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Nurse charged in overdose deaths of three hospital patients

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Henry Hudson 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.

Hudson 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, Hudson's sister, said Tuesday.

Within hours of his transfer that December night in 1995, Hudson died of a heart attack in Ward C.

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

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

going on," Duquette said.

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 indictments 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

a motive.

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 Hudson; 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 resuscitated by an emergency medical

team.

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 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 bathroom.

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

fine. "If I'm a Peeping Tom and 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

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

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 suspicious of Glover because he

seemed to know about private 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

face and hair. He said, 'Your 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 run.

"She asked, 'Why don't you go too?' I said, 'No, I don't have the time — why don't you call Mr. Steve?'" she said, but her

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 me." She said one woman lunged at her and threatened her saying, "You'd just better watch it."

Asked if that was a threat, the

woman replied: "It's not a threat. It's a promise," according 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 8-year-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 "nappiest, 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 to allow them into National Honor Society

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The National Honor Society discriminated against two pregnant teens by rejecting membership in the organization and should be ordered to accept them, lawyers for the girls argued.

Somer Chipman, 17, and Chastity 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

National Honor Society' ... We wouldn't be here if that were the rule," Sara Mandelbaum, senior staff attorney with the ACLU's Women's Rights Project.

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

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 waiting for the matter to be decided in a trial would deny the seniors access to society activities and listing membership on college applications.

But attorney Suzanne Cassidy, representing the school board, said an injunction would be improper.

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

She said along with scholarship, selection committees for the society consider leadership, service and character.

Bertelsman said he would try to rule on the request for a preliminary injunction by Jan. 1.

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 students.

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — For 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 hidden underneath clothing.

"This is driven by the fact

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 do body searches on about 1,700 passengers a year. Some passengers are required to remove 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 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-

ers.

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

gangs.

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

The political scene was thrown wide open by the parliament action.

No single political bloc is 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 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-

ful military.

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 Labor.

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

deal, Levy's Geshet 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 Geshet approved a return to Netanyahu's coalition, but did not make a decision on a possible merger with Likud.

Two of five Geshet legislators, David Magen and Michael Kleiner, did not attend the meeting, an apparent sign that they will not rejoin the coalition.

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

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 Meiyang, 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.

Ms. Cheng was released from 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 hold services in people's homes,

are neither part of the state-sanctioned 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 and convert people to Christianity, the statement said. It added that she had been detained and imprisoned many times previously.

The mass arrests last month 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.

Serbia offers talks, rejects broad autonomy for Kosovo

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.

The comments by Ratko 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

Kosovo's ties with Serbia, while keeping the province formally within the Yugoslav republic. The Serb plan keeps the province firmly within Serbia.

Most of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority want independence from Serbia, either as a 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

but also among countries bordering Kosovo."

The province has been in turmoil since Serbs launched a crackdown in February on the Kosovo Liberation Army, a guerrilla force fighting for full

independence.

Hundreds of people were killed and some 300,000 forced to leave their homes.

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

Four animals die from alleged poisoning at zoo

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.

Zoo director Oleksiy Lepeshkov claimed that his jealous rivals poisoned the animals.

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-

narians checked the animals' food and found no dangerous substances, according to Fakty.

Kiev city's chief veterinarian Petro Lesyk also told Fakty that the food provided to the animals was of good quality and that he suspected intentional poisoning in the case.

Other zoo officials said many more animals would have fallen ill if the food they were given had been infected.

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 yet available. We are offering rainchecks for *Superman*.

We also mistakenly featured the DVD movie *Blade Runner* 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*.

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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-disadvantaged.

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-of-course Algebra 1 exam into calculations for a school's account-

ability rating might draw attention 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 1 exam scores have been espe-

cially poor because it's up to schools to decide whether to include those scores in a student's grade.

"There has been improvement in the scores, but they are still extremely low. Part of the thinking has been that there's

no real motivation for students to pass the exam," he said.

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said a shortage of math teachers and promotion of students who 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."

Family of 17 loses its home in fire

LUBBOCK (AP) — A family of 17 — ranging from a 7-month-old 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

around 3 a.m. and smelled 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

surveyed the scorched rubble filling her driveway, the blackened walls and the broken windows — but she wasn't angry.

"I'm going to give thanks (on Thanksgiving Day) that Jesus spared our life, and for everything everybody has done for us," she said.

The Family Outreach Center of Lubbock is helping the family find a new home and personal belongings.

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.

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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 fully.

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.

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):

MOVIES:

— 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 feisty elf.

— "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, Dec. 6, on CBS.

— 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 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 and Donna Reed at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

— Country singer LeAnn Rimes and Bernadette Peters star in "Holiday in Your Heart," airing 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, on ABC. Rimes is on

the verge of her Grand Ole 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 debut; 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. 2.

— "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-American Thanksgiving Parade," airing 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, on CBS. 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.

DOBSON

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he has learned 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-discipline 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, Colo., 80903.

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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 house the inmates built, and it

was hauled by flatbed truck 70 miles to the same Main Street lot where she lived for 38 years — and almost died that night in May.

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 come back."

Her living room holds most of the few possessions she salvaged: a table her grandfather

carved for her, photos of her six children. She was unable to retrieve her father's walking cane. Even talking about it 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 experience.

"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 father-in-law, Don Sieverding, a retired pleasant farmer, says he knows there have been frustrations in get-

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.

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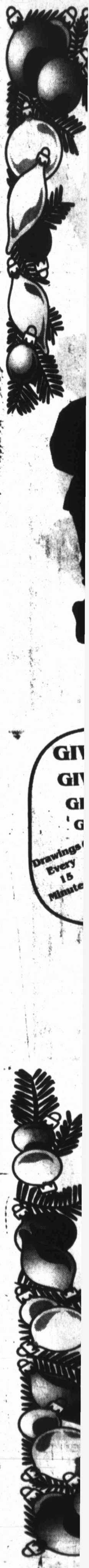
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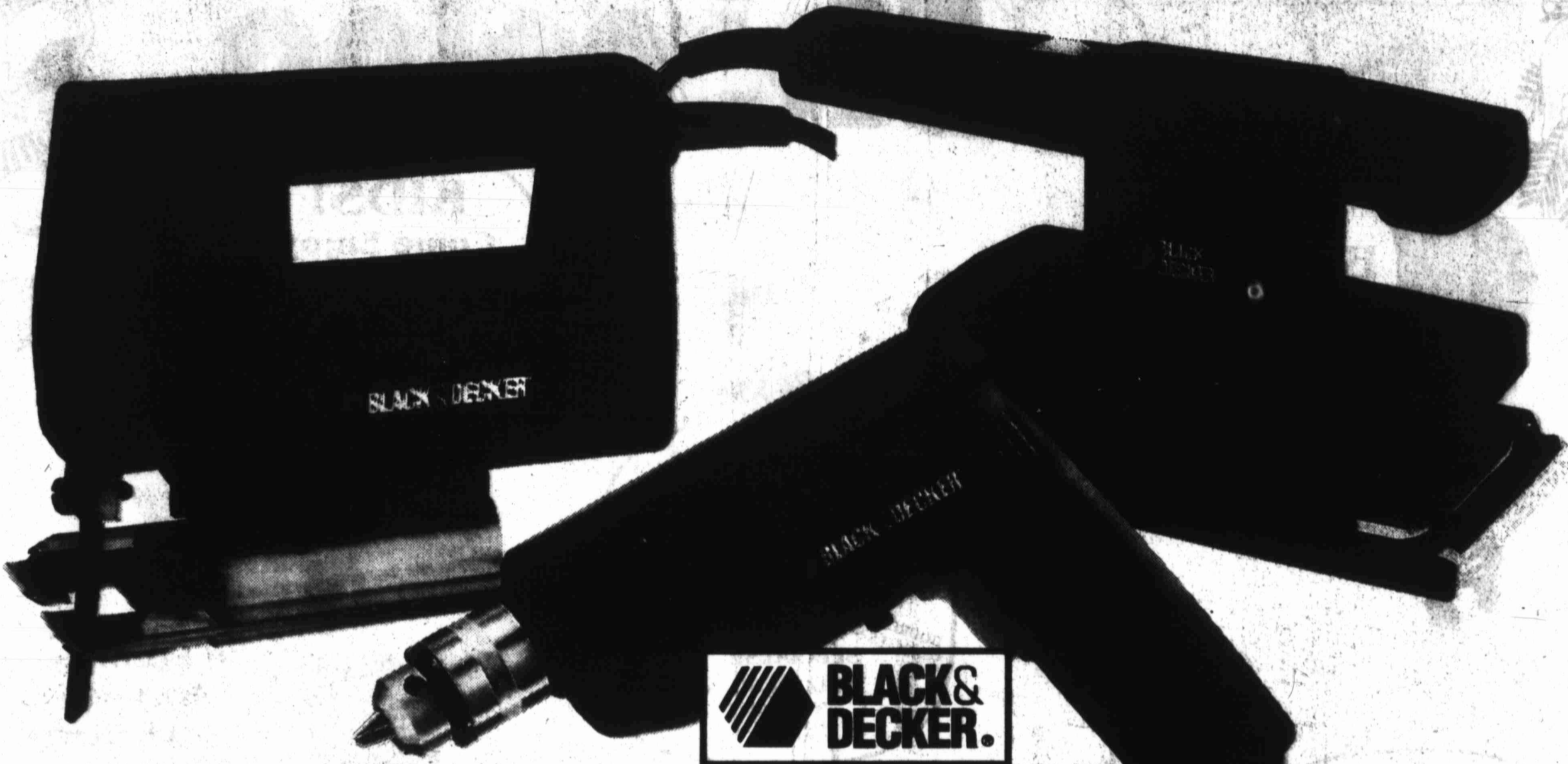
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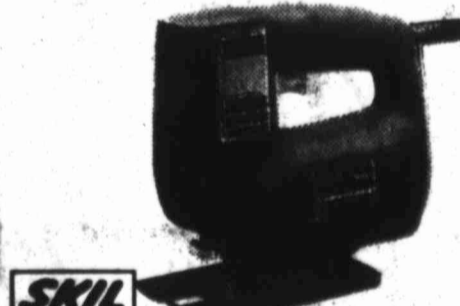


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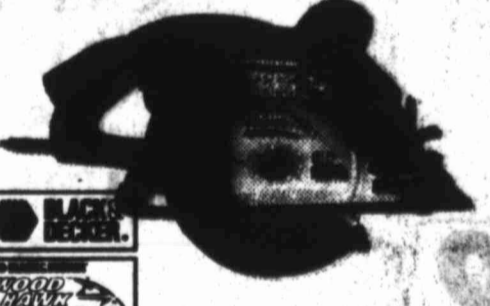


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BUFFS

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the Buffs to be extremely unpredictable.
"We try to use the run to get up the pass, I guess," Cotton explained, "but our completion percentage on first down is better than it is on any other down. The thing that's important to us is to try and not put ourselves in position where we 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 want to keep people guessing about what we're going to do next."
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 week."
"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 them."

STASEY

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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 good.
"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

student dead.
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

North Carolina, Minnesota, Baylor, Rhode Island and now Kentucky — that have said no

to alcohol advertising. It's not much, but it's a start.

WILLIAMS

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"It won't hurt our feelings if he gets the record. He's done so much for that program."
How do the Aggies tackle Williams?
"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 can get there."
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 victory in 1996, and had his best effort — 183 yards on 33 carries — in a 27-16 loss last year.

Now, the Aggies have one last shot at Williams, averaging 183.5 yards and 16.2 points this season.
"A lot of people say one person can't tackle him," linebacker Roylin Bradley said. "You can't stop him, just contain him and keep him from running 300 yards and keep him out of the end zone."
Williams has rushed for 1,865 yards this season and scored 26 touchdowns. He was held to a season-low 43 yards by Kansas State.
"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 team up," Coady said.

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WEDNESDAY STRIKERS WEEK 13

RESULTS: Chain Gang over Allan's Furniture 8-0, Los Guys over Scaltech 6-2...

MEN'S MAJOR WEEK 13

RESULTS: Trio Fuels over Team 12 8-0, Colliers Restaurant over Parks Agency 8-0...

Broncos seek perfect game in midst of perfect season

DENVER (AP) — An undefeated season? Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan has been down this road before. "I think in my midlife league, we were 6-0," Shanahan said Monday...

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...

"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..."

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DIVISION I
Region I
Quarterfinals
Odessa Permian (10-2) vs. Duncarville (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II
Piano (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, Astrodomo, Houston
Region IV
Converse Judson (12-0) vs. Edinburg (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Alamodome, San Antonio.
DIVISION II
Regionals
Region I
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, Astrodomo, Houston
Houston Washington (8-3) vs. Clear Brook (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Astrodomo, Houston
Region IV
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
Quarterfinals
Region I
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, Astrodomo, 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, Irving
WF Hirschi (7-5) vs. Borger (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Region II
Southlake Carroll (11-1) vs. Sherman (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Colleyville 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, Astrodomo, Houston
Silsbee (8-4) vs. El Campo (10-1), 5 p.m. Friday, Astrodomo, Houston
Region IV
Smithson Valley (9-2) vs. Schertz Clemens (12-0), 3:30 p.m. Friday, Alamodome, San Antonio
New Braunfels Canyon (9-3) vs. 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, Pidgeon Stadium
Region IV
Cuero (9-3) vs. Raymondville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cabisiss Field Multi-Stadium, Corpus Christi
DIVISION II
Regionals
Region I
Colorado City (10-2) vs. Childers (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lowery Field, Lubbock
Crane (12-0) vs. Iowa Park (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Region II
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 Stadium.
Region IV
Sweeny (9-2) vs. CC West Oso (11-1), 11 a.m. Friday, Astrodomo, Houston
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
Region II
Boyd (11-1) vs. Omaha Paul Hewitt (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
Regionals
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
Region II
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, Willis Point
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Region IV
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Wheeler (9-2) vs. Sudan (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Gruver (8-3) vs. O'Donnell (10-1), 2 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
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Aspermont (12-0) vs. Rocksprings (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Lakeview
Paducah (9-3) vs. Menard (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie
Region III
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Detroit (10-1) vs. Dawson (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Region IV
Iola (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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Quarterfinals
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Groom (12-0) vs. Gail Borden County (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Floydada
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
Region IV
Strawn (12-0) vs. Panther Creek (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Comanche

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 game. 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."

As many as 2,000 Bobcat fans are expected to travel the 47 miles to the Alamodome after holding a 7:30 a.m. pep rally in Comfort. "The Bobcats boast an offense that averages 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."

New coach building winning tradition at Copperas Cove

Copperas Cove is in the playoffs for the first time since 1960, and with two victories the Bulldogs already have advanced farther than any team in school 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. Elementary school students were asked to run onto the field in front of the varsity team before home games. The pack

was dubbed the "bleacher creatures." For fourth through sixth graders, tackle football was started in Pee Wee leagues that previously had only played flag football. In middle school, more teams were added. The middle school coaches worked with the high school coaches and Welch even kept tabs on the Pee Wee games. A coaching clinic is held each year for the volunteer coaches and Welch's staff offers tips during the season. "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. This year's junior varsity went 9-0-1 and won district.

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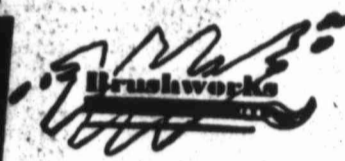


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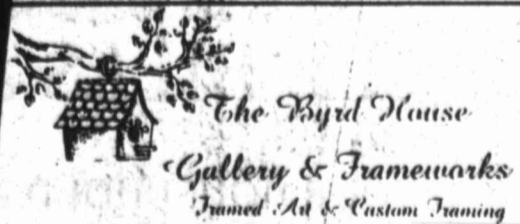


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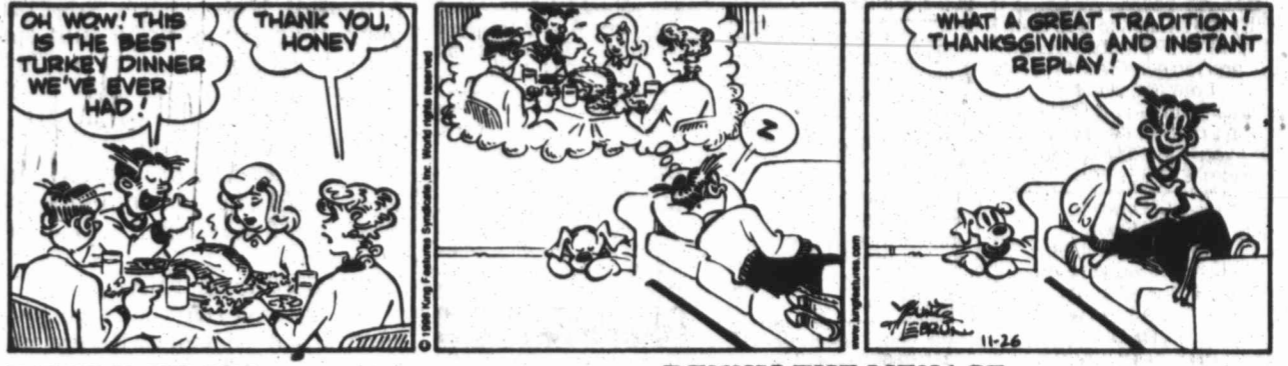
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THURSDAY NOV. 26. Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels and their respective programming for the day.

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'Why are you gift-wrapping the potatoes?'

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 1998. There are 35 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

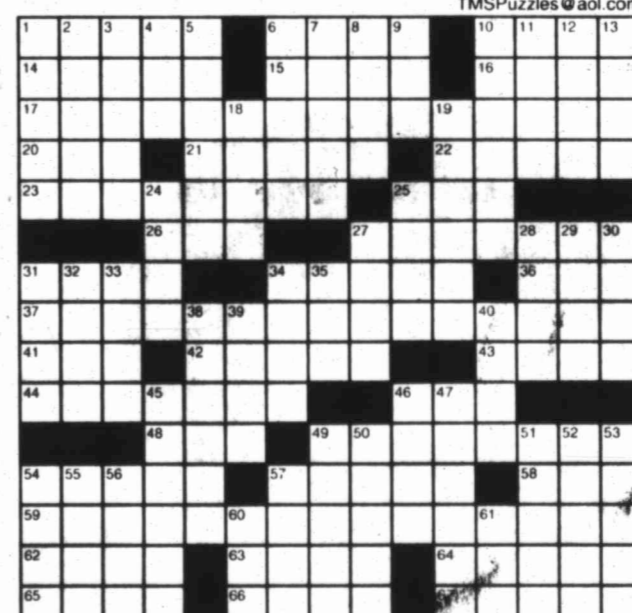
Today's Highlight in History: Nov. 26, 1789 was a day of thanksgiving set aside by President Washington to observe the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

On this date: In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 cents. In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Edger Fontaine Dighton, MA 11/26/98

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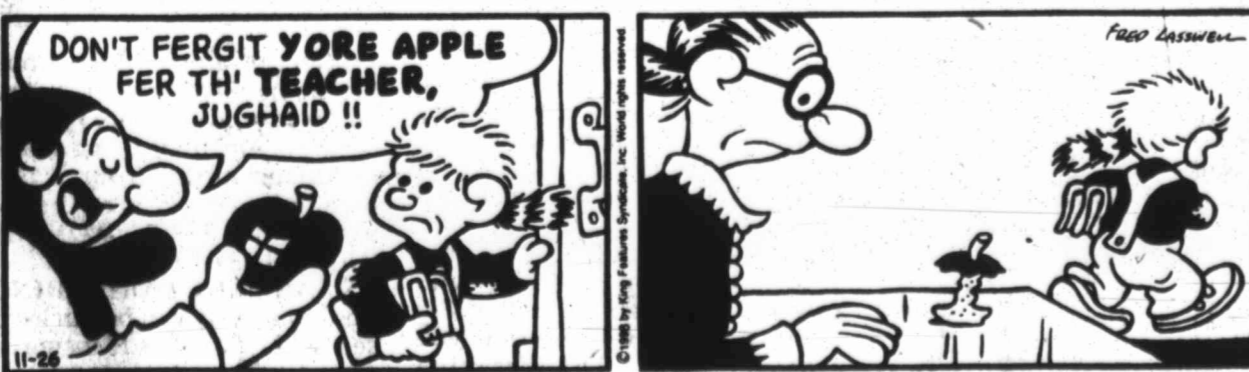


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