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#### HELPING OTHERS...

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army Angel Trees, Salvation Army kettles.

If your organization has an established program to help others, and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



**Angel Tree locations:** 

- Big Spring Herald (seniors) . Big Spring Mall
- · Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union Mel's Fried Fish
- Scenic Mountain Medical

• In addition, Seall's Department Store will give a 10 percent discount to all purchases of Angel Tree gifts.

#### Salvation Army Kettles:

- · Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart · Big Spring Mall

#### Other efforts:

. H-E-B Food Stores "Ring In A Miracle" to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 or \$2 will be added to your grocery

· Canned food drives at all **Howard County schools through** Dec. 11.

. TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost of installation for new customers with the donation of 10 cans of food for its food drive.

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# Right to capture law being challenged in Texas Supreme Court

As Texans prepare close the books on yet another extremely dry summer season, concerns water over usage and availability has one group of East Texans looking to make a change in the way the

COUNTS

of capture" water law.

"A group of people in East Texas have filed suit in the Texas Supreme Court because of a well that Ozarka Spring Water Co. drilled in their area,' said District 70 Texas State Representative David Counts. "Their theory is that Ozarka's pumping of water from that area's underground water supply has caused a serious drop in the area's water tables.'

Bart Sipriano, along with Harold and Doris Fain, who reside near the East Texas town

state handles landowner's 'right of Eustace, have filed what is being deemed a "landmark" case that is currently before the **Texas Supreme Court.** 

According to Texas Farm Bureau reports the group filed a suit against Great Spring Water of American, Inc., also known as Ozarka Spring Water Co., claiming that water levels in the area dropped drastically when the company began pumping water on their property, which is also near Eustace.

"The right of capture water law, which has been on the books for the past 94 years, basi-

piece of land not only owns that land, but also whatever is under it," said Counts. "These people are claiming that Ozarka has been overly aggressive in their use of the area's water, and that they pose a danger to the success of the area because of that."

According to Ridge Pate, legal director of the Texas Farm Bureau, the "right of capture" water law is a fundamental property right, and works well in actual practice. Pate said that the doctrine allows for the creation of underground water dis-

cally says that the owner of a trict, of which 40 already exist in Texas, and such a creation could solve their problem without the development of a "reasonable use" law.

> "Locally controlled groundwater districts can mandate rules on well spacing and water usage, so the law is adequate to address those concerns," said Pate. "Reasonable use is hard, if not impossible, to define. It would have to be defined by courts and by juries.

According to Pate, the adop-

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# Salvation Army to feed more than 300 today

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

How many turkeys for Thanksgiving does it take to feed more than 300 members of a community family?

For Deloris Albert and other members of the Salvation Army Home League, who prepared the feast for the community dinner today, the answer is eight, with two on standby."

The dinner begins at noon and lasts until 2 p.m. Danelle Castillo, social services director, said at least 50 volunteers contributed to the event today.

"The holidays are a special time and nobody has to be alone," Castillo said.

Along with turkey, Albert and her volunteers prepared more than 60 pounds of dressing, about that amount of candied yams and all the vegetathat complete

Thanksgiving meal, she said. A large part of today's celebration are the 64 meals volunteers will deliver to those unable to attend the dinner at

the Salvation Army.

Castillo said delivered meals increased this year, and more requests are anticipated. If someone needs a meal, call Castillo today at 267-8239.

"We will deliver meals anywhere," she said.

Meals will also be delivered to those workers who are on duty at area prisons, she said.



Ladies Home League members Vada Witkowski, Frances Carroll, Deloris Albert and Pat McNew, left to right, prepare a meal for 300 at the Salvation Army. Food preparations have been ongoing for two

Food baskets were distributed nized in a unique way. to 10 families within the community, as sponsored by many organizations.

gram through the First United Methodist Church provided

"One day, the classes brought

green beans, and another day they brought corn. Then anoth-The Children's Day Out pro- er day they brought \$2," said

food for the baskets. Castillo the program, said the \$2 per said their program was orga- child collected this year will be See THANKSGIVING, Page 2A

used to purchase presents for children adopted from the Salvation Army Angel Trees.

The Questers Class at FUMC also adopted a family for a Thanksgiving food basket; as Candy Parrish, director of did XI Phi Epsilon. Also, the

Cadet says God delivered him from drinking

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Ministering to those no other religion reaches, a philosophy of the Salvation Army Church founder

William Booth, is exactly what Cadet Glenn Queener sees as his role.

"I feel like God has called me to minister to the guys of the lodge. William Booth said when we for the



QUEENER

souls, go for the worst, the ones nobody else wants to even talk to." Queener, 27, said.

A second-year cadet with the Salvation Army officer training program, Queener brings youth, as well as some seasoned experience to his posi-

"On Sept. 16, 1995, I was riding on a bus to work when I was convicted of the Holy Spirit. I asked God to forgive me one more time, and I knew it was real this time, not a show. When I opened my eyes I saw the world through the eyes of God for the first time, and I started serving him that very same day" Queener said.

Queener said up until that revelation, he was an alcoholic who had been using illegal drugs and alcohol since he was

12 years old. He first began using while he and his United States Army parents were stationed in Germany.

When they returned to San Antonio, Queener said he continued to abuse alcohol, and was intoxicated the day he had the revelation on the bus.

"God has completely delivered me from alcohol. Now I look at the world with tears and joys and blessings that only God can provide," he said. Queener is currently

assigned to the Salvation Army here, under the direction of the Majors Roy and Mary Dell Tolcher.

It has been two years since a cadet was assigned to Big Spring, Tolcher said.

As a cadet, Queener is assigned to two internships while in officer training. His first was with a summer camp.

Now he is set to spend the Christmas holiday season with the Big Spring corps, to see firsthand how the busiest season of the year is coordinated.

His course work has consisted of learning pastoral care, work, homiletics (preaching) and all the other duties expected of a minister.

"With my ordination, I will be a minister of the gospel, with all the rights and responsibilities of a minister from weddings, funerals and everything in between," he said.

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# Recal

#### Playpens unsafe for tots wearing loose clothing

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

government safety agency announced the recall of more than nine million children's playpens

this week following deaths of eight infants since 1982 due to strangulation.

According to the government reports the infants were wearing clothing loose pacifier



**TARTER** 

strings, which were caught on parts of protruding strangling playpens. youths.

"In a situation like this, even one death warrants attention from the government safety agency," said Dana Tarter, family and consumer sciences agent for the Howard County Extension Office. "As serious as this situation is, it's important that the problem be addressed by at least an awareness campaign."

According to government reports, the 9.6 million recalled playpens are portable mesh models that can easily be folded for travel or storage, some of which were manufactured more than 35 years ago. Brand names specified include Bilt-Rite, Evenflo, Gerry, Graco, Kolcraft, Playskool Pride Trimble, and Strolee.

The report claims that metal rivets protruding from portions of the playpens are to blame, and that many of the playpens that have been produced and sold over the last 38 years could possibly pose a risk.

According to Tarter, the aspect of pacifier strings pose much danger by themselves.

"Anything that is around the child's throat that can get caught or snagged is definitely

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# United Way volunteers shoot for the top

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Two-thirds of the way home. That's where United Way of Big Spring and Howard County stood

this week in relationship to its goal of \$217,500. The State National Bank employees gave \$3,082. last year

up 20 percent from last year. d The results so far been very pleasing, especially in light of the fact of the economic conditions we've had here locally, and with the number of campaigns still outstanding, we feel very confident our goal will be met," said Richard Steel, local United Way board first vice president and cab-

inet chairman. As the drive heads to the final week, volunteers report \$148,551 collected. The final report will come in an 11:30 a.m. luncheon set for Dec. 4 at Big Spring

Country Club. Admission is \$8. All across the county, various volunteers have been working to gather funds.

At Hirschfeld Steel Company, Inc., plant manager Dan Hicks expects donations to come in



between \$5,800 and \$6,000. The corporation will match the local employee contribution, which stands at about \$2,900 right now Hicks said. "It's

HICKS

pretty much a tradition

with Hirschfeld that we participate in all types of community activities when at all possible," said Hicks, United Way coordinator for the company, which has about 1,000 employees nationwide.

David Hirschfeld, our boss, is very big in the United Way campaign." Since the company only

#### Victory luncheon

What: United Way final report ıncheon

When: 11:30 a.m., Dec. 4 Where: Big Spring Country

RSVP: Required. Call 267-5021 went into operation here in October, Hicks was able to orientate new employees as they came

aboard. "We just presented it right up front in our company orientation and the response was real good," he said. "These are good people. We've pretty much got the cream of the crop out here," added Hicks, who had served with the United Way board in Scurry County

before moving to Big Spring. "We are pretty much over100 percent participation. That doesn't mean everyone has signed up. But we have what our boss calls call fair share and we have more than 24 fair shares. Some employ-

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Archie Kountz, president of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, stands by a sign letting everyone know that two-thirds of the goal has been reached.

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#### **O**BITUARIES

Aubrey Anderson
Service for Aubrey Anderson,
93, Stephenville, will be 11 a.m.
Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, at the
Church of Christ in Dublin
with Frank Briscoe officiating.
Burial will follow in Dublin Liveoak Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson died Tuesday, Nov. 24, in Stephenville.

She was born on July 11. 1905, in Dublin. She married Dennis O. Nelson on Nov. 11, 1923. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1965. She then married Robert Anderson. He also preceded her in death in 1997. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: one son, J.D. Nelson of Big Spring; one daughter, Beth Stanbrough of Fort Worth; three grandchildren; two great-grandsons; one step son; and one step daugh-

Arrangements under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home, Dublin.

#### Suspect sought in sexual assault of elderly woman

A sexual assault has been reported in the south west area of town.

According to a news release by the Big Spring Police Department, an 86-year-old woman was sexually assaulted between 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23, and 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Police were called to the scene and the assault was reported about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

No suspect has been identified, and the case is under investigation by the BSPD. according to Corp. Lupe

#### HELPING OTHERS

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• Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas. Also, a food drive is underway. Call 267-4124 to donate.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand made gift to the church, 508 N. Aylesford.

· First Baptist Church is collecting new toys and clothing for 78 children in Big Spring who have a parent in prison. Bring your donation to the church on FM 700.

· Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that represent 26 Howard County children who

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Everado L. Mora, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Grady Charles Beck, 57, died Tuesday. Service will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

are currently clients of the Children's Protective Services. Visit the bank to adopt one fo these children.

· St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting donated cans of food to be distributed to the area needy through various social service agencies. Bring two or more cans to any local movie theater and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize from a local merchant.

# Kevorkian charged with murder

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - Dr. Jack Kevorkian was charged with first-degree murder Wednesday for euthanizing a terminally ill man whose death was shown on national televi-

After receiving a tape of the death from CBS-TV, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca announced he had issued a warrant charging Kevorkian with first-degree premeditated murder, criminal assistance to a suicide and delivery of a controlled sub-

If convicted of the murder charge, Kevorkian could be sentenced to life in prison.

"I didn't give Mr. Kevorkian anything," Gorcyca told reporters. "He brought it upon himself. I am following the law as I am required to do.

Kevorkian walked smiling into the Waterford Township police department for booking about an hour after Gorcyca announced the charges.

Thomas Youk, who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease, was seen on the tape seeking Kevorkian's help in dying. Portions of the tape was aired Sunday by CBS' "60 Minutes."

"A review of the tapes involving Mr. Youk and Kevorkian present sufficient facts and probable cause to support charges of assisted suicide." Gorcyca said. "Not withstanding Mr. Youk's consent, consent is not a viable defense in taking the life of another, even under the most controlled envi-

Kevorkian is believed to have injected Youk with a fatal dose of potassium chloride at the 52year-old man's Waterford Township home on Sept. 17. Three weeks earlier, Michigan's assisted suicide law went into effect, making the practice a felony.

Kevorkian, 70, has acknowledged a role in some 130 assisted suicides since 1990, but said Youk's death was his first euthanasia.

Kevorkian has been charged with murder before. The first time stemmed from the 1990 death of Janet Adkins of Portland, Ore., the first person whose death he attended. The charge was dropped by a judge who ruled the state had no law banning assisted suicide. A 1992 charge was dropped for the

same reason. The retired pathologist also was acquitted in three trials involving five deaths. A fourth trial was declared a mistrial.

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tion of a "reasonable use" law would lead to increased litigation, confusion, and windfall for attorneys.

**Texas Farm Bureau President** Bob Stallman, who farms rice Columbus, said the Legislature, not the courts, is the proper setting to decide Texas water law. "It would be a serious mistake

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#### **SEARS**

In our Sears November 26th insert, we incorrectly listed the processor for the Packard Bell Computer #81048 as a Cyrix MII333. This item contains a Cyrix MII300 processor. We also pictured the Sony 32" television #KV32S45 with a television stand. The stand is sold separately and is regular priced at \$129.99. In addition, in the December 2nd in home mailer, we incorrectly described the Panasonic DVD Player #44508 as a recorder. This item is not a recorder. We apologize for any inconvenience these issues may

ause our customers.

for the court to take away a fundamental property right. Once those property rights dominoes start falling, who knows where it will stop? Changes in water law should be made in the Legislature, by elected representatives."

Counts said he supports the development of an underground water districts rather than "reasonable use" laws.

"If the court rules in favor of these people, then the state will gain control over the water laws, and it's just not their business," said Counts. "This is defi-nitely a major case for the Texas Supreme Court, and I really don't know what they will do. If they decide to do away with the "right-of capture" water law, Texas will be changed for-

#### **PLAYPENS**

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a danger," said Tarter. "Most of the pacifiers that you buy these days comes with a clip instead of a string, but that in itself can be a danger as well if the child is crawling around on the floor.

"The only real safety measure in a situation like this is to supervise the child at all times. That's the most important aspect of keeping your child from harm."

The production companies responsible for these items are making a variety of remedies available to consumers. For more information on available assistance, contact the manufacturer of the product in ques-

"There are a lot of really common products on the market to protect your child from these hazards," said Tarter. "There are pads that you can put on the playpens, as well as bumpers for furniture and other items that can be a danger to toddlers.

"The most important thing to remember here is that your child is not necessarily safe if they are in a playpen, or any enclosed other Supervision is the only real way to see to it your child is okay. Check the areas periodically, and never just assume it is

For more information on what to do if a potentially hazardous rivet or protrusion exists, the government urges consumers to call (800) 794-4114 for more information, or contact them at site:

http://www.cpsc.gov.

#### **UNITED WAY**

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ees gave two fair shares.'

"That's amazing, especially for a new business," said Jennings. "We're really proud of what they are doing out there for United Way. We're hearing success sto-

ries from all over." Archie Kountz, manager of TCA Cable of Big Spring, said corporate authorization to allow employee payroll deductions for United Way played a big differ-

ence for that company this year. "This year, it was corporate's choice to support United Way and that falls right in with the way I feel," said Kountz, who is the local United Way president. We were able to offer that to employees and our donations

when up 300 to 400 percent." With employee and corporate contributions combined, the local cable office turned in more than \$1.000 in contrast to \$200 to \$300 in year's past.

"We weren't at 100 percent but I felt like we had very good participation," said Kountz. "I'm very pleased because I know in the year we face it takes a big effort from everybody to meet our goal. I was happy to see the

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# dinner, she said.

ROUND THE TOWN

BIG SPRING

employees I work with every day step up and take a part in

Betsy Gentry, personnel clerk, is drive coordinator for the City of Big Spring, which has raised \$6,856.34 so far.

"Employees, are donating because it goes to a good cause and the money stays here locally," she gaid. She was assisted by Janice Blount, who helped coordinate the effort, and the police department representative Ann Reid and fire department representative Burr Lea Settles. "We could not have done this without their help," she

The city put out memos and flyers to get the word out about United Way, then invited guest speakers to come and make presentations. As an incentive, they got Pizza Inn to donate pizza for the department that generates the most donations per person. Right now, the Parks Department is leading the contest. The city also held a drawing for Jackalopes tickets within each department for employees who made a pledge.

"Next year, we are going to do even better," said Gentry. That's our goal now, to do a little better each year.

Steel, a vice president at The State National Bank, reported that employees there have contributed \$3,082, up 20 percent from last year.

He anticipates that the campaign, which officially ends Tuesday, will reach its goal.

"This last week of the campaign is always when we need to work a little harder to get these last dollars in," said Steel. "So if anyone has not contributed to the fund drive this year we would highly encourage them to do so."

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He said his ordination is the most important aspect of his new career.

The New Testament church modeled after the Book of Acts, in my opinion" he said. Queener said he discharged

from the United States Army after he experienced some combat experience in Somalia. He also attempted a career as a guitarist in a rock and roll band.

"God has blessed me and I am part of a Godly group of people. Our name is what we do," he

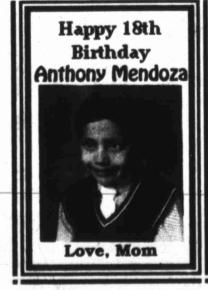
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Disabled American Veterans, two Girl Scout troops and K-Bobs adopted families for Thanksgiving, she said.

"K-Bob's employees really did a good job, too. They provided two huge baskets and turkey," Castillo said.

Lois Peters, the clown, volunteered her services for the din ner this year. Peters will entertain the children during the





D's One Stop collected food for Thanksgiving dinners, and many different church organi-zations also brought food for the event, Castillo said.

#### BRIEFS

**BIG SPRING STATE HOS-**PITAL will sell surplus items Wednesday in the recycling building, west of Rip Griffin's. Viewing and bidding will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The sale will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more information.

THE TEXAS DEPART-MENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday throughout the (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING **DONATIONS** of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting.

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building, 802 Ventura, Midland. Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

·Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-

 Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway. 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at

·Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

·Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria. FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

Church, 10th and Goliad. Open

to all substance abusers. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

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#### CALENDAR

USignal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a

OSpring City senior citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Area seniors invited. SATURDAY DEagles Lodge Ladies

Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Ladge, 704 W. Third. ODance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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OCoahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center. OVFW Post No. 2013, VFW

Hall, 7 p.m. UBig Spring Chapter NO. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main. WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room OBig Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

OLine dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628. OFraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

DBig Spring State Hospital sale in the Recycling Building, west of Rip Griffins. Viewing and bidding will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale is at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more informa-

CONSUMER NOTICE: T shopping. The Commerce is spensoring the Holidays", prizes and fun for West Texas Discount Flooring is part of this program and will provide ever more incettive for shopping at home Most citizens of Big Spring und stand the importance of sup our local businesses not only for local sales tax revenue but also to promote local jobs. However, out of habit, we often think that we must leave Big Spring for selection and prices. This year, break the habit, shop our local merchants first, and keep it "Home for the Holidays". It's an exciting tim for West Texas Discount Flooring. We have moved from the corner location of 18th and Green right next poor in the middle building. We are still in the process of flooring our new home because we have been very busy flooring yours!) and have decided to rename our "Remodeling Sale", the "Keeping it Home for the Holidays Sale". Bring in ads from other stores and compare our prices. We do! You'll find our prices are lower on most items and our selection is overwhelm ing. Visit us 7 days a week at our nev location at 1712 Gregg (but, pardo the remodeling) or call us at 263-5600 and Keep it Home for the Holidays! Visit Clint & Melanie Sheets, PhD. Marjorie Squires, Patsy Lopez.

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OUR VIEWS

# Giving thanks for many gifts we have gotten

s we look to the sky today in its beautiful, West Texas splendor ... as we watch the leaves float gently to the ground in preparation for the winter ahead ... as we gather round the dinner table to share food with friends and family, let us give pause.

Thanksgiving is truly a time to give thanks - for our good fortune, our friends, our family and so many other things in life that we enjoy.

But this day is more than turkey and dressing and cranberry sauce and it is more than the football games the television networks pitch at us as "part of the Thanksgiving tradition." And it is certainly more than a day off.

But what is the **Thanksgiving tradition?** 

In reality, its tradition lies within each of us, doesn't it?

Let's not forget that as we give thanks for the various blessings we have received in life, that there are those in our community who are less fortunate.

To that end, let us give thanks for the opportunity to help others as we would want to be helped, were the shoe on the other foot.

From our extended family at the *Herald*, we wish that today we could all understand the true meaning of Thanksgiving and experience the warm and joy of sharing our wealth with others.

Happy Thanksgiving.

#### Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

The following submission was titled "A Thanksgiving Proclamation" and was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on Oct. 3, 1863;

"It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God: to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven: we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in

peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings or wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become to self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

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# Thanksgiving: Was it really our founding?

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Some consider our founding document to be the 1776 Declaration of Independence, which was also a declaration of war against Great Britain. Others consider the 1787 Constitution, Philadelphia which set up our system of government, to be the founding document. But an excellent case can be made for the 1620 Mayflower Compact, which set forth the essence of our constitutional tradition, and was the first such embodiment of a political philosophy to be signed and enacted on these

Or, almost on these shores. In fact, it was discussed, written and signed in the main cabin of the Mayflower while that ship lay at anchor in a harbor off what is now called Provincetown at the tip of Cape

Amid all the celebration of Thanksgiving this year, it would be good to recall this event aboard the Mayflower, though the holiday actually gives thanks for the successful survival of the colonists for one year in their new homes, the winter of 1620-1621 having been a particularly arduous one during which many died.

Today at Plymouth, a town on the Massachusetts coast just north of Cape Cod, visitors can see a fine full-scale replica of the original Mayflower, and, nearby, the actual Rock upon which a landing party first stepped ashore. Both the ship and the rock are somewhat surprising.

When you first see the ship, it is much larger than you think it will be. It is long and looks solid. Alongside its dock,

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its deck stands well above its waterline. One surprising thing is that the Mayflower is brightly păinted in various primary colors. This was a cheerful boat. Above all, its size and apparent sturdiness make it look very seaworthy.

If your imagination of oldfashioned ships is based upon the three caravels Columbus sailed, this is very different. The Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria were tiny by com-parison. In comparison with the Mayflower, these were big rowboats with oars. The Mayflower, if you had some nerve, is a ship you could cross the Atlantic on.

Nearby, the famous Rock is surprisingly small, maybe a dozen feet long, less wide. It sits on its ground in a cage and people throw coins at it, for good luck, I assume. Of course, that is where a ship's boat touched shore on Dec. 21, 1620. Seems as good a place as any.

The Mayflower left Plymouth, England, on Sept. 16, 1620, not the best of seasons on the North Atlantic. It had planned to enter the mouth of the Hudson River, but ended up in that harbor off Provincetown. While the Mayflower lay there at anchor, and some aboard explored ashore, 41 of the men met in that main cabin to frame what we now call the Mayflower Compact. No doubt, in stating the purposes and governing regulations there were many disagreements and arguments about wording. Yet the committee of 41 evolved a document that anticipates the form of all colonial constitutions and rules, of New England town meetings and, finally, the U.S. Constitution. It sets forth and also exhibits in action the practice of representative government.

as the document is, merits careful examination. The Mayflower Compact, like its intimately traceable into the future.

Its Part One single emphasized phrase asserts the seri-Amen." It goes on to praise King James and England.

The equivalent Part One of the People.'

Philadelphia did not doubt that their constituents mostly believed in God, but, designing a system of representative government, they rested final authority in "We, the People." They "reanchored" the Mayflower system, but they assumed that future deliberation would assume experience

Compact corresponds to the famous Preamble of the U.S. Constitution, setting forth in 1620 the goals of the new Plymouth colony: "our better ordering and preservation . . . just and equal laws." Just what that language means would be determined, as here in the

The six goals of the 1787 Preamble similarly state the general goals of the new republic. How these goals are to be implemented is to be decided by the elaborate mechanism set up following the Preamble. This is a "deliberate sense" mechanism, with all sorts of "slowing down" provisions, staggered elections, a four-year

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The work of this group, brief offspring, has three parts, each

ousness of this occasion and its authority: "In the name of God,

the 1787 Constitution changes "In the name of God" to "We,

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presidency and so on.

Three of the Compact was not spelled out in this way, but it was at once implicit and acted out in that main cabin. The 4 men who met there constituted?

a "deliberative assemble." There is no doubt that there were disagreements on that day, on goals, theology, about phrasing, about how much and what should be put into the Compact. Nevertheless, after deliberation, all 41 participants signed the Compact. This represented a "sense of the meeting," a "consensus," what Rousseau called the "general will." Perhaps no individual or faction got its entire will, but they achieved something they all could sign. A radical intransigent, a John Brown, was not there.

The deliberative and consensus theory that inspires the U.S. Constitution was thus anticipated by the Mayflower Compact. The House reflects, in theory, popular opinion of the moment. The Senate can be more reflective. The president has a veto. And there is review by the Court. The system aims at consensus. The "mind" of the nation, reflected, may very likely not be the "mind" of an individual or a faction.

On the Mayflower that cold December day off Cape Cod: "In Witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James . . . Anno Domini, 1620." (Signed by all 41).

This Thanksgiving, remember with gratitude those 41 signatories and deliberators. Robespierre was not aboard. If he had been, there was a plank handy which he could have walked, right into that harbor. c 1998 King Features

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# Americans owe thanks to many others, despite Al Gore

Tice President Al Gore made an asinine speech at the Asian economic summit, injecting himself into the

affairs of Malaysia at a time of crisis. American allies were embarrassed by his childish perfor-

Perhaps we ought to get over our superiority com-

CHARLEY REESE plex. I do not mean by that we should join the leftist hate America crowd. I mean we should recognize that America owes it wealth and power not to superior people but to ordinary people in superior circumstances. I mean that we should recognize that other people are

industry. Gore and many American officials act like those old British imperialists who looked upon

our equal in intelligence and

the rest of the world as an inferior collection of little brown. black, red and yellow people eager to be told how to live by their self-appointed masters. Wake up and look around: There is no British empire. Those little brown, red, yellow and black people destroyed it.

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We owe our fortunate circumstances to those American ancestors the left loves to hate as slaveholders and Indian killers. They carved out for us the very best part of the North American land mass. Canadians were left with the frozen tundra; Mexico was left with deserts in the north and rain forests in the south

Americans, on the other hand, had an enormous expanse of forests, incredibly fertile topsoil, great rivers, fine natural harbors, a king's treasure of minerals and fossil fuel resources and a temperate climate. Nor should we forget the protection of two oceans. We enjoy the prosperity and power that we have today because of what those people in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries did. It is a lousy human being who wallows in the fruits of their labor

while condemning them. I hope Americans are not so ignorant that they do not realize that if was necessary to defeat the French, defeat the British, defeat the Spanish, defeat the Mexicans and defeat the Indians in order to create

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this country as we know it. Geography, one of those forgotten subjects it seems, plays a critical role in human history. It makes a big difference whether you are an island nation, like England, or a continental nation, like Poland, astride the main invasion route between the two continental

powers, Russia and Germany. Caesar and William the Conqueror successfully invaded England, but no one else ever did so, including Napoleon and Hitler, both of whom marched through Poland on the way to Russia and again on the way out of Russia. Geography mat-

ters — a lot. While we emerged from World War II with our land mass and industrial base untouched, Europeans had to live through the devastation of war and in

communist conquest. (Remember, 55 million people

poorer than we are because they are stupid or lazy. They have lived through hard and bad times that test the very ple of Asia who have had to from which fortunate circumstances spared us.

Americans in the 20th century have more reason to be humble and thankful than to be proud and arrogant. I have serious doubts that we Americans living today, and I include myself, would have what it takes to come to the North American continent as a wilderness and create a great nation. It was a hard, often a cruelly hard task,

One English writer described the American frontiersman as "a loner and a killer." Maybe

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# Nurse charged in overdose deaths of three hospital patients

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Henry Hudon begged not to be put in Ward C.

The Air Force veteran, who was being treated for schizophrenia at a hospital in Northampton, had symptoms of the flu. That meant a transfer to the acute care ward.

Hudon resisted, telling his family he feared patients were being killed in Ward C. His family thought Hudson was just ranting.

"His last words to my mother were, 'Don't leave me here! They're going to kill me! They kill people here!" Christine Duquette, Hudon's sister, said going on," Duquette said.

Within hours of his transfer that December night in 1995, Hudon died of a heart attack in

Now, a former nurse at the hospital, Kristen Gilbert, stands accused of killing Hudon and two other patients. Gilbert also is charged with two counts of attempted murder.

Hudon's family simply didn't believe the flu had killed the 35year-old patient. They suspected medical negligence, however, not murder. "We knew that night that something funny was

An autopsy later showed that Hudson actually died of poisoning from an overdose of epinephrine, a drug that can overstimulate the heart.

Prosecutors said Gilbert used epinephrine on all five victims. Gilbert, 31, of Setauket, N.Y., was accused in federal indict-

ments unsealed Tuesday. The former nurse, who is serving a prison sentence for making a bomb threat to the hospital, was also charged with retaliating against a witness and obstructing justice.

Authorities refused to suggest

Gilbert worked at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital as a part-time registered nurse from March 1989 to February 1996. She was present for about half of all medical emergencies in her acute care ward and for 37 deaths in her last 14 months on the job.

Both are unusually high numbers, prosecutors said.

The three dead patients were identified as Hudon; Kenneth Cutting, 41; and Edward Skwira, 69. Cutting and Skwira

both died in February 1996. Cutting, who was blind and

had multiple sclerosis, was subject to a do-not-resuscitate order at the time of his death. Prosecutors said in court papers Gilbert asked a hospital supervisor if she could leave work early if Cutting were to die.

Forty minutes later, Cutting suffered a heart attack and died. Gilbert immediately went home sick, prosecutors said.

Court papers also say that a patient given a dose of epinephrine later accused Gilbert of pumping something into his hand that gave him pain and numbness. He needed to be rescued by an emergency medical

Investigators said they found books on assisted suicide in Gilbert's home, though U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said the injected patients, however ill, had not asked to die.

Three hospital nurses who worked on the ward first identified the suspicious pattern of patient deaths in February 1996. They also reported that 85 doses of epinephrine, also known as adrenaline, were missing.

Some empty, discarded vials of the drug were found in the hospital after some patients suffered sudden heart problems.

# 'I don't feel safe' — states are struggling to combat video voyeurs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - When fine. Melissa traded keys with her neighbor, she expected her old childhood friend to keep an eye on the home when her family was away and use them only in an emergency.

Instead, she and authorities contend, Steven Glover secretly installed a video camera in the attic above her and her husband's bedroom and later moved the camera into the bath-

Prosecutors say Glover admitted to the taping, but he can't be prosecuted for it because Louisiana has no law against video voyeurism. It's a situation that some states, including Louisiana, are beginning to address.

Alaska enacted a law in 1995 forbidding viewing or videotaping of a person's private areas without permission, a crime punishable by up to five years in prison. The law was passed after a high school janitor accused of videotaping girls in a locker room was convicted only of trespassing.

This summer, the New Jersey Senate passed a bill that would make it illegal to secretly film people in private situations.

Melissa, who spoke on the condition that her real name not be used, is hoping for similar legislation in Louisiana. A state lawmaker has proposed a bill making video voyeurism a crime, with a second offense a felony punishable by up to two years in prison and a \$2,000

"If I'm a Peeping Tom and in prison.

look into your bedroom, I can be prosecuted," said Jerry Jones, the prosecutor in the Glover case. "If I put a video camera to do the same thing and I do not record sound, I am committing no crime.'

Glover is awaiting trial on a suspicious of Glover because he

count of unauthorized entry, a felony carrying up to six years

Melissa said she had known Glover since eighth grade. Both are married and have children and live in Monroe, 300 miles northwest of New Orleans.

She said she became

seemed to know about private face and hair. He said, 'Your conversations she had with her daughter or even just herself.

"I was trying to fix my hair in the bathroom — having a bad hair day, being pretty vocal about it: 'Arrgh! This hair won't

work!" she recalled. "Later this evening he comes to the door, scrutinizing my Steve?" she said, but her

hair doesn't look bad.' Kind of gave me the creeps," she said. Another time, she told her 15-

year-old daughter to go out for a

"She asked, 'Why don't you go too?' I said, 'No, I don't have the time — why don't you call Mr. daughter didn't want to.

"Five minutes later, he shows up at the door with jogging pants on and says, 'I was going out and running, and wondered if your daughter wanted to go

out with me," Melissa said. She said she had the house checked for hidden microphones, but nothing turned up.

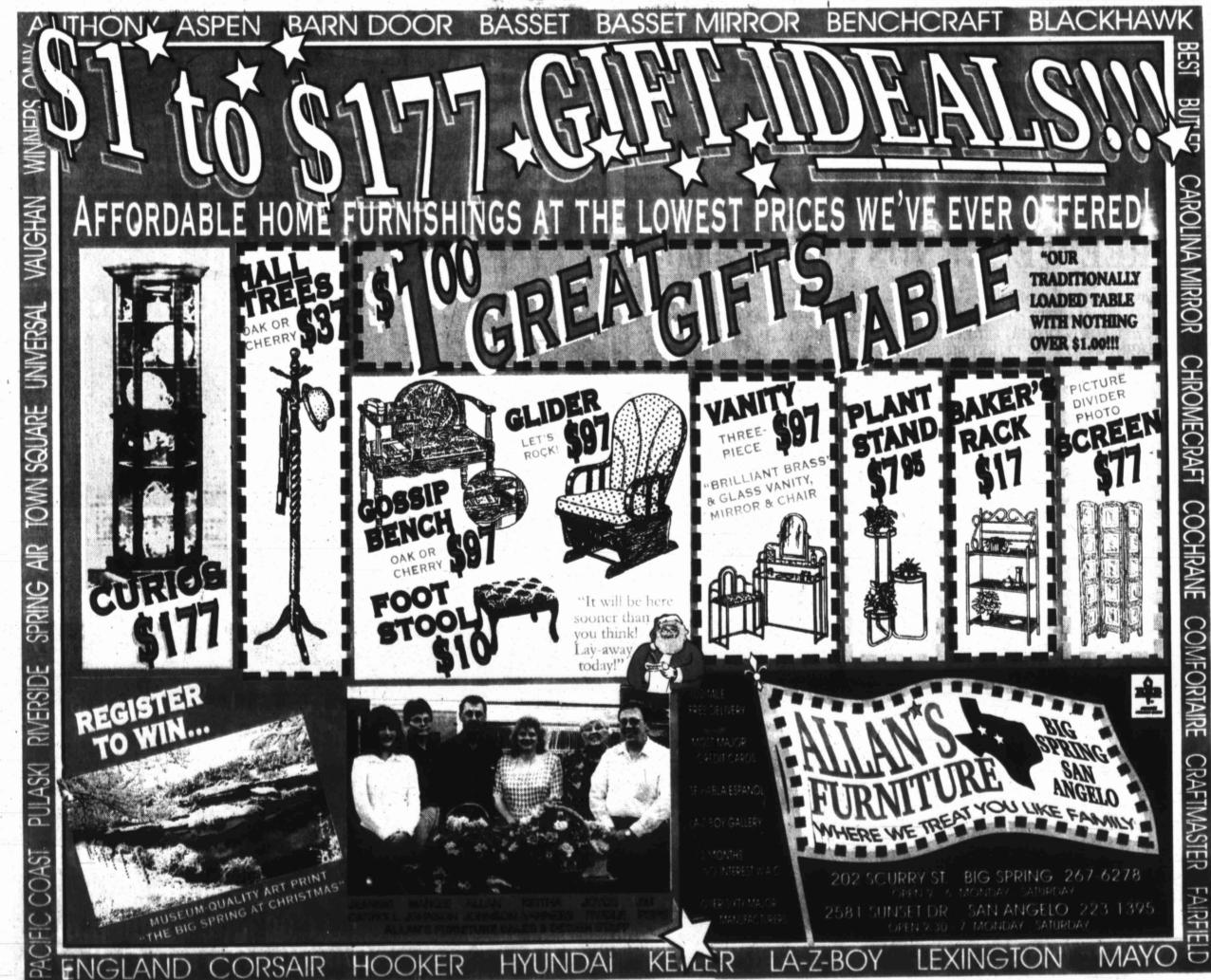


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# Public school teacher is threatened over use of racially controversial book

NEW YORK (AP) - A white teacher who had to be taken out of her classroom after community members complained she used a racially insensitive book says her life was threatened and she may not return.

"They had to sneak me out of the school," Ruth Sherman, a third-grade teacher at Public School 75 in Brooklyn, said today. "They were screaming racial slurs and profanities at She said one woman lunged at her and threatened her saying, "You'd just better

Asked if that was a threat, the

woman replied: "It's not a threat. It's a promise," accord-ing to Miss Sherman. She said she did not recognize her as a parent of anyone in the school.

The children's book that caused the furor in the largely black and Hispanic community is the critically acclaimed "Nappy Hair." Written by black author Carolivia Herron, the book - which celebrates racial differences — is recommended for classroom use by Columbia University's Teacher's College.

Miss Sherman said 50 community residents confronted her at a school meeting on Monday.

· Only one was a parent of a student in her class. She said that parent had photocopied pages of the book, taken out of context, and distributed them through the neighborhood, with a note about her.

The author defended Miss Sherman.

"She could have taught 'Mary Had a Little Lamb,' or some other books that had nothing to do with the African-American culture," Herron said in a telephone interview from Chico, Calif., where she is an assistant professor of English at California State University.

"Instead, she tried to relate to the culture of the children she was teaching.".
The teachers union said

District Superintendent Felix Vasquez told Ms. Sherman to report to district headquarters instead of her classroom pending further investigation.

Later Tuesday, school officials decided the book was appropriate classroom material and Miss Sherman could return to the classroom Monday, though they still said the book should have been cleared with the principal.

Miss Sherman says she's not sure how she'll respond to the

invitation to return to class.

"I am afraid to go back to that area, not only the school but the area because my life was threatened," Miss Sherman said. At the same time, she has received many calls of support from colleagues and gotten flowers from parents who want her back.

"She's a wonderful teacher," said Lydia Flores, mother of 8year-old Jennifer. "You don't find teachers like that.'

Dennis Herring, president of District 32's school board, said the incident was the result of miscommunication. He said the photocopies did not properly

relay what the book was really about. Taken out of context, he said, "it looks like pictures to degrade African-Americans.'

Told in a gospel-like, call-and-response style, the book is about a little girl with the "nage piest, fuzziest, the most screwed up, squeezed up, knotted up" hair. It received rave reviews, including one from The New York Times.

Herron, 52, said the book is based on a story her 80-something uncle tells about her at family gatherings. "My uncle is proud of me and it's his way of telling me that," she said.

# Student mothers ask U.S. district judge

National Honor Society discriminated against two pregnant teens by rejecting membership in the organization and should be ordered to accept them,

Somer Chipman, 17, and Chasity Glass, 18, said they met all requirements of society membership at Grant County High School in Williamstown, Ky., but were excluded because they were pregnant.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing the girls, argued Tuesday before U.S. District Judge William Bertelsman that the decision was illegal and discriminatory.

"If they said, "Anyone we catch engaging in sexual activity won't be a member of the

wouldn't be here if that were the rule," Sara Mandelbaum, senior staff attorney with the ACLU's Women's Rights

"It's not about who they catch, it's about who becomes pregnant. ... Only girls can be punished under that kind of

Ms. Chipman agreed, saying "not very many male students are going to come out and say, 'I

fathered a child." Mandelbaum asked for an injunction that would admit the girls into the NHS. She said decided in a trial would deny the seniors access to society activities and listing member-

attorney Cassidy, representing the school board, said an injunction

She said along with scholarship, selection committees for the society consider leadership,

Bertelsman said he would try to rule on the request for a pre-

#### **Correction Notice**

In our November 26" ad, we featured a NEC notebook computer (model 120LT). Due to a manufacturer delay, quantities on this notebook are limited. We are offering rainchecks on this item Friday and Saturday, November 27-28".

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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"Participation in the National Honor Society is a privilege. It is not a right," Cassidy said.

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The National Honor Society has more than 15,000 members in U.S. high schools. Local chapters use the four criteria as guide lines, then set their own standards for selection of stu-

Williamstown is about 30 miles south of Cincinnati.

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# X-rays tried in lieu of strip searches at two airports

the first time, U.S. Customs inspectors at airports are giving passengers suspected of smuggling drugs the option of being X-rayed instead of strip searched.

In a pilot program under way at New York's Kennedy International Airport and Miami International Airport, the Customs Service is letting some passengers who would normally be strip searched another choice: Be taken to a nearby hospital for an X-ray that would reveal drugs that had been either ingested or hidden underneath clothing.

WASHINGTON (AP) - For that it's an unpleasant experience for our employees and for anyone who has had to submit to a strip search," said

Commissioner Raymond Kelly. The program started in October. Seven passengers at JFK were given the option to be X-rayed, but chose to be searched, officials said. Not all passengers are given the choice

44 passengers were required to be strip searched because inspectors felt something that

could be under their clothing. Kelly said custom inspectors about 1,700 passengers a year. Some pass some or all of their clothing.

The passengers have already been singled out by customs inspectors for a variety of reasons, including because the agency has information about them or because they are traveling from countries and on flights frequented by drug smugglers. Passengers are first interviewed and if inspectors think they may have drugs on

them, they can be searched. Some passengers who were strip searched but didn't have drugs on them have sued the Customs Service. Kelly said the decision to start testing the use of X-rays was made primarily, sengers are required to remove because the agency wanted to make searches less intrusive.



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# crisis: Turkey's government collapses over corruption scandal

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) -Turkey's government collapsed Wednesday, losing a confidence vote in parliament over a corruption scandal that tainted the prime minister with allegations of mob ties.

The downfall of Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz and his nearly 17-month government could push Turkey toward another crisis — between forces that want strong ties with the West and pro-Islamic support-

Yilmaz's opponents carried a 314-214 margin in the 550-seat parliament — well beyond the threshold needed to sink Turkey's fourth government since 1995.

Yilmaz has been accused of ties with organized crime and rigging the privatization of a state-run bank by securing loans for a businessman linked to a mafia boss. Yilmaz has denied any links to criminal

"I believe that it will be the people who will very soon make the real judgment about our government," Yilmaz told parliament.

thrown wide open by the parliament action. No single political bloc is

The political scene was

strong enough to form a new governing coalition on its own. Secular-minded parties will likely try to set aside their dif-

ferences and cobble together a ful military. parliament majority that can lead until early general elections in April.

Failure could open the way for a return of the Islamic party, now called Virtue, which supports bringing stricter Muslim codes and traditions to mostly secular Turkey.

Although Virtue has the largest number of seats in parliament, it faces opposition from Turkey's extremely power-

The nation's first government led by a pro-Islamic party fell apart under pressure from the armed forces, which sees itself as the guardians of Turkey's secular principles. The Welfare party was then outlawed and forced to regroup under new leaders and a new name.

Turkey is waging an uphill fight for the extradition of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan, who is seeking political

asylum in Italy. Delays in forming a new government could distract Turkish leaders from their goal of bringing Ocalan to justice in Turkey.

Nearly 37,000 people have been killed in the 14-year battle between Turkish forces and Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy in southeastern Turkey.

Parties have 45 days to present a new coalition. If they fail, it will be up to the president to set up a caretaker government.

# Netanyahu strikes tentative deal to bring Levy back

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu struck a tentative deal Wednesday to bring his former foreign minister back to the government in an effort to

strengthen his fragile coalition. The return of David Levy, the former foreign minister, would not be enough to guarantee the survival of Netanyahu's government, which has been endangered by hard-liners outraged over the Mideast peace deal.

The hard-liners have been threatening to leave over the land-for-security agreement with the Palestinians, thus robbing Netanyahu of his majority in parliament.

Without such a majority.

Netanyahu would either have to call early elections or try to bring other parties into his coalition.

Also today, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon canceled an upcoming visit to the United States to help solve the crisis within the government.

Sharon was to lead the Israeli delegation at a 50-nation conference of donors to the Palestinian Authority on Nov. 30 in Washington.

In addition, he has been scheduled to meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and members of Congress to discuss Israeli aid requests to pay for troop withdrawals and new security arrangements in the peace deal. Political commentators said today that the prime minister wanted Levy back in the fold so he would be in a stronger position when opening negotiations with the main opposition party, Labor, to join the government.

In a sign that a so-called "national unity government" was becoming a real possibility, three influential Cabinet ministers - Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said Netanyahu should court

Netanyahu offered Levy either the finance or infrastructure ministry. As part of the

deal, Levy's Gesher Party would run on a joint slate with Netanyahu's Likud Party in the next elections, with Levy guaranteed the No. 2 spot.

Israel radio said Gesher approved a return to Netanyahu's coalition, but did not make a decision on a possible merger with Likud.

Two of five Gesher legislators, David Magen and Michael Kleiner, did not attend the meeting, an apparent sign that they will not rejoin the coali-

Levy had resigned in January to protest a deadlock in peace talks and the government's failure to spend on social welfare

#### **Correction Notice**

In our November 26th ad, we featured the game Centipede for Sony PlayStation and Superman for N64. Due to delays in manufacturing, these games are not yétavailable. We are offering rainchecks for Superman.

We also mistakenly featured the DVD movie Bladerunner as one of five free titles received with purchase of a DVD player after mail-in rebate. The correct DVD title is Lost in Space.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



# Chinese missionary severely beaten, group reports

BEIJING (AP) - A woman who helped set up underground churches across north China has been beaten so severely in prison that she is suffering mental disabilities, a human rights group said today.

Cheng Meiying, one of about 140 members of underground Protestant churches arrested on Oct. 26 and Nov. 5 in Henan province, was beaten with a water-soaked rope whip and a police baton, leaving her with serious head injuries, Human Rights in China said.

prison Saturday in an apparent attempt by police to avoid responsibility for her condition, the New York-based rights group said. She suffers complete memory loss and is disoriented to the extent that she "exhibits the appearance of insanity," it said.

Ms. Cheng, a native of Henan in central China, is a leader in China's underground house churches. Many of these Christian groups, which often

Ms. Cheng was released from are neither part of the statesanctioned non-denominational Protestant church nor registered with the government as required by Chinese law.

Ms. Cheng traveled widely in Heilongjiang, Inner Mongolia and Hebei provinces, helping to found many house churches convert people to Christianity, the statement said. It added that she had been detained and imprisoned many times previously.

The mass arrests last month hold services in people's homes, and early this month occurred in the cities of Wugang and Nanyang in Henan province, where leaders of these underground churches from around the country were meeting.

The warden of Fangcheng Prison in Henan, who gave only his surname, Hou, said more than 70 of the church leaders remained in prison, but denied any were beaten.

Also among those arrested were two missionaries from Taiwan, who were released after they paid an "astronomical fine," the statement said.

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#### Serbia offers talks, rejects broad autonomy for Kosovo Kosovo's ties with Serbia, while but also among countries bor- independence.

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's top negotiator for Kosovo warned Wednesday that any peace agreement involving independence for the Serb province would ultimately lead to a war that would not be confined to Yugoslavia.

Ratko The comments by Markovic, Serbia's vice premier, came as he and Serbian President Milan Milutinovic arrived in the province's capital, offering to discuss their plan with ethnic Albanians separatists.

The ethnic Albanians dismissed the offer as propaganda and, as in the past, refused to meet with the Serbs.

The Serb effort comes a week after Serbia rejected a U.S.drafted plan that would loosen

keeping the province formally within the Yugoslav republic. The Serb plan keeps the province firmly within Serbia.

Albanian majority want independence from Serbia, either as third republic within Yugoslavia or a separate state. The only other republic now remaining in Yugoslavia is Montenegro, which geographically and politically is dwarfed by Serbia.

Markovic, head of Serbia's negotiating team for Kosovo, said giving Kosovo status as a separate republic "would not only be against the constitution, but also a tragic political act leading inevitably to a military conflict, not only within Serbia

food and found no dangerous

substances, according to Fakty.

Petro Lesyk also told Fakty that

the food provided to the ani-

mals was of good quality and

that he suspected intentional

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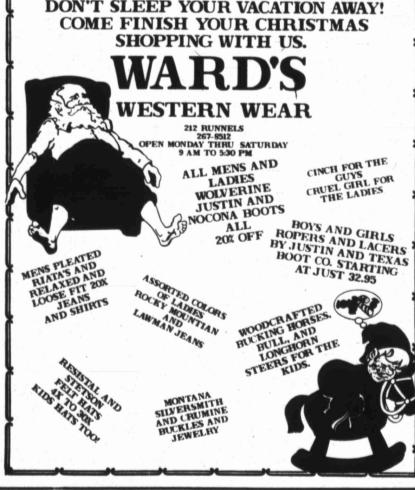
Kiev city's chief veterinarian

dering Kosovo. to leave their homes

The province has been in turmoil\_since Serbs launched a crackdown in February on the Most of Kosovo's ethnic Kosovo Liberation Army, a guerrilla force fighting for full

Hundreds of people were killed and some 300,000 forced

Sporadic violence continues despite an Oct. 12 cease-fire mediated by U.S. envoys.



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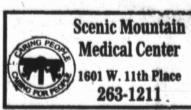
KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Three bison and a yak at Ukraine's largest zoo died unexpectedly , over the past week, and zoo officials claim the animals were poisoned, local newspapers reported today.

Three more bison and another yak remained ill with diarrhea, the disease that killed the other four animals, the Kiev zoo's chief veterinarian Andriy Marunchyn told the daily Fakty. Oleksiy Zoo director

Lepeshkov claimed that his jealous rivals poisoned the ani-Lepeshkov said his opponents

were angry over a recent court ruling that allowed him to return to the zoo's top post following his dismissal earlier this year, the daily Segodnya reported.

Marunchyn said zoo veteri-



#### CORRECTION

The "Going Somewhere" bag featured in our After Thanksgiving Sale Circular should have stated that the 19.99 Event price is only valid with any additional JCPenney retail store purchase. We apologize for any

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#### poisoning in the case. Other zoo officials said many more animals would have fallen ill if the food they were given



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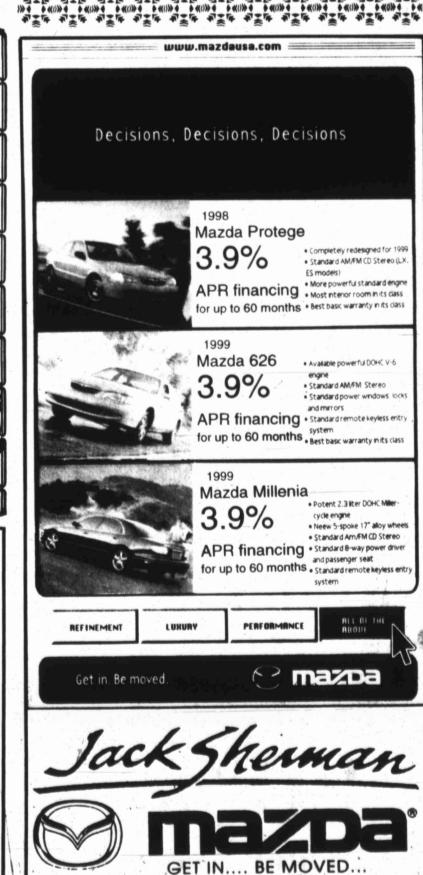
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# Texas education commissioner wants to toughen TAAS test standards

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas **Education Commissioner Mike** Moses said he wants to toughen up the TAAS by raising passing standards on the state's achievement test and adding new elements to the statewide-accountability system used to grade schools.

Moses is expected to announce his ideas at a news conference Dec. 4, but outlined some of his plans Tuesday.

"We're looking at additional changes to the assessment system and some tweaking of the accountability system," Moses told the Austin American-Statesman.

Student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills is essential to evaluating campuses. Ratings are based on standards for all students at a school and for each student group — black, Hispanic, white

and economically-disadvan- ability rating might draw attentaged.

The standard for an acceptable rating, which currently is 40 percent, has increased by 5 percent annually in recent years. The increases were due to end in 2000, but Moses wants a 70 percent standard by 2004.

"Schools have been, by and large, showing the growth to be able to meet that standard," he said. "I'd like to see us continue to talk about raising the bar at five percent increments."

Some of Moses' ideas would require action by the Legislature, but he has the authority to implement others on his own. A commissioner's advisory committee on accountability also will offer recommendations.

Moses said adding the end-ofcourse Algebra 1 exam into cal-

tion to the test, in which only 39 percent of students received a passing grade this year.

"It seems when you put things in the accountability system, schools pay more attention to it," Moses said.

Algebra 1 is one of three math classes required for graduation from Texas schools. Schools must give the end-of-course exam during a two-week period at the end of the term.

In the three years students have taken the Algebra 1 exam, the passing rate has climbed from 28 percent in 1996 to its present level. The passing rate for the comparable Biology 1 end-of-course exam was 80 percent this year.

Bill Hopkins, who oversees math curriculum for the Texas Education Agency, said Algebra culations for a school's account- 1 exam scores have been espe-

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"I'm going to give thanks (on

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cially poor because it's up to no real motivation for students schools to decide whether to include those scores in a student's grade.

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to pass the exam," he said. "There has been improvement

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said a shortage of math teachers in the scores, but they are still and promotion of students who extremely low. Part of the flunk makes the algebra problem difficult to solve.

"The fact is that a fairly high percentage of teachers assigned to supervise algebra classes are not qualified to be there," Cole said. "Many kids in Algebra 1 classes never passed a math class in their life and have been promoted from grade to grade."

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# Family of 17 loses its home in fire

17 — ranging from a 7-monthold baby to a 65-year-old matriarch — is homeless after fire tore through their house. The wood-and-brick structure

was the only home Myrtle Young, 65, had ever owned. She made her final payment on it just four months ago, but had no home insurance.

Fire destroyed the house early Tuesday morning. Investigators believe an unattended candle sparked the blaze.

When Ms. Young awoke

#### Bill would require parents' permission before body piercing

AUSTIN (AP) - Before visiting the body-piercing shop, young Texans might soon need mom or dad to sign on the dotted line

A bill filed in the Legislature would require notarized parental permission before anyone younger than 18 can get any part of their body pierced.

The same bill, by state Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, would also put body-piercing shops under the same rules as their brethren, tattoo parlors, which are inspected annually to make sure they are sanitary. Many body piercers share space with tattoo artists, but the state doesn't examine piercing facilities or equipment.

State law already requires parental permission before minors can get tattoos, but that law is routinely violated, the Austin Statesman-American reported. Body piercers think youngsters looking to express their independence by getting their ears, nose, navels or other appendages pierced would find a way to do it regardless.

LUBBOCK (AP) - A family of around 3 a.m. and smelled surveyed the scorched rubble smoke, she grabbed the child sharing her bed and went through the rooms of her home waking her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Everyone escaped safely. "When you walk through that house, it's amazing how they got out," Ms. Young's sister. Mattie Johnson, told the

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. In the light of day, Ms. Young

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Got an item?

## Parents must let kids make their own mistakes

to do things for themselves, but they make such messes that it's easier for me to do things for them. I just don't have the patience to see them fumble with stuff. Do you think I'm wrong to step in and do things for them?

DR. DOBSON: I think you are wrong, even though I understand how you feel. I heard a

story about a mother who was sick in bed with the flu. Her darling daughter wanted much to be a good nurse. She fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine to read. And then she even



showed up with a sur-

prise cup of tea. "Why, you're such a sweetheart," the mother said as she drank the tea. "I didn't know you even knew how to make

"Oh, yes," the little girl replied. "I learned by watching you. I put the tea leaves in the pan and then I put in the water, and I boiled it and then I strained it into a cup. But I couldn't find a strainer, so I used the flyswatter instead."
"You what?" the mother

screamed. And the little girl said, "Oh,

don't worry, Mom, I didn't use the new flyswatter. I used the

Well, when kids try their hardest and they get it all wrong in spite of themselves, what's a parent to do? What mothers and fathers often do is prevent their children from carrying any responsibility no longer required to do what that could result in a mess or a mistake. It's just easier to do See DOBSON, Page 10A

QUESTION: My children love everything for them than to clean up afterward. But I urge parents not to fall into that

> Your child needs her mistakes. That's how she learns. So, go along with the game every now and then ... even if the tea you drink tastes a little

> QUESTION: Isn't it our goal to produce children with selfdiscipline and self-reliance? If so, how does your approach to external discipline imposed by parents get translated into internal control?

> DR. DOBSON: There are many authorities who suggest that parents take a passive approach to their children for the reason implied by your question: They want their kids to discipline themselves. But since young people lack the maturity to generate that selfcontrol, they stumble through childhood without experiencing either internal or external discipline. Thus, they enter adult life having never completed an unpleasant assignment, or accepted an order that they disliked, or yielded to the leadership of their elders. Can we expect such a person to exercise self-discipline in young adulthood? I think not. That individual doesn't even know the meaning of the words.

> My belief is that parents should introduce their children to discipline and self-control by any reasonable means available, including the use of external influences when they are young. By being required to behave responsibly, he gains valuable experience in controlling his own impulses and resources. Then as he grows into the teen years, responsibility is transferred year by year from the shoulders of the parent directly to the child. He is

# A time for tradition

## At holidays, we practice our own way of celebrating

From the meal they prepare, to the people they share it with, local residents have a variety of ways of celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

Traditions, old and new, are carried out at the holidays perhaps more than any

other time. Some share a traditional meal, visit with family members, and watch a football game. Others have the meal early, or late, due to work responsibilities and busy schedules.

Arthur and Dolores Garcia are at work today, since the hospital cannot shut down for holidays Both of them work until

**BURCHAM** 2 p.m., so when they are getting home, most other local residents will probably be finishing — or in the middle of — a huge feast.

"We've already had it," Dolores said of their Thanksgiving meal.

The family gathered on Nov. 14 to share the traditional meal of turkey and all the trimmings.

"I think it's kind of funny," Arthur said. "But that's what we do," Dolores said. Mary Smith will use every available seat, tabletop and counter in her house for

the traditional Thanksgiving meal. That's because more than 20 are expected, kids to adults. "We all just get together," she said. "We'll use

the patio and every place

(to have enough seating)." Like in many families, the kids will have their own table, "unless they get to fighting, and then their parents will have to get involved," Smith said.

For the food, Smith's family will divide up the duties, bringing dishes to

complement the big bird. This year, as last year, the granddaughter will be making the pumpkin pie, using her grandmother's recipe.

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At Maudie Stephenson's house, don't look for a lot of dirty dishes after the big



Twenty-one-year old Jason Arguello shops for his Thanksgiving bird earlier this week. Arguello is keeping up his tradition by making his second try at roasting his own turkey. Last year's effort, he confessed, was less than successful.

feast. That's because they will use paper plates.

"After we eat, everybody just takes their silverware and dumps it in the sink," she said. "We'll all share in the cleaning up, and in the meal."

The 14 or so family members and guests will fill their home, she said. "It's like Grand Central Station.

It will be a quiet holiday for Barbi and Tracey Stewart - just the couple and their two children. While Barbi worked on Wednesday evening, her husband, Tracey, cooked the meal (using disposable foil pans to ease cleanup).

The kids, 13 and 8, were going to pitch in on the cooking this year, too, and after

the big meal, the Stewarts will "get together" with family by making a holiday phone call to Iowa.

At Dixie Burcham's house, her 5-year-old granddaughter is the "little princess" of the day, but the food is the star attraction.

"We're having turkey, cornbread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, applesauce cake," she said, pausing to think. Their meal will be delayed until Saturday, however, when all the family can be together.

On Friday, like hundreds of others, Burcham's family will probably hit the stores for the biggest shopping day of the

Debbie L. Jensen

# Spirit of Christmas Bank has figured cost of buying all '12 Days' gifts

could order for your true love all the gifts in the Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas." But wouldn't you rather just buy a fully loaded Porsche?

It'll cost you about the same,

according to PNC Bank Corp. Each year, the bank tallies the bill for 12 drummers drumming, 11 pipers piping — and so on — and converts the total tab into today's prices.

"I've never heard of anyone trying to go out and do this," said Rebekah McCahan, investment strategist for PNC. She has compiled the list since 1986 by consulting with the Philadelphia Zoo, the Musicians Society union and others.

This year, the cost of buying each item just once is \$14,214.90. That's 6.5 percent more than last year.

The bill for all the gifts — if they were purchased repeatedly on each day, as the song suggests — reached the luxury car status of \$58,405.09.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan "lowered interest rates (recently), so he obviously wasn't looking at this report and acting on it,"

Wednesday.

The "Twelve Days" increase vastly outpaced the government's Consumer Price Index inflation rate of 1.5 percent.

The prices for the birds swans, geese, canaries, hens, doves and partridges haven't changed, but salaries for dancers and musicians are higher, and a pear tree that was on sale last year at the Waterloo Gardens nursery for \$30 is \$89.99 this fall.

Five gold rings cost less this year, mainly because they are losing popularity as a wedding-band style. Women prefer rings mounted with diamonds or other jewels, according to jewelry retailer Bailey, Banks and Biddle.

The bank's former chief economist started putting the list together in 1982.

When Ms. McCahan took over pricing the song, she made a few changes.

"Prior to 1986, the partridge and the hens actually came from the butcher shop," she said. "We decided a live bird certainly presented more ... the spirit of the holiday season than having a dead bird dangling from a pear tree."

# Plains town is thankful — for survival

SPENCER, S.D. (AP) — It's a foggy morning on the prairie and Howard Heidelberger is sitting in his new garage, head bowed, hymn book in hand, praying.

Outside, on the milky gray horizon, stands a skeletal wood frame, the beginnings of his new house. In this season to count blessings, it could be a reminder of Heidelberger's loss-

His light-green house, a former parsonage shaded by lush ash trees where he and his wife, Beverly, raised three children over 21 years, is gone.

The stained glass windows his wife refinished, the white '64 Ford Falcon he lovingly polished, his grandmother's highback wooden rocking chair they're gone, too.

So many things Heidelberger worked for and cherished were blown away, broken or buried one terrifying night in May when a killer tornado roared through this tiny town, bulldozing it like some demonic force in a Stephen King novel.

Six people died. Scores were injured. Spencer, population 312, was nearly swept off the map: The fire station, water tower, post office, grain elevator and library were destroyed. All four churches were demolished. So was almost every house, some lifted off their foundations and hurled into the

'We have each other. We have our friends. And my family is so much closer. I'm more thankful than ever. My life was spared.' Howard Heidelberger

But six months have passed, Thanksgiving has arrived, and Heidelberger and other townsfolk who lost a lifetime's worth of treasures and mementos in a single might, are grateful.

"We've lost a lot, but we've gained a lot more," he says, gently squeezing his wife's shoulder as they stand among rows of folding chairs in their garage, which has temporarily been transformed into Trinity Lutheran Church this Sunday

"We're building a new home," he adds. "We're getting our church back. We have each other. We have our friends. And my family is so much closer. I'm more thankful than ever. My life was spared.

On this day of giving thanks, Heidelberger and others who call Spencer home are measuring their good fortune by a simple yardstick: survival.

"Losing your housing is nothing," says Sharon Reif, who worked nights and weekends with her husband, Scott, to build a new home. "I'm just glad we're alive.'

Folks here tell amazing stories of how they were spared.

One elderly woman swathed her head in her own handmade quilts. Others took refuge in their bathrooms. Heidelberger hunkered down on his hands and knees in his basement shower, while his house splintered and shook above him. Then one boom, and it was

"I'm a different person," he says. "My faith has strengthened. When I was in that show er, I knew God was there."

The Saturday night storm was so ferocious it tossed mattresses onto overhead phone lines, sucked television sets out of windows and twisted a steel beam around a tree like taffy. Canceled checks and family photos were found fluttering in Minnesota towns - nearly 100 miles away.

Today, Spencer bears the scars: There are muddy fields and deserted streets where homes once stood and children once played. The bank is a Twilight Zone vision: Its gleaming silver vault, which defied the twister, sits uncovered on Main Street. The new bank will be built around it.

Trinity Lutheran will be the

only church to get a new home Sunday services continued this summer in a tent, and now, as winter approaches, a garage. Attendance has increased since the storm.

"Realizing it's only by God's will that they're still here that brings people back to church,' says Christopher, the pastor.

On this raw Sunday morning, in November, Christopher leads 40 of the faithful in prayer, the garage lit by two dented golden candelabra pulled from the rubble of the old church. As the organ hums, the congregation, clutching red leather hymnals, softly sings: "He who stands firm to the end will be saved."

Christopher remembers the morning after the storm, when he first saw the landscape reduced to piles of lumber and plaster. "I thought this is the end of Spencer," he says, "and this is the end of my church."

He wasn't alone Many believed that Spencer, founded as a railroad stop more than 100 years ago, had reached the end of the line.

Like so many small Plains towns, it had long been on the decline: The population was elderly, the school was closed, the lumber yard, the pool hall and the movie house, called the Hollywood, were only memo-

The tornado has forced some See TOWN, Page 10A.

#### EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Virginia Miller

Position/school name: Big Spring High School world geography teacher and social studies department head. Years teaching or in education field: 20.

Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: enthusiasm, mnemonic devices, experience. Why I became a teacher/educator: good at school,

love learning, like teenagers.

Special hobbies, interests: crafts. Family information: single, have a dog.

People would be surprised is they knew I: meowed. Most gratifying experience with young people: winning the Academic Challenge and taking the team to nationals in New Orleans in May 1997.

If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: the paperwork and bus duty. Being a "policeman" is the least favorite part of my job.

Educator of the week is a random drawing from questionnaires received by the Herald. For more information, call the life! desk at 263-7331, ext. 236.



#### THE LAST WORD

It's over, and can't be helped, and that's one consolation, as they always say in Turkey, when they cut the wrong man's head off. **Charles Dickens** 

Be the business never so painful, you may have done it for money. **Thomas Fuller** 

Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up. Robert Frost

# Television brimming with holiday programs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Go ahead and slap a big shiny bow on your television set, which will be bursting with holiday largess over the next few weeks.

Movies, music, classic cartoons and more will mark Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. From television's point of view, it's not hard to see why the medium would exploit - pardon us, celebrate - this time of year so

After all, if a network or cable channel can find a durable little charmer like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," TV's longest-running special, they have a solid performer to pull out year after year after year.

Viewers welcome the chance to relive electronic childhood memories and find new ones to share with the youngsters. And there's the fun of comparing Celine Dion's "Silent Night" with Kathie Lee Gifford's.

So, in the spirit of the holidays, we'll give TV a cheery thanks for being generous and wish it a bountiful commercial harvest in return. Here are the highlights (all times EST):

Harry Hamlin plays a scheming businessman who also happens to be Santa Claus'

son in "Like Father, Like Santa," showing on Fox Family Channel 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Gary Coleman co-stars as a

- "The Christmas Wish"

stars Neil Patrick Harris as a young man who goes in search of a family secret and, with Debbie Reynolds' help, finds himself. It airs 9 p.m. Sunday,

Scott Glenn and Courtney B. Vance star in "Naked City: A Killer Christmas," directed by Peter Bogdanovich and with characters drawn from the noir

classic "The Naked City." It's

Dec. 6, on CBS.

on Showtime at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13; the original film precedes it at 6:15 p.m. "It's a Wonderful Life" once again as NBC airs the Frank Capra black-and-white classic starring Jimmy Stewart

Saturday, Dec. 19. Country singer LeAnn Rimes and Bernadette Peters star in "Holiday in Your Heart," airing J p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, on ABC. Rimes is on

and Donna Reed at 8 p.m.

Opry debut in Nashville in this movie based on the book she co-wrote with Tom Carter. ANIMATION:

Burl Ives narrates 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, based on the Johnny Marks song about a shy reindeer with unexpected talent. CBS has remastered the program and included footage unseen since its 1964 deput; call it the director's cut.

The Peanuts gang again finds the true meaning of Christmas in "A Charlie Brown Christmas," rebroadcast by CBS on 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec.

"Annabelle's Wish," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, on Fox, tells the tale of a calf with a yearning to join Santa's reindeer on their rounds and her friendship with a boy in need of a miracle. Narrated by country singer Randy Travis.

"Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas," airing 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 on ABC, reunites Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson, Angela Lansbury and other members of the original "Beauty" voice cast.

- "The Year Without a Santa Claus," a 1974 cartoon musical featuring the voices of Mickey Rooney and Shirley Booth, airs 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 on CBS. Santa, bummed by the world's lack of holiday spirit.

goes on strike. STOCKING STUFFERS: Parades and celebrations throughout the United States

are featured in "The All-Thanksgiving American Parade," airing 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, on CBS. airing 9 a.m. Actors Catherine Bell and Kevin James are hosts of the Macy's parade segments.

Champion figure skaters Ekaterina Gordeeva, Scott Hamilton and Kurt Browning are part of CBS' "The Snowden, Raggedy Ann & Andy Holiday Show," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27.

"A Victorian Christmas: Kitty Bartholomew in Cape May," 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, on HGTV, offers a peek at the lavishly decorated Victorian homes of Cape May, N.J.

Shirley Jones narrates "The Great Christmas Movies," a look at Hollywood's depiction of the holiday in films such as "It's a Wonderful Life." 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, on AMC.

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he has tearned during earlier years in hopes that he will want to function on his own initiative. To illustrate, a child should be required to keep his room relatively neat when he is young. Then somewhere during the mid-teens, his own self-dis-cipline should take over and provide the motivation to continue the task. If it does not, the parent should close the door and let him live in a dump, if that is his choice.

In short, self-discipline does not come automatically to those who have never experienced it. Self-control must be learned, and it must be taught. EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James

C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs,



#### TOWN

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folks, many of them elderly, to leave Spencer. But family ties, a devotion to small-town life and a resiliency borne of hard winters and hard times on the prairie have brought others back.

Money has helped, too. Nearly \$5 million in government aid and private donations will help build new town offices, a fire station and senior citizens center: The Catholic church is building a parish hall. There's a waiting list for two apartment buildings under construction.

Slowly, homes are going up, people are trickling back.

Delphia Stuby, a freckle-faced widow, was one of the first to return, starting life over at age 72 — new pots and pans, new linens and bed, and a new home, courtesy of a most unlikely construction crew: state prisoners.

She bought the two-bedroom

was hauled by flatbed truck 70 carved for her, photos of her miles to the same Main Street six children. She was unable to lot where she lived for 38 years retrieve her father's walking - and almost died that night in cane. Even talking about it

She survived by hiding in her bathroom as the charcoal-colored funnel cloud swooped down on her house. She remembers screaming, "Lord, no more!" A few days later, she suffered a heart attack.

After recuperating a few months in a nearby town, she returned to Spencer, where her parents and grandparents are buried, the one place on earth where she has peace of mind.

"I had nightmares, terrible nightmares," Mrs. Stuby says of her time away.

"As soon as I got here, I felt as calm as can be. My blood pressure is very good and my doctor tells me it's because I've

the few possessions she sal-

brings tears to her eyes.

"People say, 'We know how you feel.' The hell you do!" snaps Mrs. Stuby, who peppers her conversation with a mild cuss word or two. "You'll never know.

For the survivors, the tornado was a life-transforming expe-

"I look at nature a lot more." says Susan Sieverding, whose family lost their house! "I stop and smell the roses. I do. No more hurrying,'

"I appreciate the kids and husband more," she adds with a smile, standing outside her new home.

"You're more patient. At least, you try to be."

Her living room holds most of Sieverding, a retired preasant their homes. farmer, says he knows there "They're just sitting in them,

ting Spencer started again.

"But the rewards are seeing something new go up," he says. "People who didn't speak before say, 'Hey, congratulations, you're getting a new home.

Sieverding says Spencer, already small, will shrink even more. But it will survive. Buildings will be new, and people will live here by choice.

"It's selfish to say it'll be a better town," he adds, "but in some ways it will. It's just a heck of a price to pay.

This summer, he helped a son and daughter rebuild in this town that has been home to four generations of Sieverdings - the latest, a girl, baptized just weeks ago.

"I'm not a very emotional person," he says. "But my voice just cracks and tears just Her father-in-law. Don Tun down my cheeks to see



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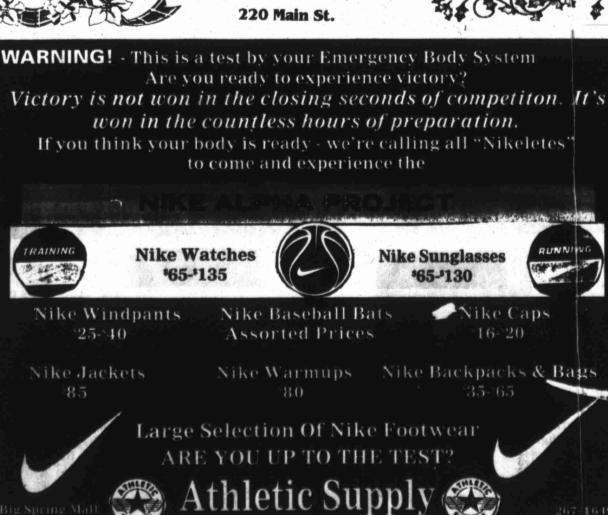
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# IN BRIEF

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

#### YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is currently under way with Program **Director Cindy Kincaid saying** those who took part in last year's program will see whole-

The program is being expanded to include seventhand eighth-grade girls and

Youngsters whose families are not YMCA members will have to purchase basic program memberships for \$15 to participate, but Kincaid said the program will continue to scholarship children from low income families.

The YMCA has also scheduled a basketball camp for boys and girls on the first three Saturdays in December. Beginning in 1999 the YMCA

will being offering a yearround youth sports program including basketball, soccer, tball and softball and roller hockey.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### YMCA swim team adding a beginners program

The Big Spring YMCA is currently adding beginning swimmers to its swim team. Practice sessions will be

from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To participate, youngsters 6

years of age and older must be able to swim a length of the pool independently in both the crawl and backstroke.

Regular YMCA swim team practice sessions will still be scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8

#### Masters changing its invitation list

Brian Watts and Brad Faxon can start making their reservations for the Masters. And Greg Norman won't have to worry whether that special invitation to Augusta National will be in the mail.

All of them will qualify for next year's tournament because of changes to the invitation list for golf's most exclusive major championship.

In a move to reward the most consistent players around the world, Augusta National officials said Monday they will start inviting the top 50 players from the World Golf Ranking, the first major qualifications change in eight

The result could be a larger field at the Masters, but certainly a stronger one.

After next year, simply winning a PGA Tour event won't guarantee a spot in the field.

#### **PLAYOFFS**

FRIDAY:

7:30 p.m. — Stanton (11-1) vs. Albany (12-0), Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater.

#### SATURDAY:

3 p.m. — Borden County (11-1) vs. Groom (12-0) at Floydada.

# ON THE AIR

TODAY: PRO FOOTBALL

11:30 p.m. - Pittsburgh Steelers at Detroit Lions, CBS, Ch. 7. 3 p.m. — Minnesota Vikings

at Dallas Cowboys, FOX, Ch. 3

COLLEGE FOOTBALL 7 p.m. - Mississippi State at Mississippi, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL 11 p.m. - Great Alaska Shootout, Duke vs. Notre

Dame, ESPN, Ch. 30.

# Buff boss says Albany most underrated team in 2A

Sports Editor

It's anything but a "been there ... done that" situation.

While Stanton's Buffaloes will face Albany in Friday's 7:30 p.m. Class 2A, Division II regional playoff game at Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl — the same school they faced in the area round in their stampede to a state championship a year ago — it is not the same Lions team that succumbed 35-21 last season.

Nobody is more cognizant of that fact than Stanton coach Mark Cotton.

"Albany's quite a bit different than

they were last year," Cotton said as he prepared to put his team through workout paces Tuesday afternoon. "They do a lot of the same things they did last year, but they're a much quicker team this time around.

"As a matter of fact, I think Albany is probably the most underrated team in the state right now," he added. "Nobody's been able to beat them yet. Besides, at this point, all the pretenders are out of there. Everybody that's left in the playoffs has a legitimate chance of going all

The Lions, who improved to 12-0 with a 27-0 shutout of Amarillo Highland Park last week, possess a talented passing

attack featuring quarterback Tony Wheeler.

Wheeler completed 10-of-11 passes for 85 yards and two touchdowns in the Lions' win over Highland Park and most certainly has Cotton's attention.

We expect them to throw the football at us ... probably 50 percent of the time or more," Cotton said, noting that Wheeler brings many of the same talents his quarterback Class 2A career touchdown passing leader Kyle Herm brings to the position.

"He (Wheeler) is about Kyle's size and has thrown the ball for about 1,800 yards this year ... that gets your attention in a hurry," the Buffs boss continued. "I think

they use the passing game to set up their running game and that's been pretty successful for them.

Conversely, the Buffs tend to use the running game to set up their highly-successful passing attack.

In the past two weeks, Herm has passed for more than 300 yards and four touchdowns. He completed 13 of 19 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns in the Buffs' 58-0 area playoff rout of Eldorado's Eagles last week, giving him 1,425 yards passing this season.

But Herm is also a definite threat when running with the football, allowing

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# Stasey thanking Big Spring Aggies praising

# owner, player named to hall

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Few people will admit that if given the opportunity to live their lives over, they wouldn't change a thing.

But that's exactly what minor league baseball legend Pat Stasey told his audience in Arlington on Nov. 4 when he was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame.

"I don't have many regrets," Stasey said during a recent visit to Big Spring where he spent time reminiscing with former players Al Valdes and Tito Arencibia. "You really can say I lived the American dream ... just like it said in the induction ceremony program.

Stasey, a strong-armed outfielder who batted .300 or better in 12 of the 16 seasons he played professional baseball, was virtually a household word in West Texas and eastern New Mexico during the decade immediately following World

One of the founders of the old Longhorn League in 1947, and right fielder for the Big Spring Broncs — a team many considered the Yankees of their

In the 10 years Stasey served as as player-manager for teams in Big Spring, Roswell and Hobbs, they finished in the the league's second division just twice. The Broncs won the championship three times, finished third once and second

To Valdes, who played catcher for Stasey's Broncs in 1948 and 1949, and then again in 1952, it was Big Spring's run to the championship in 1949 that

was the absolute best of times. "We won the pennant by 24 1/2 games that year ... the people here were just crazy about us," Valdes recalled. "You hit a home run ... people would put money in the fence. Sometimes there'd be \$100 or more stuck in the backstop. Let me tell you, a \$100 in 1949 looked like \$1 million does today."

It was that kind of support, Stasey said, that prompted his visit to Big Spring late last

"I just want the people of Big Spring to know how much I appreciate the start I got here," Stasey explained, recalling his first start with the Big Spring team in the old West Texas-New Mexico League i₱1938 and 1939. "Of course, a lot of the



Pat Stasey, the former owner, player and manager of the old Big Spring Broncs of the Class D Longhorn League, displays the plaque he was presented during his induction into the Texas Baseball

people who were so important when I first started playing professional ball are dead now, but I've always felt everyone in this community made a difference in my success."

When Stasey arrived in Big Spring in 1938, he pitched and played outfield, appearing in 78 games and hitting .322. "The next year, I just played in the outfield ... had a tremendous year," he said of the 1939 season when he batted .344 in 138

"After that, the owner of the team, Tony Rigo, sold me, Billy Capps (now a scout for the Chicago Cubs) and Jody Marek to Tulsa," Stasey added. "I wound up in Moline (Ill.) in the American Association for a couple of years and they optioned me to Jersey City in the International League."

After 14 games with Jersey City and a 19-game stint with Knoxville in the Southern Association, Stasey - like some many other players of his day wound up called for duty in World War II

Possessed of one of the strongest throwing arms in all of baseball, many say Stasey was on the verge of moving up to the major leagues when inducted into the service.

"I decided I'd get out of baseball and wound up coming back here to Big Spring and going to work for the Cosden Petroleum Co. in 1946," he explained. "Then when the Longhorn League was organized in '47, I wound up getting talked into owning a part of the club, managing the team and

playing." Following the 1952 season, he sold the team to Raymond Tolett and Bill Frank then moved to Roswell for two seasons there before closing out his time in the Longhorn League in 1955 at Hobbs.

"I guess my most impressive ability was hitting and throwing ... that and the fact that I operated 10 years in the league without going broke," Stasey said, only half joking. "We had

a lot of fine players come through here and in Roswell, too. There were a lot of Cuban and other Latin American players in the league."

Stasey was himself the Longhorn League's batting champion twice, but didn't win the crown in 1947 when he hit .416 — the best average of his

One of his best Big Spring pitchers was Camilio Pascual, who would later win 174 games in the majors.

Stasey says both Valdes and Arencibia were instrumental in the success the Broncs enjoyed under his leadership.

Both men say their former skipper and teammate adopted a somewhat low key style of managing the team.

"He wouldn't' get mad at any body," Valdes said. "You talk about a good coach ... he knows baseball. And on our team, he was the only one that spoke English.

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COLLEGE STATION (AP) -Texas running back Ricky Williams is getting rare praise from the least expected source - archrival Texas A&M

There is still the usual growling and chest-pounding as the two teams prepare to go at each other Friday for the 105th time, unless the subject is Williams, poised to become big time football's all-time leading rusher.

Are the Aggies trying reverse psychology on Williams?

"He's like the Michael Jordan of college football," said Aggies running back Dante Hall. "He can run around you, he can run over you, he can catch, kind of like Michael Jordan can shoot, dunk on you, anything.

Williams needs 63 yards against the sixth-ranked Aggies to break the NCAA record of 6,082 yards by Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett from 1973 to 1976. The Aggies expect him to get it.

"I'm going to predict that Ricky Williams will get his 63 yards," inside linebacker coach Alan Weddell said. "It's an honor to be on the football field with a great player like Ricky. I'm sure it's an honor for him to be on the field with a great defense like ours."

The Aggies may be just

acknowledging the obvious. "He has everything," Hall said. "Most running backs don't have all of the components, but he does, so he'll get it. Even if I didn't want him to get it, he will, but he deserves it. He deserves to win the Heisman. No one deserves it more than him.

The Aggies' Wrecking Crew defense ranks No. 2 nationally against the run, but they haven't been too successful against Williams. And they don't seem too worried about keeping Williams from his record.

"To me, it's like the baseball home run record. You'd like to see him get it, you just hope it's not against you," quarterback Randy McCown said. "I think he's worked extremely hard and he's very deserving of the record. I wouldn't mind if he got it as long as we win the

In three previous outings against A&M, Williams has averaged 163.7 yards per game and 7.1 yards per carry.

"A lot of good running backs have gotten 60 yards against us, and he's a great running back,' safety Rich Coady said. "It's not like he got all 6,000 yards

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#### Raise a glass ... of ginger ale to Kentucky's C.M. Newton to reform the world, only his very small America - so why not the parking lot? try and head off the next one.

Raise a glass and toast Kentucky athletic director C.M. Newton for doing the right thing. Just make sure there's nothing stronger than

ginger ale in it. A couple of alcoholfueled incidents have rocked college sports recently, and one of them hit too close to home for Newton to ignore. On Nov. 15, one Kentucky football player was driving a car involved in a crash that killed a teammate and another assenger. Police said



the driver's blood-alcohol level was 11/2 times the legal limit. Instead of just wringing his hands over the tragedy, Newton set out Tuesday to

First, he toughened up Kentucky's alcohol policy and put 400 athletes on notice that anyone convicted of drunken driving will be kicked off teams and forfeit their scholarships. Second, Newton told three deep-pocketed sponsors - Anheuser-Busch, Miller Brewing

manufacturer - that when their contracts run out at the end of the 1999-2000 school year, the school will no longer accept their ads. According to current numbers, wine, beer and liquor sponsorship dollars

and Maker's Mark, a Kentucky bourbon

pour \$400,000 annually into Kentucky's athletic department coffers - 1.4 percent of the \$29 million budget. "It's kind of putting your money

Don't take this wrong: Newton is no ax-wielding Carrie Nation. He is not out

where your mouth is," Newton said.

corner of it. He knows his university shares a state with people who not only make cigarettes and bourbon, but who are fonder of both more than plenty of their neighbors.

And so - Newton explained gingerly the ban will extend to Kentucky's TV and radio networks, coaches' shows, game programs, schedule cards, posters. and home fields and arenas, but not to the 40 luxury suites being added to Commonwealth Stadium or the corporate hospitality tents outside on game days. It's up to the renter in those places to decide what goes in the

In this era of mixed messages, that sounded suspiciously like selective enforcement. And Newton defended it by saying students see adults drink responsibly almost everywhere else in

That's wishful thinking. So is Newton's contention that cutting back on liquor ads around the campus will result in "three positive outcomes ... a decrease in consumption; student-athletes of legal age who chose to drink will do so responsibly; and teammates, like any member of a responsible family, will intervene when they see prob-

The shame is that whatever little good comes of this will come too late to benefit Jason Watts, who was driving Nov. 15, or comfort the families of the kids who died. Watts faces charges of drunken driving and second-degree manslaughter in the crash, which killed teammate Artie Steinmetz and another passenger, Eastern Kentucky student

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have to throw the football. 'We want to be unpredictable," he added. "That's one of the things we've really tried to be the last four years. We next."

want to keep people guessing about what we're going to do

We try to use the run to set up the pass, I guess," Cotton explained, "but our completion percentage on first down is bet-

ter than it is on any other

down. The thing that's impor-

tant to us is to try and not put

ourselves in position where we

There is little question what the Buffs really want to do next, however. They'd like nothing better than advance to the quarterfinals where the prospect of a rematch with Seagraves looms.

It was Seagraves that dealt the 11-1 Buffs their only loss of the season, snapping a 22-game win streak in the seventh week of

the regular season.

But nobody in Stanton is looking ahead of the Lions.

"Sure, anybody's going to want to have a chance to beat the only team that's beaten them," Cotton explained, "but there's no guarantee that either one of us is going to be there next week ... we've both got tough opponents to play this

"I think our kids realize that and truly believe there's a big task ahead," he added. "They really haven't said much about Seagraves this week. We've got to take care of business Friday night. Then, if we get a chance to go up against Seagraves again, we'll concentrate on

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"Pat was just a great hitter ... left-handed and could find the hole in any defense the other team tried to use against him," Valdes added. "He had a major league arm, too.

But the best thing was the way he handled us as players, Valdes continued. "I remember one time I was in a bad hitting slump and was sitting there looking at my bat. He came up

and asked me what was wrong and I told him the bat was no

"He took that bat, went up to the plate and hit a triple with it. When he came back to the dugout, he just looked at me and said, 'It's not the bat.' That's all he said.

"Believe me," Valdes concluded, "If any deserved to be put in the Hall of Fame, it's him. He was a great player, a great coach and a great guy.

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Scott Brock.

This wasn't Watts' first problem with booze - in 1997, he accidentally shot a teammate in the buttocks while intoxicated — and he wasn't the only Kentucky ballplayer to get into trouble while drinking. Basketball player Ryan Hogan pleaded guilty in May to DUI, and another football player, Tony Woods, was dismissed from the team in February after being charged with DUI.

Of course, the problem isn't limited to Kentucky's athletes, or even student-athletes. A deadly confrontation between a North Carolina State student and five athletes from the school ended Sunday morning with a shooting that left the

**WILLIAMS** 

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much for that program."

can get there."

How do the Aggies tackle

"Very carefully," Coady said.

"You have to get a chest on him

and then grab for something, a

piece of clothing, a shoe and

then hope the rest of the team

As a freshman, Williams

gained 163 yards on 14 carries

and scored twice as the

Longhorns beat the Aggies 16-6

in 1995. Williams got 145 yards

on 22 carries in Texas' 51-15 vic-

tory in 1996, and had his best

effort — 183 yards on 33 carries in a 27-16 loss last year.

student dead.

Jacksonville

Mixed in among the more serious charges was this: three female members of the university's gymnastics team were charged with selling beer to underage guests at the party where the athletes had been.

"I see this as a confluence of judgment that was clouded by alcohol, the availability of a handgun inappropriately, and the proclivity of our students to respond to a confrontation or a disagreement by resorting to violence," NC State chancellor Marye Ann Fox said Monday. "When you put all those ingredients together, it's bound to be a disaster.

For that reason alone, NC State might at least think about joining that handful of schools - cross-state rival

Now, the Aggies have one last

"A lot of people say one per-

son can't tackle him," line-

backer Roylin Bradley said.

"You can't stop him, just con-

tain him and keep him from running 300 yards and keep him

Williams has rushed for 1,865

yards this season and scored 26

touchdowns. He was held to a

season-low 43 yards by Kansas

"A lot of teams will put eight

or nine guys in the box to try

and shut down Ricky Williams,

but that opens the rest of the

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team up," Coady said.

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out of the end zone.

shot at Williams, averaging

"It won't hurt our feelings if 183.5 yards and 16.2 points this

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LADIES MAJOR WEEK 40

team series Big Spri Team 7 1859, Dream Team 7 1859, Dream hdop team game Rain Wynns Winners 872, Dr Day & Day Builders 87: series Rainbow Brite Team 2522, Day & Day hi sc game WIBC Peggy Joycee Davis 209, Stor sc series WIBC Peggy Joycee Davis 538, Betth hdop game WIBC Peggy Ward 254, N rs 43-37. Ne Builders 43-37, Neight 43-37, Mis-haps 42-38, Pack-Sender 39-41, 38-42, Green House F 42, Rocky's 36-44, Cli 35-45, Carlos' 30-50, Mirror 28-52.

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#### SPORTS EXTRA

Approx.	FOCAL BOWLING
	DOUBLE TROUBLE WEEK 13 RESULTS-Bob's Custom Woodwork-
	ing 6-2, Professional Health 2-6, 4 for 1
	44. The Four of Us 44. Santa Fe Sandwiches 0-9; Strike Force 0-0, Looney toons 2-6. Killer B's 6-2; hi sc
	team game 4 for 1 731, The Four of Us 711, Strike Force 689; Hi sc team series 4 for 1 2090, Strike Force 1958.
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100	4 for 1 2354, The four of Us 2325, Bob's Custom Woodworking 2325; hi sc game ABC Kary Hall 223, Junior
	Barber 213, Jean Cheville 212; hi sc series ABC Junior Barber 601, Brian
	Taggert 578. Donald Robertson 537; hi hdcp game ABC Kary Hall 259, Brian Taggert 241, Donald Robertson 231; hi
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	hi sc game WIBC Angle Jackson 212, Elaine Reiland 201, Monette Rowden 185; hi sc series WIBC Angle Jackson
12 150	497, Elaine Reiland 491, Peggy Huckabee 488; hi hdcp game WIBC
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	WIBC Monette Rowden 643, Angie Jackson 632, Judy Robertson 578; most over ave game ABC Kary Hall 69, Brian Taggart 49, Donald Robertson
	38; most over ave series ABC Brian Taggart 98, Kary Hall 54, Donald
	Robertson 39; most over ave game WIBC Angle Jackson 69, Monette
	Rowden 51, Elaine Reiland 37; most over ave series WIBC Monette Rowden 85, Angle Jackson 68, Kim West 23.
	STANDINGS-Killer B's 71-33, Santa Fe Sandwiches 63-33, 4 for 1 57-47,
	Professional Health Care 50-54, Looney Toons, 50-54, The Four of Us 48-56. Strike Force 46-50, Bob's Custom
	Woodworking 23-81.

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RESULTS-Big Spring Music 6-2, MisHaps 2-6, Dréam Team 6-2, Rocky's 2-6, Psycho Psysters 6-2, Wynns Winners
2-6, Day & Day Builders 2-6, Rainbow
Brite 6-2, Green House Photography 0-8, A&B Farms 8-0, Barber Glass &
Mirror 6-2, Cline Construction 2-6, PackSender 2-6, Carlos' 6-2, Team 7 2-6,
Neighbors Auto Sales 6-2; hi sc team
game Big Spring Music 666, Dream
Team 639, Wynns Winners 629; hi sc
team series Big Spring Music 1884, game big Spring Music ood, Dream fram 639, Wynns Winners 629; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 1884, Team 7 1859, Dream Team 1829; hi hdcp team game Rainbow Brite 878, Wynns Winners 872, Dream Team 870, Day & Day Builders 879; hi hdcp team series Rainbow Brite 2540, Dream Team 2522, Day & Day Builders 2522; hi sc game WIBC Peggy Huckabee 252, Joycee Davis 209, Stormy Ward 202; hi sc series WIBC Peggy Huckabee 552, Joycee Davis 538, Betty Gibson 526; hi hdcp game WIBC Peggy Huckabee 261, Stormy Ward 254, Melissa Phillips 250; hi hdcp series WIBC Betty Gibson 688, Peggy Huckabee 687; Melissa Phillips 49; most over ave game WIBC Peggy Huckabee 56. Stormy Ward 50, Melissa Phillips 49; most over ave series WIBC Melissa Phillips 77, Betty Gibson 76, Peggy Huckabee 72.

series WIBC Melissa Phillips 77, Betty Gibson 76, Peggy Huckabee 72. STANDINGS-Big Spring Music 56-24, Rainbow Brite 48-32, Dream Team 46-34, Dwnns Winners 46-34, Dey & Day Builders 43-37, Neighbors Auto Sales 43-37, Mis-haps 42-38, Team 7 40-40, Pack-Sender 39-41, Psycho Psysters 38-42, Green House Photography 38-42, Rocky's 36-44, Cline Construction 35-45, Carlos' 30-50, Barber Glass & 35-45, Carlos' 30-50, Barber Glass &

WEEK 11.
RESULTS Pack-Sender 4-4, Openm 7-8-1.
RESULTS Pack-Sender 4-4, Openm 7-8-1.
Day & Day Builders 2-6. Cline Construction 2-6, Rainbow Brite 6-2.
Wynns Winners 2-6, Neighbors Auto Sales 6-2, Something Eise 6-2, Psycho Psysters 2-6, Rocky's 4-4, Carlos' 4-4.
A&B Farms 2-6, Mis-Haps 6-2, Green

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Arizona 45, Washington 42
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Pittsburgh 30, Jacksonville 15
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New York Giants at San Francisco, 7
House Photography 8-0, Big Spring Music 0-8; hi sc team game Something Else 705, DreamTeam 635, Packer-Sender 627; hi sc team series Something Else 1949, Pack-Sender 180-8, Dream Team 1798: hi hdpc team game something Else 905, Psycho Psysters 883, Barber Glass & Mirror 876; hi hdcp team series Something Else 2549, Psycho Psysters 2526, Barber Glass & Mirror 2486; hi sc game WIBC Marth Long 223, Bethany Everett 211, Kathryn Senter 209; hi sc series WIBC Bethany Everett 529, Alice Ewing 523, Kathryn Senter 518; hi hdcp game WIBC Marth Long 288, Mary Martinez 266, Bethany Everett 264; hi hdcp series WIBC Martha Long 699, Bethany Everett 688, Barbara Shortes 681; most over ave game WIBC Martha Long 86, Mary Martinez 64, Bethany Everett 60; most over ave series WIBC Martha Long 93, Barbara Shortes 78, Bethany Everett 76.

STANDINGS-Big Spring Music 56-32. Rainbow Brite 54-34. Dream Team 50-38, Neighbors Auto Sales 49-39, Mischaps 48-40. Wynns Winners 48-40. Something Else 46-42. Green House Photography 46-42. Day & Day Builders 45-43. Pack-Sender 43-45, A&B Farms 42-46. Rocky's 40-48. Psycho Psysters 40-48. Cline Construction 37-51. Carlos' 34-84. Barber Glass & Mirror 34-54.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS Scurry Rentals over Hardiabn's Appliance 8-0, BSI over Cowday's 8-0, Dub's Wonders over Tonn Cleaners 6-2, Ups & Downs over White Motor Co. Stanton 6-2, Professional Health Care over K. Steakhouse 6-2, A Timeless Design over Double R Cattle Co. 6-2, Morris Robertson Body Shop over Carlos Restaurant 6-2, Parks Agency, Inc. over LG Nix, Dirt Co. 6-2; hi sc game men John Paul Foster 245; hi sc game

1) hi ac team series Morris bertson Body Shop 1973; hi hdop m series BSI 2526. STANDINGS-KC Steakhouse 68-36.

rris Robertson Body Shop 66-38, A neless Design 61-43; Scurry Rentals -48, Professional Health Care 55-49, ilte Motor Co. Stanton 54-50, BSI 53winte Motor Co. Stanton 54-50, Barks Agency, Inc. 52-52, Carlos Restaurant 51-53, Hardison's Appliance 50-54, Cowboy's 48-56, Ponn Cleaners 48-56, Double R Cattle Co. 40-58, Ups & Downs 46-58, LG Nix Dirt Co. 40-64, Dub's Wonders 38-66.

MEEX 53.

RESULTS-Bowl-A-Rama over New Age Outlaws 6-2, Morehead Transfer over WGAS 6-2, Burgess Auto over Santa Fe Sandwiches 6-2. Music-N-More over Chili Peppers 6-2. Team #12 split Tough As Nails 4-4. Big Spring Farm Supply unopposed: hi sc game Jackie Lecroy 288, hi sc series John Foster 662. hi hdcp gaem David Armstrong 269, hi hdcp series James Rawls 699, hi sc team game Burgess Auto 894, hi hdcp team game Burgess Auto 894, hi hdcp team game Burgess Auto 2516; hi hdcp team series Burgess Auto 2516; hi hdcp More 46-42, Burgess Auto 53-35, Santa Fe Sandwiches 48-40, Morehead Transfer 48-40, Tough As Nails 46-42, Music-N More 46-42, Big Spring Farm Supply 45-35. Chili Peppers 44-44. Bowl-A-Rama 43-45, Team 12 40-48, WGAS 23-65, Sootty's Golf Shop 22-58.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

WEEK 13
RESULTS- Chain Gang over Allan's
Furniture 8-0, Los Guys over Scaltech 62, Wolfpack over The Pimps 6-2, Tejano
Bad Boys over Eye Ball Records 6-2,
Top Dogs over Monostat 5-8-0; hi hsc
series Danny Gray 606, John Paul
Foster 578, Arthur Juarez 578; hi sc
game Danny Gray 241, John Paul Foster
231, Arthur Juarez 223; hi sc team Foster 578, Arthur Juanez 578; hi sc. game Danny Gray 241, John Paul Foster 231, Arthur Juanez 223; hi sc. team series The Pimps 2538, Los Guys 2509, Scaltech 2426; hi sc team game The Pimps 929. Los Guys 925, Scaltech 846; hi hdcp series Arthur Juanez 671, Danny Gray 666, Tom Guitternez 633; hi hdcp game Danny Gray 261, Arthur Juanez 254, Tom Guitternez 243; hi hdcp team series Chain Gang 2972, Los Guys 2938, Scaltech 2858; hi hdcp team game Los Guys 1068, The Pimps 1033, Chain Gang 1004.

STANDINGS Top Dogs 72-32, Alliens Furniture 64-40, Los Guys 64-40, The Pimps 58-46, Scaltech 57-47, Tejano Bad Boys 48-56, Chain Gang 48-56, Eye Ball Records 48-56. Wolfpack 33-71, Monostat 5 28-76.

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MENS MAJOR
WEEK 13
RESULTS-Trio Fuels over Team 12 8-

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Collums Restaurant over Parks Agency 8-0. Rainbow Home Improvement over O'Daniel Trucking 8-0. A&B Poleline tied Mason's Roofing 4-4. Team 11 tied Parks Convenience 4-4. BSI over 8ob Brock Ford 6-2; hi sc series John Foster 720, Terry Davis 659. Douglaif Greer 637; hi sc game John Foster 300, John Gibson 247, Tony Shankles 239; hi hdcp team series Collums Restaurant 2876, Trio Fuels 2808, Parks Agency 2679; hi sc series Collums Restaurant 2876, Trio Fuels 2808, Parks Agency 2679: hi sc team game Collums Restaurant 1014, Trio Fuels 981, Parks Agency 913; hi hdcp series John Foster 780. Terry pavis 740, Douglas Greer 727: hi hdcp game John Foster 320, John Gibson 287, Troy Böydston 270; hi hdcp team series Trio Fuels 3366, Rainbow Home Improvement 3365. Collums Restaurant 3326; hi hdcp team game Rainbow Home Improvement 1168, Trio

# Broncos seek perfect game in midst of perfect season

DENVER (AP) — An unde-feated season? Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan has been down this road before.

"I think in my midget league, we were 6-0," Shanahan said Monday. "We only played six games. It was 95 pounds and under, so I don't know if that

After Sunday's 40-14 win over the Oakland Raiders, the Broncos (11-0) are five games from joining the 1972 Miami Dolphins (14-0) as the NFL's only team to finish a season undefeated.

They are going about the historic pursuit in phenomenal fashion. Denver has trailed only twice this season — at Oakland and at Cincinnati - and the best could be yet to come.

"I don't think we've played as well as we can play," defensive end Alfred Williams said. "That day hopefully will come later in the year when we actually need to play our best game.

The Broncos displayed some minor flaws Sunday but still were able to defeat Oakland 40-14 and surpass the 1990 San

Francisco 49ers for the best start by a defending Super Bowl champion.

The Raiders were within six points in the fourth quarter before three interceptions led directly to three Denver touchdowns. The calm efficiency in the face of a challenge raised questions about whether the

Broncos will lose anytime soon. "Everybody wants me to say how to beat the Broncos. I have no solution how to beat the Broncos," Denver defensive end Neil Smith said. "We as a team don't feel like we cannot be beat. ... We are beatable. We're human."

It's hard to tell from the statistics.

The Broncos, who are averaging a league-leading 33.6 points per game, have won 22 straight regular-season home games and 16 games overall.

The NFL record of 18 consecutive wins is shared by four teams, and the Broncos can join them with a win Sunday at San Diego (5-6) and a victory at home Dec. 6 against Kansas City (4-7).

"I don't know if anybody ever thought we'd be in this situation," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "Yeah, we knew we had a good football team and we'd have a chance to be somebody special, but I don't really think that was in anyone's mind, going back to San Diego (site of last year's Super Bowl) undefeated."

The same could be said for Denver's individual superlatives.

Quarterback John Elway reached 50,000 career yards passing Sunday; Jason Elam kicked a record-tying 63-yard field goal Oct. 25; and Terrell Davis became only the third back to rush for 1,000 yards in

the season's first seven games. Elway has agreed to donate his 50,000-yard game ball to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Elam will hand over his kicking shoe after the season.

Davis already has sent game memorabilia to Canton, and with 1,492 yards rushing, he has put himself in position to break Eric Dickerson's single-season record of 2,105 yards in 1984.

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Odessa Permian (10-2) vs. Duncanville (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturda exas Stadium, Irving

Region II
Plano (8-4) vs. Houston Jersey Village (10-2), 5 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving Region III

Alief Elsik (8-4) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (9-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV Converse Judson (12-0) vs. Edinburg (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Alamodome, San Antonio.

DIVISION II Regionals

Midland Lee (11-1) vs. Copperas Cove (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo Amarillo (9-3) vs. South Grand Prairie (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Region II Lufkin (9-3) vs. Georgetown (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bowers

Stadium, Huntsville Richardson Lake Highlands (7-5) vs. Austin Westlake (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Region III Katy (11-1) vs. Pasadena Dobie (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome,

Houston Houston Washington (8-3) vs. Clear Brook (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

SA MacArthur (8-4) vs. Rio Grande City (7-5), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio SA Madison (10-2) vs. McAllen Rowe (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

CLASS 4A DIVISION I **Ouarterfinals** Region I

Region IV

WF Rider (4-8) vs. Plainview (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock Region II

Grapevine (8-4) vs. Greenville (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving Region III

Nederland (9-3) vs. Bay City (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Astrodome, Houston Region IV

Belton (8-4) vs. Alice (10-2), 11 a.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

**DIVISION II** Region I

Pampa (10-2) vs. Stephenville (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, WF Hirschi (7-5) vs. Borger (9-3), 1

p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium. Lubbook Region II Southlake Carroll (11-1) vs.

Sherman (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland Collevville Heritage (9-3) vs. Highland Park (10-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Texas, Stadium, Irving., Region III

Dayton (12-0) vs. La Marque (10-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Astrodome,

Silsbee (8-4) vs. El Campo (10-1), p.m. Friday, Astrodome, Houston Region IV Smithson Valley (9-2) vs. Schertz

Clemens (12-0), 3:30 p.m. Friday, New Braunfels Canyon (9-3) vs.

Alamodome, San Antonio Edcouch Elsa (9-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

CLASS 3A DIVISION I Quarterfinals Region I

Monahans (6-6) vs. Breckenridge (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock Region II

Aledo (10-1) vs. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (8-3-1), 3 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford Region III

Giddings (9-3) vs. Hardin-Jefferson (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pridgeon Stadium Region IV

Cuero (9-3) vs. Raymondville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cabiniss Field Multi-Stadium, Corpus Christi **DIVISION II** 

lorado City (10-2) vs. Childress (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lowery Field, Lubbock

Crane (12-0) vs. lowa Park (9-3). 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium

Commerce (11-1) vs. Daingerfield (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland Royse City (11-1) vs. Tatum (10-2),

7:30 p.m. Friday, Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches
Region III
Rockdale (10-2) vs. Newton (10-1),

2 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville, Bowers Stadium

Manor (7-4) vs. Crockett (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Huntsville, Bowers

Sweeny (9-2) vs. CC West Oso (11-1), 11 a.m. Friday, Astrodome,

Vanderbilt Industrial (11-1) vs. Aransas Pass (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria

**CLASS 2A** Quarterfinals

Region I

Sonora (10-2) vs. Canadian (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowery Field, Lubbock

Boyd (11-1) vs. Omaha Paul Pewitt (9-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland Region III

Hughes Springs (12-0) vs. Mart (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium. Region IV

Brookshire-Royal (10-1) vs. Comfort (12-0), 11 a.m. Friday, Alamodome, San Antonio DIVISION II

Region I

Seagraves (11-1) vs. Spearman (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon Stanton (11-1) vs. Albany (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Celina (10-2) vs. Grand Saline (11-1), 7:30 Friday, Eagle-Mustang Stadium, Richardson Jacksboro (10-2) vs. Italy (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Max Goldsmith

Stadium, Lewisville Region III Elysian Fields (9-3) vs. Crawford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wills Point Troup (9-3) vs. Franklin (11-1), 8

p.m. Friday, Ennis Region IV Ganado (10-2) vs. Poth (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gonzales Goldthwaite (10-2) vs. Banquete

(8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Luling

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Gruver (8-3) vs. O'Donnell (10-1). 2 n m Friday Dick Rivins Amarillo

Aspermont (12-0) vs. Rocksprings (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Paducah (9-3) vs. Menard (10-1),

7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie Region III Era (11-0) vs. Tenaha (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mabank

Detroit (10-1) vs. Dawson (9-2). 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, **Bedford** Region IV lola (11-0) vs. Charlotte (8-3), 7:30

p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos Falls City (10-1) vs. Bartlett (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nelson Field, Austin

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Region II Samnorwood (8-4) vs. Balmorhea (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ira

Region III Gordon (10-2) vs. Trinidad (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Burleson

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Comfort will be ghost town during playoff game Friday

COMFORT (AP) - On Friday, this community of 1,500 will be a ghost town.

The day after Thanksgiving is often said to be the busiest shopping day of the year, but many Comfort merchants won't even

open their doors.

They'll be too busy watching a football

By 11 a.m. Friday, most Comfort residents will be in San Antonio's Alamodome, watching the Comfort High School Bobcats battle Brookshire-Royal in the Texas 2A regional finals.

"In 50 years of football, we've never been

12-0 and to the regional semifinals, ever," said Kathy Bohn, as she painted Bobcat slogans on the front windows of her flower shop Tuesday morning.

Bohn has extra reason to close her shop. Friday — her son, Ashley Brooks, is a defensive end on the Comfort team.

Marlin Marcum, the school superintendent, said it'll be mighty quiet around Comfort on Friday.

"I think the town may be empty," he told the San Antonio Express-News. "The businesses left open are going to have to rely on out-of-town customers.'

ed to travel the 47 miles to the Alamodome after holding a 7:30 a.m. pep rally in-

'The Bobcats boast an offense that averlages 44 points and 449 yards - 407 of it rushing - per game. Running back Dereck Syfert gained 1,514 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. -

"I think everybody didn't think we were going to be this good," Allerkamp said. 'Right now, we're getting a lot more respect, and everybody is backing us. It's a senior year to remember, that's for sure."

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history. The next challenge for Copperas Cove (10-2) is Midland Lee (11-1) on Friday night in San Angelo. A victory would put the Bulldogs in the Class 5A Division II quarterfinals against the winner of Saturday's game between Amarillo (9-3) and South Grand

Prairie (8-4). Although Copperas Cove's woeful history indicates the team is a one-year wonder, that's hardly the case. Coach Jack Welch has spent five years getting his program to this point and, by the looks of things, the Bulldogs likely will be playing past Thanksgiving

for many years to come. When Welch arrived before the 1994 season, his first task was to establish a football pipeline that stretched practically from diapers to diplomas.

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"We all work together," said Welch, who also began offseason weight training and conditioning to run track and play

basketball. With all levels using the same styles (a pro-style offense and a 4-3 defense), the players don't have to learn the basics each year. Instead, they get better at the things they were already

doing. The scheme is working. The current group of juniors went undefeated in 7th, 8th and 9th grades, then were 9-1 as the junior varsity last year even after 13 players moved up to varsity.

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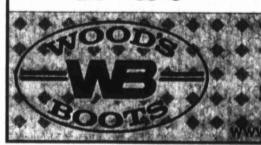
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PISCES indulges you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think carefully before you launch into action. Others ask for help and feedback. In their own frustration, they could start yelling. Partners get more cantankerous over the next few weeks. Be positive; this is an opportunity to clear the air. Tonight: Get a good night's

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Confusion marks your day. Confirm appointments. You misunderstand where or when to meet someone. Your indulgent ways make you and someone smile. Get together with friends. Consider hanging the mistletoe -- yes, already! Tonight: Start a celebra-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Everyone seems to drop the ball on you. Responsibilities pile up, as if you didn't have enough to do! Take time with an elder; he appreciates your efforts to include him in a favorite hobby. You come out ahead. Children are unusually talkative. Tonight: In the lime

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Allow your creativity greater expression. Detach, choose a vision and consider how to make it happen. Home life is active. Whether getting ready for Christmas or just cleaning up, you are busy. Someone needs to tell you how he feels. Avoid a fight. Tonight: Go to the movies.\*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Getting together with others

proves to be a source of endless pleasure. Take time to socialize, but make sure the party is taking place where you think. Crossed signals are more than

possible. Relax and enjoy, wherever you are. Tonight: Make time for a special friend.\*\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Others are in the mood to let go and enjoy. Why not? You breeze around, meeting friends. Listen carefully to the feedback you receive. Others are slightly out of kilter. Laughter will get you into the holiday mood.

Indulgence proves to be a theme. Tonight: Say "yes!"\*\*\*\*\* LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Others might be enjoying themselves, but whatever you are doing is still work, whether you are shopping, addressing

cards, cleaning up or actually working on the job. Confusion sets in; read it as a sign to let go and not push as hard. Tonight: Go slow and easy.\*\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **HHHHH Your frisky nature** comes out, no matter what your plans are. You'll swing while others decide what they want

wish. Tonight: Warm up the room temperature. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

to do. Your indulgent, loving

qualities heat up a key relation-

ship. What starts up today

could last a long time, if you

Concentrate on family and home. You are confused by the mixed energy and strange events. Someone hears your words differently. Instead of getting upset, lighten up and see the humor. Your positive attitude breeds good will and happiness. Tonight: Do what feels right.\*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Allow more input from others. What they say surprises you; what you hear is in direct contrast with what you previously thought. Realize that you might not have all the answers. Follow your intuition with money; don't buy what you cannot afford. Tonight: Catch up on someone's news.\*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't let costs upset you. Consider how to taper your gift budget. Use your incredible imagination. Ingenuity could be your saving grace. Caring really is the message behind

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your gifts. Think of different ways to express that. You still could go overboard. Tonight: It's your treat.\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are in great shape, even if your friends seem to be heading in every direction. Making an effort to help others get organized does not work. Maintain a high profile, be more easygoing. Be open to sudden changes and a special offer. Tonight: Top dog. \*\*\*\*\*

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# This is the day to take stock and give thanks

DEAR ABBY: Today is Thanksgiving Day, and this is my traditional Thanksgiving

column. Take a few minutes to think about what you have to be thankful for. How's your health? Not

good? SO Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people

haven't. You're hurting? Thousands -- maybe millions -- are hurting more. (Have you ever visited a veterans hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)

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If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table and read the newspaper, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, onethird of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, call someone. Go out of your way to do something nice for somebody. It's a sure cure for the blues.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern -- concern for fair play under the law. Your country may not be a rose garden, but it also is not a patch of weeds

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no wells or fences -- nothing to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer; perhaps you will want to use it at your table today: Oh, heavenly Father,

We thank thee for food and remember the hungry We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service,

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen. As an afterthought: Want an

instant high? The surest cure for the post-holiday blues is to do something nice for someone. Why not call someone who lives alone and invite him (or her) over for dinner?

Better yet, call and say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get home." (Many older people don't drive, and those who do don't like to go out alone after dark.)

Try it. And let me know the results.

P.S. Special greetings to those of you in the military who wrote from remote corners of the world to tell me that you are using my Thanksgiving prayer on this Thanksgiving Day. God bless you!

DEAR ABBY: I would like to validate the feelings of "Troubled Grandma." I'm the mother of a 5-year-old girl and feel strongly about this issue. It's very difficult to find appropriate clothing for little girls, especially swimwear. All the suits are cut high at the leg; many have see-through sides and backs that leave little to the imagination. Wake up, people! Our little girls need a chance to be little girls! This

means telling them "NO!" when they choose inappropriate clothing, and refusing to buy from manufacturers who are irresponsible.

I remember when I was young, my mom said "NO!" to outfits that were too sophisticated or revealing. I thank her for teaching me how to dress with style and class. These decisions are taught by responsible parents who have the guts to draw the line with whiny children, media and manufacturers who do not have a clue (and could not care less) about what makes a little girl become a self-confident, independent woman. -- STANDING TALL IN TEXAS

DEAR STANDING TALL: Thank you for speaking out on behalf of many like-minded parents. I hope the manufacturers are listening, because what I'm hearing is there is money to be made if someone can come up with a sensible, as well as appealing, clothing line.

DEAR ABBY: I am newly married, and I just found out from a friend that my husband's ex-fiancee has a tattoo on her behind with his name. Everyone in this small town knows about it, because he bragged about how "cute" it

My friend says the girl has offered to have it removed since he has married someone else, but she can't afford it. My husband paid to have the tattoo put on, and I think he should give her the money to have it removed since he can well afford it.

He reads your column faithfully, so I think he will listen to you better than he would to me. - NEWLYWED IN DECATUR

DEAR NEWLYWED'S HUS-BAND: I agree with your wife. It's time to put the tattoo behind all of you. Since you paid to have it put on your former fiancee's derriere, ante up for the surgery to remove it. That should put an end to it.

DEAR ABBY: I have two daughters from a biracial marriage. My older daughter, Sakura, was born the same day as her Japanese grandfather. My younger daughter, Mari, shares a birthday with her American grandfather. Both grandfathers were not only delighted, but amazed because they are both mathematicians. and they say the odds of this happening were astronomical and heaven-sent.

If these two men, who fought on opposing sides during World War II, can see eye-to-eye on the joys of life and God's good graces, why can't the guy in Texas do likewise? -- GERRY CHRISTMAS (MY REAL NAME), CARRBORO, N.C. DEAR GERRY: Right on!

What a perceptive observation! DEAR ABBY: I have a question that I've never seen in

your column. Can I be buried at sea?

I don't mean my ashes, Abby, I mean my body. I would rather be fish food and part of the ocean chain than be cremated or buried in the ground. Is it legal? Can I be put where I want to be? -- JUST WONDER-ING IN ROSWELL, N.M.

DEAR JUST WONDERING: Yes, your body can be buried at sea as long as it is transported 12 miles from shore into international waters. However, according to the Funeral and **Memorial Societies of America** in Hinesburg, Vt., there are other restrictions covering burial at sea, including water depth and weights on the remains. Also, a state permit is required in order to be buried at sea. Since state laws differ, you would be wise to check with a local mortician for

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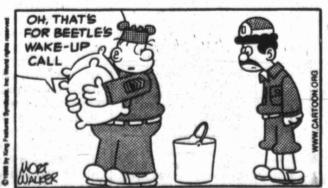
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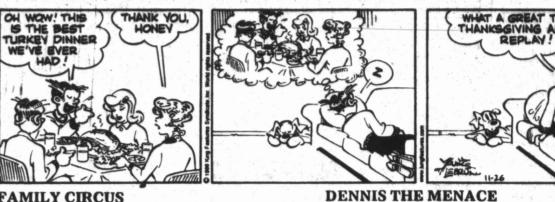


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Five years ago: The first session of the 103rd Congress concluded as lawmakers adjourned for the year.

One year ago: Under heavy international pressure, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said he would allow visits to presidential palaces where U.N. weapons experts suspected he might be hiding chemical and biological weapons. In a small but symbolic step, the United States and North Korea held high-level discussions at the State Department for the first

Today's Birthdays: "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles M. Schulz is 76. Singer Robert Goulet is 65. Impressionist Rich Little is 60. Singer Tina Turner is 59. Singer Jean Terrell is 54. Pop musician John McVie is 53. Actress Jamie Rose is 39. Country singer Linda Davis is

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