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## Salvation Army feeds more than 200 persons

From staff and wire reports

Volunteers across the state gave thousands of hungry, homeless and elderly people a reason to be thankful Thursday, serving hearty amounts of turkey and all the trimmings.

Locally, more than 200 persons were served by the Salvation Army during its annual Thanksgiving meal. About 100 of those meals were delivered, said Roy Davis.

"We had more take-out meals than we usually do," Davis said. "I guess we served more shut-ins this year ... But we got it done. We had a lot of volunteers this year."

The Salvation Army also delivered more than 150 food baskets to needy families as a result of its Thanksgiving canned-food drive.

In Houston, volunteers at the 13th Annual Thanksgiving Holiday Superfeast served

5,000 pounds of turkey breast, 2,500 pounds of dressing, 600 gallons of gravy, 2,500 pounds of whole cranberries, 2,500 pounds of vegetables, 40,000 slices of bread and 20,000 cups of Coca-Cola.

Nearly 20,000 people were served, according to sponsor USA Waste Services Inc.

And a second crowd of about 20,000 also chowed down at the 19th Annual Thanksgiving Big Feast at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center.

"This is just the true meaning of Thanksgiving," said Tammy Bohon, Superfeast chairwoman and coordinator. "This is how it all really started. Everyone coming together and working side-by-side to think of and share their blessings."

The feasting continued in South Texas as an estimated 23,000 people dined at San Antonio's annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner at the San Antonio

Convention Center.

Jimenez started serving the meal in 1971 as a tribute to a few thousand of the city's older citizens and it has grown ever since.

"We just don't close the doors to anyone," director Alice Guerra said. "If someone is having a hard time or they're out of a job or there's been tragedy in the family, we don't ask any questions. We just let 'em in."

Another Texas Thanksgiving tradition continued along Interstate 35 in the tiny town of Abbot, where the Turkey Shop and Cafeteria has served the holiday meal daily for the past 25 years.

"We have really good turkeys and we have a cafeteria line with full-service meals," owner Robert Tufts said. "It's just good quality home-cooked food."

Nearly 300 truckers found a home-cooking haven in Kerrville, 58 miles northwest of San Antonio, thanks to Tara Hernandez.

## SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Sandi Norwood (leaning on shopping cart) watches as Vicki Gollcher and Denise Yandrich start buying Christmas gifts for their girls at Wal-Mart earlier today. Today is traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year.

On Wednesday, Ray Valencia and Sons started to move a house from the corner of 9th and Main to a location three miles south of Coahoma. Early today, the house was being positioned to be turned onto 11th Place from FM 700. These photos show the house being moved south on Scurry and, finally, along FM 700.



## Police chief

### Four finalists are all veteran police officers

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The next chief of the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) will have one thing in his favor — experience.

Of the four candidates selected as finalists for the BSPD's top position, the least amount of experience indicated on resumes submitted to city administrators is about 17 years.

The finalists for the position include current Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) Acting Chief Lonnie Smith, Capt. Billy D. Hammitt of the Odessa Police Department, Chief G. Scott Kniffen of the Sunset Valley Police Department in Austin and Chief Barry W. Hooper of the Dumas Police Department.

Smith's experience in law enforcement stretches back to his early days as a patrol officer in 1977.

Between 1977-1997, Smith's education in law enforcement includes 760 classroom hours in law enforcement investigative classes; 352 classroom hours in law enforcement management on budgeting, personnel selection/management and supervisory skills.

Smith has also completed two years towards a bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa and received an associate of arts degree in law enforcement at Howard College.

From 1983 until September of this year, Smith served as assistant chief of police with the BSPD. Those duties included activities such as budget preparation, daily management of all divisions and review of personnel staffing of 65 employees.

Hammitt's most recent position as police captain in Odessa also includes serving as commander of inspectional services (internal affairs) since March 1996 — a position that reports directly to the chief of police. He also supervises staff and controls any departmental investigation involving allegation or complaint of misconduct.

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## Howard County Pecan Show good despite late April frost

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Despite less than ideal conditions in April and in the weeks leading up to the recent Howard County Pecan Show, Assistant County Agent Brandon McGinty said the show was a success.

"Overall, we had a good show," McGinty said. "We had quite a few less entries due to the frost we had back in April and this caused several trees to produce late."

"The recent wet spell left moisture in several pecans," McGinty added. "When pecans fall off of the tree, they need warm temperatures to dry, but several this year were still somewhat moist when we cracked them open."

According to McGinty, moisture in some pecans hurt the overall quality as

well as the number of pecans actually produced.

Approximately 40 entries were received for the pecan show as well as pecan food show.

Pecan show results included Wayne Johnson being recognized as the Grand Champion overall from the commercial division.

Reserve Grand Champion overall from the seedling division was Sara Thixton.

Entries advancing to the regional pecan show in San Angelo in the second week in December include Boyce Hale, first place Cheyenne variety; Bennie McChristian, second place, Cheyenne variety; Betty McChristian, first place Choctaw variety; Betty McChristian, first place Western variety; Wayne Johnson, first place Wichita variety; and Sara Thixton, first place variety seedling.

State competition will follow in San Antonio.

Other first place entries by class included Betty McChristian, Sioux; Pat Howell, Shawnee; Bennie McChristian,

Pawnee; Betty McChristian, Mohawk; Bennie McChristian, Desirable; Betty McChristian Comanche; Betty McChristian, Apache; Bennie McChristian, Tejas; and Bennie McChristian, Riverside.

According to County David Kight, several individuals, including Jowilli Etchison, Dana Tarter, Gary Tabor, Rick Campbell, Bennie McChristian and Betty McChristian, helped make the show a success.

During the show, exhibitors were limited to one entry of each named variety they grew.

The divisions in which growers could enter their pecans included commercial, classic and native.

The commercial division included the following classes: Apache, Burkett, Cheyenne, Choctaw, Comanche, Mahan, Maramec, Mohawk, Pawnee, Shawnee, Stuart, Tejas, Western and Wichita.

The classic division included the following classes: Barton, Cherokee, Chicasaw, Ideal, Imperial, John Garner, Melrose, Success, Texas Prolific and

Variety Seedlings.

The native division which consists of pecans that have been crossed (hybridized) under natural conditions.

For the pecan food show, rules required the food must be prepared by the exhibitor, and pecans must have been included as an ingredient in the actual dish, not just in icing or in decorations.

Divisions in the pecan food show included: Youth — for those in school or 18 years of age or younger, and Adult — for those out of school or 19 years of age or older.

Each division will had five classes as follows: cakes, pies, cookies, candies and breads.

Winners in the adult division included: Cakes — Darlene Hipp, first place, butter Pecan Cake; and Betty McChristian, second place, fruit cake; Breads — Betty McChristian, first place, cranberry pecan bread; Darlene Hipp, second place, pecan mini muffins; Joyce

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McGINTY

### WEATHER

Tonight:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from near 30 to mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs from mid 50s to lower 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows from upper 20s to mid 30s. Highs in lower to mid 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in lower to mid 30s. Highs in the lower to mid 60s.

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## Playoff games, Nutcracker top ticket

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431,

### Weekend Ticket

Big Spring, 79721.

You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• High school football playoff games tonight. Games include Stanton vs. Post at 7 p.m. in Lamesa and Sands vs. Lazbuddie at 7:30 p.m. in New Deal.

• The Big Spring Symphony

will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the city auditorium.

• Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

• Model train display, today and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and 2nd and Main in downtown.

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# Abuse charges mar image of nationally known Marine Military Academy

**HARLINGEN (AP)** — Recruitment materials describe the Marine Military Academy as a prep school grounded in tradition, one that teaches students to study and grow by instilling confidence, pride and trust.

But a new image has emerged of the 32-year-old academy, that of a school where young boys have been terrorized by their peers, suffering physical and sexual abuse by students who routinely go unpunished.

The critics describe a school where illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco are commonplace and administrators open the door to delinquents to bolster their budget.

Their allegations are included in affidavits, sworn statements and letters, provided to The Associated Press, that are part of a class-action lawsuit filed against the academy last week by the parents of 11 former cadets.

The lawsuit is the latest blow to the academy, which schools 450 students in grades eight through 12 from 29 states and several countries.

Last month, two cadets were charged with attempted murder for allegedly slashing the throat of a classmate as he slept in his

barracks.

Still reeling from that incident, academy officials now find themselves defending their institution as a place where discipline — not discord — rules.

"This school stands for the basic core values of honesty, integrity and becoming the best you can be," said Barry Zale, an academy graduate and school trustee whose son is a sophomore cadet.

He insists the parents' allegations are "totally without merit."

"You cannot have a school of 500 boys in it without having problems," said Zale, a Dallas businessman. "Does hazing go on? I'm sure it does to some degree. Do we condone it? No. Is it bad to a point where people are getting hurt? Absolutely not."

In the lawsuit, the parents accuse the academy of committing fraud and breach of contract by providing inadequate supervision that led to the physical and sexual abuse of their children.

The plaintiffs, 10 Texas parents and a New Jersey family who are not identified, seek unspecified damages and reimbursement of the \$16,000-a-year tuition.

While the lawsuit contains no specific allegations of abuse, materials provided to the AP by the parents' lawyers portray an institution where children lived in fear.

The materials include a sworn statement from an unidentified former drill instructor, who said he knew "beatings, inappropriate sexual behavior, drug usage and inappropriate hazing occurred" at the academy.

"I believe that there is a lack of supervision and this is directly related to the problems between the boys," stated the instructor, who said he often was in charge of up to 81 children.

He said although some boys were dismissed for inappropriate behavior, others were simply suspended. "This way the school gets to keep the tuition," he stated.

"It is actually easier working my current job, at a prison, because at least I know what kind of people I am working with," the former instructor stated. "That was not the case at Marine Military Academy."

In one affidavit, a 16-year-old Dallas County boy described a reign of terror inflicted on him by his classmates that included

two sexual assaults, being stabbed with a pair of scissors and being choked until he passed out.

The boy, who attended the academy in 1995, said he was sitting at his desk in his dorm room one day when a cadet came up behind him, "threw me on the floor and wrestled me, trying to put his penis in my mouth."

The boy said a similar incident occurred three days later. He said he reported all but the stabbing to his drill instructor and the assistant commandant of cadets. The boy said he also reported the assaults to the Harlingen police.

In another affidavit, a 17-year-old Dallas County resident, who attended the academy from September 1994 through May 1995, said he once was speaking on the telephone to his mother when a cadet pulled down his shorts and "ejaculated semen into my ear." He said the incident was reported to his drill instructor.

A 20-year-old Dallas County man, who attended the school in 1994-95, said he once got into a fight with another cadet who hit him up to 30 times on each side of his head, rupturing his eardrums. The man said he did

not see a doctor until two days later.

In a separate statement, the man's mother said academy officials failed to inform her of the beating and that after she learned of it, tried to discourage her from coming to see her son.

She said the fight "was not of major concern to me, but to find out how severely he had been beaten and that there was apparently no adult authority available over a 48-hour period to discover his injuries made me madder than hell."

The plaintiffs contend the alleged abuse occurs because the academy accepts juvenile delinquents to boost enrollment and revenue.

However, academy officials said school policy prohibits the admission of students with criminal records.

"We do know that parents lie sometimes and occasionally a kid who has had past trouble has been admitted. But the school definitely does not want problem kids," said William Gary, a retired Marine who founded the academy and serves as executive vice chairman of the board of trustees.

But one parent said he withdrew his son for that very reason.

"The school was heading in the wrong direction by admitting bad young men," said Dan Alfaro, a Corpus Christi attorney who withdrew his son after the alleged throat-slashing. "A lot of kids are selling amphetamines, cocaine. I was quite naive."

Academy President Harold Glasgow said security had been tightened on campus in recent weeks, with locks and alarms being installed in the dormitories.

"We'll do anything we can to restore faith in everybody and go on with a program that's been pretty successful," he said.

In the meantime, many parents said they will stand behind the school and its ideals.

"Military school is not for everyone, and it's unfortunate the few it did not work for are playing it out in the press," said Leslie Pritchard of Dallas, whose 16-year-old son has attended the academy since September.

Pritchard said the school had improved her son's poor study habits and "turned his life around."

"They have given him the structure, the discipline, the motivation. It's really a great thing."

## Legislative snafu will result in child molesters being allowed early release

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Dozens of convicted child molesters could walk free under a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling.

The court decided Wednesday the felons are eligible for an early-release program, drawing criticism from law enforcement, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"It's obviously a very serious ruling and will have definite implications," parole board Chairman Victor Rodriguez said. "The end result of this could have an impact on public safety."

Rodriguez estimated several hundred convicted sex offenders could go free under the ruling. Once prisons release the convicts on mandatory supervision, parole officers supervise them, similar to convicts who are paroled.

The Legislature had tried to exclude child molesters from the program, but the court ruled lawmakers could not apply a new law retroactively.

The decision overturned rul-

ings by prison officials and Attorney General Dan Morales that barred child molesters from participating in Texas' controversial mandatory supervision law.

According to the court, the problem is this: When the Legislature revised the mandatory supervision law in 1993, the crime of indecency with a child was not on the list of crimes for which offenders were ineligible for mandatory supervision.

When the omission was discovered a year ago, after a convicted molester challenged his having been barred from the program, legislative leaders admitted they had made a mistake.

The ruling came in an appeal filed by Randy Sullivan Schroeter, who received a three-year sentence in Brazoria County for indecency with a child.

The crime occurred in 1994, Schroeter was convicted in 1995 and he entered prison Dec. 19,

1995.

According to the ruling, Schroeter has accrued almost five years of time credits — enough for him to have been released on mandatory supervision long ago, his attorney argued.

The court agreed, ordering prison officials to release him immediately on mandatory supervision — unless he had lost accumulated time credits because of misbehavior in prison since the appeal was filed.

Rodriguez and Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said prison officials plan to examine the ruling more closely after Thanksgiving before deciding whether to release Schroeter or anyone else.

Neither Schroeter's attorney, Louis Gimbort, nor Brazoria County District Attorney Jerome Aldrich could be reached for comment Wednesday.

## State using billboards to help consumers

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Texas Department of Insurance is using billboard advertising to help boost interest in a statewide program intended to help homeowners fight insurance discrimination.

Billboards marketing TDI's Market Assistance Program will go up Monday at three Houston locations as well as in Austin.

The billboards, costing about \$2,000 each, will stay up for three months and are meant to inform Texans who have had trouble getting insurance for their homes that the department could help.

The message says: "Can't buy insurance? Call now! 1-888-799-MAPP. Texas Department of Insurance."

The success of the Houston, Austin and South Texas cam-

paigns will determine whether TDI orders billboards in other areas, the department said.

TDI set up the program last fall after lawmakers approved it in 1995. It is intended to fight redlining, the illegal practice of denying insurance policies in poor, old or minority-dominated neighborhoods.

The insurance department expected applications from thousands of homeowners. But in the first year, fewer than a dozen policies have been issued in the 427 ZIP codes targeted by the program.

Critics of the MAP, mostly insurance industry representatives, said the lack of interest shows homeowners are not having trouble finding coverage. They argue that the lack of response calls into question

accusations of widespread redlining.

"If the billboards advertising the MAP do not generate a large response from homeowners, then the fact should be established that the availability of homeowners insurance in Texas is more a problem of perception than reality," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

Consumer representatives said the assistance program is failing because insurance companies aren't forced to participate.

In the program, homeowners rejected for insurance at least twice by licensed insurers are matched up with an insurance company willing to issue a policy.

## UP jam costs state \$762 million

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A logjam on Union Pacific rail tracks has cost Texas businesses about \$762 million and could cost a total of \$1.3 billion if not resolved soon, according to a new report from a University of North Texas professor.

The Texas Railroad Commission asked economics professor Bernard Weinstein to examine the impact of Union Pacific's rail jam on industries dependent on rail transportation.

A backup on the Nebraska-based railroad's tracks started earlier this year after a series of accidents and smaller jams. The company had promised to resolve the problem by Thanksgiving, but has said it will not meet that self-imposed deadline.

John Bromley, a Union Pacific spokesman, said the railroad believes Weinstein's report overestimates the cost. He added however, that the railroad has not undertaken an independent study.

"It's very difficult for us to comment," Bromley said. "We have no way of verifying the accuracy of that report."

Analysis earlier this month showed the logjam costing shippers across the country at least \$1 billion.

In Texas, Weinstein's report said that among the costs of higher shipping delays, higher shipping rates and lost production are:

- The chemical industry \$289.2 million in lost production and freight charges since June.
- Texas farmers \$100 million.
- Texas paper and forest product companies \$208 million.

"The report confirms our worst fears," said Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson. "The rail problems plaguing Union Pacific are snowballing into an economic disaster for Texas."

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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Big Spring High School football team members JEFF DENTON, ANTWOYNE EDWARDS AND BROCK GEE, and TYRON DAVIS, KYLE HERM, JODY LAUDER, CHAD SMITH, JEREMY SMITH AND JAMES TAYLOR of Stanton for being nominated for the Associated Press All-State football team.
- The STANTON BUFFALOES and SANDS MUSTANGS for winning their area playoff games and advancing in the state football playoffs.
- BIG SPRING'S STEERS, for a successful 8-4 record this football season.
- SALVATION ARMY officials, for providing more than 150 baskets of food for needy people during the organization's first-ever Thanksgiving food drive.
- LONNIE SMITH, SCOTT KNIFFEN, BARRY HOOPER AND BILLY HAMMITT, named finalists for the Big Spring Police Department chief's position.
- All those involved with constructing the new deck at the Big Spring, including WAL-MART, inmates with the WILDERNESS PROJECT and CAVAN McMAHON of McMAHON CONCRETE.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you, Big Spring Herald, for the article on Big Spring's lack of effort to attract a playoff game that appeared on the front page.

I know the cost of doing a truthful article about playoff games. This is not the first time the school official in question has volleyed the "play off game ball" back at the chamber.

I think Ron Logback is entitled to a day off as is Coach Dwight Butler, however, our community is entitled to a "windfall" of having a play off game here at Memorial Stadium.

If I owned a restaurant, I would have already been on the agenda for the next meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

As a small business owner that seems to be getting smaller, it is my hope and prayer that our school board will stop the ambivalence and be sensitive to the small business owners of the business community. Mr. Logback makes almost \$70,000 a year and you would think he could manage to find a "back up" for when he is away, or is there a possibility that he is a scapegoat of a much bigger problem in that our school administration really just doesn't care?

I have been assured by Glynna Mouton and Steve Fraser that this subject will be discussed. I hope that we will see a concerted effort on behalf of both the chamber and the school and the civic clubs that we can get our head out of the sand and face the problem head on!

DAVE WRINKLE  
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the gracious people of our wonderful city. Big Spring has always been known as the crossroads of West Texas and what better a way for us to publicize the tale of our city by being known as the small West Texas town with a BIG heart, and the friendliest neighbors around. I take the greatest pleasure in

knowing that I am a part of such a wonderful community. During the period of Oct. 27 through Nov. 21, The Carriage Inn, Northside Community Center and The Salvation Army in partnership with several area businesses joined forces to run the first ever community wide canned food drive to benefit local needy families through both agencies. The Northside Community Center was able to stock their bare shelves and continue to aid the need in their area and The Salvation Army was able to provide 151 food baskets to local needy families for Thanksgiving and provide a community dinner on Thanksgiving Day from noon to 3 p.m. It was through the inspiration of Mrs. Adrienne Shott-Deleon of The Carriage Inn that this drive came about. On behalf of all the children in our needy families that will have a happier Thanksgiving I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Deleon for being our light for a brighter holiday season. I would also like to thank the following businesses for all your dedication and help to make this a great big success: The Big Spring Herald, Carriage Inn, Norwest Bank, KBST, The Federal Correction Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, The VA Hospital, Malone Hogan Clinic, Western Container, Big Spring State Hospital, Signal Homes, First Big Spring Banking Center, Proffitt Day Care, Al's & Son Barbecue, Big Spring Police Department, Allstate Insurance, Pollard Chevrolet, Howard College, Johansens Nursery, Movie Warehouse, Premiere Video, Bob Brock Ford, Pizza Inn, Big Spring Mall, Texas Department of Human Services, Best Home Care, Sands Gifted & Talented Class and Fina Refinery. Special thanks to those who helped to pick up these collection sites: Roy Davis, Tony Castillo, Major Roy Tolcher, Adrienne and Eddie Deleon and let's not forget the most important ones — each and everyone of you that took the time to donate to the cause. May God bless all of you for helping your neighbor.

DANELLE CASTILLO  
Director of Social Services  
The Salvation Army

Social Security came out of Great Depression

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of columns by 17th District Congressman Charlie Stenholm on the Social Security system.

When the Stock Market collapsed in 1929, it set in motion economic conditions we know today as the Great Depression. With millions thrown out of work, families found it increasingly difficult to care for their older or disabled relatives. Churches and other organizations which traditionally had provided assistance to families were overwhelmed by requests for aid. These tremendous burdens prompted Congress to consider legislation creating a social



Charlie Stenholm  
U.S. Congressman

insurance program to guarantee financial security to older or unemployed Americans. Overwhelming bipartisan support for measure (372-33 in the House; 77-6 in the Senate) assured its passage. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law on Aug. 14, 1935.

The original Social Security Act provided "old age" insurance to the elderly and created a system of unemployment insurance to be administered by the states. Workers and their employers each were required to contribute a matching percentage of income as a premium for the old-age insurance. Upon reaching age 65, workers who had paid into the system could expect to receive a monthly benefit for the rest of their lives. Interestingly (and not coincidentally), average life expectancy in 1935 was not quite 62 years.

Originally, only workers in commerce and industry were required to pay 1 percent of their incomes up to a maxi-

mum contribution of \$300 annually. Subsequent amendments expanded the list of professions required to pay into the system as well as the percentage of income and the maximum contribution. Today, virtually all workers must pay 6.2 percent of their incomes up to a maximum contribution of \$4,054.80 annually and very few professions now are exempted. For example, the President, Members of Congress, farm workers and some clergy pay Social Security taxes just like everyone else. Consistent with the original legislation, employers still are required to match their employees' contributions. Self-employed individuals must pay 12.4 percent.

What happens to the taxes paid to Social Security? The funds are credited to the Social Security Trust Fund and a large portion of the receipts are immediately paid back out in the form of benefits to current beneficiaries. In reality, today's workers are taxed in order to pay today's beneficia-

ries, a system referred to as "pay-as-you-go." The system has been sustainable as long as those in the workforce significantly outnumber those receiving benefits and workers have been willing to be taxed at rates sufficient to sustain benefits for current beneficiaries. Obviously, this system cannot last if the worker-to-recipient changes significantly and, unfortunately, the problem will become increasingly critical over the next decade.

Social Security's future problems are the result of one major factor: demographics. In other words, more of us are living longer at the same time proportionally fewer babies are being born. This trend will come to a crisis point when the Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) begin to retire in about 15 years. Understanding this dilemma is crucial to understanding how Social Security works and what it will be like in the future.

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The case against school vouchers

By BOB CHASE  
For Scripps Howard News Service

Think of vouchers as the 3 percent solution. Even the most generous of voucher schemes would enable only about 3 percent of the students now attending public schools to switch to private schools with the aid of a taxpayer-funded stipend.

Ah, but will that 3 percent receive a better education? Based on the preliminary findings of voucher experiments in Milwaukee and Cleveland, the answer to this question is a resounding, "Not necessarily." So far, the vouchered students have not shown any detectable academic improvement over their public school peers.

In other words, vouchers are a cruel hoax when dangled before poor parents as the promise of improving their children's education. Very few poor parents will ever receive a voucher under the schemes currently proposed, and if they do, their children will not necessarily benefit.

Most important, vouchers will do nothing for the 97 percent of students who remain in the public schools. This is probably why Americans, ever a pragmatic people, have voted down voucher schemes every time they have appeared on the ballot. In Washington State in 1996, California in 1993, Colorado in 1992, and Oregon in 1990, voters defeated vouchers by margins of more than 2-1.

A voucher will not fix a school's leaky roof or crumbling wall; it will not provide a single public school student with a better teacher. And given the rising tide of student enrollment headed for our

schools powered by the baby boom echo and increased immigration, vouchers will not even reduce classroom overcrowding. In fact, somewhat like a low-grade virus, vouchers will only drain energy and resources from the public schools.

America's many excellent public schools are healthy enough to survive a voucher virus. Their parental and community support is strong, and their financial foundations solid. But the already weakened schools in economically ailing rural and urban communities are another matter. Under a voucher scheme, as education author Herbert Kohl has noted, "The children of the poorest and least empowered will be abandoned to residue schools that function as mere warehouses."

While the majority of American public schools are succeeding, as our rising SAT, ACT, and other test scores attest, some schools are failing — especially schools that serve primarily poor children.

We cannot treat this problem with tokens and gimmicks such as vouchers or educational IRAs. We must treat the failure of poor children's schools for what it truly is — a national disgrace. Not a tragedy — tragedy in the classical sense is inevitable — but a disgrace, because these schools do not have to fail.

The United States is resourceful enough and rich enough to provide every child with a quality education. Concerned citizens, parents, teachers, administrators, and other school employees, working together, can turn the most troubled school around. But we must

recognize the magnitude of the challenge. Unless we bring the deep moral commitment and unselfish determination of the civil rights movement to the goal of providing every child in America with a quality education, it will never happen.

There is too much to overcome: the inequitable distribution of educational resources, chronically low expectations for students from so-called disadvantaged backgrounds, and bureaucratic malpractices that keep qualified teachers out of poor students' classrooms.

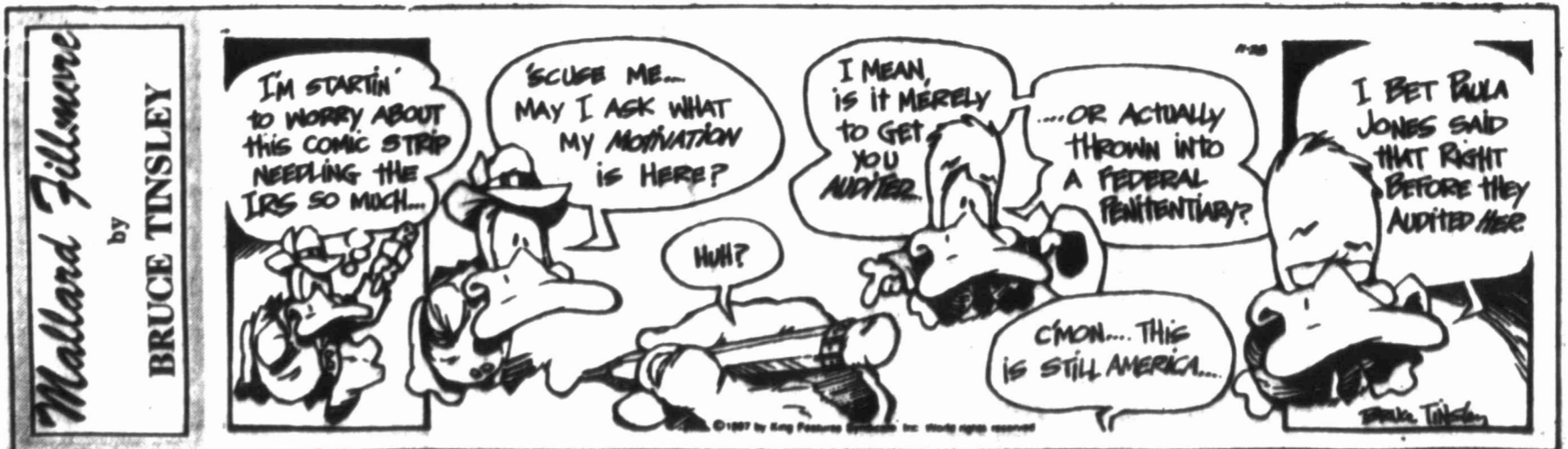
To paraphrase Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the test of our progress will not be whether we add more to the abundance of those schools who have much; it will be whether we provide enough for the children who have too little.

States can level up school funding to help those districts with a low property tax base. Educators, school boards, and communities can agree on high academic and discipline standards so that all students are given an opportunity to prepare for our increasingly competitive and unforgiving adult society.

Reform-minded citizens and school employees can shake up dysfunctional school systems and make them refocus on what matters most: a well prepared and inspired teacher in every class.

America's children, every one of them, deserve our 100 percent effort.

(Bob Chase is the president of the National Education Association, which represents 2.3 million public school and college employees.)



## Four injured as wind buffets Macy's Thanksgiving parade balloons

NEW YORK (AP) — Big Bird's wings were clipped, the Pink Panther went pft and the Cat in the Hat knocked down a street-light, injuring four people, as strong winds wreaked havoc on the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Only one injury was serious, though it didn't appear life-threatening, authorities said.

Most of the 17 balloons, which normally float three to four stories above the street, never got more than a few feet off the ground. Their handlers —

Macy's employees and relatives who volunteer for the duty — struggled desperately to keep their inflated charges under control along the 2-mile parade route.

"We lost an ear at Columbus Circle and the head in the theater district. It's amazing we made it this far," said Carmela Slivinski, one of the volunteer handlers. "It was a real battle. I wouldn't want to do this again."

An estimated 1 million spectators lined the route from Manhattan's upper West Side to

Macy's flagship store at Herald Square in midtown. Several balloons arrived at the department store visibly damaged by 40 mph gusts, which howled in from side streets and whipped the floats from side to side.

Police said the Cat in the Hat, a Dr. Seuss character that has been in the annual procession for several years, skewed into a lamppost on Central Park West at 72nd Street, a few blocks from the start. It knocked off the light section, which fell into the crowd standing 12 to 15 deep

along the sidewalk, according to witnesses.

Two women were taken to a hospital with head injuries. One was in serious condition, the other stable, a spokesman said. Two other people went to a hospital with minor injuries.

Even before the parade began, winds shredded a giant Flying Fish balloon and damaged several others as the procession was being readied. The Pink Panther was pulled from the parade after it went flat in Times Square.

The parade, a holiday tradition started in 1924, was only suspended three times — from 1942 through 1944 — because of World War II.

In 1993, winds caused the 64-foot tall Sonic the Hedgehog to crash into a lamppost and explode. The falling debris injured an off-duty police officer and a 10-year-old girl.

High winds also caused problems in Philadelphia's parade. Organizers there scratched the two- and three-story balloons, including Garfield, Yogi Bear

and the Cat in the Hat. Smaller balloons, in shapes of stars and balls, were tough to handle in the 45 mph gusts.

As usual, many people camped out overnight in New York to nail down good vantage points.

Joseph Evans, of Cleveland, and his daughter Faith, 12, and son Joe, 8, watched from the second-floor La Villa Pizzeria in Herald Square. "We found the best seat in the house," Evans said. "And the pizza's not bad, either."

## Prosecutors, Nichols' attorneys to discuss FBI laboratory tests

DENVER (AP) — Prosecutors and Terry Nichols' attorneys have big expectations for a tiny piece of a truck panel.

About the size of a piece of paper, it is one of the parts left from the Ryder truck that prosecutors say was used to haul an ammonium nitrate and fertilizer bomb to Oklahoma City, where it destroyed the federal building, killing 168 people.

Prosecutors believe the panel piece will help convince Nichols' jurors of his guilt because it contains ammonium nitrate crystals — the same material that prosecutors said Nichols kept in storage bins in Kansas.

Defense attorneys contend the panel may have been contaminated, possibly in the FBI lab where it was tested. They also have laid the groundwork for a claim that FBI analysts concentrated on the ammonium nitrate-and-fuel bomb theory, discarding any other possibilities.

The panel is one of the pieces of evidence that witnesses were expected to discuss today when testimony resumed after a one-day Thanksgiving recess. The trial will convene for a half day, as has been the practice every Friday.

Prosecutors planned to call FBI chemist Steven Burmeister to discuss lab tests done on bomb evidence, including the truck panel and Kansas storage bins where Nichols and Timothy McVeigh allegedly stored fertilizer and fuel oil before the April 19, 1995, blast.

Prosecutors said they likely will conclude their case against Nichols next week.

The bomb evidence has been a sore spot for prosecutors since a Justice Department report issued in April criticized the FBI explosives lab for the way some of the pieces were handled.

The report concluded a top

explosives expert made scientifically invalid conclusions about the size and components of the bomb. It criticized another FBI scientist for failing to examine McVeigh's shirt through a microscope before conducting other tests on it.

In McVeigh's trial, prosecutors opted not to call either scientist, relying instead on testimony from Burmeister.

Prosecutors say Nichols and McVeigh, who shared a hatred of the federal government, stuffed ammonium nitrate and racing fuel oil into barrels and packed them inside a Ryder rental truck on April 18, 1995, near Herington, Kan.

McVeigh then drove the truck to Oklahoma City and detonated it outside the federal building.

Nichols, 42, could be sentenced to death if convicted of murder and conspiracy. McVeigh, 29, received the death penalty after being convicted of identical charges in June.

## Beavis and Butt-Head dead (heh, heh)

NEW YORK (AP) — Beavis and Butt-Head, R.I.P.

Born: March 8, 1993. Died: November 28, 1997. They were 14.

A suggested epitaph from their creator, Mike Judge: "They never scored."

Our nation's most beloved (or despised) head-banging, video-addicted, hormonally challenged, underachieving, fire-loving, fast food-serving delinquents are hanging it up after

4 fun-filled (or frightening) years on MTV.

Why cut down the inventors of frog baseball, the two dimmest bulbs at Highland High, before they ever turn twenty-something?

"It's funny," says Judge, the mind behind (heh, heh) the menace once labeled "Comic Cretins" by The New York Times. "I can imagine them down to babies, and I can imagine them 60 years old. But I

have trouble imagining those adult years."

What Judge jokingly refers to as "Beavis and Butt-head's Last Waltz" is actually titled "Beavis and Butt-head Are Dead." The finale airs Friday night.

The boys don't really die; MTV is not about to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. Expect B&B to appear in reruns indefinitely and in the occasional special.

## Police to question California armored guard shooting suspect in Utah jail

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An armored car guard suspected of killing his partner and stealing their cargo eluded a two-day manhunt that included a raid on his motel, and was finally caught on a routine traffic stop.

Thomas Wheelock, 20, was stopped for a registration violation Thursday just north of Salt Lake City by a Utah Highway Patrol officer. He surrendered calmly, police said.

He was held in Farmington, Utah, on suspicion of homicide and robbery.

Police say Wheelock shot and killed his 30-year-old partner, Rodrigo Cortez, late Monday or early Tuesday morning, taking \$300,000 and leaving Cortez's bloody corpse and the armored car in San Ramon, Calif., on the east side of San Francisco Bay.

Police found most of the money hidden under a mattress in a Sacramento, Calif., hotel room in a pre-dawn raid on Wednesday, though they just missed Wheelock. On Tuesday, they arrested an alleged accomplice.

Wheelock, who had shaved his head, was found with just a few hundred dollars and was not carrying a gun, Sgt. Wayne Gifford said. Wheelock surrendered calmly.

"Spending money, that was just in his pockets," Gifford

said.

Oakland authorities arrived in Utah on Thursday night to question Wheelock and to search his Ford Bronco. An extradition hearing was to be held today, Gifford said.

Wheelock had last been seen in Red Bluff, Calif., two days earlier when a California Highway Patrol officer helped him with a broken-down vehicle, not realizing who Wheelock was until the next day.

A SWAT team apparently just missed Wheelock in a pre-dawn raid Wednesday at the motel room, but found most of the money.

Wheelock worked at Armored Transport for less than two months, and was on probation for a 1995 misdemeanor robbery, according to the FBI.

## Consumer groups say AT&T broke rates promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T should lower prices for some calls because the company has broken a promise to cut rates for many of its 80 million residential customers, consumer groups said.

"Enough is enough," the Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America said in a letter asking the FCC to act.

The request for FCC action follows a new pricing plan AT&T implemented earlier this month for the residential customers who don't take part in discounted calling plans such as One Rate.

Those basic customers were charged a single rate depending on the time of day, regardless of the distance. For years, the industry has used distance to price calls.

Consumers Union said at the time that the plan would raise prices for evening, nighttime and early morning calls made on weekdays.

AT&T said what customers pay will depend on when they call but the company won't earn any more.

"We've already acknowledged some customers will pay more, some less," company spokesman Jim McGann said.

For instance, AT&T gave its basic customers more time during the weekend to make calls under the plan's lowest charge of 13 cents a minute, he said.

The consumer groups want AT&T to charge:

- 16 cents a minute for week-day calls made between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., rather than the current 28 cents a minute.

- 13 cents a minute for week-day calls from 11 p.m. and 8 a.m., instead of the current 16 cents a minute.

- 13 cents a minute for week-day calls between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., which now cost 28 cents a minute.

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# Truth Commission criticizes Winnie Mandela's former bodyguards

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The power that Winnie Madikizela-Mandela used to wield was evident Thursday in the muted testimony of witnesses before a panel investigating apartheid-era atrocities.

A string of ruling-party leaders, clerics and the former personal physician of President Nelson Mandela avoided any direct accusations against his ex-wife in speaking of the murders, beatings, rapes and other abuses allegedly perpetrated by her former bodyguards in the Soweto black township.

Only one witness challenged Madikizela-Mandela on the fourth day of her hearing before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, accusing her of at least encouraging torture and murder — and perhaps participating.

Safety and Security official Azhar Cachalia concluded his statement by saying the commission should recommend that anyone convicted of such abuses be barred from holding public office. The hearing room burst into applause when he finished.

Meanwhile, the British Broadcasting Co. reported Thursday that a convicted murderer will testify that Madikizela-Mandela masterminded the killing of a doctor who had refused to give her documents she hoped would allay suspicion about her involvement in the killing of a suspected teen-age informant.

Madikizela-Mandela, 63, is running for deputy president of the governing African National Congress next month and, if successful, could become deputy president of the country after the next national elections in 1999.

The Truth Commission is investigating apartheid-era human rights abuses for a report it will compile next year aimed at promoting reconciliation. It lacks the power to press criminal charges, but can turn

over evidence to police for investigation.

Commission chairman Desmond Tutu and other panel members expressed impatience with most of the testimony Thursday.

"Sometimes answers are not as straight as we had hoped they would be," said Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner for his anti-apartheid activism.

Relatives of victims and others have testified this week about a reign of terror conducted by Madikizela-Mandela's bodyguards, called the Mandela United Football Club, a decade ago in the name of political solidarity.

Resentment grew so strong that Soweto residents set fire to Madikizela-Mandela's house in 1988. Leaders of the anti-apartheid movement responded by forming a "crisis committee" that tried to disband the football club and prevent damage to the reputation of Nelson Mandela, who was then a prisoner of the white-led apartheid government.

But leaders of the crisis committee, all former activists who worked with Madikizela-Mandela before, offered few new details Thursday on their failure to prevent the abductions and beatings of four young men. One of the four, 14-year-old Stompie Seipei, accused of being a police informant, was later found murdered.

In 1991, Madikizela-Mandela was sentenced to six years in prison for kidnapping and assault in the case involving Seipei and the other three young men. Her sentence was reduced to a \$3,200 fine.

Commission members accused the crisis committee members of having tried to cover up the problems.

"I would like to have a clear idea of how your interests, ambitions and aspirations affected (you) in not taking rigorous steps," said Hlengiwe Mkhize, a commission member. One crisis committee mem-

ber, the Rev. Frank Chikane, a top official in Deputy President Thabo Mbeki's office, insisted the committee had few options. Some members of the football club were operatives for the banned African National Congress, and police then were agents of apartheid rulers, he noted.

In his interview with the BBC broadcast Thursday, jailed murderer Cyril Mbatha said Madikizela-Mandela handed him and others a gun to carry out the January 1989 murder of Dr. Abu Asvat.

"The gun that killed Dr. Asvat, we get it from Mrs. Mandela's hands," Mbatha said in the interview from a South African prison.

Mbatha said she wanted Asvat killed because the doctor refused to provide false medical records that would help her avoid suspicion in the death of Stompie Seipei, a 14-year-old boy who had been accused of informing to the police, the BBC reported.

Asked why he should be believed, Mbatha replied, "What I am trying to do is to be fair to the people who are suffering from the results of what I have done."

The report, which referred to Mbatha by the first name Zakele, said Madikizela-Mandela had offered the gunmen the equivalent of \$6,000 for the killing.

In September, the other man convicted in the Abu Asvat murder, Thulani Dlamini, named Madikizela-Mandela as the person behind the slaying.

Madikizela-Mandela ordered Dlamini and Mbatha to carry out the killing, South Africa's Mail and Guardian newspaper quoted Dlamini as saying.

An affidavit by a Katiza Cebekhulu, a former bodyguard for the prominent political activist, made the identical allegation, the newspaper said.

Madikizela-Mandela has always denied any involvement in the killing.

Dlamini and Mbatha were arrested after Asvat's killing and sentenced to death. Their sentences were later commuted to life imprisonment when South Africa banned capital punishment.

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# Iraq: Weapons inspectors visit 96 sites, nothing illegal discovered at all

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. inspectors charged with overseeing the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have visited 96 sites and found nothing illegal since resuming work late last week, the official news agency said today.

Eight inspection teams visited 13 of the sites today across Iraq "with the full cooperation of the Iraqis," the Iraqi News Agency reported. Three sites were under the surveillance of U.N. camera monitors.

The U.N. inspectors have not revealed results of their searches since they resumed Saturday.

INA quoted an unidentified spokesman of Iraq's National Monitoring committee as saying inspectors "did not find or see any activity or material out of the ordinary."

The news agency also criticized the inspectors for going ahead with their work on the Muslim Sabbath.

"Having no respect for the official holiday of Iraq, the Arabs and Muslims, the inspectors decided to continue their work even on Friday," INA said.

Also today, a pro-government Iraqi newspaper said Baghdad's recent decision to allow international observers to visit Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces surpasses Iraq's obligations toward dismantling its weapons.

Iraq earlier said it would open the palaces to U.N. Security Council representatives and the U.N. weapons inspection team to disprove suspicions the buildings house chemical and biological weapons.

But on Thursday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Sa'ed al-Sahhaf declared that U.N. weapons monitors were not invited.

The invitation "to visit the people's palaces and command sites gives the inspection commission and the Security Council more than what is required to do their job," the Zawya newspaper said.

Limited access to the palaces

contributed to the recent three-week crisis between Iraq and the United Nations, in which American inspectors were expelled from Iraq and the United States escalated its military presence in the region.

After accusing the American inspectors of spying, Saddam forced them to leave Iraq on Nov. 13. A day later, the United Nations withdrew non-American inspectors in protest.

Saddam accepted the return of 75 inspectors — including four Americans — in exchange for Russia's pushing for the lifting of sanctions the United Nations imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in 1990. The sanctions have devastated the economy.

U.N. inspectors say they must have access to the palaces to complete their job of overseeing the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. In line with conditions imposed at the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, only then will the United Nations lift the sanctions.

Iraq has refused, calling it a question of national sovereignty.

Al-Sahhaf said the invitation to visit the palaces was to international experts and diplomats — and not the U.N. inspectors in the country.

Pressed on whether the delegation would be granted unrestricted access to the palaces, al-Sahhaf said: "There is nothing in these places. We will take them to every place."

A senior White House official said the inspectors "must have unconditional and unfettered access" to the palaces, which are believed to number in the dozens. President Clinton has put the number at 78.

Meanwhile, mosques across the capital, Baghdad, held sermons today condemning the U.S. One preacher called for an armed struggle.

"Carry arms and fight those who do not fear God and don't respect human rights, (they are) the Americans," Sheik Bakr Abdel-Qader told worshippers at Baghdad's largest Abdel-Qader Gilani Mosque.

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## CHURCH NEWS

## Season of joy

### For some, this is the most difficult time of the year to cope

By J. ROGER HUFF  
Guest Columnist

### First United Methodist Church

"You Can't Sidestep Old John" (Mark 1:1-4) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the spiritual preparation we have to make if Christmas is to become truly our joy in celebrating the birth of Jesus and not just a tinsel holiday. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

Rehearsals for the Living Please see CHURCH, page 8A.

We are entering a season which is magically anticipated by some and dreadfully despised by others. For some, it is a season of family and friends, large overflowing tables of delightful food, heavenly music heard only once a year, and brightly colored decorations that light up a freshly cut tree in a living room warmed by the glow of well-aged oak logs in the fireplace. To others it is a time of miserable weather punctuated by an unusual number of people traversing the roads and long lines in the shopping centers, unwelcome greetings of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays," an unnecessary waste of electricity for silly decorations of Santa Clauses and ugly plastic Nativity Scenes,

the unending list of Christmas programs everywhere and most of all... a time of extreme loneliness. For some, this will be the hardest time of year. It will push many to the brink of depression and beyond. Even to the taking of their own lives. For that one who lost their spouse this year it will be a time of readjusting to the empty chair at the dinner table. For that family who went through a divorce, it will be a time of trying to make new memories in the absence of spouse and parent. For those who are single and live alone in a town too far from home, it will be a time of wanting to find the darkest corner in which to hide for several days or weeks until the lights and tinsel are once again safely stored in the attic. One cold night in the hills of Bethlehem, there was a couple

who experienced the homelessness of the homeless, the despair of the unwanted, and the fear of the lonely, as they found themselves in the only place that was made available to them — a cattle stall. In that stall, a baby was born who would bring hope to a hopeless world. There were no lights or decorations. Only the light of a star that shone over the little family who had no other place to stay. In that moment the whole course of life was to be changed. This baby would become a Savior for the world. He would become acquainted with grief and sorrow. He would become acquainted with the temptations of life. He would become acquainted with being homeless. He would become acquainted with ridicule and mockery. He would come to understand an unfair judicial system. He

would come to understand the agony of death. You see, this baby came to bring joy to the joyless and hope to the hopeless. He came to make those who are joyful more complete in their joy. This is the time of year I wish I could make joyful for everyone. That is not one of the things I can do. But I can introduce you to the one who has comforted me in my time of sorrow, given me hope in the middle of hopeless circumstances, given me joy when I thought all joy was gone, and been my friend during times of loneliness. As you dine with friends and family or find yourself home with no one around, remember the baby who grew up knowing how you feel right now. This season can be a time of joy for everyone, but you must know the joy giver... Jesus Christ! Roger Huff is pastor at First Church of the Nazarene.

## CLUB NEWS

### Howard County NAACP

The Howard County NAACP, Chapter 6251, held its monthly meeting on Nov. 10 at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building. Due to the upcoming holiday season, lots of items were discussed. The chapter voted to once again participate in the annual Christmas parade. This year NAACP float will attempt to educate the public in regards to the African harvest celebration called Kwanzaa. The NAACP will also participate in the Christmas Tree Forest. Our display at the tree forest will also involve Kwanzaa and will display and describe the various principles and symbols involved in this Afrocentric celebration. Anyone interested in helping with the float and/or the display for the tree forest please contact 264-0468. The chapter members also voted that in lieu of a Christmas banquet, members would gather for a potluck holiday dinner on Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

For details regarding the location and to RSVP please contact the same number. Any and all current, and past members as well as those interested in and dedicated to the goals of the NAACP are invited to join in on the holiday potluck as well as any of the other planned activities. The NAACP meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce building.

### Prospector's Club

The regular meeting of the Big Spring Prospector's Club was called off in November due to disagreeable stormy weather on Nov. 13. A called meeting Nov. 20 to elect officers for the coming year 1998 was conducted by Jerald Wilson, outgoing president.

The following officers will assume duty Jan. 1, 1998: president - Ralph Matteson; vice president - Bill Bohannon; sec./treas. - Lola Lamb (re-elected); show chairman - Jerald Wilson; directive board members are as follows - Myrtle Griffith, Elaine Matteson, Laurence Snively (carry overs), Joe Whitaker, Chester Faught, Mary Leek (two year electees).

The club will purchase group insurance through the South Central Society (of gems and minerals) as soon as more information is forthcoming.

Club voted to have the annual Christmas banquet at the local restaurant exact place to be secured. Date and time will be Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. unless these times have to be changed due to unavailable restaurant meeting room. Gifts will be exchanged by those wishing to participate; each woman to bring a woman's gift and each man to bring a man's gift.

Selection of a program is pending. Any member having suggestions, hints or comment should contact club secretary at 263-3340. Any help is always welcomed.

The club is an informal group of hobbyists with a common interest in gems, minerals, fossils lapidary work and all related subjects.

A report on the March 7 and 8, 1996, gem and mineral show was given by Jerald Wilson. Some dealers are already contacted. Please see CLUB, page 8A.

## 'Journey' ends Successful program will be repeated after first of 1998

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

For Sondra Qualls and Paula Lafler, an important journey has come to an end. The two local volunteers just completed leading a group through "Journey of Hope," a 12-week course for families of people with a major mental illness. It was the first time the course, which recently was renamed "Family to Family," has been taught in Big Spring. Lafler and Qualls agree it was a great success. "We had a great group," said Lafler. "They were very vocal about their problems and what was going on." The group of 10 family members met weekly for lessons, sharing and problem-solving. They were assured of confidentiality and, because Lafler and Qualls are also family members of people with mental illness — understanding. "We went into it with no expectations, because we had

never done it before," Lafler said. "I think they taught us a lot. We are really grateful to this group, because it was all so new to us, and without them, we couldn't have done it." Some of the issues addressed by the course included: coping skills, scientific advancements in treatment and advocacy. Students ranged in age from 30s to 70s. They were spouses, parents and siblings of people with either schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depression. "I think we saw improvement on some of the faces at the end," Qualls said. Most of the students attended all of the sessions, as they had been urged to do for best results. Two women drove weekly from Odessa for "Family to Family." On evaluations of the class, some students wrote that it should be extended. Others said they liked the fact that the leaders truly understood their prob-

Please see JOURNEY, page 8A.

## DAY OF CHRISTMAS FUN FOR KIDS



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Bob Rumpff, from left, Bryan Vincent, Jeff Davison and Lillian Bohannon of Eastside Baptist Church act out the parts they will play at the church's Vacation Bible School-Christmas style. This event on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. will allow parents to go shopping while their kids are entertained with crafts, games and Christian drama. Anyone is welcome. For information, call the church at 267-1915 or 263-7696.

## Woman gives away lottery prize, says 'God takes care of me'

"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." — Matthew 19:21

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Eleanor Boyer's house is paid for. She has her pension. And no, even though her 1968 Chevy Malibu is in the shop, she doesn't need a new car. What could she possibly want with the \$11.8 million she won this month in the state lottery? "God takes care of me," declared Ms. Boyer, a 73-year-old, never-married retiree who prides herself on her self-reliance and her unshakable faith. Ms. Boyer decided to make her newfound wealth a gift to everyone but herself, donating the \$8 million or so, after taxes, to her church and her town. Although the donation stunned the congregation at Church of the Immaculate

Conception and a community where the locals are kind enough to nod and smile at strangers, theologians said Ms. Boyer's gift should not surprise Christians who have faith. "We are constantly being called during the course of life to let go and to trust in God," said Monsignor David Lee of the Buffalo diocese. "In her heart, she is answering the call, to share what we have with those who are in need." But one of her pastors, Brian Nolan, said even the most giving souls don't necessarily give it all. "Your faith doesn't teach you to give all your wealth away," Nolan said. "There's just a deep spirit there." A week after reporters from around the nation descended on her modest, immaculate Cape Cod home, Ms. Boyer appeared bored by the questions. "I always said if I won I'd give half of it to the church,"

she said, shrugging in her faux fur hat and trench coat as she waited for a neighbor to drive her to a meeting with the church's financial adviser. Ms. Boyer has spent a lifetime of giving and praying, rising at 5:30 each day to pray at home, then at 7 a.m. Mass. She taught catechism classes and helped count collection money over the years for the 2,900-family congregation. She also nurtured those beyond her church family, taking early retirement from a chemical company where she worked as a buyer to nurse her sick mother for seven years. On her block, next-door neighbor Dave Allena says, "she's the one that shovels everybody's sidewalk" when it snows. Allena says he and other neighbors have had to persuade Ms. Boyer not to give every cent of her winnings to others because of the high taxes

charged to first-time millionaires in New Jersey. "She gives too much away. She's not going to be able to pay her tax liability," he said. "So they're going to come and take her house." But many organizations in this town of 12,000 about 50 miles west of New York City are celebrating a windfall, including the town's rescue squad, the volunteer fire department, and Great Expectations, a clinic where up to six homeless, pregnant women find shelter. "It's a dream come true," said clinic director Peg Wright of the donation. She says she wants to pay for a discharge plan that oversees the women's progress for a year after giving birth. The church hasn't decided how to spend its money. Ms. Boyer's giveaway may have been most shocking to the millions of Americans who

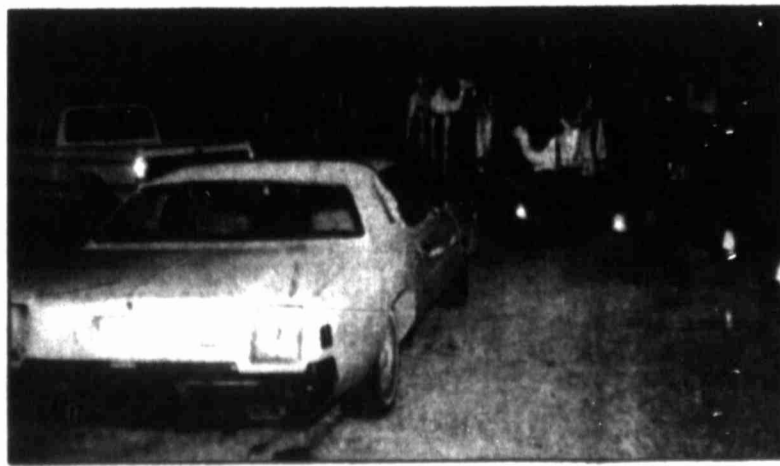
pray daily for a lucky number that will bring them new wealth and a new life. "It's sort of counterculture, because we hold out the promise of the lottery changing one's life, giving the answer to all one's problems," said Monsignor George Trabold, a former development director for the Newark archdiocese. "Her values were not really in material things. A new car is not going to make her a happier person." Ms. Boyer is far more interested in talking about how she almost didn't win the lottery. Every week, she religiously played \$2 on the Pick 6. She called it a donation to the state education fund rather than a gamble. "This time, I took \$5 worth," she said. "If I just took my \$2, the guy behind me would have won."

## SLICE OF LIFE

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### DRIVE-THROUGH NATIVITY SET

First Church of the Nazarene's live drive-through nativity is set for Dec. 11-14, 6:30-9:30 p.m. This unique performance of the nativity includes live actors and animals portraying various scenes. A cassette tape to be played in the car accompanies the story. For more information, call the church at 167-7015.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Concho Christmas Dec. 5

San Angelo's Concho Christmas kicks off Dec. 5 along the Concho River and throughout the town's historic district. Dec. 5 is also the opening of Christmas at Old Fort Concho, continuing through Dec. 7.

#### Remember the Settles?

What are your memories of Big Spring's landmark, the Settles? Put your thoughts in writing and send them to us for an upcoming feature. Send your memories to: Settles Memories, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX, 79720.

### THE LAST WORD

Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted, but getting what you have, which once you have got it, you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known.

Garrison Keillor

As the ravenous leopard needs to stealthily focus on its prey in order to feast, the athlete, hungry for excellence, must totally concentrate on the task at hand if success is to be devoured.

H. Cheng  
(Chinese philosopher)

## Church builders enjoy creating hope for others

By **DARREN VICTORY**  
Corsicana Daily Sun

**MILDRED** — Traveling through the night to reach their destination, they come with sleeves rolled and hammers in hand. A mission to deliver hope to others lies before them as the headlights shine upon yet another mile marker.

"You'd think a group of retired people would be boarding a bus to go to Branson, but here they are putting on their overalls, grabbing their tools, climbing up on trussels and working from 7:30 a.m. through the day," said Tony Neal, pastor of Mildred Baptist Church. "And they do all of this for nothing except the blessing that comes along with it."

Mildred is located about 50 miles south of Dallas.

Volunteer Christian Builders, formed in 1963 when a small church in Colorado asked a group of friends to help with the construction of a church building, now boasts more than 2000 members nationwide. The predominately Southern Baptist volunteers pay their own expenses on each project, and are not funded by any church

or organization. Watching from roadside, the scene is likened to that of an old-fashioned barn raising in pioneer days. Camping in recreational vehicles and stashing enough money for fuel and expenses, individuals and families feel they have been "led" to this work by a higher power.

Two weeks ago, a band of these volunteers from as far away as Illinois arrived at First Baptist Church of Mildred. Focused on the task before them, the men and women filled the church property as they unloaded tools and equipment from the convoy of travel trailers and campers.

Directly in front of the existing church structure sat only a slab of concrete, a mere foundation where many prayed they would someday be blessed with a congregational home. The sound of driving nails and humming saws filled the air throughout the past two weeks; now all is silent save the melody of "Amazing Grace" emanating from the building on Sunday morning. The more than 30 men and women laid their hammers to rest Friday, but not before an 8600-square-foot structure was firmly

placed upon the solid ground. Soon, the banging and sawing will be replaced with songs of praise.

"We have people out here from east Texas, north Texas, Louisiana and Chicago," Earl Meeks, volunteer from Fort Worth said at the construction site. "A lot of people have probably wondered about why we do all of this, but it's no different than when a pastor is called by the Lord to preach; we do it because we are called to do it."

Meeks and numerous other volunteers have dedicated their lives to the church-building ministry. From every facet of daily life, they have come together to make a difference in the lives of others. Most are retirees, others have everyday jobs waiting for them at home, but all have one purpose — growth of the Christian ministry.

"A lot of these people take their vacation time every year to come to these sites and work," Meeks said. "There have been several times when people have come and brought their entire family. We've even had the teen-agers help carry lumber, clean up and do other things. It's really pretty amaz-

ing to see how everything comes together."

For most, two meals a day and an encouraging hug wouldn't come close to the payment they would expect after two weeks of back-breaking construction work.

But these men and women see themselves as servants of the gospel, ministers in overalls who look back years later and receive the fruits of their labor.

Their wallets may sometimes feel light between their fingers, but that doesn't matter to them, for they seek a crown not made of earthly stone.

George and Virginia Burton, of Greenville, have been with the ministry for the last seven years.

After George retired, the couple invested \$50,000 in a travel trailer, and soon after hit the open road. From Virginia to Wisconsin, Florida to Canada, the two have traveled toward a heavenly reward.

"What makes us do it? The man upstairs," Burton said as he pointed a finger to the clouds. "We don't receive money for this, but what we do receive is something much more valuable."

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Christmas Tree are Dec. 1, 2, 4 and 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. The last rehearsal is Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. All interested people are encouraged to participate, and call the church for more information. The performances for the Living Christmas Tree are Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be picked up (as long as they last) in the church office after both services, and on or after Monday, Dec. 1. As a gift to the city of Big Spring, tickets are free but you must have a ticket to attend.

### First Christian

Join us this Sunday morning at First Christian Church for a 'Hanging of the Greens' service during the 10:50 a.m. worship. The sanctuary will be decorated during this service in celebration of the beginning of the

Advent Season. We will sing Christmas carols and the Chancel Choir will present special music as we remember again the meaning of Advent as found through the traditional symbols of the church.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Christian Women's Fellowship will have their meeting and program at noon in the fellowship hall. Rev. Paula Brooks will be bringing a special Christmas program.

### Outreach Aglow

Big Spring Outreach Aglow will meet Monday, 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center. Speaker will be Rhonda Harding, president of Big Spring Area Women's Aglow. Refreshments are provided at \$1.25 a plate from 6:15-7 p.m. Nursery is available at Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM-700.

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lems, having been in a similar situation.

Qualls and Lafler, who are

part of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, plan another session of the course after the first of the year. Anyone interested should call Qualls at 267-7220.

## Recipe Corner

This monthly feature runs the second Wednesday of each month in the life! section. Submit recipes to Recipe Corner, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or drop them by the Herald office, or fax to 264-7205. Include your name and phone number.

## CLUB

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firmed and have sent booth fees. At this time no admission fees are anticipated. The club is making every effort to keep it free so that any interested persons may attend.

Any one desiring to join the membership may contact any of the officers listed above. Rules are simple and membership is unrestricted as to age, religion or profession. There are some regulations that are to be followed, however.

### Mary Jane Club

The November meeting of Coahoma's Mary Jane Club was held in the home of JoAnne Forrest with Joyce Choate as co-hostess. Thirteen members joined in fun day activities featuring brain-teaser games and a

handbag treasure hunt. Diana Wood was the grand prize winner with Marie Ethridge winning consolation. Individual gifts were presented to each of the participants.

In the business meeting members answered the roll call with new recipes for Thanksgiving and each brought a Christmas gift for Big Spring State Hospital patients. President Eula Bell Fowler announced that the annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange would be held in the home of Sue Tindol on Dec. 4 rather than the regular club meeting day.

### 1948 Hyperion Club

Continuing the year's study theme of World Religions, the 1948 Hyperion Club had as their guest speaker Dr. Kokila Vasana. Introduced by fel-

low coworker and Hyperion member Katie Lara, Dr. Vasana gave a very enlightening talk on Hinduism and was presented with a gift by program leader Mary Dudley.

In the business meeting led by President Jan Foresyth the club voted to provide cakes for Big Spring State Hospital's unit Christmas party, discussed purchasing 1998 YMCA memberships and approved a plan to financially assist in purchasing a sound system for the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Refreshments were served to 18 members.

### Mighty Oaks

### Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met at

Cowboy's Steakhouse and Restaurant, 404 E. FM 700, Tuesday, Nov. 18, for their regular monthly meeting and for lunch. Eighteen club members and one new member, Lynda Davis, attended. The opening prayer was led by Latrice Davis.

Callie Bennett, Club Treasurer, presided for this meeting due to the illness of president Gertrude McCann. November birthday honorees were: Joy Fortenberry and Joyce Walker.

Tentative plans were announced for the December club meeting, with a catered lunch in the fellowship at the church. Also, to go by church van to the drive-through Nativity Pageant at the First Church of the Nazarene, then drive around town to look at the Christmas lights.

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By **JOHN A. I**  
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# Rogers' air game jetting Eagles through 2A playoffs

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ROGERS — It didn't take long for Rogers to catch on to its new "Black Gun" offense this season. In fact, they haven't stopped catching on, and catching ... and catching ... and catching.

The Eagles' wide receiver trio — Josh Whatley, Neilson Kortis and Michael Williams — have combined for 193 receptions for 3,049 yards this season, tops in

the state for any classification.

"Our receivers take pride in catching the ball. It's not just a skill that you're born with, these kids have to work on it every day," said Rogers coach Joel Berry, whose team takes an 11-1 record into Friday's 7:30 p.m. game against Charlotte in Seguin High's Matador Stadium. "I think it's obvious we have some of the best at their position in the state."

The winner of the Charlotte-

Rogers game will face the winner of Friday's Crawford-Refugio game in the quarterfinal round of the Class 2A playoffs next week.

The Eagles' top wide receiver last season, Patrick Hutka, had a team-high 35 catches for 480 yards. Hutka is now the one throwing the passes, and has thrown for a state-high 3,410 yards and 41 touchdowns.

But much of his success has to be attributed to one of the

most prolific receiving corps in 2A history. Whatley has already broken a 2A record with 97 receptions, and his 1,257 receiving yards leads the state. The senior needs only 268 yards and 12 more receptions to break state records for any classification.

Kortis and Williams have taken up the slack all season when teams have double- and triple-teamed Whatley. Kortis has caught 52 passes for 976

yards, and Williams, Whatley's cousin, has 44 for 816.

The two juniors have also combined for 22 touchdown receptions.

"I feel like we are the best (in the state)," Whatley said. "We've put up the numbers and we block well enough for each other, that I think we've proved that."

Of the three, Whatley has the best hands and is the better possession receiver. He has a

team-high 14 touchdown receptions, but has been held to just one touchdown on seven catches for 56 yards the last two weeks.

"Defenses have done a good job of covering Josh lately with double teams, but that just leaves me open," said Williams, who's caught 11 passes for 231 yards and four touchdowns the last two games. "But Josh is the best. He doesn't miss anything."

## Valley fans cheer their Yellowjackets

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELSA — Viva La Maquina!

Every fall some of the most loyal football fans in the Rio Grande Valley — fans of the Edcouch-Elsa Yellowjackets — show their pride through this expression.

This season fans of the Yellowjackets have even more reason to be enthusiastic about their Yellowjackets, who are nicknamed "La Maquina Amarilla (the yellow machine)". The team is 12-0 and will face Austin Lanier in a Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal in Corpus Christi.

La Maquina is a source of pride for players as well.

"La Maquina Amarilla — that's all you have to say," Yellowjackets running back George Lozano said. "It's something that comes from within. Viva La Maquina. That means everything. We, as a team, see ourselves as a machine and the community is our fuel."

indeed. Yellowjacket-mania has hit euphoric proportions in the tiny cities of Edcouch and Elsa (combined population 6,656) since E-E clinched the District 32-4A title a month ago.

Since then, the Yellowjackets have knocked off Kingsville and Pleasanton in the postseason. Tickets for those contests were a hot item, a big source of discussion among Yellowjackets fans.

And ticket demand for the big game on Friday was no exception. Several hundred Yellowjacket fans camped out at Edcouch-Elsa Junior High beginning Monday to scoop up the 2,500 reserved tickets that didn't go on sale until Tuesday morning. Within hours, every ticket was sold.

Since Edcouch and Elsa are small, the Yellowjackets' success has been the talk of the towns, you could say.

"Edcouch is so small, it gives the people in town something to talk about and look forward to on Fridays," Jessie Garza said. "They feel proud to say they're from Edcouch-Elsa. It gives them a sense of pride."

That sort of loyalty also has brought the community together.

"The whole town is involved," said Consuelo Pena, whose daughters Velma and Vanessa play in the Yellowjackets' band. "Everybody's excited."

That kind of backing has not gone unnoticed by the team.

"The community has been very supportive," E-E's first year head coach Cris Cavazos said. "They haven't been in the way of what we want to accomplish."

Whatever this Yellowjackets team accomplishes this season, it will be compared with the 1989 team that advanced to the fourth round of the playoffs, making it the most successful E-E team ever.

Some players on that team have been caught up in the Yellowjackets success this year and hope this year's E-E team can reach even greater heights, hopefully a state championship.

"I'm quite pleased with how they're doing," said Esteban Garza, who was a split end and linebacker on the '89 team. "I'm tired of hearing about the '89 season. They've built a foundation and hopefully it will carry on for years to come. Maybe people will quit referring to the '89 team."

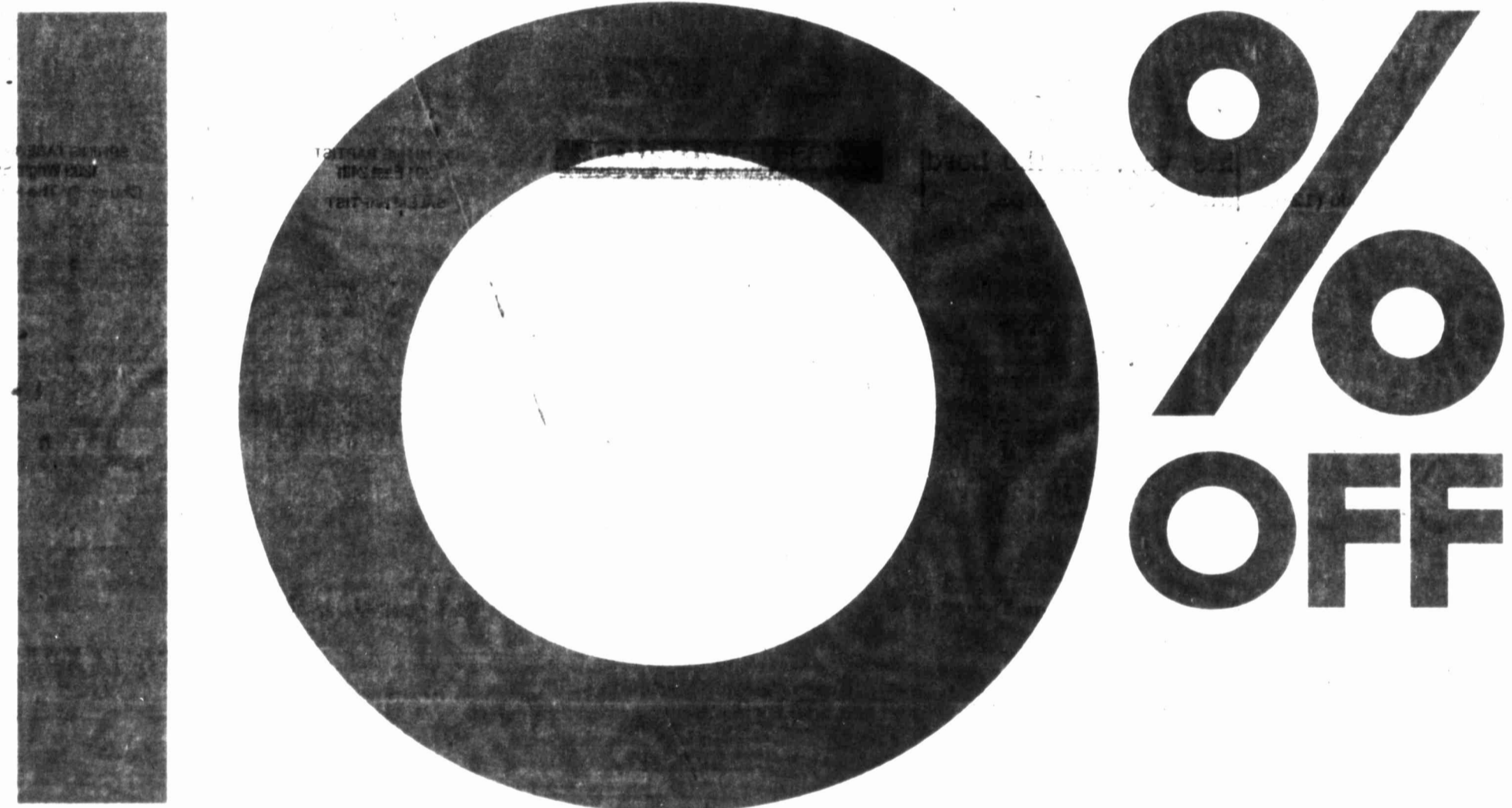
Garza said that he and his teammates feel like they played a role in E-E's success this year.

"I feel that I'm a part of it (the Yellowjackets season)," Garza said. "It was unexpected. Now that it's happening, everybody getting excited about it. It makes me feel proud."

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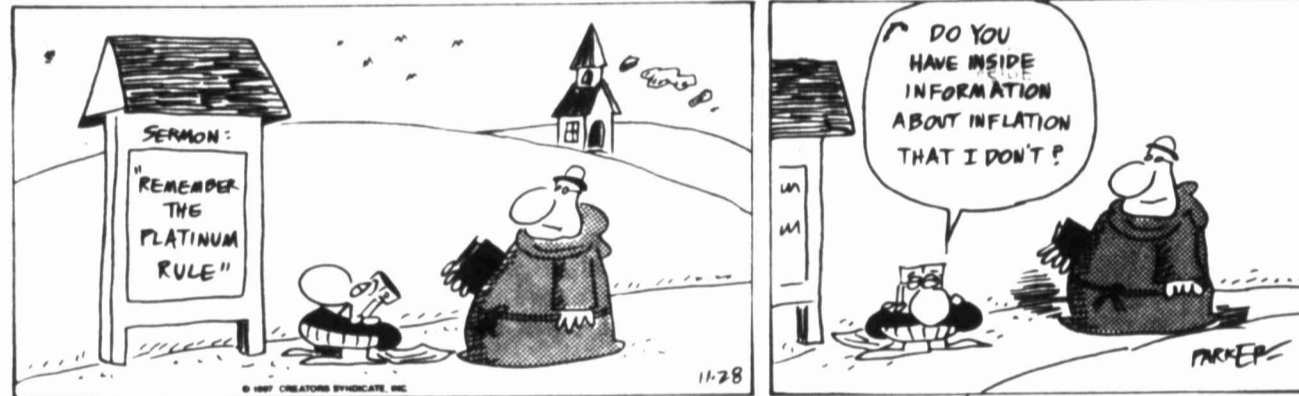
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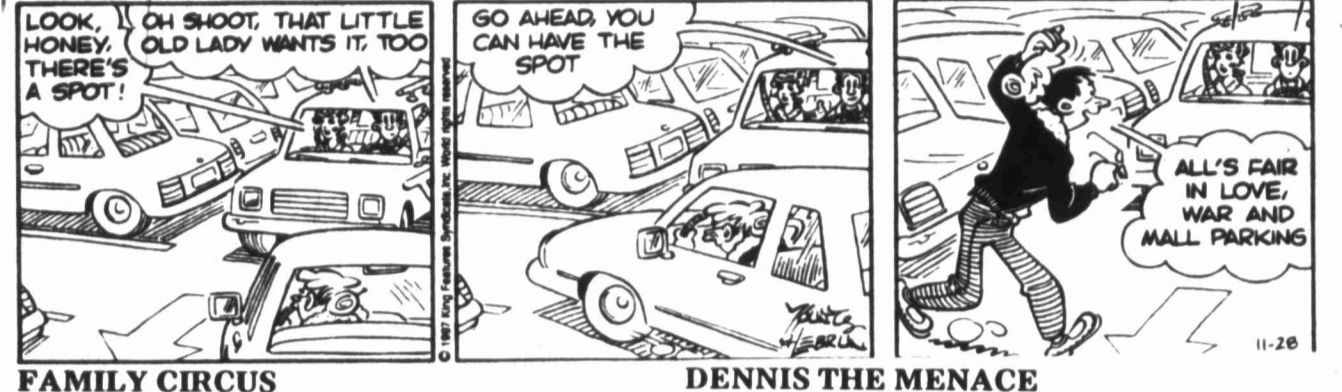
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 1997. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

On this date: In 1895, the first automobile race took place between Chicago and Waukegan, Ill. The winner, James Franklin

Duryea, collected \$2,000 from the Chicago Times-Herald.

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.

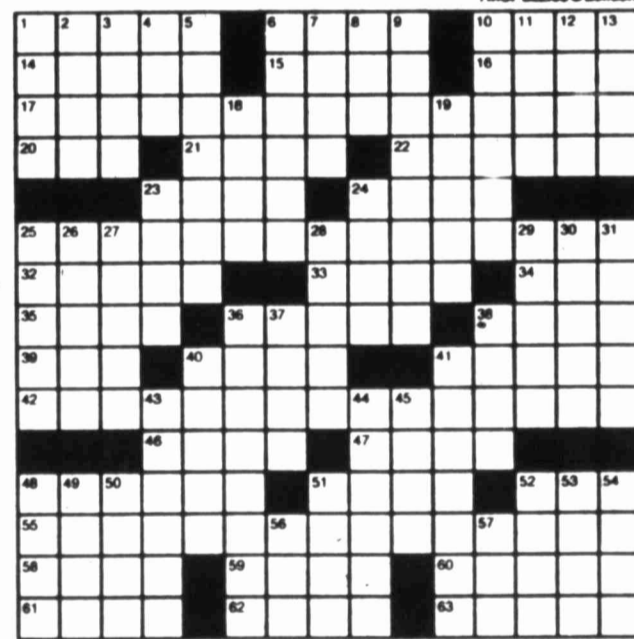
In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

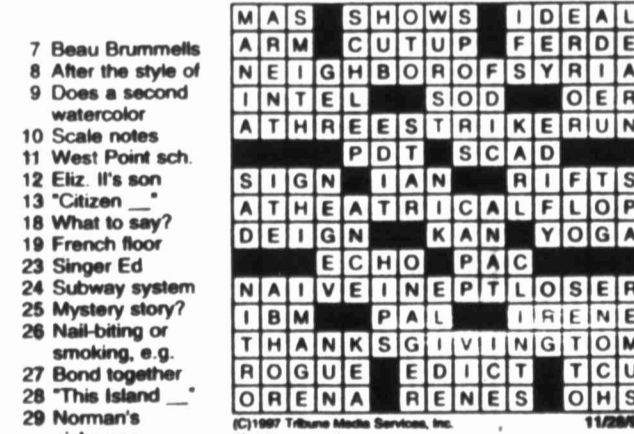
In 1994, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was murdered in a Wisconsin prison by a fellow inmate.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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14 God of Islam
15 Tree stump
16 Workplace watchdog grp.
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32 Country ways
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34 Private med. company
35 Stately bird
36 Makes holes
38 Ancient fertility god
39 Memory unit
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42 Third part of the quote
46 Cravings
47 Aaron or Williams
48 Stored away, as grain
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52 Southern constellation
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59 "Upside Down" singer
60 Show shock, e.g.
61 Fem.'s opp.
62 Alternative to 9
63 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia



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11 West Point sch.
12 Eliz. II's son
13 "Citizen ..."
14 What to say?
15 French floor
23 Singer Ed
24 Subway system
25 Mystery story?
26 Nail-biting or smoking, e.g.
27 Bond together
28 "This Island ..."
29 Norman's nickname
30 Cremona craftsman
31 First name in fastballs
36 Vision restrictors
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40 Series shoutout
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45 Saint's glow
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