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## WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 27°-28° TOMORROW 59°-62°

## Advent concert

The Lone Star Brass Quintet will perform a variety of seasonal music Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. This is the second Advent concert presented by the church. There is no admission charge. The Episcopal Church Women will provide a free soup and salad lunch following the concert, which begins at 12:05 p.m. St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad.

## GIVING



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:**
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## Leadership Big Spring class signup ends Friday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Friday is the deadline to turn in an application for the 2004 Leadership Big Spring class.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the program provides members of the community a first-hand look at local services and businesses.

"The nine-month course not only gives members in our community a chance to learn leadership skills, but also a chance to gain a broad view of everything Big Spring has to offer," said Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde.



VALVERDE

While involved in the class, the group tours various businesses and industries within the community and attends board meetings of various entities. Other areas of interest are agriculture, utilities, communication and law enforcement.

Leadership Big Spring classes also offer workshops on leadership, an additional bonus for those enrolled.

"We want people who have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs and have the time and the talent to offer to the

community," ValVerde said.

Participants are also required to attend three board meetings of a local government entity, ride in a patrol car with a Big Spring police officer and take part in a community project.

The cost of the program is \$300 and includes books, lunch and transportation. Classes meet the second Thursday of the month. The first session will be held on Jan. 8, 2004, at the chamber.

"Many businesses will sponsor employees because of the invaluable information about

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Table vendors were busy selling their wares in the Big Spring Mall Saturday. Many sales were held to benefit civic organizations. One such sale was held by St. Paul Lutheran Church to raise funds to send three girls and two boys to a youth conference in Orlando, Fla., in July. Shown are Susan Loper, right, and Suzanne Haney of Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Marsha Allen

## CARES

### Commission not expected to make decision Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

West Texans will have to wait a little longer to find out what the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission thinks should be done about the Big Spring VA.

"Last summer the commission chairman established as a target that we would strive to have the report ready for the (Department of Veteran's Affairs) Secretary by mid- to late-December," CARES Commission Executive Director Richard Larson said this morning. "We're not going to meet that target. The report will be presented at a later date."

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## United Way luncheon planned for Thursday

HERALD staff report

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will hold an end-of-campaign luncheon Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Final campaign numbers will be

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## CISD trustees will ponder whether to pursue lawsuit

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School District trustees will meet Thursday to consider engaging a San Antonio-based law firm to investigate and possibly pursue financial claims against major oil companies.

A representative from Perry & Kellogg met with trustees in November to discuss the issue, but the board opted not to vote on the matter until all members were present.

"We're going to consider the information he gave us the last time and

decide what we're going to do," said Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston.

On Aug. 29, Midland County commissioners filed a lawsuit against more than a dozen oil companies for fraud and conspiracy in under-reporting the market value of oil, thus reducing its taxable revenue.

Perry & Kellogg, which is one of the law firms representing Midland County, approached members of all three Howard County school districts — Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan — concerning the issue at the Howard County commissioners' meeting in



KINGSTON

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ALON USA employees Don Ferguson and Mac Fitzgerald spent part of Monday addressing Christmas cards for Big Spring State Hospital patients among a flurry of activity at the hospital's Community Relations office. Employees and volunteers distributed gifts to the patient units to open the morning of Dec. 25. Holiday parties were conducted throughout the day and Tuesday evening. A Christmas concert for hospital patients will be Thursday at 9:45 a.m.

Courtesy photo

## Flying high: Christmas Bird Count takes place Thursday

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Seasoned birders still have time to volunteer for the annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count for Howard County.

"I encourage any experienced bird watcher to volunteer," said Pat Simmons, local bird watcher. "We need help with the count."

The bird count for Howard County will be held on Thursday.

"We're having to hold it in the middle of the week this year because Midland is holding theirs at our normal time," explained

**Experienced birders are needed to volunteer. If you can help, call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 270-3889.**

Simmons. "They help us out, so we've had to move the date of our count this year."

Big Spring Christmas bird counters are among 55,000 volunteers who are participating in the Christmas Bird Count lasting from Dec. 14 until Jan. 5.

According to Simmons, Howard County bird count volunteers will begin early

Thursday morning and try to cover as much of the Howard County area as possible, counting until the afternoon. The count will last one day only.

The volunteers plan to divide into several groups to cover as much of the county as possible.

"We want to cover as much area as we can," Simmons said. "This is why we need as many bird watchers to volunteer as possible. However, we're sorry that we cannot take on people with no experience. We just don't

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the community and the leadership skills we offer," Valverde noted. Applications can be obtained at the chamber and must be returned no later than 5 p.m. Friday. For more information about the program, visit the chamber at 215 W. Third St. or call 263-7641.

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

CISD

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September. At that meeting, commissioners entered into a contingency fee agreement with the law firm to possibly pursue common law claims against major oil companies for alleged underpayment on hydrocarbon mineral interests, including oil and gas.

So far, Coahoma ISD is the only Howard County school board to take up the issue. Other area entities are taking a wait-and-

see strategy.

On Dec. 9, Midland ISD opted not to join the lawsuit brought on by Midland County.

The decision Thursday night could have an immediate impact on the board. Trustee Sissy Wells, who works in the oil industry, has stated publicly that she would have to resign if the board decides to pursue a lawsuit due to a conflict of interest.

The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building board room, 600 Main

Street, Coahoma.

In other business, trustees will resume their task of reviewing and refining board operating procedures.

"One of the things that is recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards is that the board develop operating procedures which clearly define the way the board is going to operate in different situations," Kingston said. "We have operating procedures but they are generally accepted procedures — what a lot of districts have."

The board began looking at those procedures in November.

"Our plan is to continue each month working on additional operating procedures until we cover probably eight or 10 areas," he said.

Trustees will also:

• Consider adjusting the contract of Patricia Bennett, who is the current elementary assistant principal. She will take over the interim principal's position following the end of the semester.

• Consider updates in local policies reflecting

changes of state law from the last legislative session.

• Consider consolidation of polling places for school board elections.

• Consider changes to the superintendent evaluation instrument.

• Consider policy changes on food in the gym.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Honky-tonk singer Gary Stewart dies

(CMT) — Gary Stewart, one of country music's greatest honky-tonk singers, was found dead Tuesday of an apparent suicide in Florida. He was 68.

Stewart was found in his home in Fort Pierce, Fla. Police are investigating cause of death, although an initial police report said the death appeared to be suicide by self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police said his wife of 43 years died last month.

Throughout the 1970s, Stewart was a country hit-maker, both as a songwriter and as an artist with a compelling vibrato voice and a high-energy live show. As a teenager, he played both rock and country in bars and was discovered and encouraged by Mel Tillis. Stewart headed for Nashville, where he recorded for the Cory and Kapp labels and wrote songs for the likes of Jim Ed Brown. After a return to Florida, where he honed his fusion of honky-tonk and southern rock, he went back to Nashville and recorded a cover version of "Ramblin' Man," the song by his idols the Allman Brothers. It charted only to No. 63 but his followup, the rowdy "Drinkin' Thing" became a Top 10 hit, and he was on his way.

Stewart's peak came with his acclaimed 1975 RCA album Out of Hand, which climbed to No. 6 on the Billboard country album chart.

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have time to train them during the count."

With the strong winds and the sand storm on Tuesday, Simmons said it is possible they might see some unusual birds for this area that were blown off their regular migrating course.

The Christmas bird count has turned into the longest running ornithological database. The count continues to grow in importance as a means

to monitor the status of resident and migratory bird populations across western hemisphere.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting, and competitive event, the annual count reveals interesting and scientifically useful information on the early-winter distribution patterns of various bird species and the overall health of the environment.

Data collected by each count group is sent to National Audubon Society headquarters in New York. The information is published annual-

ly by the National Audubon Society.

The annual Christmas count is a 100 percent volunteer event, and the data collected from the counts have become a crucial part of the U.S. Government's natural history monitoring database. In its 104th year, the Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running, volunteer-based bird census.

For more information about volunteering for the Howard County bird count, contact Pat Simmons at 263-4607 (home) or 270-3889 (cell).

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Charlene McKinnon, 77, died Monday. Funeral Services were 11:30 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Albert Hinojosa, 44, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In the Sears advertisement for 12/17 on page 2, the fall and holiday sweaters for misses, women and petites are advertised \$5.99 to \$19.99. The pricing should be from \$11.99 to \$19.99.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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UNITED WAY

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announced. Volunteers and companies will be recognized and agencies will receive their allocation notifications.

Rhapsody, the choir group led by Big Spring High School choir director Linda Lyndell, will perform Christmas car-

ols.

The luncheon is open to everyone but reservations are necessary. The cost is \$10 per person.

To RSVP, contact the United Way office at 267-5201.

The United Way had a campaign goal of \$265,000 this year and exceeded it by several thousand dollars. An exact number will be announced Thursday.

CARES

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Commissioners will meet as scheduled Thursday in Washington to continue the process, Larson said. The meeting was originally the last one scheduled by the group.

The CARES commission held hearings in several states to discuss a draft plan for realigning Department of Veterans Affairs medical services.

Among the recommendations were to close inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility and a study that would essentially research the possibility of closing the facility and developing a critical access hospital in the Odessa-Midland area.

The restructuring plan also includes major mission changes at 13 facilities, including closures of hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y., Pittsburgh; Lexington, Ky.; Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco.

"The commission will be continuing the process that they started in October, which is basically discussing, deliberating all of the issues, national policy issues as well as vision by vision specific issues," he said.

The news of the draft plan released in August prompted a grassroots effort by area West Texans to keep the facility in Big Spring, uniting residents from many counties including Howard, Midland, Taylor, Tom Green and Ector on the matter.

The commission received letters of support from around the area and a petition started by three local high school students which collected almost 10,000 names.

U.S. legislators also jumped in on the fight, led by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

In September, more than 100 people traveled to El Paso for a CARES hearing to show support. Neugebauer and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen spoke to the Commission, presenting information in an attempt to reverse the recommendation.

Other support has come from some young residents.

"I have a piece of art work done by a fourth grader that says, Big Spring Heart of West Texas," Larson said. "Its a nice little colored crayon drawing that's posted on my wall."

The Big Spring VA employs 500-plus full- and part-time workers with an annual payroll of \$32.5 million.

College trustees to convene

By LYNDEL MOODY

Howard College trustees will consider proceeding with bids for the second phase of the Howard Cottage construction project and for removal of the old building when they meet Thursday.

Construction of the prefabricated building that, when finished, will house the campus' daycare program is under way.

Once complete, the program can move into the new structure, paving the way to remove the old Howard Cottage building and provide space to build a multi-million-dollar auditorium project.

Before heading into the

meeting, set for 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Board Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, trustees will meet in closed session for a telephone conference with attorneys to discuss contemplated litigation.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Changes to the college's catalogue and to the trustee and employee handbooks.
- The Vietnam Memorial lease agreement.
- Personnel matters.
- The Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf audits.

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# 'Seabiscuit, An American Legend' among library picks

Movies, Movies, Movies, Galore, Movies of horses, Middle Earth and more. Movies of mountains and people in the sun, Cats and rivers, movies for everyone.



LIBRARY NOTES  
HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

Can you guess what sets these movies apart? Each had a book as their great start!

So if you haven't seen them as a book, Please come to the Library and have a look.

The movie *Mystic River*, directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Sean Penn, Laurence Fishburne, Kevin Bacon, Tim Robbins and Marcia Gaye Harden, is taken from Dennis Lehane's book of the same name.

The story line is that 25 years ago, Dave Boyle got into a car. When he came back four days later, he was different in a way that destroyed his friendship with Sean Devine and Jimmy Marcus.

Now Sean's a cop, Jimmy's a store owner

with a prison record and mob connections, and Dave's trying hard to keep his demons safely submerged.

When Jimmy's daughter Katie is found murdered, each of the men must confront a past that none is eager to acknowledge. Lehane tugs delicately on the strands that weave this neighborhood together, testing for their strengths and weaknesses.

This novel is as much an anthropological case study as a thriller. Look in the mystery section, call number M LEH D.

Where were you on Dec. 12? This is the opening date for the second film in the "Lord of the Rings Trilogy: The Two Towers".

The movie stars Elijah Wood as Frodo, Sean Astin as Sam and Andy Serkis as Gollum. This is the second book in the trilogy and it is the story of Frodo as he seeks to do the will of Bilbo his cousin. Come to the library and check out the book so you will be prepared for the movie.

Look in the fiction section. The call number is F TOL J.

"Cold Mountain" (F FRA C) is the story of Inman, Ada and Ruby.

Sorely wounded and fatally disillusioned in the fighting at Petersburg, Inman, a Confederate soldier, decides to walk back to his home in the Blue Ridge Mountains and to Ada, the woman he loved there years before.

His trek across the disintegrating South brings him into intimate and sometimes lethal converse with slaves and marauders, bounty hunters and witches, both helpful and malign.

At the same time Ada is trying to revive her father's derelict farm and learn to survive in a world where the old certainties have been swept away.

Starring Jude Law as Inman, Nicole Kidman as Ada, and Renee Zellweger as Ruby, the movie opens Dec. 25.

"Seabiscuit: An American Legend" (798.4 HIL L) by Laura Hillenbrand is the story of a horse.

He didn't look like much. With his smallish stature, knobby knees, and slightly crooked forelegs, he looked more like a cow pony than a thoroughbred.

Seabiscuit rose to prominence with the help of an unlikely tri-

umvirate, owner Charles Howard, an automobile baron who once declared that "the day of the horse is past", trainer Tom Smith, a man who "had cultivated an almost mystical communication with horses" and jockey Red Pollard, who was down on his luck when he charmed a then-surlly horse with his calm demeanor and a sugar cube.

The movie is available on DVD and stars Jeff Bridges as Charles Howard, Tobey McGuire as Red Pollard and Chris Cooper as Tom Smith.

Louis Begley's book, "About Schmidt" (AU F BEG L) is about a proud, traditional, and impeccably organized, button-downed lawyer of the old school.

But now, after years of careful management, his life is slowly unraveling.

His beloved wife recently has died.

He stumbles—or is he being pushed—into early retirement.

And his daughter, his only child, is planning to marry a man Schmidt cannot approve of, for reasons he can scarcely admit, even to himself.

The movie, however, is quite different from the book.

Starring Jack Nicholson, Kathy Bates, Hope Davis and Dermot Mulroney, the movie takes quite a different direction from the book.

Set in the Midwest, not the Hampton's and Manhattan, director Alexander Payne delivers a not very pleasant view of what I would call "ordinary people".

Remember to check out Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" before you see the movie.

The library will be closed on Friday, Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that the staff may attend the county's Christmas party.

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24 for the Christmas Holidays. It will reopen on Monday, Dec. 29 at 9 am.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St., phone 264-2260. The Web site is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us); the catalog is on line, and the library e-mail address is [hmc-cright@hotmail.com](mailto:hmc-cright@hotmail.com).

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## Drive safely during holidays

The holiday season has arrived, and people all across the nation are hitting the roads to see family and friends through the holidays and into the new year.

Because of the many travelers on the road, it is important to remind drivers to practice safe habits when heading to their destination.

U.S. Interactive, the national producer of Take Home Defensive Driving, has a few suggestions for holiday drivers.

Learn to identify and avoid drunk drivers, who tend to weave through traffic, travel well below the speed limit, drive at night without headlights, use their brakes excessively and leave their turn signals flashing.

Increase car length safe space, giving plenty of space to give more time to react to changing conditions.

Avoid highways and freeways during peak travel times, making the trip safer and the commute shorter.

Know the driven vehicle's limits in acceleration, stopping and turning, and drive accordingly.

Avoid erratic or aggressive drivers by pulling over and letting them go ahead and pass.

Unsafe driving is not only dangerous, it is

**Avoid erratic or aggressive drivers by pulling over and letting them go ahead and pass.**

expensive.

Americans spend billions of dollars on insurance, fines and repairs as a result of vehicle accidents and tickets, all of which can be reduced by implementing safe driving options.

Improve chances of avoiding a traffic ticket if pulled over by police by staying cool and making the officer feel at ease by keeping hands highly visible.

Be sure inspection stickers, registration and insurance are up to date.

Fix broken or burned out tail lights and headlights.

Always have the seat-belt(s) fastened.

There are also several ways to avoid actually paying a traffic ticket, which varies state to state.

Paying a ticket is not only expensive, it is likely to increase car insurance rates or add points to a driving record.

One can avoid paying a ticket or reduce out-of-pocket costs by requesting the court to dismiss the ticket by providing proof that there has been a successful completion

of a defensive driving course.

These safety-oriented courses can be completed in a classroom, by video, or online.

Ask the insurance company if a discount can be obtained by demonstrating that the defensive driving course is completed.

Hire an attorney for representation in court to dismiss your case.

Request deferred adjudication from the court to keep the ticket from appearing on a driving record.

The worst thing one can do is ignore a ticket. Action must be taken because police and other law enforcement agencies share information across state lines, and insurance companies check for outstanding violations when policies renewals are reviewed.

Drivers have a variety of options available to help resolve a host of traffic ticket problems.

One of the easiest options is to take a defensive driving course. Completion of the course erases the ticket from a driving record in many states. U.S. Interactive, the parent company that produces the course, is based in Houston.

For more information, visit the Web site at [www.takehome.com](http://www.takehome.com).

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# Liberty Kids are whiz kids for a day

It was a day to live in information,

By Marsha Allen

HERALD Lifestyle Editor

How much would you know if asked about the U.S. Constitution?

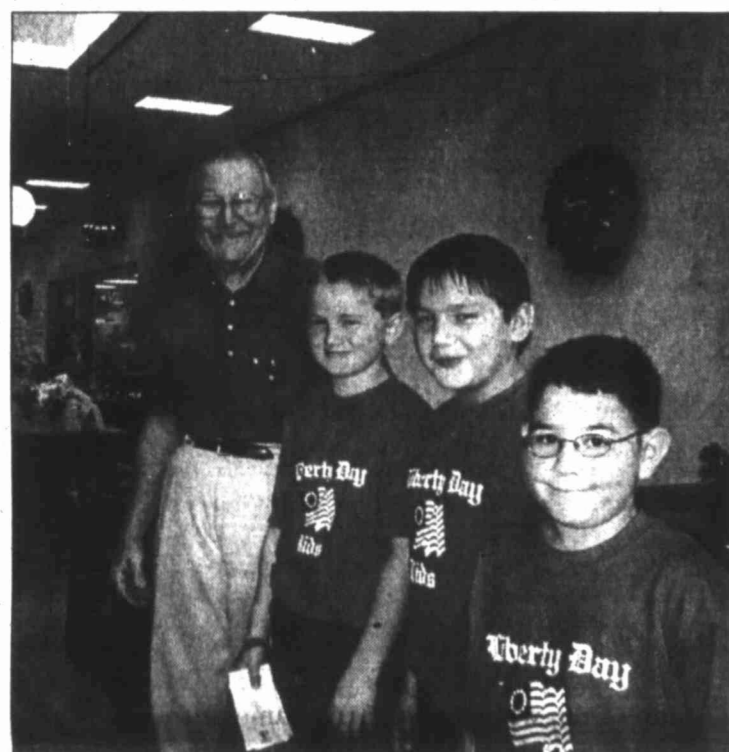
Liberty Kids from area schools were visiting with shoppers in the Big Spring Mall last Saturday to see how much local residents know about what's in the U.S. Constitution.

According to Jean Warren, retired teacher, Liberty Kids program organizer, and former *Herald* columnist, some of the questions included some tough and easy queries.

How many can you answer from this sampling?  
What are the first three words of the Constitution?  
How long are the terms of members of the House of Representatives, Senate and the President?

What issue does the 19th Amendment to the Constitution address?  
Who is the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Armed Forces?

If you want the answers to these questions, ask a Liberty Kid, or look it up, as any good teacher will remind you to do.



HERALD photo/Marsha Allen  
Wilson Money finished answering his questions from Jason Martinez, Aaron Gonzales and Cameron Churchwell.



Rebekah Hall from Elbow asks Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker a tough Constitutional question.

Blake Brorman from Goliad quizzes Tracy Newton to see how much she remembers about the U.S. Constitution.



Courtesy photos/Jean Warren



Jackson Watkins and Andrew Fillirigm of Goliad School quizzes Jean Money.

## Liberty Day quizzers were kids

By Jean Warren

Special to Life

Bo Fryar, chairman of this event, coached a team of fifth graders from Coahoma Independent School District (ISD) that included Cody Riddle, Jason Martinez, Rachel Barbee, and Aaron Gonzales.

The team from Elbow ISD was coached by Janice Bond and included Jacquelin Civello, Regan Newsom, Rebekah Hall, and Cameron Churchwell.

Members of Loyce Phillip's team from Goliad ISD were Thomas Garling, Kala Long, Karishma Shroff, Cameron Carroll, and Austin Sanchez.

Goliad ISD students Adrian Aguilar, Tyler McKinley, Jackson Watkins, Austin Sharp, and Andrew Fillirigm made up the team led by Loma Jean Wynn.

Blake Brorman, David Rios, Jessica Rubio, and Alison Platte were members-of the team coached by Jean Warren.

Each adult questioned received a copy of a pocket-sized booklet containing the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Students wore bright red "Liberty Day" T-shirts and were accompanied by adult sponsors.

Liberty Day was sponsored locally by the Coahoma Lions Club, the Sand Springs Lions Club, the Goliad P.T.A., and the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association.

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# Sports

## IN BRIEF

### BSYBA registration now under way at 'Y'

Late registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League is now under way and will run through today at the YMCA. Youths between the ages of 5 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 \$20 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 Greenwood

The Big Spring Steers will return to action Friday when they face the No. 6-ranked Greenwood Rangers in basketball action at 8 p.m. in Greenwood.

The BSHS varsity, 3-10, will begin play at 8 p.m. in the Steer Gym. The Steers freshman squad will start at 6 p.m.

### Baylor dismisses Kidd from team

WACO (AP) — Baylor guard Ellis Kidd Jr. has been dismissed from the team for violating team policy, coach Scott Drew said.

"We wish Ellis and his family the best in their future endeavors," head coach Scott Drew said. Drew did not elaborate on what policies Kidd violated, citing student confidentiality requirements.

A committee is looking into violations in the men's basketball program that occurred under former coach Dave Bliss and the university has imposed sanctions against itself.

### Rapids trade Garlick to Dallas for pick

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rapids traded goalkeeper Scott Garlick to the Dallas Burn for a second-round draft pick Tuesday.

Garlick was bumped from the starting lineup this year by Joe Cannon, the 2002 MLS goalkeeper of the year.

### Basketball officials needed for season

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

Persons interested in officiating local games should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

### Ten Star seeking all-star applications

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

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## Four area players earn Class 2A all-state honors

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Kelby Kemper, Sam Tindol and Sam Sevey added yet another feather in the Coahoma Bulldogs' football success Tuesday afternoon — all-state honors.

The three Coahoma standouts, who helped carry the Bulldogs to 10-3 record this fall, capped their senior seasons by being named to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A All-State football team. Kemper, one of the state's top receivers, was a second-team selection as a receiver



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and an honorable mention pick as a punter. Tindol, who passed for almost 4,000 yards this past fall, and Sevey were both honorable mention picks.

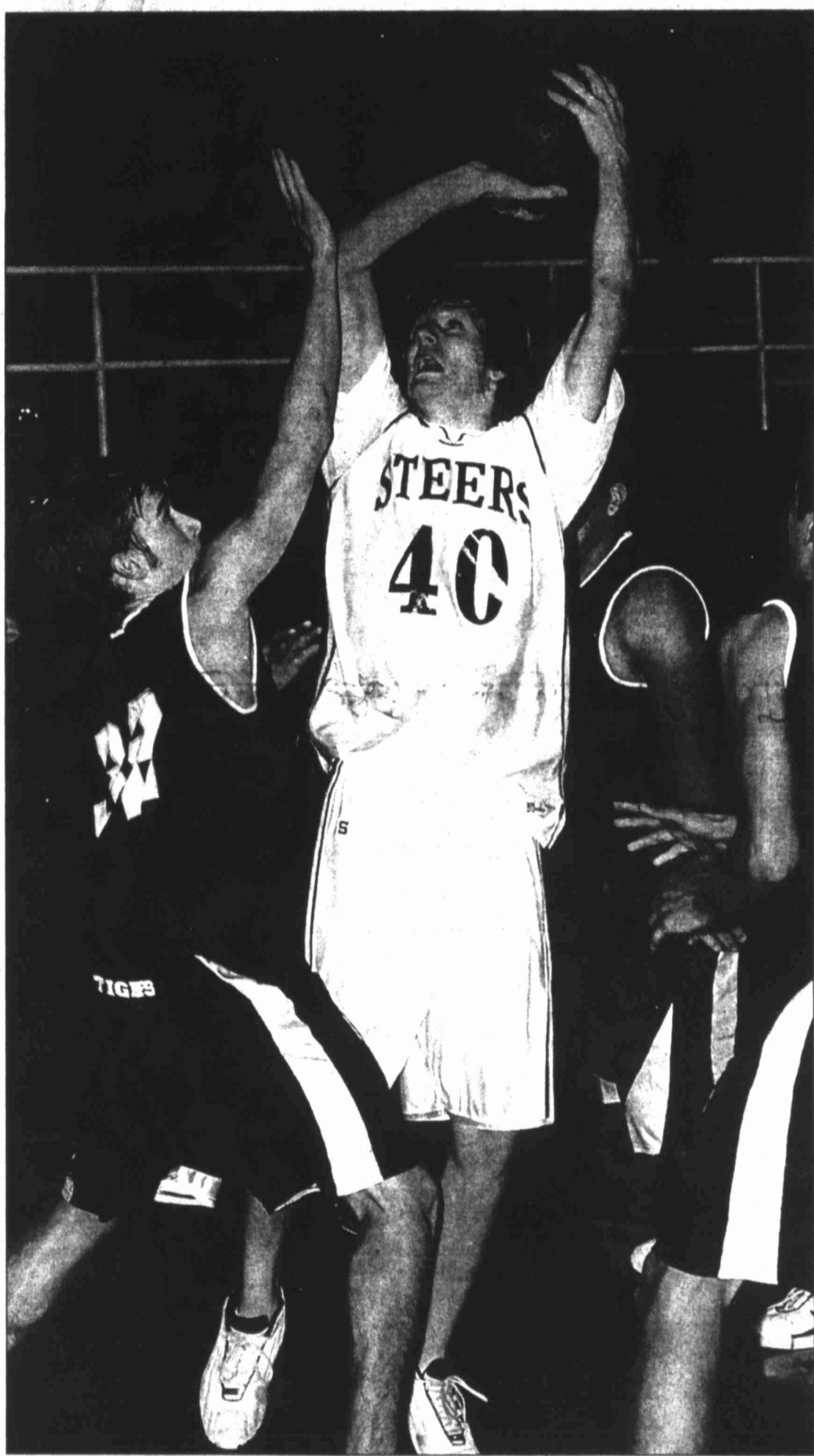
Kemper was the start button on a potent Bulldogs offense this season. The 6-foot-3, 220-pounder dominated opposing defensive backs by hauling in 93 passes for

1,925 yards and 26 touchdowns. Tindol, a 5-foot-10, 155-pounder, blossomed into one of the state's top quarterbacks in his first year in the spread offense. He completed more than 200 passes in the Bulldogs' 13 games and threw for 3,728 yards and 37 touchdowns.

Sevey, one of the state's top powerlifters, paved the way up front for both Kemper and Tindol by anchoring a rock-steady offensive line. The 6-foot-3, 310-pounder was a key player in the Bulldogs' ability to rebound from

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## Big Spring rallies past Snyder



Big Spring senior Jordan Cobb shoots over the top of two Snyder defenders during the second quarter of the Steers' 61-59 victory. The win enabled the Steers to snap a six-game slide and avenge an earlier loss to the Tigers.

## Second-half surge lifts Steers to 61-59 victory

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers had every chance to pack it in Tuesday night against the Snyder Tigers. They didn't.

The Steers, behind 22 points from Wesley Smith and several clutch rebounds from Josh Pedigo, outscored Snyder by a 33-25 clip in the second half and rolled to a thrilling 61-59 non-district victory in the Steer Gym.

"It was a gutsy game by our young men," said Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear. "We got down by 12 at one point and fought our way back. We just kept battling back. Coming down the stretch we managed to get a lead and pulled it out."

With the win, Big Spring snapped a six-game losing streak and avenged a 47-46 setback to Snyder in the fourth game of the season.

The Steers, now 3-10 overall, got off to a strong start against the Tigers. After Snyder had rolled out to a 13-0 lead, Michael Ornales-Doportto kicked the Steers offense into gear. The senior guard scored four straight points — the latter coming on an 8-footer with 33 seconds left to play in the period and gave the Steers a 14-13 lead.

Jordan Cobb, who finished the game with 17 points, gave Big Spring the lead seconds later when he came away with a steal at mid-court and raced the distance for an easy layup that sent the game into the second.

Snyder came storming back in the second. The Tigers reeled off a 19-12 run in the stanza and carried a 34-28 lead into the half.

Big Spring answered Snyder's run with one of its own in the third. Sparked by 10 third-quarter points by Smith, the Steers powered their way to a 19-15 effort in the frame and pulled to within 49-47 heading into the final eight minutes.

Josh Pedigo, Erin Partee and the BSHS defense took over from there. Pedigo, who netted a team-high 11 rebounds, and Partee dominated the boards and helped the Steers reel off a decisive 14-10 run in the fourth and set up Smith's game-winning shot with 2:15 left.

Ornales finished with nine points, while C.J. Lowery and Partee added five and four, respectively.

## Green, Whitehead help JV Steers snap streak

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Justin Green scored 15 points and Kalen Whitehead added 10 more Tuesday night and helped the Big Spring Steers junior varsity snap a three-game losing streak with a 50-40 win over the Snyder Tigers.

Snyder controlled the tempo early. The Tigers outscored Big Spring by a 32-20 clip in the first two quarters of play.

Big Spring managed to get untracked in the third, however. Led by nine points from Green, the Steers went on a 15-2 run and took a 35-34 lead.

Kyle Piercefield scored seven in the contest.

## Memphis rolls to win over N. Texas

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Persuading good players to come to long-struggling Memphis was a tough task for Tigers coach Tommy West.

He made a point of recognizing those who had faith in him after Memphis (9-4) won its first bowl game in 32 years Tuesday night — a 27-17 victory over North Texas (9-4) in the New Orleans Bowl.

"These guys had to buy into a dream of what it could be, not what it was because it wasn't

very"good," West said. "We had always been the type that had to learn how to handle adversity, now we've got to learn how to handle success."

Danny Wimprine, who grew up in New Orleans, threw for 254 yards and accounted for two touchdowns to lead the Tigers' attack.

Wimprine, a junior, was born about a decade after Memphis' last bowl appearance — a 28-9 victory over San Jose State in the 1971 Pasadena Bowl. Memphis has been

bad for most years since, including last season, when the Tigers went 3-9.

"It's been a long time coming for this university," Wimprine said.

Wimprine had played in the Superdome three times before, winning two Louisiana high school championships with John Curtis and a regular-season game for Memphis over Tulane this season.

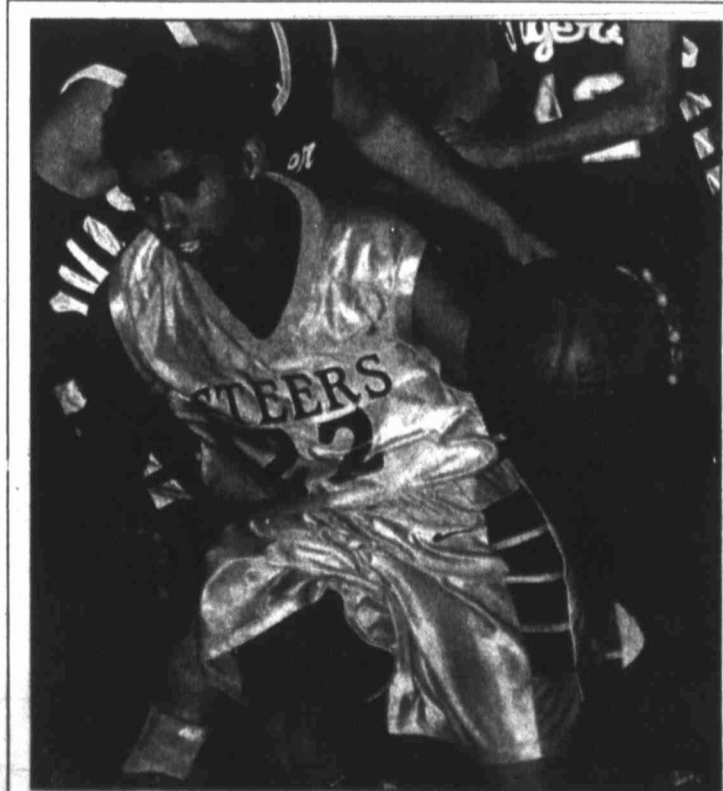
He was named the MVP of Tuesday night's game, the first of 28 college bowls this season.

## Marlins trade Redman to Oakland for reliever

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida Marlins traded pitcher Mark Redman to Oakland for reliever Mike Neu in yet another off-season move by the World

Series champions. Redman was 14-9 with a 3.59 ERA last season for the Marlins, then was 0-1 with a 6.50 ERA in four postseason starts. He was

one of seven arbitration-eligible players that the Marlins had to offer a contract before Saturday. Also, Reggie Sanders signed with St. Louis.



Big Spring's Justin Green drives to the basket for one of his game-high 15 points in the JV Steers' 50-40 win over Snyder Tuesday.

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ALL-STATE

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a 2-8 finish in 2002 to winning a share of the District 3-2A crown this fall and advancing to the Class 2A Division II playoffs for the third time in the past four years.

Wolves to a playoff berth.
Other players selected to the first-team included Garrison's Gerren Blount, who had 13 interceptions this season — including one in overtime that led to Garrison's 16-13 state semifinal win over Rogers and gave the Bulldogs a spot in the Division II Class 2A state finals.

Junior Trenton Hunt from Hico was the first team punter.
The first team offensive line was made up of Crane's Oscar Banuelos, Stephen Collins of Mart, Tom Bean's Daniel Falcon, Blake Schlueter from Ganado and Panhandle's Jayson Walser.

San Antonio group trying to bring Expos to central Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bexar County official said Tuesday he has been talking to investors about trying to bring the Montreal Expos to San Antonio, but said, he thinks it is "highly unlikely" that it will occur.

County, said the only way the plan could work is in a shared agreement with Monterrey, Mexico, or some other city. Under such a plan, the National League team would play some of its games in Monterrey and some in San Antonio.

Advertisement for American Profile magazine. Features a photo of a person and text: 'In Sunday's Big Spring Herald Simple acts that meant so much. It happens every day in every town in America. Ordinary people who go miles out of their way or take hours out of their day to do something kind for a stranger. Read about nine such acts of kindness. Plus, Ste. Genevieve, Mo., and wild rice salad.'

APSE CLASS 2A ALL-STATE TEAMS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:
OFFENSIVE LINE: OSCAR BANUELOS, Crane, Sr., 6-0, 220, 178 knockdowns on offense. Was perfect on shotgun snaps; STEPHEN COLLINS, Mart, Sr., 6-6, 340, 87 pancakes, team averaged 356 yards per game, DANIEL FALCON, Tom Bean, Sr., 6-0, 235, Top blocker for team that averaged 366.8 rushing yards per game, graded better than 95 percent and did not allow a sack. Was first-team all-state last year, BLAKE SCHLUETER, Ganado, Sr., 6-4, 240, 57 pins, lead blocker for offense that averaged 279.6 rushing yards per game. Committed to TCU; JAYSON WALSER, Panhandle, Sr., 5-11, 220, Shotgun center graded at 96 percent. Lead blocker on team that averaged 53 points and 47.4 yards per game.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE:
OFFENSIVE LINE: JACOB JACKSON, Jackaboro, Sr., 6-0, 218; AARON STEPHENS, Corsicana Mildred, Sr., 6-1, 195; LINEBACKERS: DANIEL GILLIS, Garrison, Jr., 5-10, 170, 180 tackles, 9 sacks, 4 INTs, 17 passes broken up. Was first team all-state last year; JESUS GRIMALDO, Fremont, Jr., 5-10, 190, 202 tackles, 4 sacks, 6 fumble recoveries, 4 forced fumbles; BLAKE PHILLIPS, Garrison, Sr., 6-4, 225, 93 tackles, 19 unassisted, 12 for loss, 1 fumble covered, 1 fumble recovered, 2 passes broken up, 2 sacks, 1 quarterback pressure.

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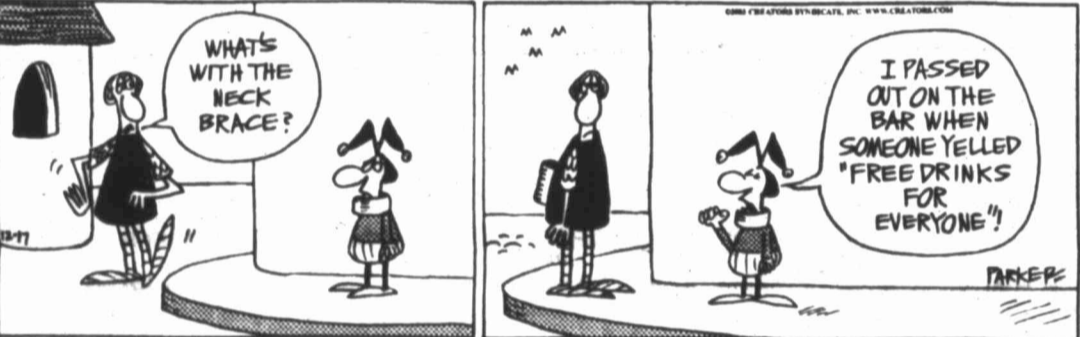
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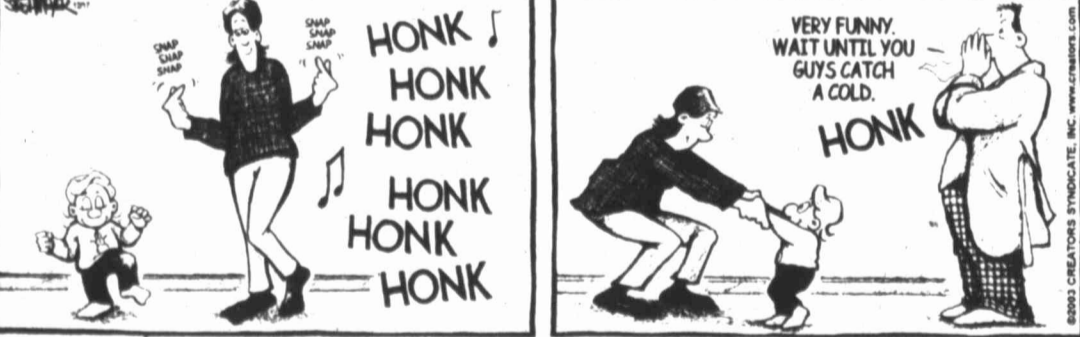
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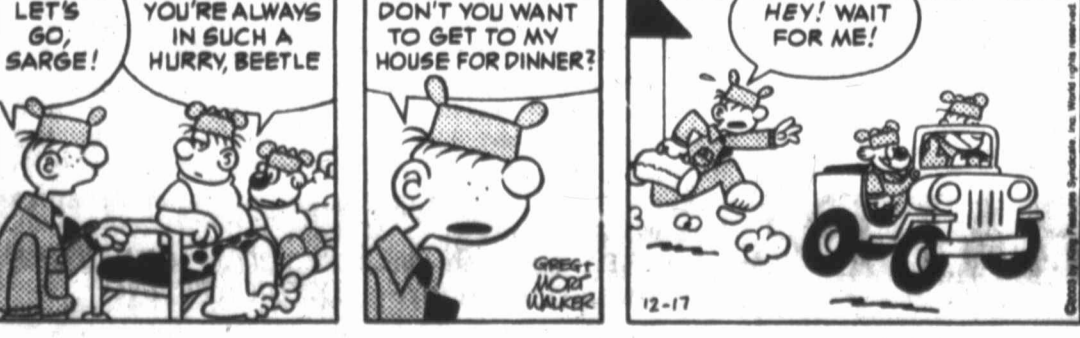
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 2003. There are 14 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, went on the first successful manned-powered airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer. (They made four short flights with the Flyer before an ocean gust lifted and badly damaged the plane.) On this date: In 1777, France recognized American independence. In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia. In 1933, in the first world championship football

game, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21. In 1939, the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay. In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast. In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time. In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford. In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brigadier General James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.) In 1986, Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the

Contras, was pardoned, then released. Today's Birthdays: Newspaper columnist William Safire is 74. Actor Armin Mueller-Stahl is 73. Magazine publisher Robert Guccione is 73. Actor George Lindsey is 68. Singer-actor Tommy Steele is 67. Rock singer-musician Art Neville is 66. Actor Bernard Hill is 59. Actor Christopher Cazenove is 58. Actor Ernie Hudson is 58. Comedian-actor Eugene Levy is 57. Actor Wes Studi is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Wanda Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 52. Actor Bill Pullman is 50. Actor Barry Livingston is 50.

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