his face), here are a few of the major players and their Web addresses: Symantec (Norton Anti-Virus),

www.symantec.com; McAfee (McAfee Anti-Virus), www.mcafee.com; Trendmicro (PC-Cillin Anti-Virus), www.antivirus.com; Alwit Software (Avast Anti-Virus),

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Assuming you now have at least a trial version of an anti-virus program, here are some basic rules to help keep your computer virus

· Once you receive an e-mail with an attachment, be very alert, especially if the e-mail is from a stranger. Worms that replicate themselves by way of e-mail have a tendency to use unknown e-mail addresses to distribute themselves. Even if the e-mail is from someone you know, always examine the attachment first for signs of danger. If you decide to go ahead and open the attachment, vour antivirus software should be able to detect any dan-

 Check for updated versions of your e-mail software often. If you use Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express, then you should know that these two programs are the favorite targets of virus writers. The reason is that these two programs rely on visual basic scripts to run some aspects of their programs and virus authors use this as a way into infecting your computer. As an example, early versions of Outlook Express could easily be contaminated. just by showing an infected e-mail in the preview panel. You didn't even have to execute anything in order for the virus to infect your PC. So if you're using any of these two programs, visit the Microsoft site every now and then for updates and also for security patches.

· Don't let your guard down. Even if you use other e-mail programs or a web-based e-mail, there some known viruses that have been written specifically to target these kinds of clients. A good anti-virus program will automatically integrate its scanner into whatever type of e-mail program you use. The more popular web-based e-mail services, such as Yahoo. offer free anti-virus scans of your attachment before download. Take full advantage of these free services.

 Every now and then you've probably received some form of chain email. These chain e-mails usually end by saying something like "pass this e-mail to at least 10 people" and attaches some silly condition to it like "or else something terrible may happen to you or your loved ones". The first and only thing you should do when receiving this forms of e-mail is hit the delete button.

More often than not, these kinds of chain email are a surefire way of getting your e-mail address added to a spammer's list. Worse, your email address gets listed in the address book of a user with a worm-infected e-mail program and pretty soon, the worm will target you as the next victim. If you think this is impossible, it's really just simple mathematics. You pass the email to a friend, who passes it to another friend and so on down the line. By the third pass, your e-mail address is probably on a total stranger's address book and if you should be so unlucky that this person's e-mail program is virus infected, pretty soon that worm will be sending infected mail your way.

Now if you have something in your mailbox that you feel you must really share (like a really funny joke) with a lot of your friends, be thoughtful and use your e-mail program's BCC feature. BCC stands for "blind carbon copy". Put all your friends' e-mail addresses in the BCC field instead of the CC (carbon copy) field. This way, none of their addresses will show up on the headers of the other people's e-mails.

You've at least saved them the likely possibility of being targeted for virus infection. In the TO field, you can probably just use a dummy address so that all that shows up in the other people's e-mail is the dummy address. Of course the dummy

address will bounce the

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ers in the BCC list will

receive their copy. By following just a few simple rules, you can help make your computer a safer place, not to mention help protect your friends and family's PCs as well.

Staff writer Thomas Jenkins can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext.

## **BSSH** to hold awards program Wednesday

pecial to the HERALD

Five Big Spring State Hospital employees will be recognized Wednesday as the hospital's top workers at the 34th Annual Awards Program in the Allred building Auditorim.

The awards ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

CEO Ed Hospital Moughon also will announce the Friend of the Hospital Award, which is given to an organization or person who has made significant contributions to the hospital during the past year.

Special Annual Awards will be presented to the Social Worker of the Year, RN of the Year, of the Year. Psychiatric Aide of the Year, and ATD Employee of the Year. Employee Service Awards will be given to 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25and 30-year employees.

Big Spring State Hospital Chaplain Rick Foster will dedicate a portion of the ceremony to remembering three employees who died during the past year: Dr. Claude Sutton, Martha Cervantes and Soila Martinez.

Moughon dedicated this year's awards ceremony to the employees of Big Spring State Hospital, who have worked with the adolescent population.

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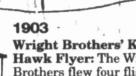
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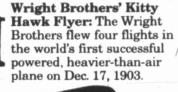


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plane that made many famous flights, including one from Albany, N.Y., to New York City.



Curtiss Jenny: often used as a training plane for American pilots during World War I and as a stunt plane by daring pilots during the 1920s.



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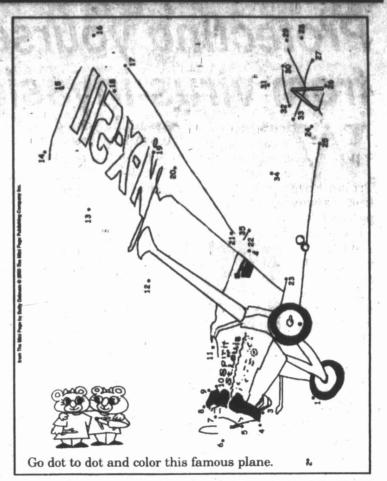
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- 1 (16-ounce) can crushed pineapple • 1 (16-ounce) carton sour cream
- lettuce leaves
- 1 (8-ounce) carton whipped topping
  1 (6-ounce) jar maraschino cherries
- 1. Mix cranberry sauce, pineapple and sour cream in a flat pan. Stir well.
- 2. Cover and freeze. 3. Remove from freezer and cut into squares.
- 4. Place each salad square on a lettuce leaf.
- 5. Top with a scoop of whipped topping and a cherry.

**Meet Billy Gilman** 



At 15, Billy Gilman already knows a lot about singing, writing songs and caring for others. Billy began singing at the age of 3. His grandmother encouraged his talent by having him sing for friends and family in her living room.

His first big success came when he was 11 and recorded his first album and sang a hit song, "One Voice." His newest album, "Music Through Heartsong," contains songs of poems written by a young friend who has a disease called muscular dystrophy that keeps him confined to a wheelchair. The friendship led Billy to become national youth chairman of a group that teaches young people about the disease.

Billy lives in Rhode Island with his parents and a younger

brother. He enjoys listening to music, watching TV and movies, and hanging out with friends. His favorite food is a

# More Very Important Planes



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George: What is green and has whiskers? Rob: A lime that needs a shave!

TRY 'N **FIND** Words and names that remind us of planes are hidden in the block Supermarine Spitfire: a British below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. Some letters are used twice. See if you can find: DECK, PASSENGERS, FLYING, fighter that became famous for its



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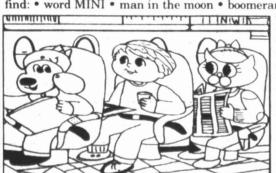
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1947 Bell X-l: first airplane to fly faster than the speed of sound. It broke the sonic barrier on Oct. 14, 1947, with Capt. Charles E. Yeager at the controls.



Boeing 707: first U.S. commercial jetliner.

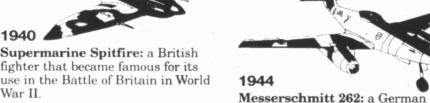


War II.

Voyager: On Dec. 23, 1986, the Voyager completed the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. The flight took nine days.



Lockheed Vega: The "Winnie Mae" was the name of the plane of this type that set many records with pilot Wiley Post at the controls.



fighter that was the first jetpropelled aircraft to enter combat.



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North American F-86 Sabre: first American fighter designed with swept wings

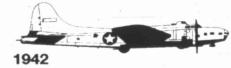


North American X-15: rocket research plane designed to conduct research at hypersonic speeds (more than five times the speed of sound).

Site to see: www.nasm.si.edu Next week in The Mini Page, read all about Christmas birds.



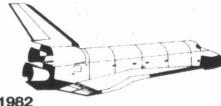
Douglas DC-3: pre-war American commercial airline used as a troop transport in World War II.



Boeing B-17: U.S. bomber used during World War II.



Northrop YB-49: unusual-looking craft; the crew and engines were housed in the wing.



Rockwell Space Shuttle: first rocket-propelled winged spacecraft to go into orbit, and then to glide back to Earth through the atmosphere like an airplane.

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and 14 are eligible to

participate. Players will be divided into age groups based on the eligibility date of Aug. 1, 2004. The registration fee is per player. Financial assistance is available for those unable to afford the

fee. Boys and girls must participate in a skills evaluation and player draft on Dec. 20. Games will begin Jan. 17

Adults interested in volunteering as a coach or referee should apply at the YMCA.

#### Steers to square off with Snyder tonight

The Big Spring Steers will return to action tonight when they face the Snyder Tigers in basketball action at 6 p.m. with the junior varsity.

The BSHS varsity, 2-10. will begin play at 7:30 p.m. in the Steer Gym. The Steers freshman squad will start at 6 p.m. on the BSJHS gym.

#### Grady climbs to No. 2 in TABC hoops poll

The Grady Wildcats moved up one spot to No. 2 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll this week.

The Wildcats, 14-0 and the only area team in the rankings, trail only Utopia in the rankings. Gordon, Oakwood and Avinger round out the top five.

The Wildcats travel to Midland tonight to face Midland Classical.

#### Wink, McCamey nab all-state honors

Garden City's top district rivals Wink and McCamey walked away with plenty of accolades Monday when the Class A all-state team was announced by the Associated Press.

Wink garnered five spots on the team, including second-team accolades for lineman Jonathan Valencia. Tight end Gil Shackleford, running backs Terry Rich and Gizmo Ruiz and linebacker William Wilkinson were chosen to the honorable mention list.

McCamey's Albert Martimez was a second-team pick on the line, while quarterback Cannon McWilliams and defensive back Brandon Butler were honorable mention picks.

#### Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed to call games during the 2003-2004 basketball season.

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# Red Sox, Rangers owners still talking trade

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Red next six years, in addition to president Larry Lucchino has future," he said. "We have a real Sox owner John Henry and Rangers owner Tom Hicks are Rodriguez. talking again.

And the more they talk, the more likely AL MVP Alex Rodriguez will wind up in Boston and Manny Ramirez in Texas.

"We're at a sensitive point," Hicks said. "We'll know in the next few days how this is going to come out.'

The Red Sox and Rangers have been discussing a trade of the sports' only \$20 million men for more than a week. Talks bogged down over the sheer magnitude of the money involved \_ more than \$300 million remaining on the two contracts \_ and the Rangers' demand that Boston pay up to \$5 million a year for the

more than \$179 million due

Boston has said it will not chip in a substantial amount toward Ramirez's salary. Even without it, the Rangers would already save about \$81 million in the deal. Talk has reportedly focused on whether the Red Sox would include another player in lieu of cash.

"There's dialogue ongoing between the parties, but really we're not privy to any of it," Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, said Monday as baseball's winter meetings wrapped up. "This is definitely an owners' situation."

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein declined to comment on the negotiations, and Boston said the team was going into "radio silence" on the talks until they conclude, one way or the other.

Red Sox owner John Henry hasn't responded to an e-mail seeking comment.

"Both teams were concerned a week ago as this thing got way too much momentum in the media for where we were all at," Hicks said. "We agreed we'd renew conversations after the winter meetings, and we started that process today."

Epstein did say before returning to Boston on Monday that he didn't expect any announcements.

strong club right now if we just fill in to complement what we have."

If the owners are able to work something out, the Red Sox are expected to trade shortstop Nomar Garciaparra. Epstein has said the team's first choice was to sign Garciaparra to a longterm deal "that makes sense for both sides."

Garciaparra turned down a four-year, \$60 million offer last spring, looking for a longer and richer deal. That appeared to be a mistake in a declining market, but on Sunday former AL MVP Miguel Tejada signed a six-year. \$72 million deal with Baltimore "If I were a betting man, I'd say that raised doubts about whether there's nothing major in our the market was declining.

# **Steers** honor gridiron squads

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers Booster Club put the finishing touches on their 2003 football campaign Monday night with a banquet honoring the athletes that formed the BSHS teams.

More than 300 people attended the banquet, which was held in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

At the event, Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler praised the players' efforts, noting their efforts made them one of the best teams in the school's history.

"They never quit. Our win-loss record might not have been what we would have liked, but these young men never quit and that makes them winners."

Senior Anthony Fuentes highlighted the ceremony when he was presented the Steers' 2002 Excellence Academic Award.

Junior Shamar Miles received a huge ovation as well when he joined members of the varsity on the stage. Myles, a 2002 all-district selection, missed this season after suffering a double stroke during the summer.

#### Clemens turns down offer; still retired 'right now'

HOUSTON (AP) -Roger Clemens hasn't budged. He's still retired and not even a burnt orange Hummer delivered to his home could change his mind

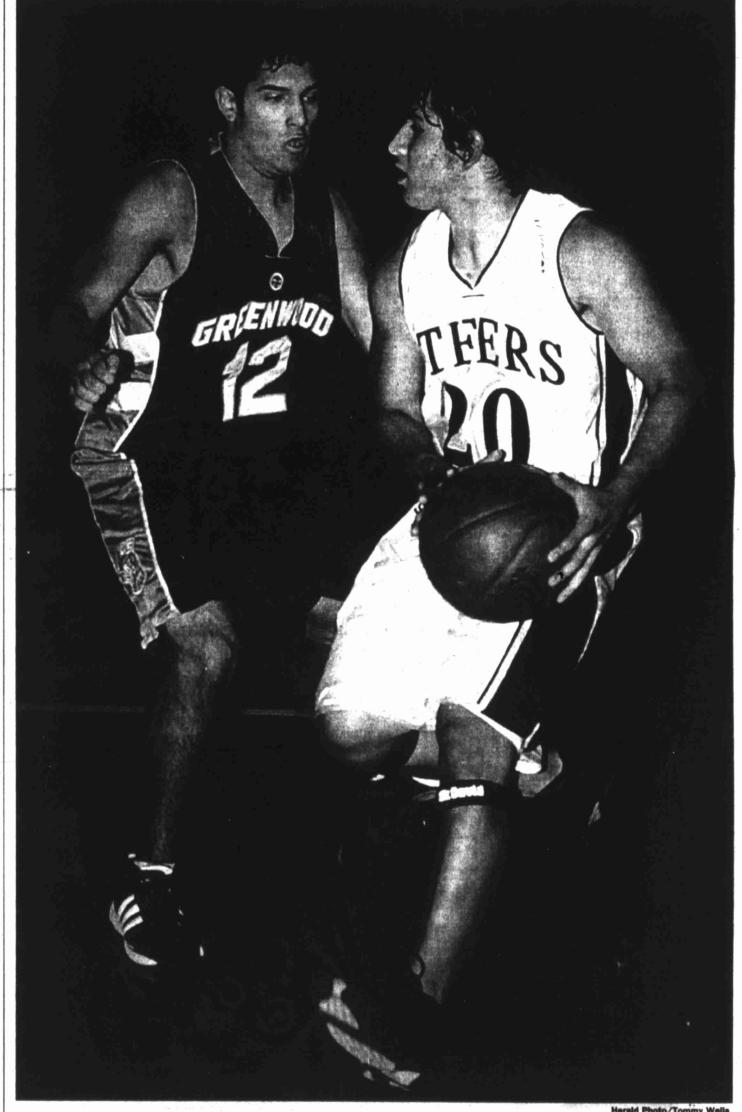
For now. That's fine with Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane.

So far. Clemens turned down the Hummer Monday, spurning an offer by a Houston car dealer to take the luxury sport utility vehicle in exchange for joining his hometown Astros by late Monday morning.

The Rocket didn't close the door on the possibility, however.

"You guys are going to have to hang onto your Hummer because nothing's changed," Clemens told radio station KKRW-FM. "I'm retired right now."

McLane isn't closing any doors either. He's already signed Clemens' teammate, Andy Pettitte, to a three-year \$31 million contract.



Michael Ornales-Doporto and the Big Spring Steers will return to action tonight when they face former district rival Snyder in the Steer Gym. The junior varsity squads will open the action beginning at 6 p.m. with the varsity to follow

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But Dallas used a 12-2

run capped by Walker's 3-

pointer with 5:32 remain-

ing to push the lead to 94-

Baxter's three-point play.

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## Walker, Nash leads Mavericks past Raptors, 111-94

Antoine Walker scored 27 assists to help Dallas coach Don Nelson move into sole possession of second place on the alltime victory list with the Mavericks' 111-94 win over the Toronto Raptors

on Monday night.

DALLAS (AP) - another milestone with Mavericks improved to 81 early in the fourth his 3,000th NBA game as a points and Steve Nash coach and player, has had 23 points and 11 1,111 coaching victories one more than Pat Riley.

at 7:30 p.m. The BSHS freshman team will face Snyder at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Former Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens leads with 1,268 victories. Antawn Jamison had 23

points, Dirk Nowitzki added 14 and rookie Josh Howard had 14 points and Nelson, who reached 14 rebounds as the quarter, got as close as 82-

12-1 at home. Rookie Chris Bosh,

making his NBA debut in his hometown, had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Raptors, who lost their third straight. Vince Carter had 21

points for Toronto. Toronto, which led by as many as 13 in the third

The Raptors, who start-

quarter

ed the night averaging a league-low 84.7 points per game, took a 54-46 halftime lead.

# Duncan record 20th double-double in Spurs' win over Grizzlies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -San Antonio Spurs held Tim Duncan had 21 Memphis scoreless over points and 13 rebounds the final 6:02 on the way for his league-leading 20th to beating the Grizzlies 78-67 Monday night. double-double and the

Tony Parker added 18 career-high points for the Spurs, who rebounds. won their seventh straight. Rasho Nesterovic added 10 and tied a 12 points.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

on the job at hand. Many types of business deals and friendly scores are harder to settle now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Work is fraught with unpredictable difficulties, all of which only serve to make things more interesting. Couples: Avoid the danger of taking each other for granted. If you have been too busy for your partner, apologize and make it right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Projects drag on unless you make the effort to finish them. You're only about 10 steps away. Rally the troops to sprint to the finish line. Couples brag about being in love. Everyone is jealous of everyone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The last thing you think is going to happen is the first thing that happens. The concept of synchronicity plays out beautifully. You've got to admit you're lucky. This afternoon, shop, shop and shop some more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Partners show how different intrinsically they are from you. It's not such a bad thing. You've got much to learn from one another. You'll probably be surprised by how much others think about and care about you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keepingofaith is challenging — usually, you're filled with the kind of bravado people only have in their 20s. Strike the words "hope" and "should" from your vocabulary. Now, you're either doing it or not doing it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22tance to getting to work Jan. 19). Feel excellent? like minds more than the ATORS

Well, you're justified in the feeling! Don't worry everyone noticed how you came up with the perfect answer to the question at hand, and you don't have to point it out. Aries is such a flirt!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Put on your party hat, blue suede shoes or whatever you need to feel that old sisboom-bah. A man with the funds for your plan features prominently. Impress this one by not needing him to impressed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a very comfortable situation at work, but you'll change that. After all, you don't want to get lazy or stagnate in a scene that's far below your abilities. You're in a giving mood this afternoon.

SINGLE PERSON'S HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE (PART TWO ): The holidays are full of joyful celebrating, but there are times they can be rough going. We have family issues to wrestle with, the difficult-to-manage gift-giving situation, and the physical strain of traveling and shopping. No wonder some of us succumb to the blues! And singles might feel the weight of the holidays even more strongly, just because they feel they have to handle it all alone. What's the best way to deal? GEMINI: One word: friends! If the choice is to hang out with family or friends, lean toward the latter, and try to squeeze in the former. Right now, you need the intellectual stimulation of

comforts of home. A heated debate or rollicking good laugh has more charge than a pass under the mistletoe. CANCER: Just because you're a party of one doesn't mean you have to keep going over to other people's houses for festivities! In fact, you have more fun inviting people to your pad, where all the luxurious details will be totally covered in your own classy way. Also, you've got the advantage of not having to compromise your carefully honed aesthetic standards to include someone else's taste.

CELEBRITY FILES: I predict Brad Pitt will add "real-life daddy" to his list of roles in 2004. His stars show the kind of revolution that newborns can cause in a person's life. Pitt's chart has heavy Capricorn influences that tell me he's an expert strategist and will work his way up any political system he's operating within. It's likely that he's just as influential in his home owners' association as he on a movie set.

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## Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 13year-old girl and have a major depression probiem. I'm not sure what the cause is, but it has been getting progressively worse since I was about 10 years old. Sometimes it's so bad I cry in school. I absolutely don't want to take antide-

pressants. I have dropped hints to my teachers and my mom, but they haven't noticed. I can't talk to my mom about this. I don't want to trouble her any more because my brother, who is in the Army, is in Iraq, and we may not see him for a while.

Is there anything I can do to get over this depression? - Lone Wolf in

Washington, D.C. Dear Lone Wolf: Yes, but you have to be willing to get help. Try to understand that depression often has a biological basis. If that's the case with you, it means the right antidepressant would do for you, for example, what insulin



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

does for a diabetic. It corrects an imbalance. It won't make you feel weird. It will simply lift the cloud and allow you to feel the way you should have felt since you were

Please stop dropping hints, and tell your mother exactly what you have told us. She will want to help. If you don't want to confide in your mother, bring this letter to your school counselor and say you wrote it. Good luck, honey.

Dear Annie: I grew up in the small town of

Woodbury, N.J. When I Dear Annie: This is was in school in the '60s regarding "Hurting Wife and '70s, we were given in California," who was notes to take home before the holidays. The notes said, "Please do not give gifts to the teachers. Instead, we will have a food drive, with a prize given to the teacher whose class collects the most food.'

This was a wonderful practice I wish would spread to every school. I was horrified to discover that my kids expected to give gifts to each and every one of their teachers. Teachers don't need more cologne bottles and picture frames. And what about those children who cannot afford to be so generous?

I have passed on to my children the lessons I learned from those childhood food drives — that there are people who go to bed hungry in this country, that nutrition counts when making food baskets, and you receive joy from making someone's holiday a little brighter. But I know we would have more impact if it were a whole-community effort, and the place to start is always the school. Local merchants could donate incentives, such as gift certificates to book stores or educational supply outlets, as teacher prizes. Our local grocer allows me to put a box near the door for food collections. I'm sure other stores would do the same. Please, Annie, pass the word and help get this off

the ground. - K.B. Dear K.B. Bless you for your compassion. We hope it isn't too late in the year for schools and communities to put together a food drive for the needy in their areas. If it is, please cut this letter out and put it on your calendar for next year. The holiday season should be a time of giving, and every one of us can help make that a reality.

upset by her aging appearance. Her husband and his family teased her about it. You gave wonderful advice on taking care of herself and focusing on areas that would make her feel good until the end, when you suggested she save money for a face-lift.

Good grief, why can't we age? I am 42 and proud of every line. I earned them. I think people are beautiful, wrinkles and all. In fact, I find people who have had face-lifts look rather funky, don't you?

Please, let us focus on natural beauty, because if we all start changing the outside without fixing the inside, everyone is going to be a perfect mess. Happy with My Wrinkles

Dear Happy: We did not mean to give the impression that the woman needed a face-lift, only that if she wanted one, she should start saving now. Frankly, the two of us are too chicken to go under the knife. However, Ann Landers was a big advocate of plastic surgery. She felt people are entitled to improve their appearance without judgment from others. Natural aging may be preferable, but society seems to be headed in the opposite direction. If a face-lift makes someone feel energetic and happy, it's fine with us. Here's more:

Connecticut: From Along with saving up for a face-lift, she should be saving up for a divorce. Those extra lines she has are probably caused from worrying about living with such a clod of a husband. Stress can kill not just make you look older. Tell her to get out while she can.

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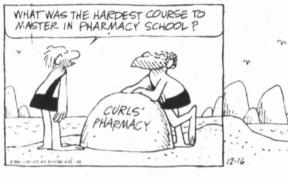
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## This Date In History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2003. There are 15 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

On this date: In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland. In 1770, composer Ludwig

van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany, 1809, Napoleon In

Bonaparte was divorced from the **Empress** Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1916, Gregory Rasputin, the monk who'd wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was murdered by a group of noblemen.

In 1944, the World War II

Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counter-attack against Allied forces in Belgium. In 1950, President Truman

proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism.'

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City. In 1982, Environmental

Protection Agency head Anne M. Gorsuch became the first Cabinet-level officer to be cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to submit documents requested by a congressional committee

In 1985, reputed organized-crime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a 111-25 vote.

Today's Birthdays: Author Sir Arthur C. Clarke is 86. Civil rights attorney Morris Dees is 67. Actress Joyce Bulifant is 66. Actress Liv Ullmann is 64. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 62. TV producer Steven Bochco is 60. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 57. Actor Ben Cross is 56. Rock singer-musician Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top) is 54. Rock musician Bill Bateman (The Blasters) is 52. Actress Alison LaPlaca is 44. Actor Sam Robards is 42. Actor Jon Tenney is 42.

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