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**MONDAY**

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**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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**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:**

- 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

**Holiday contest**

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a Christmas Decorating Contest. Categories are residential and commercial, and include religious, lights, original and others. Judging will be held Tuesday. Inside judging will begin at mid-afternoon; other judging will be held after dark. Entries must be made at the chamber, 215 W. Third.

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## Keeney hopes public will be touched by an Angel

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army Angel Tree and Kettle programs have gotten off to a slow start, but are expected to pick up steam as Christmas shopping creeps towards the "last minute" stage.

"The Angel Tree program is moving a little bit slower this year," said Capt. Russ Keeney. "We're hoping it will pick up some next week as more and more people get out to do their Christmas shopping."

**There are more than 300 angels still on trees at Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Herald, Gale's Sweet Shoppe and the Big Spring Mall.**



KEENEY

Keeney said he believes the state of the local economy has played a role.

"I think a lot of people just aren't very certain about the economy right now, so they're kind of trying to hold back a little bit," said Keeney. "We hope people will see improvements as we get closer to Christmas, and that will help the programs tremendously."

Keeney said the annual Salvation Army Kettles program is only slightly down compared to last year's numbers, and although he and his staff are thankful for every cent donated, he hopes to see it improve as well.

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Five-year-old Aaron Ferguson gets his fingerprints taken by Citizens Police Academy Alumni member Delbert Green during the 100th Year of Flight celebration at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Terminal. The CPAA takes the fingerprint information and files it for use if the child becomes missing, part of an ongoing program to protect area youth.

## 'WE GOT HIM'

### Saddam found; leader gives up without a fight

By **JIM KRANE**  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein's capture is reaping dividends for the U.S. military, providing intelligence that led to the arrest of several top regime figures in Baghdad, a U.S. general said Monday. Suicide bombers attacked police stations in the capital, killing eight people as the insurgency showed no sign of letting up.



A haggard appearing Saddam Hussein looks on during a briefing session after his capture.

A member of the Iraqi Governing Council said Saddam could be put on trial in the next few weeks and face execution if convicted, though another member said it could

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## Police bag accolades at annual holiday banquet

### Five-year veteran of force selected Officer of the Year

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A five-year Big Spring police officer was named the 2003 Officer of the Year by the Big Spring Police Association Friday.

"It was totally unexpected," said officer Joel Garza after receiving his award, presented at the association's the annual banquet.

Garza, a Lenora native, was presented the honor in front of his wife, Lisa, and a crowded room of family, friends and interested on-lookers in the Howard College

Cactus Room. The association also named Sgt. Chad Williams as the 2003 Supervisor of the Year and Leslie Yarbrough as the 2003 Civilian of the Year.

**TOP AWARDS**

**Officer of the Year:**  
Joel Garza

**Supervisor of the Year:**  
Sgt. Chad Williams

**Civilian of the Year:**  
Leslie Yarbrough

**Jerry G. Edwards Award:**  
Sgt. Roger Sweatt

Williams, a Forsan native, is a nine-year Big Spring police veteran and attended the function with his wife, Angie and their two children. "I appreciate all the guys who think I'm deserving of the award," Williams said.

According to associa-

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Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith presents 2003 Officer of the Year Joel Garza with a shotgun during the Police Association's annual awards banquet Friday.

## BSISD cuts through legalese with latest budget report

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Want to know where your tax money is going but get confused about those detailed, lengthy budgets?

The business office of the Big Spring Independent School District now has a budget designed to be more user-friendly and comprehensible for the average taxpayer.

"This document shows a broad-

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er picture of the budget while our regular budget document we provide for board's approval in August is more detailed," said Business Manager Sandra Waggoner.

The district created the document for submission to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Awards for Excellence in Government Finance program.

The program's purpose is to encourage governmental bodies to produce more user-friendly documents, said BSISD Board Trustee Kent Sharp, who was the driving force pushing the district's involvement with the program.

Waggoner said the document produced for GFOA uses more narration than the budget produced for trustees in August, which is a line-item report.

"This groups certain types of funds together other than what we do in our normal budget process," Waggoner added. "It also shows future trends."

According to the GFOA Web site, eight criteria are examined when considering an application for the award: local significance and value, technical significance, transferability, documentation, the cost/benefit analysis,

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## Obituaries

## Curtis Lee McKnight Jr.

Curtis Lee "Rip" McKnight Jr. was born in Fort Worth on March 3, 1954, and died on Dec. 12, 2003.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Wilkins officiating. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Following his graduation from Richland High School in Fort Worth, Curtis served four years in the Air Force in Big Spring where he met his wife, Robbie Tubb. After his discharge, he began working at Gemstar Fabrication and Construction at the refinery and then later moved to the shop in Odessa where he worked until his death. He loved sports, especially hunting and fishing with his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother Dorothy and brother, Billy Joe.

He is survived by his wife Robbie; sons, Wes and Curt and daughter-in-law Kristi, all of Midland; father Curtis McKnight Sr. and stepmother, Dorothy, of Fort Worth; sister, Alice Landers of Fort Worth; in-laws Bonnie and Donnie Tubb, Connie Jackson and Donnie and Ann Tubb, all of Big Spring; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Robbie's "Mac" was a man whose love, laughter and pride in her and their sons will never be forgotten.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Harmon, Carl Brosig, Joe George, Kevin Gray, Charlie George, Ronald Graham, Terry Weddle and Glen Hyden.

*Paid obituary*

## Marion D. Cook

Marion D. Cook, 80, of Pecos died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at his home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the First Christian Church in Pecos with the Rev. Ernie Waggoner officiating. Pecos Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cook was born on Aug. 16, 1923, in Terrell, Ark. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Pecos and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as a past commander of the American Legion.

His survivors include his wife, Annie Cook of Pecos; a son, William L. Cook of Pecos; a daughter, Cynthia Scott and husband, John, of Big Spring; four brothers, Willis Cook of Beaumont, Ernest Cook of Pecos, Gene Cook of Mentone and Johnny Cook Sr. of Odessa; one sister, Jo Ann Beauchamp of San Angelo; and one grandchild, Anna Ilene Scott of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Paul Smith, David Scott, Johnny Cook Sr., Charles Morehead, Brett Crawford and Cecil Lee.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 at the funeral home.

*Paid obituary*

## Jeanie Pope

Jeanie Pope, 70, of Big Spring died on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Pope was born on Nov. 23, 1933, in Potosi. She married James Pope on March 18, 1987.

She was a most loving and compassionate person. She was the wife of one, mother of three and friend of many. She was a Baptist.

Her survivors include her husband James Pope of Big Spring; two daughters, Kimberly Pope and Tammy Pope both of Big Spring; a step son, David Pope of Lubbock; and a step daughter, Janis Eichenauer of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by two sons.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Weather

Today — Windy. Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph increasing to 25 to 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Windy and cooler. Lows around 30. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Breezy and cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 20 to 30 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows around 30.

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

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



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## Bernard (Bernie) Glanister

Bernard (Bernie) Glanister of Pinillas Park, Fla., former resident of Big Spring, died Dec. 2, 2003 in the hospital in St. Petersburg Florida following a long illness. Mr. Glanister was born on April 11, 1924, in Ithaca, N.Y. He married Filomena Lopez on March 6, 1956, in Tupper Lake, N.Y.

He moved his family to Big Spring in 1970 from Bermuda. He was the plant manager of the Webb Air Force Base Hospital until the base closed in 1977. From Big Spring he moved to Little Rock Air Force Base, Little Rock, Ark. He retired from Little Rock Air Force Base and relocated to Pinillas Park, Fla., where he was living at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Filomena of the home, his six children, Bonnie Miller and her husband Chuck of Big Spring, Donna Collins and her husband Roy of Charlottesville, Va., Kenneth Glanister of Pinillas Park, Fla., Ellen Carison and her husband Glenn of Atco N.J., Bernard Glanister and his wife Linda of Lake Orion, Mich., Michael Glanister and his wife Francis of Eighty Four, Penn.; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter also survived him. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Michelle Toms.

The family suggest memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, Big Spring.

*Paid obituary*

## Daniel H. Birdwell

Daniel H. Birdwell, 94, of Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, in an Arlington hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• **ALBERT MARTINEZ JR.**, 25, of 1708 Main St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest and on warrants for open container in vehicle and failure to appear.

• **PABLO MORENO**, 25, of 805 Lorilla was arrested Sunday on traffic warrants.

• **KIMBERLY KAY CARSON**, 18, of 2521 Chanute was arrested Sunday on a warrant for driving while license suspended.

• **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO**, 30, of 1204 E. Fifth St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication, evading arrest, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and on traffic warrants.

• **MORICA JEWELL GARDEN**, 30, of 1710 Benton St. was arrested Saturday on a Falls County warrant for theft.

• **MARCOS ANDERSON**, 23, of 1710 Bente St. was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a probation violation.

• **STEVEN JAY CLAYTON**, 21, of 100 Lockhart was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.

• **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 18, of 501 Aylsford was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and for urinating in public.

• **CHARLES EDWARD BOYCE**, 49, address unknown, was arrested Saturday on a charge of solicitation by pedestrian.

• **MARCOS WASHINGTON**, 23, of 1710 Benton was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to identify.

• **DANIEL RODRIGUEZ**, 35, of 1312 Birdwell was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and on a Denton County warrant.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **TRACI RENE CASTILLO**, 26, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while licenses suspended/invalid.

• **CYNTHIA JEAN WHITE**, 39, was arrested Friday on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

• **SCOTTY EUGENE RIDDLE**, 42, was arrested Friday on a charge of indecency with a child, sexual contact.

• **KRISTY ANN MCMAHAN**, 36, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **MIGUEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 40, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANGELA DAVILA**, 26, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **TRACY LYNN STRUGILL**, 34, was taken to the county jail after being arrested by DPS troopers Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; driving while intoxicated, second offense; and speeding.

• **MARCUS MARTINEZ ARMENDAREZ**, 39, was taken to the county jail after being arrested Saturday by DPS troopers on charges of possession of marijuana,

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

## Today

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, sit and be fit chair aerobics. People age 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Public is invited to evening Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association meets at 11:30 a.m. for lunch in Howard County Cactus Room.

Disabled Veterans of America (DAV) Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.

Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome for fellowship food and table games.

## Tuesday

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 Cactus Room.

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.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-14-26-40. Bonus Ball: 6.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$24 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-7-20-21.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$40,036.

Winning ticket sold in: Houston.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

2-1-7

na, less than 2 ounces and public intoxication.

• **JESSE ACOSTA TARIN**, 43, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and on charges of selling with out permit and failure to appear.

• **JOHNNY RAY DUPRE**, 34, was taken the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on charges of speeding and theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **DONALD EDWARD HUFFSTUTLER**, 35, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **TOMMY GENE ROPER**, 29, was arrested Saturday on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **DEBRA CAROL WYLIE**, 33, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **CHAD HAYES WESTERVELT**, 31, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of public intoxication.

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during the trustee's meeting Thursday.

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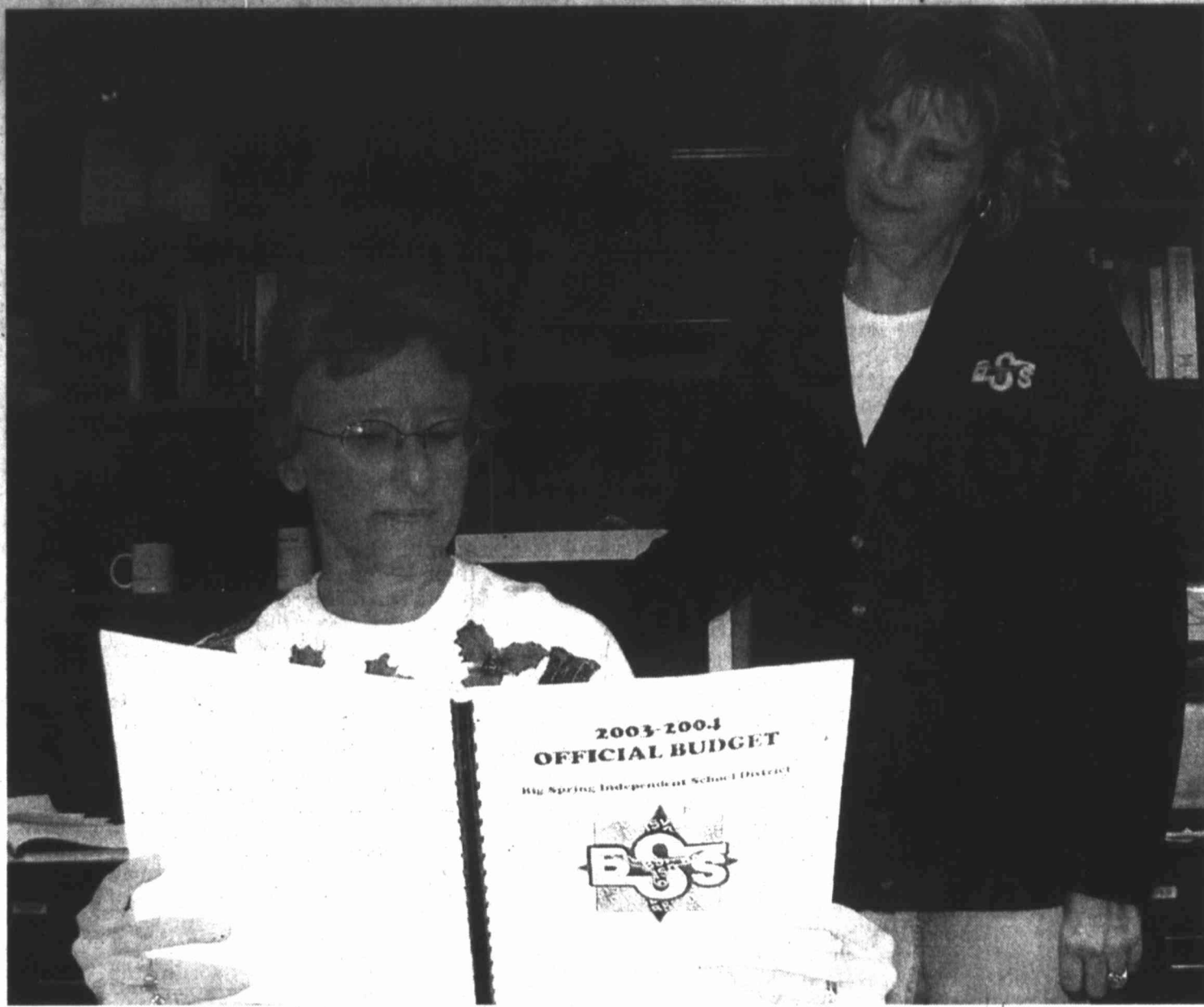
The district submitted the report to GFOA in November, Waggoner said, but added they have not received any feedback yet.

"It's very unusual for an entity to get the award the first time it applies," Waggoner said.

The document did receive high praise from Sharp, who is the Moore Development of Big Spring executive director.

"This is absolutely one of the best documents I've ever seen," Sharp said during the board of trustee's meeting on Thursday. "It's full of easy to understand information. It breaks it down to where the money is going and how it's going. I applaud the staff on it and congratulate them on a job very well done."

Copies of the budget submitted to GFOA are available by request at the administration office, 708 11th Place.



Big Spring Independent School District Business Manager Sandra Waggoner, left, and bookkeeper Kathy Butler scan over the more easily readable budget report. The district has presented the report to the Government Finance Officers Association Awards for Excellence in Government Finance program. Copies of the report are available at the district office, 708 11th Place.

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**SADDAM**

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take four to six months to begin the trial before a war crimes tribunal set up last week.

"My name is Saddam Hussein," the fallen Iraqi leader told U.S. troops in English as they pulled him out of a dank hole Saturday night where he hid in the village of Adwar, north of Baghdad. "I am the president of Iraq and I want to negotiate."

A U.S. Special Forces soldier replied: "Regards from President Bush," according to Maj. Bryan Reed, operations officer for the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

American officials said interrogations of Saddam, whose current location was unknown, will focus first on getting intelligence on the the insurgency that has taken the lives of nearly 200 American soldiers.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Saddam was not helping. "He has not been cooperative in terms of talking or anything like that," Rumsfeld told CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sunday.

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling of the 1st Armored Division told

The Associated Press in Baghdad that the first round of Saddam's questioning and documents in a briefcase found with him was "connecting the dots" in intelligence on the insurgency.

Since Saddam's capture, U.S. Army teams from the 1st Armored Division have captured one high-ranking former regime figure and that prisoner has given up a few others, Hertling said. All the men are currently being interrogated and more raids are expected, Hertling said.

"We've already gleaned intelligence value from his capture," Hertling said. "We've already been able to capture a couple of key individuals here in Baghdad. We've completely confirmed one of the cells. It's putting the pieces together and it's connecting the dots. It has already helped us significantly in Baghdad."

Hertling said: "I'm sure he was giving some guidance to some key figures in this insurgency."

With Saddam's capture, 13 figures remained at large from the U.S. military's list of 55 most-wanted regime officials. The highest ranking is Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a close Saddam aide who U.S.

officials say may be directly organizing resistance.

On Monday, car bombings at police stations in Baghdad left eight policemen dead and at least 17 wounded, police officials said. The deadliest attack was a suicide attack at a station house in northern Baghdad where the eight officers were killed. Two other car bombings at a west-side station caused seven injuries and additional explosions rocked the city hours later.

President Bush had warned attacks would not stop even with Saddam in custody.

Hertling said he hoped Saddam will eventually clear up allegations that he had chemical and biological weapons and a nuclear weapons program.

"I certainly think some of that will come out," Hertling said. "I think we'll get some significant intelligence over the next couple of days."

Saddam's exact whereabouts Monday were unclear. U.S. officials said he had been moved to a secure location and remains in Iraq, Hertling said. CNN and the Dubai-based Arab TV station Al-Arabiya reported Saddam was taken to Qatar. A

spokesman at U.S. Central Command would not give information on Saddam's location.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said Monday that it hopes U.S. authorities will let it visit Saddam to check on the conditions in which he is being held.

Saddam could be tried "in the next few weeks" and could be executed if convicted, said Mouwafak al-Rabii, a Shiite member of the Iraqi Governing Council told AP on Monday. Other council members said a trial would likely begin later. "We will get sovereignty on the 30th of June, and I can tell you, he could be executed on the 1st of July," said al-Rabii, a longtime human rights activist.

The former dictator was captured by Special Forces during a massive raid on a farmhouse near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, according to Capt. Desmond Bailey. Troops from the 4th Infantry Division guarded the area while Special Forces found Saddam and pulled him out of the narrow hole.

"We have him," they radioed to division commanders nearby, Bailey said.

The tip off came from an individual arrested in Baghdad Friday and brought to Tikrit on Saturday morning for an interrogation that made clear Saddam was in the area, according to Col. James Hickey, who led the raid. Soldiers were seconds away from throwing a hand grenade into the hole when Saddam surrendered, Hickey said.

Saddam was hiding in a plastic foam-covered underground hide-out near one of his former palaces in his hometown of Tikrit late Saturday. He was disheveled and wearing a thick beard, and though he was armed with a pistol, the man who waged and lost two wars against the United States and its allies did not resist or fire a shot.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him," U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer told a news conference. "The tyrant is a prisoner."

The lack of communications equipment in Saddam's cramped quarters indicated the ousted dictator was not commanding the resistance, Odierno said.

"He was just caught like a rat," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, whose 4th Infantry Division troops staged the raid.

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tion president Thad Thomas, the recipients were chosen by nomination and voted on by association members.

"I've worked with Joel for a number of years. We worked together in Stanton. He is a very fine officer," Thomas said. "I also worked for Chad in Stanton. They are both very deserving of the award."

Chief of Detectives Roger Sweatt received the prestigious Jerry G. Edwards Award. Unable to attend because of health problems, Sweatt's award was accepted by his wife.

A letters of commendation was presented from Police Chief Lonnie Smith to Communications Officer Traci Myrick for going above and beyond her duty to assist an out-of-town elderly couple who accidentally left their wallet at a Big Spring convenience store.

Cpl. Brian Gordan received a letter of commendation for helping to capture a prisoner that had escaped from the Howard County Jail. Letters of commendation were also presented to Cpls. Gilbert Barraza, Chris Mahurin, Joe Bob Morales and Detectives Jim Rider and Phil Whitten for a 65-minute stand off of a suicidal victim armed with a knife. The incident ended without force.

"People see police work on TV, they see a lot of action," Smith said. "They see police doing a lot of things, ramming cars, shooting. What they don't realize is a lot of the police officer's main action is communication. They realize there are other means than deadly force."

Achievement medals were given to Gordan and Officer Will Miller for negotiating with an armed suicidal subject attempting to either kill himself with a gun or to force the officers to kill him. The confrontation ended without incident.

Big Spring technician Bob Moore and his wife Vernice received a special award as thanks for coordinating the banquet. "I want to thank all the merchants for their donations for the banquet and for Billy Light and the Eagles Lodge," Thomas said.

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"We're only down about 1 percent right now, so it's not that bad at all," said an optimistic Keeney. "I'm sure the people of Howard County will make this a good year for everyone."

There are more than 300 "angels" adorning the program's Angel Trees, which are located at Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Herald, Gale's Sweet Shoppe and the Big Spring Mall, still waiting to be adopted.

For those unfamiliar with the Angel Tree program, Keeney said the process began several

weeks ago with applications submitted by parents needing assistance with their children's Christmas.

"The Angel Tree is a very special program for us," said Capt. Linda Keeney. "The parents have come in and filled out an application with us to ask for assistance with their children's Christmas. Once we have the application, we put the child's first name on the Angel card, along with their sizes and things they could possibly want for Christmas, and these cards go on a Christmas tree at various locations here in town."

"If a person wants to adopt an angel, they just

take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child. It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the card. Those are just suggestions based on the wants of the child. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from."

Linda Keeney, who organized this year's Angel Tree operation, said the gifts donated to

area needy children through the annual program can make an amazing difference in their lives, and the lives of those that give.

"It's everything," she said firmly. "A child who has everything they need provided for them has no concept of children out there that do without. If we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things. That's why it's important, as a parent, to show these

children there are others out there that are much worse off, that do without things that we take for granted everyday. If we show that to our children, I think it makes them a kinder, more giving person as they grow."

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Help us put smiles on faces of some children

For children, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy. We all know that, of course, because all of us were children. And what child doesn't love and want new toys?

Most of us can only imagine what Christmas with no toys is like to a child, but there are some who do and they assure us that it is no joyous experience.

The Herald and the Salvation Army want to make sure no child in Big Spring has to experience that feeling this Christmas season.

Unfortunately, there's little time to make sure toys are available for children in need.

In fact, there are only a couple of days left.

The last day to bring toys to the Herald office is Wednesday. The toys will then be taken to the Salvation Army corps building and be distributed on Dec. 23.

So, we're asking local residents who haven't had an opportunity to take part in the drive to bring a new unwrapped toy to the newspaper office at 710 Scurry between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday.

Help us make sure the Salvation Army can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

Let's all be able to say we did our best to make it a joyous holiday season throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not be afraid of life as you are always with us, Lord, through the good and the bad times.

Amen

## Watch those mummies, Karl

I can't tell whether this administration is flaunting its cynicism, its contempt for science or its conviction that when in power you help your contributors and fry your enemies. Although how millions of small children and unborn fetuses came to be enemies of Bush & Co. is beyond my political or theological understanding.

We are talking about the rollback announced last week in regulating mercury pollution. Except, of course, it wasn't announced as a rollback, it was announced as a great step forward. This raises the always timely question, "How dumb do they think we are?" and this time the answer is "profoundly dumb," because it is real hard to get fooled by this one. You look at the numbers and tell me.

Mercury is a neurotoxin that damages the brains and nervous systems of fetuses and young children, and probably affects adults as well. It is one of the suspected, though not proven, causes of recent increases in autism, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. It is known to cause learning and attention disabilities and mental retardation.

Eight percent of American women of childbearing age already have mercury in their blood above the EPA's "safe level." Mercury emissions from power plants get into rain clouds and come down in lakes and rivers, there poisoning fish and the people who eat them. Coal-fired power plants are the largest source of mercury, spewing 50 tons a year into the air, about 40 percent of the total. In December 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a finding requiring

the maximum amount of technically achievable reduction in mercury. This was expected to result in a 90 percent mercury reduction by 2007. Instead, the new EPA proposals downgrade mercury emissions - particularly mercury emissions from the utility industry - by taking it out of the "hazardous pollutant" category. It would be funny if it weren't so sad.

Simply by implementing the laws already on the books, annual mercury emissions from power plants could be reduced to 5 tons annually by 2007. But Bush's EPA last week introduced a new plan to cap emission at 34 tons a year by 2010 and then 15 tons by 2018. This means hundreds of more tons of mercury discharged over the next 15 years, and that many more children born brain-damaged. I'd really like to know if John Graham, Bush's cost-benefit guru at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, factored in the cost of special ed, health care and caretaking for those kids.

The good news is this will save the utility industry hundreds of millions of dollars - worth every retarded child, eh? Besides, the coal industry contributed more than \$250,000 to Bush's last campaign, and you didn't. John Walke, clean air director of the Natural Resource Defense Council, called it "a grotesque giveaway."

The truth is, EPA is doing nothing about mercury pollution. The decrease to 34 tons a year is a byproduct of new filtering requirements for nitrogen (causes smog) and sulfur dioxide (causes acid rain), which aren't much to write home about, either. Mike Leavitt, new head of the EPA, defended the proposal as an emissions-trading program, like the one that has reduced acid rain. But the Environmental Defense Fund, which has endorsed the use of market-based, cap-and-trade systems

for reducing some pollutants, is appalled by the mercury decision and apparently not comforted by the EPA's decision to change mercury's classification.

One reason cap-and-trade on mercury pollution won't work is it is pretty much site-specific. It hangs around the neighborhood it comes from, so you get dangerous pockets of it, "hot spots" like the ones in South Florida.

In a nicely dovetailed bureaucratic action, the Food and Drug Administration chimed in with a new, softer advisory on mercury-contaminated fish consumption. Consumers Union believes the new FDA advisory is so vague as to which fish are likely to have concentrations of mercury (those at the top of the fish food chain), it is largely useless. Probably the most infamous case of mercury poisoning was in the Japanese village of Minamata. Eugene W. Smith, the great photojournalist, took the picture of the Minamata Madonna, gently holding her hopelessly deformed and retarded child in a steam bath. I once heard a Texas politician being begged to consider doing something "for the children of Texas." He inquired back, "Do the little bastards have a PAC?"

Well, no they don't. But they have mummies. Their mummies can read numbers. Their mummies know the difference between 50 tons a year and 5 tons a year. Mummies know what a campaign contribution is. Mummies can tell the difference between a cynical sack of excrement and safe babies. Mummies can get very angry. You've got to watch those mummies, Karl.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to voice my opinion about the Moore Board.

The Moore Board has done many wonderful things for the city of Big Spring. Without the Moore Board, there would be many less jobs in town, thereby increasing our unemployment rate.

Just to give one example, the only reason that StarTek is here is the Moore Board. Without its hard work, there would be 400 less jobs.

The Moore board not only brings better jobs for this town, but also is always tirelessly working toward the betterment of Big Spring in every way possible.

In short, what people should remember is that the small tax percentage that the Moore Board receives provides much more than the cost when you look at all the wonderful things that the Moore Board does.

TAMMY ALEXANDER  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my concern in regards to the article in Sunday's paper about the boys basketball game. I have received numerous phone call from parents, fans, and the community apologizing for the negative article.

The community has been very supportive in hopes of building a basketball program here in Big Spring. These young men worked all summer and in the off-season hoping to gain respect in their program.

These happen to be the same young men who formed the "Encouragers," to support the volleyball and football programs in hopes that they would get the same support in their sport. I don't think Mr. Wells realized in his article, how hurtful his sarcastic remarks were to the team.

The community expressed to me after the game on Friday, how impressed they were on how far this team has come since last year. I would hope in Mr. Wells next article that we can expect a more positive outlook about the maturity, teamwork, and the great defensive efforts of our young men.

I know Mr. Wells will want to be an intricate part of helping us build our basketball program. As you can see I am extremely proud to know and be a part of these young men's lives.

JUDY KINNEAR  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Before we get overcome with thanks on a Medicare prescription drug bill, let's look at some of the things we will or will not be getting.

There will be a monthly fee to be paid - still some cost to you like so much out of pocket before it picks up - a cap on how much help you get - a large cut for senior cancer patients.

You may not have choice of the doctor or hospital you use. Centers in our area that treat cancer patients will close and senior cancer patients will have to go to Dallas or Houston, which will be a burden both physically and financially.

So, check things out before you are too grateful and let your representative know.

We may be seniors but we must stand up for our rights. We are not yet ready to be forgotten.

God bless us all and be watchful.  
SUE BORN  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Sadness filled the day that I learned of Bob Rogers' death. Bob was one of the first people I met upon joining the Big Spring Herald staff in 1986. He was an excellent colleague, a man of fairness and frankness.

Editors and production managers at newspapers can have a very prickly relationship. Editors often have bigger ideas than are reasonable - and very often too close to deadlines - to be realistic. Production managers have no choice but to be fully aware of the realities of the situation. In his role for so many years with this newspaper, countless readers - on countless occasions - had a friend and loyalist in Bob Rogers that they may never have known or appreciated.

His wry sense of humor served him and his colleagues well. When your job and the facts dictate an

answer that may be disagreeable for someone else, being able to lighten the reality with even a small friendly smile can make all the difference in the world. His true allegiance to the best interests of his community and customers rang through most clearly when his advice served me well after becoming publisher.

My life is better having known and worked with this man.

ROBERT WERNSMAN  
LUBBOCK

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the First United Methodist Church for the magnificent praise offering held during the Living Christmas Tree presentation on Dec. 6-7.

To celebrate the earthly birth of Jesus Christ - the word of God made flesh to dwell among us, to show us the person of God and to give us a chance to be born again, a new creature that has eternal life - was a joy.

DR. DOROTHY GERALDINE  
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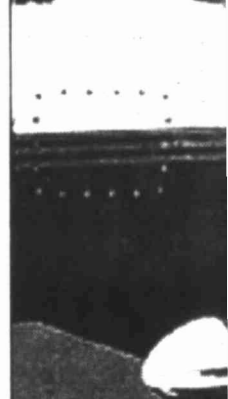
TO THE EDITOR:

The Christmas concert I attended at our municipal auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 29, was a delight. From the quartet singing carols in the lobby, to the excellent ensemble of musicians and performers (including some home town stars) in the "West Texas Musical revue" who comprised the program, to the special appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus with treats for all the children in the audience, it was a wonderful evening.

The program was presented as a gift from the Downtown Revitalization Association to the community, and there was no admission charge. This was its second Christmas concert, and the DRA plans to continue the tradition yearly. I urge everybody who enjoys the Christmas spirit to mark their calendars for Thanksgiving weekend next year. This concert was truly enjoyable, non-commercial event to get the Christmas season started.

DT. CYNTHIA RUTLEDGE  
BIG SPRING

Big Spring was still as her husband Agent Scott Knight's annual award during Saturday's



## Concerts schedule

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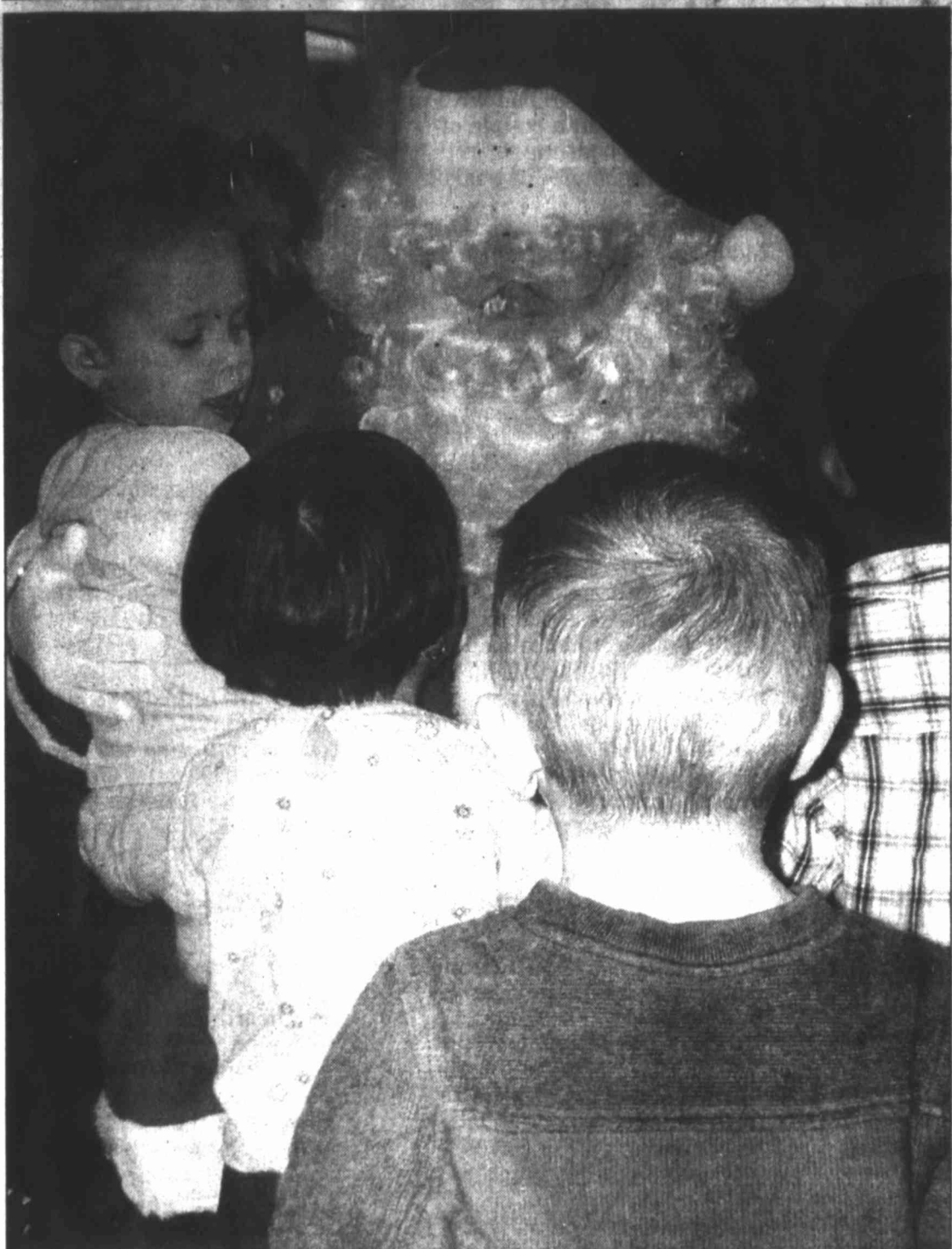
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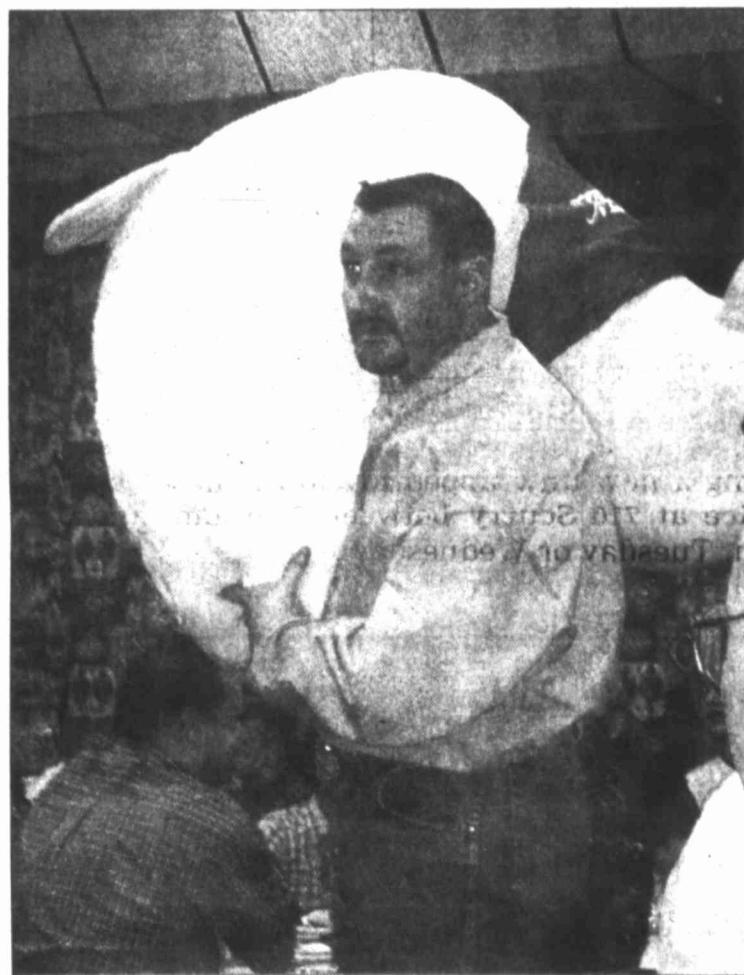
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HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody and Thomas Jenkins  
Big Spring was bustling with activity last week. Clockwise from left; 3-year-old Kayleigh Penny, a Westside Day Care student, sits on Santa Claus' lap during an annual event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club; Julia Juarez does her best to stand still as her husband, Henry, places a special holiday snowman pin on her lapel at the Big Spring Mall; Big Spring Police Agent Scott Knight holds up a giant Aflac Insurance Duck which was one of the many door prizes for the police association's annual awards banquet; and, Mike Woods of Lone Star Aviation explains how an airplane wing works to Austin Mize during Saturday's 100th Year of Flight celebration at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Terminal.



**Concerts scheduled**

Special to the HERALD

The kindergarten and first grade classes of Elbow Elementary will hold a Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the school gym. All parents are welcome.

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 sing-along.

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## Halt holiday heartburn by taking a few simple precautions

During the month of December it's nearly impossible to escape the temptation of irresistible holiday cuisine. The large amounts of chocolate and wine during the season may be appealing for some, but it can make holiday activities downright miserable for heartburn sufferers.

According to a study by the National Heartburn Alliance, approximately 60 million Americans experience heartburn at least once a month and more than one third of them claim that heartburn is more severe or frequent during the holidays.

However, heartburn can be prevented this holiday season

by taking a few precautions. Heartburn, also known as acid reflux, occurs when stomach acid splashes up from the stomach into the food pipe, or esophagus. This can trigger a burning sensation in the chest area, a sour taste in the mouth and regurgitation.

Normally, stomach acids are blocked by the sphincter, a band of muscle at the lower end of the esophagus. But a weakened sphincter or too much stomach acid can cause heartburn.

Certain types of foods typically initiate heartburn. Unfortunately, holiday tables are full of the culprits - chocolate, peppermint, high-fat foods and tomato-based products.

However, food is only part of the problem. Heartburn can be triggered by a variety of other activities such as overeating, late-night eating and napping after a large meal.

Additional holiday stress and

lack of exercise may also be part of the problem.

Heartburn sufferers can avoid the hassle of holiday heartburn by adding some of these helpful tips to their holiday to-do list:

- Choose holiday foods wisely. Avoid eating foods that trigger heartburn. The most common are high-fat foods, chocolate, citrus products (lemons, limes, oranges and grapefruit) and tomato-based products.
- Don't overeat. Save the stuffing for the turkey and be careful about overeating. Eat smaller portions of the foods you enjoy instead of heaping your plate with goodies because overeating puts extra pressure on the stomach increasing the chance of acid reflux.
- Minimize late-night munching and after-dinner naps. Because stomach acid is more prone to creep into the esophagus while lying down, it's not

a good idea to go to bed with a full stomach. Eat a couple of hours before bedtime to decrease the chance of heartburn.

• Consume alcohol sparingly. Moderate your consumption of alcoholic beverages and carbonated and caffeinated beverages that can contribute to heartburn.

• Wear proper fitting clothes. Trying to squeeze into last year's holiday outfit will only make heartburn worse. Tight-fitting clothes and belts put pressure on the stomach contributing to acid reflux.

• Add exercise to your holiday list. Although hectic schedules make exercising difficult, taking time for some physical activity will help keep heartburn at bay.

• Avoid stress. This is easier said than done, but minimizing holiday stress will help make heartburn less frequent. Adopting these prevention

tips will help decrease the chance of coming down with holiday heartburn.

However, be prepared if heartburn strikes. Carry antacids, lozenges or gum (not spearmint or peppermint) with you to help thwart heartburn pain.

- Drinking a glass of water might also help get rid of stomach acid.

Persistent heartburn can become a health problem for many.

Consult your physician if you experience frequent bouts of heartburn.

If necessary, your physician may prescribe medication to control the condition.



DR.  
CYNTHIA  
RUTLEDGE

Dr. Cynthia Rutledge is board certified in Family Medicine and can be contacted at Family Medical Center, 2301 S Gregg St., Big Spring 79720 or by telephone at 267-5531.

## 'Tis the season to be wary: How to avoid holiday health care woes

Well, it's Christmas Eve, and just when you've reached the peak of your present-wrapping frenzy, a slip of the scissors gives you a gash that's way beyond simply slapping on a Band-Aid. You need stitches — and fast.

A trip to the emergency room makes for a lousy evening no matter what time of the year, but health care over the holidays presents a whole new set of uncertainties and obstacles.

To overcome them, you need to be prepared and know what to expect.

Here are some simple guidelines:

- Know how to get to your emergency room.

This may sound obvious, but it's especially important dur-

ing the holidays, when you may be visiting relatives out of town and when most responsible, direction-giving adults are at home sipping hot cider with their families.

A familiarity with your route is even more important if you have to contend with the ice and snow of a white Christmas.

• Be prepared for an understaffed hospital.

Once you arrive at the emergency room, be prepared for a wait if your condition is not life-threatening.

However, if you feel that you are not receiving the attention you require, obey your instinct and complain loudly until your condition has been safely evaluated.

• Follow up on all test results.

Keeping track of your test results is good practice regardless of the season, but during the holidays, hospital staff members are especially overburdened and your results are

more likely to slip through the cracks.

Be persistent!  
• Carry a mini-medical record with you.

Type up a list of the medications and doses you're currently taking and keep it with you in your wallet.

This record will be an excellent resource for the busy emergency room doctors.

• Know your doctor's plans for the holidays.

The emergency room doctors may need to speak with your primary care doctor about your medical history.

Find out your doctor's holiday travel plans and — especially if you have a serious existing medical condition — know how to get in touch with him or her in an emergency.

• Find out who's covering for your doctor.  
If your doctor is out of town, find out ahead of time whether an associate will be covering for him in his absence.

This information might come

in handy if you require non-emergency medicine over the holidays.

• Stock up on medications. Most pharmacies will have limited hours over the holidays, and many doctors won't be around to call in refills.

To avoid getting caught without the medicine you need, plan ahead — especially if your medicine is special-order.

Also, know the location and number of your local 24-hour pharmacy.

• Exercise your right to a specialist.  
Your hospital's regular specialists may be off duty, but it's your right to demand one if you believe your health depends on more specialized care.

• Bring a buddy. Nobody likes to be alone during the holidays — especially in the emergency room!

At the hospital, a friend or family member can act as your medical advocate, providing comfort and making sure that

you get the safe treatment you deserve.

• Be a health-conscious holiday traveler.  
If you have an existing health condition and you're traveling over the holidays, bring along a medical summary from your doctor.

Make sure it includes your medications, doses, pertinent lab test values, latest blood pressure readings, and a copy of your EKG.

Do your best to stay safe this holiday season (and be careful with those scissors!), but if you do require medical attention, know what you need to do to get good care.

After all, even during the season of giving, good health is the most precious gift of all.

Dr. Pamela Gallin is the author of *How to Survive Your Doctor's Care: Get the Right Diagnosis, the Right Treatment, and the Right Experts for You*.

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### 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 Dec. 17 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.

#### Lindsey nets LSC honors for Buffaloes

Patrick Lindsey, the grandson of Jackie and Charlene Rinard of Big Spring and Elmer and Pollette Lindsey of Coahoma, was named one of the Lone Star Conference's top players recently.



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The former Crane High School standout was selected to the LSC first-team offense as a tight end following his junior year at West Texas A&M.

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound receiver finished the 2003 season with 29 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

He is the son of Guinn and Brenda Burke of Crane.

#### Quarterback Club to sell banquet tickets

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is selling tickets to the BSHS football banquet, which is slated for 6:30 p.m. tonight at the BSJHS Cafeteria.

Only 350 tickets will be sold for the event. Ticket prices are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Sparenburg Building at 309 S. Main in Big Spring.

#### Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Persons interested in officiating local games this fall 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.

Camp locations include Commerce, TX., Sterling, CO., Atchison, KS.

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HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
Amanda Henson and the Garden City Lady Kats won the O'Donnell tournament.

## Grady, Garden City win O'Donnell titles

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Jessica Hoch scored 15 points and pulled down six rebounds Saturday evening and led the Garden City Lady Kats to a 30-19 win over the O'Donnell Lady Eagles in the finals of the O'Donnell Invitational Basketball Tournament.

With the win, the Lady Kats improved to 9-2 on the year and claimed

their second tournament crown in as many weeks.

The Garden City defense paved the way early. Amanda Henson and the GCHS defense limited O'Donnell to just one shot from the field in the first eight minutes and enabled the Lady Kats to grab an early 9-2 cushion.

Things didn't get any easier in the second for O'Donnell. Garden City went on a 6-2 run in the

frame and took a 15-4 lead into the half.

The Lady Kats finished off the victory by matching O'Donnell point-for-point in the second half.

Garden City advanced to the finals with a 41-27 win over the Shallowater Lady Mustangs junior varsity.

In that game, Hoch and Megan Niehues both scored in double figures, netting 15 and 11, respectively.

For her efforts Hoch was named the tournament's most valuable player. Henson, a senior, was selected to the all-tournament squad.

The Grady Wildcats ran their season record to 14-0 by downing O'Donnell by a 41-27 margin in the boys' finals.

Jason Pribyla led all GHS scorers with 15. Brent Madison, the tournament's boy MVP, also hit double figures with 10.

## Lady Owls slip past Stanton in Hooptown finale

By BRANDON HALLFORD  
Special to the Herald

STANTON — On a day filled with excitement and controversy the Reagan County Lady Owls took all the suspense out of the Stanton Hooptown girls' finals. The Lady Owls sprinted out to an 11-2 lead after one quarter and raced to a 51-30 victory over the Stanton Lady Buffaloes.

"They were good and we weren't," said Stanton coach Tim Van Hecke.

Being good was putting it mildly. Reagan County flourished in the first half, taking advantage of a cold-shooting Stanton slump that made the Arctic circle look like a tropical paradise. The Lady Buffs shot a meager 10 percent from the floor in the first 16 minutes. That, combined with 14 turnovers, was more than enough to help the Lady Owls.

Reagan County, which had three players reach the double figure mark, wasted little time getting things rolling. Ebony Goodloe sank a layup with a little over two minutes gone to begin an 11-0 run to open the contest.

Shelby Harp ended the Lady Owls' run by sinking a short jumper with just 12 seconds left in the frame.

Stanton looked as if it would claw its way back into the contest in the second. Kristi Bridges followed two Ashley Guterrez free throws with a 3-pointer that pulled the Lady Buffs to within six, at 13-7 at the 6:45 mark.

That was as close as Stanton could get, however. Goodloe sank the front end of a two-shots trip to

the foul line to ignite a 12-2 run that featured back-to-back three-point bombs by Keli Davidson and staked RCHS to a 26-9 advantage at the break.

Things didn't get any better for the Lady Buffs in the second as the Lady Owls quickly added to their lead. Davidson and Darci Owens scored four points apiece in the first three minutes of the half, helping RC balloon its lead to 21.

Stormie Dugan and Harp made sure Stanton didn't go down without a fight. The two combined to reel off a 7-1 run in the fourth and cut the Lady Owls' lead to 15 with 2:20 remaining in the third.

Owens and Davidson sparked the Owls offensively in the game, hitting for 12 apiece. Leah Fisher added 10.

Harp paced the Lady Buffs with 18, while Kristi Bridges accounted for seven.

Reagan County had advanced to the finals via a 36-13 win over Kermit.

Harp and Bridges helped carry Stanton to the tournament finals. The two combined to score 32 points and lead Stanton to a 44-36 victory over the Greenwood Rangerettes in the semifinals.

The Iraan Bravettes used a 13-2 third quarter run to blow open a close game and claim a 51-29 win over the Coahoma Bulldogettes in the third-place game.

Sterling Gee scored seven to lead Coahoma.

Coahoma, behind 19 points from Mendy Morgan, had downed Rankin by a 57-54 margin to earn a berth in the third-place bout.

## Wall races past Stanton for fight-marred Hooptown title

By BRANDON HALLFORD  
Special to the Herald

STANTON — There's little doubt the Greenwood Rangers and Kermit Yellowjackets have an intense rivalry ... at least not after Saturday.

The two district rivals threw a kink into the annual Hooptown Classic championship game when both teams turned a close 16-13 game into a bench-clearing brawl that resulted in a double forfeiture and Stanton and Wall being selected to play for the tournament crown.

After the fight had resulted in both teams being ejected from the tournament, Hooptown officials were forced to adjust the championship

bracket by bringing the Stanton Buffaloes and Wall Hawks to the title round.

Wall reached the finals by virtue of a 59-28 drumming of the Sterling City Eagles in the semifinals. The Eagles advanced to the championship game when the Rankin Red Devils turned down a chance to play their district rivals in the finals.

In the championship game, Wall jumped out to a 30-20 lead at the break and never looked back. The Hawks stretched their lead to 19 heading into the fourth quarter with a 19-10 spree in the third.

Slade Weishuhn led all scorers in the finals with 28. Michael Washington paced the Buffaloes with



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
Big Spring senior Jordan Cobb drives between two Permian defenders for a basket Saturday in the Steers' final game at the West Texas Shootout in Odessa.

## Permian slips past Big Spring in West Texas Shootout finale

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Permian Panthers used a 20-10 third-quarter run Saturday afternoon to break open a tight game and claim a 70-55 win over the Big Spring Steers in the final game of the West Texas Shootout.

Big Spring, which went 0-3 in the tournament, held its own against the Panthers in the first half. Sparked by seven second-quarter points from Jordan Cobb, the Steers managed to outscore the Panthers by a 13-8 clip and went into the half down by three, at 31-27.

Michael Ornales-Doportto aided the Steers' second-quarter run by pushing in two shots from the floor. Erin Partee also scored in the frame.

Permian, behind guards Colby Swearington and Chris Cooper, got hot in the third. The Panthers hit 10 shots from the field in the frame and stretched their lead to 51-37 heading into the final eight minutes.

Wesley Smith led the Steers offensively in the third, netting six of his eight points.

## Lady Steers top Jal, win consolation title

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Lady Steers capped a successful weekend Saturday afternoon by claiming a 42-35 win over Jal, N.M., in the consolation finals of the Sandhills Invitational in Monahans.

Leina Braxton powered the BSHS girls to the victory by scoring 10 points.

The Lady Steers, despite a solid effort from Raegan Ritchey, fell into the consolation finals via a 39-33 loss to district rival San Angelo Lake View. Ritchey poured in a team-high 10 points in the loss.

Ornales-Doportto highlighted the fourth for Big Spring. The senior guard pushed in nine of his team-high 17 points in the frame.

Cobb also reached double-digits in the game, scoring 13 points.

The Steers, playing short-handed, suffered a 73-17 setback to Alamogordo, N.M. in the second round of the tournament.

## Cormack leads Hounds to six-man title

ODESSA — Justin Cormack rushed for 161 yards on eight carries and helped carry the Strawn Greyhounds to a 67-62 win over the Fort Davis Indians in the six-man state championship Saturday at Ratliff Stadium.

The two teams, playing in front of a crowd of more than 6,000, combined to 91 points in the second half and finished with a total of 140 — easily surpassing the previous mark of 114 set in 1995 by Amherst and Milford.

The two teams combined to account for more than 1,100 yards of total offense.

Strawn, which its first-ever state title, finished its season at 14-1. Fort Davis ended at 13-2.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
The Big Spring Steers junior varsity basketball team will return to play tomorrow against the Snyder Tigers. The BSHS freshman girls play tonight at 7:45 in the junior high gym.

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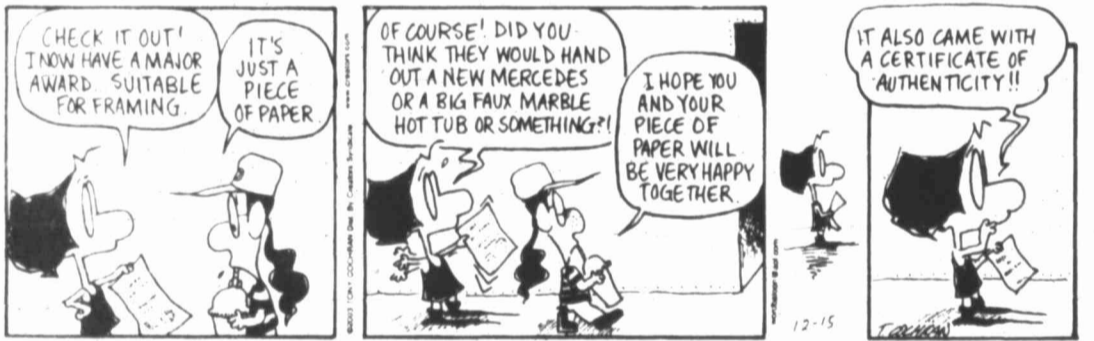
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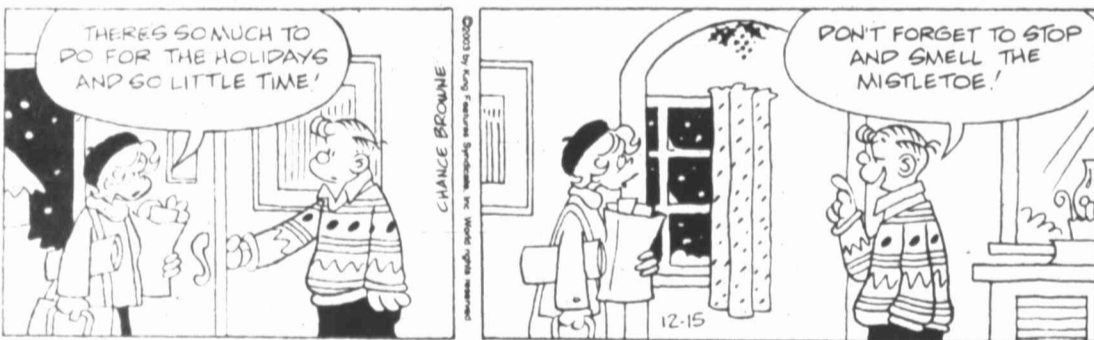
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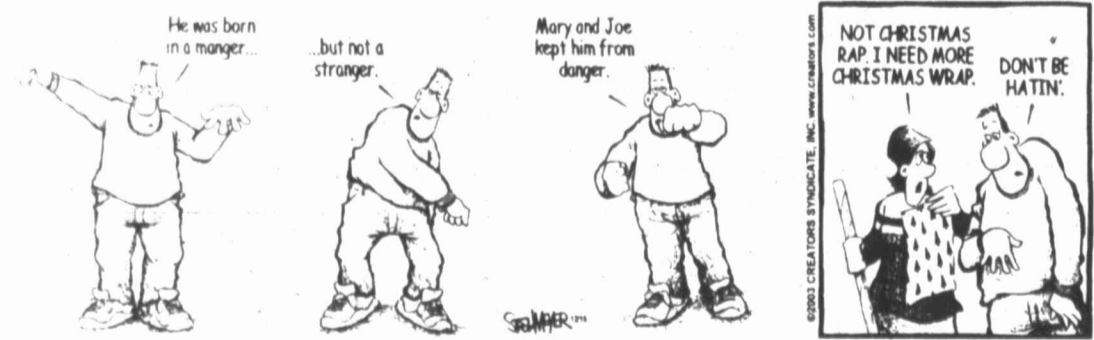
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 2003. There are 16 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ratification by Virginia. On this date: In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police. In 1893, Anton Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 in E-minor, Opus 95, "From the New World," was performed during a "public rehearsal" at New York's Carnegie Hall (the official world premiere was the next day). In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun. In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C. In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris. In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court. In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, "Gemini Six" and "Gemini Seven," maneuvered to within ten feet of each other while in orbit. In 1966, movie producer Walt Disney died in Los Angeles. In 1978, President Carter announced he would grant diplomatic recognition to Communist China on New Year's Day and sever official relations with Taiwan. In 1991, at least 464 people were left dead or missing when an Egyptian-registered ferry sank in the Red Sea. Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Les Aspin announced his resignation, citing "personal reasons."

In Geneva, 117 countries completed the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, agreeing on a reform package intended to kickstart the global economy. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ernest Ashworth is 75. Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 70. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 64. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 61. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 57. Actor Don Johnson is 54. Movie director Alex Cox is 49. Actor Justin Ross is 49. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 48.

Answer to previous puzzles: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues and a grid. Clues include: 1 Wine, in Italy; 5 Puts to work; 9 Colorado ski resort; 14 Viking the Red; 15 Section; 16 Valerie Harper TV role; 17 Consider; 20 16 ozs.; 21 Some employee IDs; 22 Spoken; 23 Neglect to include; 25 Batty; 27 Bit of foolery; 30 Works in a mine; 32 Heroic tales; 36 Paramedic initials; 37 Boxing-round ender; 38 Venus de Milo, for one; 39 Lobbyist's client, often; 42 Leads off; 43 Poor grades; 44 Fuel-economy stat.; 45 Singer Gorme; 46 Jockey's strap; 47 Exxon's ex-name; 48 Canadian Indian; 50 Objective; 52 Where Mt. Rushmore is; 55 Cry of dread; 57 "No bid"; 51 Walk on a banana peel, perhaps; 64 Singer Baker; 65 "Little Things Mean"; 66 Actor Penn; 67 Dough-rising ingredient; 68 Ripped up; 69 Has title to; 11 Decant; 12 Author Ferber; 13 Countrywide: Abbr.; 18 Apple competitor; 19 Civil War letters; 24 Notions; 26 Elaborate parties; 27 Reverend Jackson; 28 Depleted; 29 Stand in good; 31 Move effortlessly; 33 Articles; 34 Pointed ends; 35 Words after "ready"; 37 Mosquito, at times; 38 Shorthand expert; 40 Chirping insects; 41 Person next door; 46 Prepare leftovers; 47 Texas city; 49 Extremely long time; 51 Feel poorly; 52 Do in; 53 All finished; 54 Largest continent; 56 Scandinavian capital; 58 All over again; 59 Read quickly; 60 D.C. lawmakers; 62 Cereal grain; 63 Ingested.