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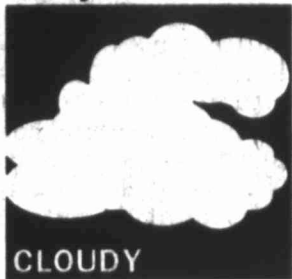
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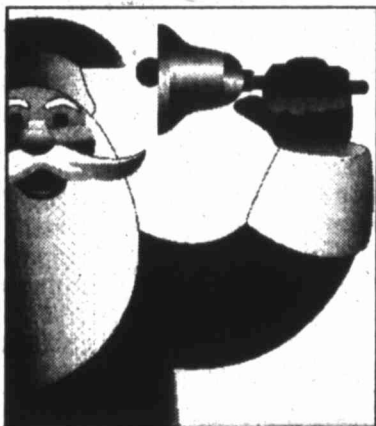


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Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army Angel Trees and Salvation Army kettles.

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.



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- Wal-Mart
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- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop
- Gale's Sweet Shop

**Salvation Army Kettles:**

- Wal-Mart
- Rip Griffin's
- Big Spring Post Office
- Bealls For Her
- Cinema II

**Toys For Tots:**

- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center
- Pollard Chevrolet through Dec. 14.

**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 total.
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## Festival of Lights organizers planning 250,000-light display this holiday season

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The third annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is expected to be the brightest yet with a 250,000 light display. The opening ceremony for the festival is set for Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The festival will run until Dec. 31.

Three new displays will be

featured this year, according to Gloria McDonald, publicity chairman.

An eight-foot nativity scene will be centered on the spring's isle. The nativity includes the three kings, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. Each individual piece will be wrapped in lights.

Also, a six foot peace sign will be placed near the Big Spring Dam and Highway 87. Each individual peace

will be wrapped in gold Christmas garland.

Lighted arches will run the length of the bridge this year. Due to vandalism from the previous year, the arches are made of galvanized panel a stronger metal than last year.

Big Spring High School metal trade shop students welded both the nativity

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Pat Simmons, committee chairman, strings one of the many 250,000 lights that will be on display for the annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. The festival will run from Dec. 4-31. For those interested in helping please call Simmons at 263-4607.

Herald photo/Lyndel Moody



Barbara Webb, right, and Libby Dirks prepare the giblets for gravy for Thanksgiving dinner to be served at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, today from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Volunteers across community spread message of thanks at Salvation Army

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

A community effort makes Thanksgiving dinner possible today at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, where volunteers are expecting to serve 200 meals and deliver another 200 to homebound residents.

And volunteers from First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, members from the Salvation

Army Church, and members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club cross boundaries of church affiliation and doctrine, and work together today to serve their community.

"I think this developing cooperation, crossing denomination boundaries, is getting back to what Christ did, and what Christ wanted. We are doing these things in the name of Jesus Christ, helping people and assisting with food or whatever is needed, just as Christ taught," said Maj. Roy Tolcher, minister of the Salvation Army.

And Dick Conley, a member of First Presbyterian Church, said his church family became involved with the dinner when

they were searching for a community service project.

"So I called the Salvation Army, and we have donated time and materials, and we'll help serve meals and deliver meals as well," Conley said.

And while many members of the church have made their volunteer effort a family affair, Conley said gifts of labor and love are always welcome from anyone in the community.

"Single people have just as much to give, or any other individual or organization. We're trying to get a lot of people to help with this worthwhile effort," Conley said.

The Salvation Army has been

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## Kettle kickoff begins nationally today

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

The National Salvation Army Kettle Kickoff today features Clint Black appearing during half time of the Dallas Cowboy-Miami Dolphins football game.

Locally, the Kettle Kickoff at Wal-Mart Discount Store Monday at 10 a.m. will include musical performances by Joe Whitten Prison Ministries, said Deloris Albert,

Salvation Army officer and kettle campaign coordinator.

"Our special guest will be Joe Whitten, and I heard them sing several years ago and they are excellent," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

The kettle campaign is a national effort of Salvation Army volunteers and seasonal employees to solicit donations for the traditional Christmas Cheer programs.

"Traditionally the Salvation Army kettles go out this week. The national kickoff at the football game reaches more people than we could reach with spots every 20 minutes on regular television," said Maj. Roy

Tolcher, commanding officer of the corps.

He said the kettle kickoff reminds people across the nation about the Christmas season, and the various projects the corps does to help the needy at this time of year.

"Locally, that means the Salvation Army is going to provide Christmas for more than 500 children so they will have new clothes, and families will have Christmas dinner. The coins and bills placed in the kettle add up and pay for toys and dinners and other things we do at Christmas time," Tolcher said.

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## StarTek

### Remodeling continues at former TG&Y site to house new call center

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

For the subcontracting crews remodeling the former TG&Y into a StarTek USA call center, Thanksgiving will be just another work day.

"We walked into the building Oct. 10, and we'll have renovated the entire 30,000 square foot facility in less than 60 days when we're finished. Five years ago, this couldn't have happened, not in this business," said Lee George, owner of Lee George Construction, the company responsible for turning the former retail store into a 350-person call center.

A call center is a customer inservicer location, where calls are received from individuals who have purchased computers and software and need technical support.

Once established, a center

will employ 350 to 500 people, offering both full time and part time opportunities. The facility will operate 24 hours each day, 365 days each year, and generally sustains its heaviest volume of calls during holidays.

StarTek USA has hired 120 people in Big Spring to date, and is expected to hire another 100 before the center opens the first week of December. These individuals are undergoing training at Howard College now.

The work crews in College Park Shopping Center, supervised by coordinator Pat Collins, will work right through the Thanksgiving holiday to meet the Dec. 1 deadline, George said.

"We've done an incredible amount of work in a short amount of time. And we'll have to keep working through Thursday for us to make our deadline," George said.

The entire structure was gutted the week of Oct. 10. George said that process didn't take too long, as the large room was

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Doug Johnson, left and Larry Loya install conduit for computer cabling during the remodeling of the former TG&Y building into a StarTek USA call center facility in the College Park Shopping Center. The center is expected to open Dec. 1.

## Howard County 911 executive director suspended with pay

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Howard County 911 Communication District board of directors suspended executive director Kay Kennemur with pay Wednesday, pending an investigation into unnamed allegations.

"The board has suspended her with pay and has asked that she return all district property and

instructed her not to enter the office in the Sparenburg Building," said Drew Mouton, attorney for the district. "This is the board's decision, effective immediately, so they can investigate some allegations that have been brought forward."

Mouton said the allegations were based on input from a certified public accountant. He would not say what the allegations were, or whether they involved misappropriation of funds.

"It's too early to speculate. I have no comment on that. This will be investigated and the board has scheduled a special meeting next Tuesday, at which time they will make a decision based on that investiga-

tion," Mouton said. Individual board members — chairman Melinda Hernandez, C. Roy Wright, Tommy Sullivan and Stanley Bogard — referred all questions to Mouton.

Kennemur, who was named the local 911 executive director in 1996, did not return a telephone message from the Herald.

"We want to make it clear this is an administration issue and will not affect 911 emergency system in any way," said Mouton. "Everyone can be assured that they can rely on 911 for an emergency."

The board has scheduled a special meeting for noon Tuesday at Mouton's office boardroom.

## Parade entries taken through 5 p.m. Friday

The Big Spring Herald Community Parade is Dec. 4 and those interested in entering may still apply through Friday.

Entry forms are available at the front desk of the Herald and can either be faxed back to the Herald at 264-7205 or brought by the newspaper office at 710 Scurry. There is no entry fee.

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mostly empty. "We demolished and took out the ceiling, and the first thing that went in was the file server room, which is where the brains of all the computers are. Shortly thereafter fiber optics for the telephones was installed," he said. Since then, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, sheet rockers and floor preparation workers have swarmed the building, preparing it for the early December opening. The construction is done with steel studs, which George said are easier to work with and cost efficient. And few offices are being incorporated into the facility.

"There are no supervisors offices, because you can't supervise your people if you can't see them," George said. The interior will offer 18 rooms plus some closets, along with the large room where the call center employees work at computer stations. These stations are divided into cubicles separated by movable partitions. The blue prints call for a break room and a human resources office. Furnishings and carpeting for the facility will be provided by StarTek contractors, he said.

George said the credit for accomplishing the renovation in record time belongs to his subcontractors and to the city inspector, Kenny Davis.

Local subcontractors were hired to perform the various construction components, and George said local confidence and reputation speeded the process along.

"I've a great bunch of subcontractors who are well known locally, with reputable companies. Kenny Davis bent over backwards to help us comply with the contract. In fact, the city has done everything possible to make this project a success," he said.

George started the project Oct. 10 with an incomplete set of plans, and through a team effort of city inspectors, subcontractors and labor, the work has been accomplished. "We had inspections in off duty hours, and we had partial inspections of some things so the work could continue. Everybody has played on the same team," George said. And for George, the entire project has been an act of faith. The \$500,000 project began without a signed contract, and George said he began the work on the word of one man.

"We started the project on faith, and received the signed contract two weeks ago. I am a good judge of character, and when I met the chief operating officer of StarTek, he impressed me. He seemed a man of his word. That's not the normal course of doing business, but nothing about this project has been normal," he said.

And George said he remained confident that the work would progress and the call center opened, even when the work ceased for a week when problems developed with a point of presence and the signed agreement.

"We met none of StarTek's basic requirements - we don't have a military base, we don't have a population of 100,000 and we didn't have a point of presence. The reason we have StarTek here is because of Kent

Sharp's bulldog guts tenacity. Kent and his staff latched on and 'wouldn't let go,' George said.

He said Moore Development for Big Spring overcame every obstacle to bring the facility to the community.

"We've all worked very hard, and they will begin taking calls a week from today," he said.

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scene and the peace sign. Volunteers plan to hand out brochures at the entrance. The brochures include a brief history of the spring and a map of the displays.

The festival will also include a week of entertainment from December 13-18. Music performances are planned and festival volunteers will have a booth to sell hot chocolate and cakes.

Hangar 25 Air Museum will participate in the Festival of Lights this year by lighting the hangar. The hangar will be outlined in white lights and the interior will have special lighting for the holiday season. Also, Hangar 25 Air Museum committee and volunteers will have a reception in the hangar on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Other participants for this year's Festival of Lights include the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and inmates from the local prison. The airpark donated space in one of its buildings to festival volunteers. The inmates have been out hanging lights in the park since Friday.

Pat Simmons, the committee chairman, says they can always use more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for the Festival of Lights, please call Simmons at 263-4607.

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for the Salvation Army canned food drive.

• Church of the Nazarene will collect canned food for the Salvation Army during the drive-through nativity scene, Dec. 9-12.

• Admission to the Thanksgiving Classic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday and Saturday is one can of food or \$1. Cans and funds raised will benefit the Salvation Army. Games are at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

•Pizza Inn, Goliad Elementary, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Forsan ISD, Moss Elementary and Big Spring Junior High are all holding canned food drives through Dec. 8.

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The national campaign featuring Black will involve the entire half-time activities at the football game. More than 20,000 kettles will be positioned at retail locations throughout communities Friday, the largest shopping day in the country.

Locally, kettles will be placed at the post office, Big Spring Mall, Wal-Mart and Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

"I think it is especially poignant to have Clint Black as our kettle kickoff campaign special guest, as anyone who has listened to his music knows he has a love of people," Tolcher said.

Black, who hails from Houston, said in a press release he is honored to be participating in the kettle kickoff.

"I'm very happy to have been asked to perform at the game on Thanksgiving Day - watching the game has always been a tradition at my house. I also feel great knowing how many people in need will benefit from the work of the Salvation Army. And in case anyone is wondering, I will be biased in favor of the Cowboys - also a tradition at my house," Black said.

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providing the Thanksgiving dinner at the Corps offices for the past three years. And community organizations also made Thanksgiving dinner possible for 11 families, through donations of food baskets so that the meals might be prepared at home, said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

"One client sat in the outer office and cried when I gave her the basket of food. She said she hadn't eaten anything that didn't come out of can in so long she wasn't sure how to prepare meat any more. Those are the rewards of this work," Castillo said.

Deloris Albert, a Salvation Army officer and coordinator of the community dinner and the bell ringing campaign, said the

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assistance from members of the community couldn't have come at a better time.

"This help has been such a blessing. We normally cook the dinner and serve it, but this year so many of us have gotten sick that when he called we welcomed the help," Albert said.

She welcomed more than 20 volunteers from First Presbyterian Church Wednesday, who helped to prepare the dinner, which will feature all the holiday favorites.

Albert said 11 turkeys were prepared, 40 pounds of fresh potatoes and a case of No. 10 yams, plus 24 cans of cranberry sauce and nine pounds of butter.

"We'll have turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, fresh mashed potatoes, candied yams, corn, seasoned green beans, rolls and some really yummy deserts," she said.

Those who chose to take part in the community dinner will be seated upon arrival, space permitting, and be served by volunteers, she said.

"We intend to treat them like royalty," she said. The dinner will be available beginning at 10 a.m. and serving will cease about 2 p.m., she said.

"We hope to be out of here by 2:30 or 3, after clean up," she said.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy 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 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway,

7 p.m. Call 267-9459. •Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THE HERITAGE MUSEUM AND Gale's Sweet Shoppe are teaming up for a gingerbread house decorating event. Participants can make and take home their own cookie house for the holidays.

The three-hour session is planned Sunday, Dec. 5 at the museum. Gale Pittman, owner of the Sweet Shoppe, will provide all the materials, free.

Participants should call the museum, 267-8255, to reserve a spot by Dec. 1.

The houses can be eaten, since the "glue" that holds them together is icing, and all decorations are edible.

FREE TICKETS WILL BE available starting Monday for this year's Living Christmas Tree, planned Dec. 4-5 at First United Methodist Church.

This year's version of the annual program will include sugarplum fairies, elves, mimes and a flag corps along with the traditional singers on a Christmas tree frame. This year's theme is "Love

Comes Down at Christmas." Both shows begin at 8 p.m., and a 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 dress rehearsal is also open to the public, without requiring a ticket.

AARP 55 ALIVE MATURE Driving Course will be taught Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 1-2 at Martin County Senior Citizens Center. The course is open to all people age 55 and over, who must attend both sessions. After completion, participants are eligible for a 10 percent discount on auto insurance.

Cost is \$8 for the course and there are no tests or exams. Call 756-2791 to register.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will have its annual Arts and Crafts sales at Big Spring Mall Dec. 11, and booths are available for vendors.

Booths are available at \$35. Proceeds fund the ABWA scholarship program, but any profit the vendor makes is theirs to keep.

For more information or to secure a booth call Delores Albert at 263-4253.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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## Survey shows traditional family structure present in only 26 percent of households

CHICAGO (AP) — A new survey finds only about a quarter of U.S. households contain married couples with children — a trend that may mean more than half of the nation's children won't be living with both parents after the turn of the century.

The General Social Survey, conducted periodically by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center, found only 26 percent of households have married couples and kids, compared with 45 percent in the early 1970s.

The survey, released Wednesday, paints an even starker picture of marriage in the 1990s than U.S. Census officials, who found that married couples

with children younger than 18 fell from 50 percent in 1970 to an estimated 36 percent of all families in 1997.

Tom W. Smith, director of the survey, said if current trends continue, most households won't even contain children — largely a testament to the increasing number of people waiting to have children and the ever-growing number of baby boomers becoming "empty nesters."

Surveyors found that Americans seem to be accepting of what Smith called the "modern family."

For example, 67 percent of Americans surveyed last year disagreed that parents ought to stay together just because they have chil-

dren.

That question was not asked in previous surveys, Smith said.

Americans are becoming more accepting of divorce — due in part to the fact that many people who are starting families may be products of divorce themselves, said Stephen Kraus, a Connecticut-based market researcher.

"It's very much a sense of tolerance. People can do what they want," says Kraus, of Yankelovich Partners, a market research and consulting firm that tracks attitudes about family, among other things.

One researcher says that's because Americans continue to see marriage as

an ideal — even if they don't think it's always best to get or remain married.

"We are a very marriage-happy society. There's a basic ideology that building a family means stability," says Bahira Sherif, a professor of individual and family studies at the University of Delaware.

What's missing, she says, are the tools — and role models — young people need to teach them how marriage works.

That leads her to believe that divorce rates won't be dropping anytime soon.

In conducting the survey, researchers interviewed 2,832 Americans age 18 and older between February and May of last year.

The 1998 survey also found that:

- Fifty-six percent of adults were married, compared with nearly three-quarters in 1972, when the survey was first taken.
- Fifty-one percent of children lived in a household with their two original parents, compared with 73 percent in 1972.
- The percentage of households made up of unmarried people with no children more than doubled to 32 percent last year, compared with figures from 1972.
- And the percentage of children living with single parents rose to 18.2 percent, compared with 4.7 percent in 1972.

## Tourist foils alleged credit card scam at Bloomingdales

NEW YORK (AP) — A sharp-eyed tourist from Greece buying sunglasses at Bloomingdale's foiled an alleged credit card scam that may have affected a large number of shoppers.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said an investigation is continuing to determine how many credit card numbers are stored on a Palm Pilot — a hand-held electronic organizer — that is believed to belong to Tania Ventura, a 26-year-old cashier at the East Side department store.

The scam was discovered Monday when the tourist, a financial analyst whose name was not released, noticed his card was swiped twice when he purchased sunglasses.

"He asked what this was about, and he did not get a sufficient explanation, so he complained to the manager, and the manager then called us," Safir said.

After swiping a credit card through the store's credit card device, Ventura allegedly swiped it a second time through a credit card scanner attached to her Palm Pilot, Safir said.

"This device is capable of storing thousands of credit card numbers, and obviously, this individual was involved in stealing people's credit card numbers to sell or use for fraudulent purposes," Safir said.

Ventura was charged with criminal pos-

session of forgery devices, unlawful duplication of computer data, criminal possession of computer material and criminal possession of stolen property — all felony charges. She could face up to seven years in prison if convicted.

Safir urged shoppers never to let credit cards out of their sight once they give on to a cashier. This is the first time police have seen the practice in New York City, Safir added.

Bloomingdale's spokeswoman Bonnie Brownlee said the company is cooperating fully with the police. She declined to comment further because the case is pending in court.

## Jury recommends jail time for pistol-whipping ex-judge

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A jury that convicted a former judge of unlawful wounding for pistol-whipping a state lawmaker recommended Wednesday that he spend 1 1/2 years in jail.

Former Norfolk Judge Luther Edmonds had been charged with malicious wounding, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, but the Circuit Court jury found him guilty Tuesday of the lesser charge, which is punishable by up to five years in prison.

The trial judge revoked Edmonds' bond and ordered him taken into custody shortly after the jury made its recommendation. Sentencing was set for Feb. 2.

Edmonds' attorney, Andrew Sacks, said he would appeal the verdict and would petition to get the bond reinstated.

The attack against state Delegate William P. Robinson Jr., a former friend of Edmonds who had disputed the judge's reason for leaving the bench, happened nearly two years ago.

The jurors reached their verdict Tuesday after 9 1/2 hours of deliberations over two days.

They recommended that Edmonds serve one year in jail and pay a \$2,500 fine for unlaw-

fully wounding Robinson, who was in jail and a \$2,500 fine for unlawfully wearing a mask, which also carried a maximum of five years.

Judge Paul Peatross may accept the jurors' suggestion or impose a lighter sentence.

Robinson was attacked by a masked man in the parking lot outside his Norfolk law office on Dec. 29, 1997.

The attacker bashed Robinson's face with a gun during a brief struggle, and Robinson needed 30 stitches.

Edmonds was arrested a week later after police matched a small plastic piece of a car grille found in the parking lot to a car Edmonds drove. Police surmised the piece broke off from under the front bumper as the car sped away.

Edmonds and Robinson were once friends and political allies but parted ways when Robinson disputed the reason Edmonds gave for resigning from the bench in 1996 after seven years in General District Court and one year in Circuit Court.

Edmonds said his former colleagues on the bench forced him out of office by complaining about him to a judicial commission because he would not go along with a cover-up of widespread violations by bail bondsmen.

## Schools, libraries promised more money for Internet hookups

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than \$3.6 billion has been committed to schools and libraries to help pay for discounted connections to the Internet over two years.

The company designated by federal regulators to distribute the money said Tuesday it has promised \$1.92 billion to schools and libraries for the program's second year. That's on top of the \$1.7 billion distributed during the first year.

The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Co., which is overseen by the Federal Communications Commission, said most of the funding will help applicants pay for the internal wiring schools

and libraries use to connect computers together or to the Internet. Some of the money, requested between July and November of this year, already has been distributed. The rest will be disbursed in increments.

The division released its figures a week after FCC Chairman Bill Kennard announced that the program, known as the "e-rate," had connected more than 1 million classrooms to the Internet.

Kennard and President Clinton saluted the success of the program in giving children greater access to the Internet, particularly those who need it most.

The money comes from fees imposed on telecommunications

services. The FCC provides eligible schools and libraries with discounts ranging from 20 percent to 90 percent off the costs of various equipment and services they need to connect to the Internet, depending on the recipients' needs.

The FCC set a funding level of \$2.25 billion for the second cycle. But the division said some money would go toward administrative costs and contingency funding.

The neediest schools and libraries, those eligible for discounts between 80 percent and 90 percent, accounted for more than 54 percent of the total promised money, according to the division.

"We can be proud of what we're offering our schools and communities," Moore said.

Of the promised money, 71 percent will go to schools and

## Five killed as blaze sweeps through house Wednesday

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — Fire swept through a house early Wednesday, killing five people.

Fire Chief Curtis Numberg said the fire appeared to have started on the first floor shortly after 5 a.m. By the time firefighters arrived, the house was fully engulfed.

The five bodies were found in bedrooms in the two-story wood home in this blue-collar city north of Boston. The carcasses of several dogs and cats were also found, Numberg said.

The victims had not been positively identified. But Robert Sprague said his mother, Elma Sprague, 78; his brother, Harold Sprague, 53; nephews Robert Warner, 25, and Daniel Warner, 22; and a girlfriend of one nephew were unaccounted for.

Daniel Warner was deaf, and

Harold Sprague and Robert Warner were mentally retarded, Sprague said.

Another relative escaped the flames.

Robert Sprague's daughter, Tracey Drown of Nashua, N.H., said she had been looking forward to making Thanksgiving plans with her grandmother.

"She took everybody in," Drown said tearfully. "She did for everyone. She would have given the clothes off her back."

A neighbor, Bill Toppi, said the family often socialized together on their front porch.

"When I moved in a few months ago, they ran across the street and offered to help," Toppi said. "They were always talkative, just saying 'hi.' They were always together — they seemed like a very clanish."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Let's give pause and be thankful for our blessings

As 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 those who give thanks for the opportunity to help others, as we would want to be helped, were the shoes 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 warmth and joy of sharing our wealth with others.  
Happy Thanksgiving.

## OTHER VIEWS

The agreement between the Chinese and the Americans on the entry of Peking into the World Trade Organization is good news for two reasons.

The first regards the anchoring of China in the value system of international trade and signals the destruction of the protectionist Great Wall that still encircles the world's most populous country. The second concerns the extraordinary opportunity for Western countries to evolve, through business, the might of Chinese politics, faithful to totalitarianism and with scarce respect of human rights.

The real question, greater than China's contribution to

international trade, concerns the two tracks that still define Peking's path: Will the politics of communism and the economics of globalization be able to continue without intersecting? Is it not, perhaps, a political revolution that China is now undertaking?

China's change is not without risks, and could prove radical, eliminating eventually the distance between its economic and political lines. It is up to the West to seize the opportunity, to have the strength to slip into the breach and ensure that, in China, customs tariffs are not held to be less important than appeals for freedom.

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# Thanksgiving thoughts: Government by discussion

Thanksgiving is a major American holiday of a distinctive sort. I see statistics to the effect that more people travel on that holiday than on Christmas — which must mean that geographically separated families try to get together, while at Christmas parents are likely to stay home with the children, presents and the tree. Thanksgiving is also uniquely American, while Christmas is international. Indeed, our Christmas tree derives from Germany and many of the other traditions from England. Sometimes Christmas seems to have been invented by Charles Dickens.



JEFFREY HART

A couple of years ago, I visited the replica of the Mayflower anchored at a dock in Plymouth, Mass., a coastal town about an hour south of Boston. This exact reproduction is worth seeing. It makes concrete one's sense of what arrived off the coast here in November 1620. The Mayflower is much larger than you thought it was going to be, maybe 100 feet, and much sturdier. It looks very seaworthy. And it is no dark or somber vessel, but gaily painted red, yellow, orange, blue. You become suddenly aware that the name "Mayflower" strikes a cheerful note.

Historians tell us that the men and women aboard had an unusually large number of musical instruments with them and undoubtedly spent much of their time while at sea singing and listening to musical performances. We also hear that their clothing was brightly colored and far from somber. The year 1620, after all, was not so distant from the Elizabethan era and all that this suggests of music and merriment. We should not think of these first New Englanders as the dour Puritans of later years.

Of course, they had arrived here for important religious reasons. The art historian Robert Hughes, in his volume "American Visions," rightly stresses the importance of the word "new" in the names "New England" and in the names of the towns founded there, such as "New Haven." These people meant to make England, not just reproduce it on this side of the Atlantic. Their religion would be free from the encrustation and corruption of the old one. The word "new" meant purified. Hughes shows how this spirit was reflected in their art, churches, furniture and utensils. They also invented a "new" politics, that is, our American politics.

Before the first settlers rowed to the large rock on the shore at New Plymouth (now we just call it Plymouth) the men gathered in the main cabin of the Mayflower and discussed the basis, purposes and governance of the new colony; the fundamental premise they established was that all matters would be settled by discussion. The "constitution" that emerged — the Mayflower Compact — was passed unanimously. That means it was a "consensus document." There must have been individual differences about wording and so on that had to be compromised or dropped in the interest of consensus.

That scene in the main cabin of the Mayflower was, in effect, the first New England town meeting, therefore the ancestor of both the colonial legislatures and the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia. And the ancestor

of the government devised afterward — which is a government by discussion and consensus with Congress the principal branch.

Indeed, scholars have discerned in the brief Mayflower Compact the four-part structure of the great Constitution that emerged in Philadelphia. (Thus the term "Mayflower Compact" contains a pun. "Compact," of course, means "agreement." But the document is the Constitution in compact form, and it was "unpacked" by the experiences and reflections that occurred between 1620 and 1787.)

The first of the four parts of the compact state the authority on which the whole rests. "In the Name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereign King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith ...

"In the Name of God, Amen." That is very striking in its sparseness. No theological differences are possible there. No doubt around the table there were various opinions and emphases. The "faith" certainly included the Trinity. But maybe a consensus could not be reached on that concept.

By 1787, the English King has dropped out, of course, but so has God. Structurally, the first part of the Constitution consists of only three words, "We the people." Those words are the ultimate basis of the system that was then being established.

The second part of the Mayflower Compact sets forth the purposes of the new government. It thus corresponds to the Preamble of the 1787 Constitution and the six goals it states.

The third part of the compact sets up the method of achieving those goals, and it is very brief: We "combine ourselves together into a civil Body

Politick, for our better ordering and preservation and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience."

How are all those future laws, ordinances and so on to be enacted? By discussion and consensus, of course, just as the compact itself was produced. These sentences correspond to the entire Constitution following the prologue. This sets forth the rules governing the discussion. Then 41 men signed the compact. This corresponds to the ratification of the 1787 Constitution.

It is worth noticing that in 1620, the price of participating in the discussion was "all due Submission and Obedience" to the laws that will emerge from the discussion and consensus. The process, that is, is absolute. The 41 signers signed a "loyalty oath." So did the signers of the Declaration of Independence, pledging their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. After 1776, monarchists are not part of the discussion. The compact was signed on Nov. 11, 1620.

A few men went ashore in a boat and pulled up on Plymouth Rock, which is still there.

About a year later, New Plymouth celebrated the first Thanksgiving with a banquet. They had survived — some of them, at least — that first terrible New England winter.

Of course, they celebrated with food. But they had a lot besides to be thankful for, and so do we, not least the government-by-discussion, the new creation of New England.



# Teachers are their industry's essential ingredient

What critical American industry defies the principles of capitalism, yet turns out superior products capable of competing with the output of the world's wealthiest and most efficient industrialized nations? The answer is education; the products are educated American workers. The real answer is that we are kidding ourselves.



JACK ANDERSON

We act as if there were no correlation between teacher salaries and the cost of educating a teacher; between salaries and quality instruction for our young. Altruism is

expected to supplant financial incentive — that cornerstone of capitalism — as a reason for students to earn or borrow — or for their parents to finance — an expensive college education in the field of education. So is it any wonder that the cost of education has risen far more sharply than teacher salaries over the last 20 years?

As high school students in the '60s, Baby Boomers were going to improve the lot of the impoverished by joining the Peace Corps.

Then they were going to shun crass commercialism, choosing instead to dedicate the balance of their lives to the next generation: They would become teachers. It was the epitome of altruism, and it failed.

True, teaching is a noble profession, a profession that brings its practitioners respect and self-esteem beyond monetary compensation. But so does the medical profession, the dif-

ference being that for doctors and nurses these extra, personally fulfilling benefits are a bonus, not a substitute for decent wages.

Except, you may say, the source of funds is different: public vs. private. Of course this is — because of Medicare — only partially true now, and is soon to be less so as nationalized medicine increasingly becomes a reality. Will we then assume that many of our best and brightest will choose the medical profession even if the pay is brought down to, say, teachers' levels? Or is it more likely that government will use financial incentives as a means of competing with private enterprise?

The Armed Forces provide a good example. The U.S. government foots the bill for doctors' and nurses' educations, and upon graduation provides them with jobs at military pay plus incentive pay. Why? Because the Armed Forces realize that

people truly are their most important commodity, a fact not yet realized about the American educational system.

Do local leaders look to their communities' primary strength by protecting, encouraging and adequately compensating its most precious resource: a superb teacher base? All too often the answer has been no. They undermine that strength by freezing teacher salaries, which is another way of reducing teacher salaries.

This all-too-typical solution to tight budget problems chips away at the very foundation of a successful, competitive society. Cut back on the bloated administrative expenses, even building expenses.

But cut back on the brain trust that our teachers represent and it will take decades to repair the damage, because teachers are to education what doctors are to medicine: their industry's only essential ingredient.



# Cour

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals rejected Wednesday a death row inmate's appeal. Ted Cole, 42, who was convicted and sentenced to death in 1981, has resisted his execution. Cole was convicted of murdering a woman with a dog in 1978. He attempted robbery in 1980. He was 34 years old when he was sentenced to death.



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# Court rejects appeal of San Angelo man who said he wants to die

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals rejected Wednesday the appeal of a death row inmate who has said he wants to die.

Ted Cole, 42, of San Angelo, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in 1988, has resisted his defense attorney's attempts to save him from lethal injection.

Cole was convicted of strangling Raymond Carl Richardson with a dog leash during an attempted robbery at the 66-year-old San Angelo man's

home on Dec. 13, 1987.

The Court of Criminal Appeals also declined to rehear the appeal of a Lubbock man who stabbed an elderly woman 21 times and later told police, "I want to die as quickly as she did."

Michael F. Rosales, 25, was sentenced to death for killing Mary Felder, 67, in her Lubbock home in June 1997 while trying to rob her for drug money.

Cole had served previous prison terms for murder and aggravated sexual abuse and

was on parole when he was sent to death row in June 1988.

In an interview with The Associated Press in 1998, Cole said he had grown frustrated with the legal system.

"If I could figure out a way to push this through the courts, I'd drop my appeals in a heartbeat," Cole told The Associated Press. "I'm guilty. I did it. It was my second murder conviction. I've never claimed innocence. If they're going to kill me for a crime I committed, then let's do it. And if they're not,

then don't do it. But let's do something."

Cole has avoided execution twice, according to court records. The U.S. Supreme Court stayed his March 22, 1991, execution, and state District Judge John Sutton in San Angelo halted his Sept. 20, 1991, execution on appeal.

Among the arguments of the appeal is that a psychiatrist interviewed Cole without his attorney present and then used that information during the trial.

Cole's attorney, Carlton McLarty, a federal public defender in Dallas, asked in 1993 and 1998 to be removed from the case, but he remained Cole's attorney of record. In 1998, however, McLarty said he did not want to see Cole drop his appeals.

McLarty, who was in Italy on vacation, could not be reached for comment Wednesday by The Associated Press.

In his AP interview, Cole said he had come to terms with the prospect of dying, but the legal

experience of trying to get executed confused him.

"It's like a conspiracy out there," he said. "Nobody wants to have anything to do with my case. I don't want to die of old age in here."

In the Rosales case, autopsy reports showed that Ms. Felder was stabbed 21 times, cut 28 times, had 34 bruises and 31 puncture wounds. Police recovered a 4-inch kitchen knife, a fork and a bloody pair of needle-nose pliers, all of which were used to kill the woman.



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### Fraud battled in federal workers' comp program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Albert Slugocki had collected more than \$300,000 in federal workers' compensation for a disabling back injury when investigators received an anonymous tip: He was leading adventure tours on the Amazon River.

While captain of the tour boat, Slugocki was receiving as much as \$1,888 per month in tax-free disability benefits for an injury he sustained in 1980 as a deputy U.S. marshal. To keep the checks coming, he simply filled out a form each year saying he wasn't employed.

Slugocki said in an interview that the company run out of his Fort Lauderdale, Fla., home was his wife's business and he wasn't paid. "I never made any money," he said.

The government requires employees to report any work they do — paid or volunteer. Slugocki was convicted in 1996 of making false statements, served a year in prison and was ordered to repay \$217,000.

Federal watchdogs say they

fear many others are taking advantage of the government's \$1.9 billion workers' compensation program, which is more generous than most state programs.

About 49,000 federal workers are on long-term disability — which pays most of them three-quarters of their salaries tax-free after 45 days out of work — and nearly half have collected benefits for 10 years or longer.

The annual cost of long-term cases is now \$1.1 billion, compared with \$740 million in 1988.

Administrators contend abuse is rare, noting that only 160 workers, out of hundreds of thousands receiving benefits, have been convicted of fraud in the last five years. The number of disability cases has held mostly steady the past few years as the federal work force became smaller and agencies stepped up monitoring for fraud.

Several investigators who check for abuse in the program told The Associated Press that they believe many people are getting away with fraud.

The investigators at the departments Labor and Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies estimate fraud could be involved in 3.5 percent to 10 percent of cases, at a potential cost of tens of millions of dollars.

"It's a great program if you're really hurt, but it's so generous that it's tremendously abused," said Jim Reed, manager of financial investigations for the Tennessee Valley Authority, the federal agency that runs the nation's largest power producer.

Nearly 265,000 of 3 million federal employees collected benefits for job-related injuries or illnesses in 1997, the last year for which figures are available. More than half received just reimbursements for medical expenses; the rest got wage benefits.

A congressional audit showed some employees' tax-free benefits exceeded their pre-injury take-home pay. Such benefits can be collected indefinitely, even past retirement age.

Federal managers have rec-

ommended cutting benefit levels to make fraud less tempting. Shelby Hallmark, deputy director of workers' compensation at the Labor Department, said ineligible employees are weeded out by case monitoring and other safeguards.

"Obviously fraud occurs, but a very small number of cases are prosecuted each year," Hallmark said.

The Labor Department began two projects to monitor cases more closely in 1992 and 1993. Officials say the screening already has helped reduce long-term cases by 8 percent and saved \$400 million by getting people who could work or were no longer eligible for benefits off the rolls.

When Veterans Affairs' inspector general took a closer look at the program, it discovered hundreds of fraudulent cases. Auditors at the VA, which spent about \$140 million on workers' compensation benefits last year, estimated that as many as 567 out of the 15,753 cases active in 1996 were fraudulent.

### Toll-free phone, Web site set up for Korean War killings probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has set up a toll-free phone number and Web site to press its investigation into allegations that U.S. soldiers killed groups of civilians during the Korean War.

"The Web site and toll free phone number are excellent avenues for Korean War veterans and others to tell us what they know," Lt. Gen. Michael Ackerman, the Army's inspector general, said Tuesday in a statement. He is leading the investigation into the incident at No Gun Ri.

"All persons with information, especially Korean War veterans who served with the 1st Cavalry Division in late July 1950, are encouraged to use the Web site and toll-free number to communicate with the review team," Ackerman said. The Associated Press reported in September that a dozen veterans said their 7th Regiment's

2nd Battalion killed a large number of civilians at the Korean village of No Gun Ri during the early days of the Korean War in July 1950.

Surviving villagers say about 400 civilians were killed, including 100 in a preceding attack by U.S. warplanes.

They have been telling their story for years, but their accounts had been dismissed for lack of evidence by officials both in Washington and in Seoul. After the AP report, however, both the U.S. and South Korean governments began investigations.

The toll-free phone number is 1-877-379-5595. To get to the World Wide Web site, click the NoKuen-Ri Web site link on the Army home page — www.army.mil. Information also can be mailed to the Department of the Army. NoKuen-Ri is another spelling for the name of the village.

### Booming third quarter may trigger another Fed rate hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Economic growth barreled ahead in the third quarter, propelled by brisk consumer spending, and the continuing strong growth is raising expectations that the Federal Reserve will bump up interest rates again early next year.

The third quarter's revised 5.5 percent rate of increase in the gross domestic product marked the biggest spurt since the end of last year and pushed GDP to an inflation-adjusted \$8.9 trillion, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. It followed an anemic 1.9 percent rate of growth in the second quarter.

In addition to hardy consumer spending, a strong buildup in business inventories and an improvement in the trade deficit contributed to third-quarter growth, which was even stronger than the 4.8 percent rate the government estimated

one month ago.

In the current fourth quarter, many economists are pegging economic growth in the 5 percent range, considerably higher than the Federal Reserve's preferred 3 percent speed limit, believed to be the growth rate that can be sustained without sparking inflation. Given that, many economists said the odds are increasing that the Fed will raise rates again in February or March.

"It's an economy that is growing strongly and will continue to grow well above a sustainable pace — well above its speed limit," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist for Bank of Montreal and Harris Bank. "The probability is high that the Fed will move in February unless there is a dramatic turn in the numbers."

Last week, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for

a third time this year to slow down the economy and keep inflation under control. Fed policy-makers signaled they may be content to leave rates alone for the rest of the year. Many economists believe the Fed will not act when it meets next, on Dec. 21, particularly out of concern for problems that may arise over the Y2K computer changeover.

The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits last week fell unexpectedly by 13,000 to 274,000, the second weekly drop in a row, the Labor Department said. Analysts consider jobless claims below 300,000 an indication of an extremely tight labor market, meaning employers who find it difficult to fill job openings will woo workers with higher wages and benefits. The Fed and economists fear those increased costs could result in higher

prices, triggering inflation.

"Both reports have raised the Fed's level of concern to Defcon 4 — high inflation alert status," said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Research Corp. "Inflation doesn't seem to be a problem now, but the combination of strong growth and a tight labor market could produce inflation down the road."

An inflation gauge tied to the third-quarter GDP rose 1.7 percent, a tiny 0.1 percentage point higher than the government's estimate one month ago but better than the second quarter when that inflation measure rose 1.9 percent.

Fears of rising inflation rattled financial markets. The Dow Jones industrial average, which initially fell after the reports, was up nearly 10 points at midday. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds rose pushing bond prices down.

### Charity accused of practices leading to deaths

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Operation Smile, a charity that sends surgeons around the world to fix the cleft palates and lips of poor children, is under fire for allegedly shoddy medical practices and 16 patient deaths.

Operation Smile, based in Norfolk, has raised millions of dollars and provided free surgery to 53,000 children in 19 countries since 1982.

Critics in the United States and such places as China, Bolivia and Kenya have accused the organization of assembly

line medicine. The New York Times on Wednesday quoted a Chinese report as saying the surgeons "prioritized numbers treated at the cost of quality and safety."

Charity co-founder Dr. William Magee Jr., a plastic surgeon, denied the allegations. At a news conference Tuesday, he said a lawyer has been hired to review the charity's operations and will report by January.

Last year, four children died during or after surgery, the Times said. Charity officials

acknowledged losing 12 other patients since 1982. Deaths from cleft palate or lip surgery are rare in the developed world.

Anonymous e-mails of complaint, made public at the news conference, were sent in September and November to Operation Smile's board members, staff and corporate sponsors.

One of the e-mails was signed a "Concerned Op Smile mission volunteer" and said a 2-year-old girl in China died because of substandard anesthesia monitoring techniques.

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# Consumer research group says toys are safer than in recent years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toys are safer than in recent years, but hazardous items still can be found in stores, according to an annual report issued by a consumer lobbying group that the toy manufacturers denounce as annual "pre-holiday toy-bashing."

"The number of toy hazards appears to be declining and the vast majority of toys finally include tough new choke hazard warnings that will help prevent future deaths," said Rachel Weintraub, a staff attorney for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "But parents must remember that just because a toy appears on the shelf... doesn't mean that it is safe."

Fourteen people died from injuries related to toys in 1998, eight of them from choking,

said group said.

The Toy Manufacturers of America, which represents 250 producers and importers of toys, attacked PIRG's annual report. "The bottom line is that any product that is misused is potentially dangerous," the trade group said in a statement. "To suggest that a toy is potentially dangerous when no real danger exists is irresponsible."

Among the toys that the research group said were dangerous were children's makeup and jewelry toys, erasers in the shapes of bloodshot eyes, bats and pumpkins; replicas of cars, trucks, jeeps and other vehicles; soft-bodied dolls made with small parts; multicolored balls in small sacks; soft baby blocks and various balloons.

In its 14th annual report, the group said it found that toy

manufacturers try to circumvent the Consumer Product Safety Commission's ban on small parts or small balls in toys intended for children younger than 3 years old by "incorrectly identifying such toys as having play value for children over 3. Often such toys contain small parts or small balls that would be banned if the toy was correctly labeled as a toy for a child under 3 years old."

Manufacturers continue to market balloons in shapes and colors that are attractive to very young children, the report said. Choking on small toy parts, balloons and small balls is a leading cause of toy-related deaths, it said.

Weintraub said the group also is warning parents about the dangers of toys containing

chemicals known as phthalates, which are added to some plastic toys as a softener.

"The chemicals are linked to liver and kidney damage, are probably human carcinogens and have already been banned by several European countries in toys for children under 3 because exposure to toxic chemicals is especially dangerous to small children," the statement said.

Tests have shown that many plastic toys, including common baby teething, contain as much as 40 percent phthalates, the report said.

The toy manufacturers group said the report's allegations about vinyl toys are off the mark. The organization cited a report issued this year by the American Council on Science and Health, a consumer educa-

tion and advocacy group led by former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop.

The New York-based council reported that plastic softener found in vinyl toys and medical devices is not harmful to children and adults. "The panel's findings confirm what the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission have been saying about these products all along. There is no scientific evidence that they are harmful to children or adults," Koop said when the report was issued on June 22.

# Higher insurance costs, fewer restrictions greet workers

NEW YORK (AP) — Late fall is the one time companies traditionally allow employees to switch health plans. This year, the choices before America's workers involve a host of changes.

Most employees choosing a health insurance option for 2000 face higher premiums and higher co-payments for prescription drugs and office visits. Premiums are rising on average about 8 percent for 2000, the biggest increase since 1993.

Consumer demand for more flexible health plans is one reason premiums are rising so fast. Another factor is the escalating cost of prescription drugs, which at many plans is increasing by about 20 percent.

However, workers are seeing less bureaucracy, gaining more flexibility in choosing doctors, getting coverage for alternative treatments such as acupuncture and gaining Internet access to health information from their insurer. Some companies are providing report cards that grade various health plans.

Many companies, in fact, are so desperate to find employees that they are willing to absorb much of the premium increases themselves. And health maintenance organizations are dropping restrictions.

The nation's largest health insurer, Aetna U.S. Healthcare, is adding an "open access" type of HMO that lets members use

specialists in the plan's network without first getting approval from their primary care doctor.

United HealthCare, the nation's second-largest managed care insurer, is dropping all pre-authorization requirements and giving doctors the final say on all patient care matters.

HMO Illinois, owned by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, is even letting its members for the first time choose a chiropractor as a primary care doctor. Until now, all HMOs required a medical doctor in that role.

Added flexibility, though, could end up costing employees through higher premiums.

"People want lots of freedom of choice, and that is more expensive," said Bill Sullivan the former president of Oxford Health Plans, which operates in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Oxford is one of several health insurers that provides discounts to members who visit acupuncturists, massage therapists and other alternative health providers.

Most employers now offer workers a three-tiered prescription coverage plan. In this system, workers pay a nominal fee for generic drugs (usually about \$5), a higher fee for the insurer's preferred brand-name drugs (usually \$10 to \$15) and an even higher fee for brand-name drugs that are not on insurers'

approved lists (\$25 or more).

Among other changes, Aetna has begun letting members enroll over the Internet. They can also check their benefits on Aetna's Web site and determine which doctors are in the plan's network. In addition, the company has its Web site, a source of health news and information on diseases.

Some employers are setting up programs to help workers choose the right plan.

Pitney Bowes, the Stamford,

Conn.-based manufacturer of office equipment, is distributing a report card that grades HMOs on such things as their preventive-care performance and the size of their doctor networks.

"People are confused about all the material they get, and could not decipher the difference between plan A and plan B and wanted us to be more active in helping them make a selection," said David Hom, executive director of corporate benefits.

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◆Sideburns got their name from General Ambrose Everett Burside, who was easily identified by his mutton-chop whiskers.

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## Records, records, everywhere: Where to look, how to keep track

Indexes are great when doing family history research, however many of our sources for information are not indexed. Finding our ancestors is made harder by these facts, but nevertheless, searching these records is a must to uncover as many of the facts as possible.

There are many publications in print that may have our ancestors listed, and in fact may have vital records we need.

Searching these records may entail hours of looking through them, but when a treasure is found, what a great feeling comes over you!

There are a few of these

sources in our library, but the Midland Public Library has a whole wall full of them, and many, if not most, of these publications are indexed. I have found in a few hours many of my relatives mentioned in these articles.



**BOBBY RAWLS**

Many of these were published in the early years of the 20th century, some in the later years of the 19th century.

A dedicated family genealogist who kept and cared for these precious documents for many years submitted these records. In some cases the landowners brought their original deeds back in to be re-recorded. Some of these are still in the possession of family members or are located in public auctions.

Yes, public auctions. Many times when a person dies, their family does not know the value or does not want the various

papers or belongings of their relative. In some cases the person dies without heirs and the material is donated to genealogical societies or local libraries. Some of these windup in flea markets or auctions.

When the people giving the information for the various publications gave the information, they in most cases based their material on actual documents they either saw or had possession of.

In most cases, they were very accurate. To find you ancestor in these will help confirm information you may already have.

Another very good source is the Goodspeed books. The Goodspeed publishing company published many genealogical books on various states in the era of the 1880s. They are packed with family information collected from the family members themselves as well as the current sources of that time period. I have found many of my relatives in these books.

Be sure when you find information, to record it. Show their reference (book and page number), and the source (Howard County Library, Sterling County Courthouse, Texas State Library, etc.) date found,

where you filed it, anyone with you (in case you lose your record), if it helps and how.

Also show the link proofs (how that record proves a link to an ancestor). This is helpful to show your proven line and connections. Keep these records together so you will not have to track them down when needed.

More next week.  
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the *Big Spring Herald*. To contact him, call the *life!* desk at 263-7331, ext. 236 and leave a message, or e-mail to: [jwalker@crcom.net](mailto:jwalker@crcom.net) with "life!" section" in the subject line.

## Singers score top ratings

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Big Spring Junior High choral department hosted the region 6 Junior High/Middle School Solo and Ensemble contest.

In Ensemble (small group), the following made a second division rating:

Kendal Adams, Brennan Bailey, Cheridan Felty, Crystal Wingert, Carrissa Mattson, Kelli Warrington.

Jackie Bowen, Tiffany Emerson, Zabrina Freeman, Kim Hilario, Courtney Hudgins, Heather Parnell.

Juanita Beltran, Airianne Brown, Heather Herrera, Ashley Martinez, Jenna Mathis

These Ensembles made a 1st Division rating:

Clayton Birmelin, David Brooks, Brandon Gross, Bryson Hall Will Liggett, C. J. Lowrey, Kyle Flenniken, Josh Wilson.

Justin Ferrell, Kyle Flenniken, Louis Grossman, Will Liggett, C. J. Lowrey, Tom Olague, Brian Thomas, Rocky Torres.

Randi Carson, Emily Copeland, Cierra Landin, Krystal Lopez, Sonya Ortega, Lindsey Wagner.

Laura Ferguson, Courtney Hudgins, Rebecca Williams.

In Solo Piano competition Melody McDaniel received a 1st Division rating and Krysal Smith received a 2nd Division rating.

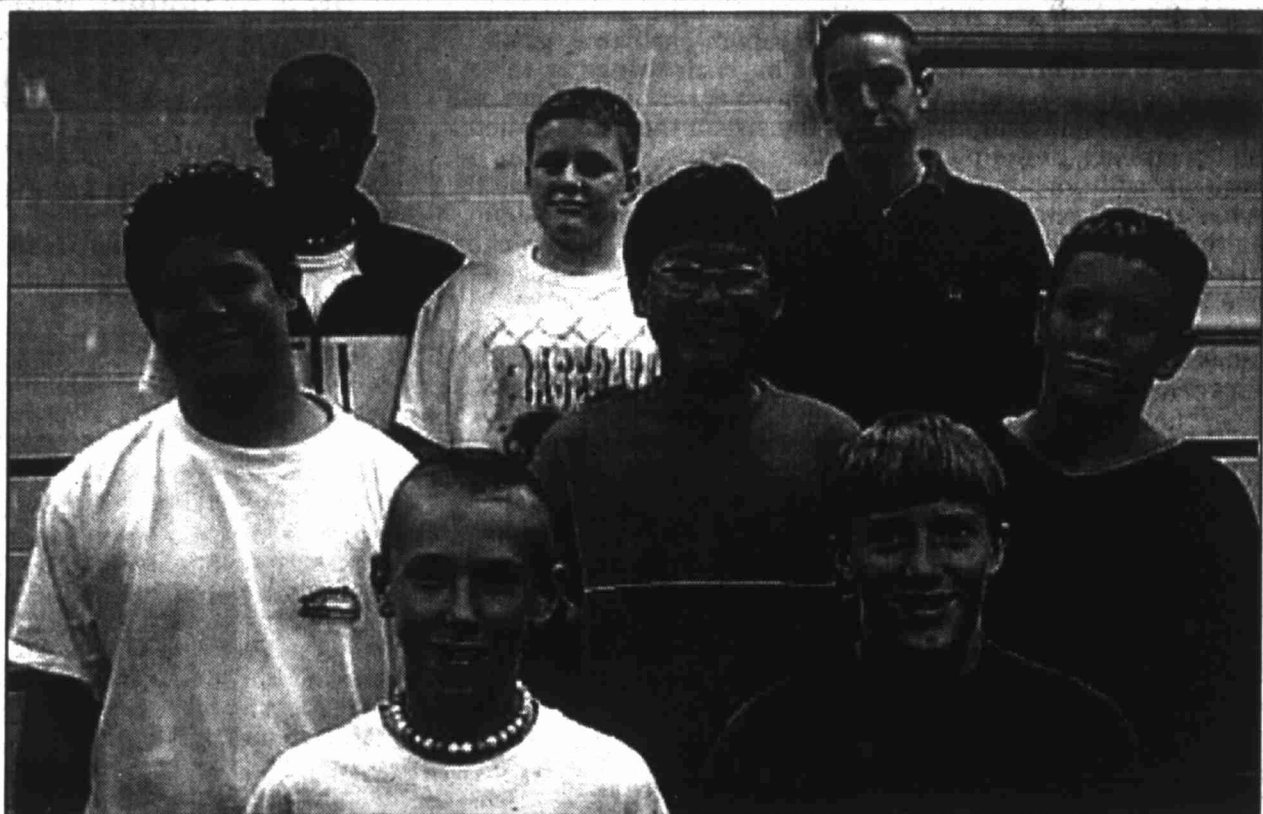
Scoring second division for solos:

Kendal Adams, Jackie Bowen, Randi Carson, Justin Ferrell, Jessica Hughey, Cierra Landin, Krystal Lopez, Jenna Mathis, Tom Olague, Heather Parnell, Josh Plaia, Lorita Schulz, Krystal Smith.

First division Solo ratings:

Brennan Bailey, David Brooks, Heather Chandler, Emily Copeland, Tiffany Emerson, Cheridan Felty, Kyle Flenniken, Zabrina Freeman, Louis Grossman, Courtney Hudgins, Will Liggett, C. J. Lowrey, Tony Marquez, Meagan Matthews, Sonya Ortega, Kelli Warrington, Crystal Wingert, Kristina Woodruff.

Four of these received Region 6 Outstanding Soloist Awards: Cheridan Felty, C. J. Lowrey, Brian Thomas, and Kristina Woodruff.



Pictured are boys who scored first divisions at the Region 6 Junior High/Middle School Solo and Ensemble choir competition. Above, back row, from left, Bryson Hall, Josh Wilson and Kyle Flenniken; middle row, David Brooks, Will Liggett and Clayton Birmelin; front row, Grandon Gross and C.J. Lowrey. At left, back row, Brian Thomas, Tom Olague and Rocky Torres; front row, Louis Grossman, Justin Ferrell and Tony Marquez.



Girl choir members who earned the top rating in solos or ensembles included, at right, back row from left, Randi Carson, Tiffany Emerson, Laura Ferguson; middle row, Brennan Bailey, Heather Chandler and Zabrina Freeman; front row, Cheridan Felty and Emily Copeland. Below, back row from left, Courtney Hudgins, Cierra Landin, Lindsay Wagner, Megan Matthews and Rebecca Williams; middle row, Kristina Woodruff, Kelli Warrington and Crystal Win; front row, Sonya Ortega and Krystie Lopez.



## Deprived, abused children grow up to be violent teens

**QUESTION:** More and more, I keep hearing about children and teens being involved in shootings, stabbings and the like. What has caused many members of the younger generation to be so violent?

**DR. DOBSON:** Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in research to answer that question. The findings are startling. In addition to the violence children have seen on television and in the movies, and apart from the drug wars they have witnessed, the tendency toward violence is a function of the neglect and abuse so many have experienced. That is especially true of those raised in inner-city areas.

What has been learned is that millions of children, many of them born to drug- and alcohol-dependent parents, have been subjected to unimaginable deprivation. They were left in cribs for days with dirty diapers, burning their buttocks and legs. Some were hit repeatedly, or they were scalded or starved. Many were sexually exploited from their earliest days - some even in infancy. If they survived, they grew up on the streets with no adult guidance and care. At night, they slept in bathtubs to avoid bullets sprayed by drive-by shootings.

If this description sounds exaggerated, talk to social workers or police officers who work every day in the slums of large cities. What does it do to a child to experience intense pain, fear and deprivation at a very early age?

The answers are beginning to come in. What has been learned is that kids who go through these traumas in the first year or two of life produce high levels of stress hormones, notably cortisol and adrenaline. Those substances put the body on an "alarm reaction state" in order to cope with the crisis at hand. But in a small child, the brain is a vacuum cleaner for stress-related hormones. The human neurological apparatus is bombarded with chemicals that shouldn't be there in a child that age. The result is impairment of the boy or girl's thinking and emotional development.

What I'm saying is that many of today's abused kids can kill and destroy without pangs of

conscience because they are literally brain-damaged. They don't feel what you and I feel. They can't empathize with helpless victims the way they should, because the emotion of compassion flows from cognitive functions that no longer operate.

I am not excusing their violent behavior, of course. The bottom line is this: We are paying a terrible price for the disintegration of the family and for the victimization of children. Any society that doesn't protect the most vulnerable in their midst can expect to suffer at the hands of those abused individuals when they get old enough to strike back.

So lock your doors and avoid eye contact when you drive through certain sections of your city. There are kids there who would just as soon kill you as to look at you.

**QUESTION:** Our junior-high son is the most disorganized kid I've ever seen. His life is a jumble of forgotten assignments and missed deadlines. What can I do to help him?

**DR. DOBSON:** Educational consultant Cheri Fuller considers massive disorganization to be the most common cause for school failure, above both laziness and poor study skills. Show me a student's notebook, Fuller says, and I'll tell you whether that individual is a B student or a D student. An achieving student's notebook is arranged neatly with dividers and folders for handouts and assignments. A failing student's notebook is usually a jumbled mess and may not even be used at all.

Some children are naturally sloppy, but most of them can learn to be better organized in the elementary school years. Once they enter junior high, students may have as many as five teachers, each assigning different textbooks, workbooks, handouts and requirements from various classroom subjects. It is foolish to assume that kids who have never had any organizational training will be able to keep such detail straight and accessible. If we want them to function in this system, we need to give them the tools that are critical to success.

You might consider having your child evaluated to see if he has attention deficit disorder or some temperamental characteristic that makes it difficult for him to organize. When you've determined what he is capable of doing, work with an educational consultant or a school psychologist to

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**DR. JAMES DOBSON**

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — With Mickey Mouse at his side, Bob Hope lit up Disneyland with Christmas decorations.

The 96-year-old entertainer took a swing with a golf club and the lights came on Monday. He and his wife, Dolores, were guests of the park.

Before the ceremony, Hope was thanked by veterans for his longtime tradition of entertaining U.S. troops overseas.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Debbie Reynolds has a new cause: osteoporosis.

The 67-year-old actress was diagnosed this year with the bone-thinning disease that caused her grandmother to become stooped and weakened.

"I don't want the same thing to happen to me. Nowadays, with all we know about detecting and preventing osteoporosis, there's little reason I, or any other woman, should not take steps to blunt the impact of bone loss," she said.

Miss Reynolds has joined a campaign to urge older women to get a bone-mineral density test to diagnose osteoporosis.

She said she is happy she took the test. "Otherwise, I would be finding out by falling on the floor with a bone collapse," she said.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is joining the holiday spirit with lights and decorations. Hangar 25 lights will glow after Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade on Dec. 4. The hangar will be open to the public from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m..

The historic building will be outlined in white lights and the interior will have special lighting for the holidays. Museum volunteers will be serving cookies, coffee and punch for visitors.

**THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging Ombudsman Program** will begin a new training session to train volunteer ombudsmen to visit residents in Big Spring nursing homes. The training will begin after Jan. 1. Please call 800-491-4636 for more information.

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By GUY OWEN Columnist

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Above, left, First United Methodist Church Children's Day Out participant Connor Steel shows off his holiday placemat, while, center, Shayla Martin enjoys her fruit salad and right, Nick Ervin poses in his Indian costume last Friday. Kids in the program, after reading the book, "Stone Soup," and watching a Barney video about the story, made their own "stone" soup and enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal in Indian headdresses.

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design a system that will teach him how to live a more structured life.

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.

'Letters to Santa' coming in a special section on Dec. 22. Deadline for letters to arrive at the Herald is Dec. 13

There is no easy way to lose, maintain body fat

By GUY OWEN  
Columnist

In the U.S. about 50 percent of all women and 25 percent of all men are on diets.

About 65 million are overweight or think they are. Of these, 30 million are obese. People spend \$40 billion yearly attempting to lose weight.

To often we Americans use the bathroom scales to determine if we are healthy, with oftentimes disastrous effects. Those can be seen from our increasing number of people with moderate to life-threatening eating disorders.

From frequently erroneous body composition information, we have attempted 30,000 different diets in the last 30 years and have gained 15 pounds of fat per person during this time. We keep trying to find an easy way to replace our forefathers' methods of strenuous physical activity combined with good nutrition that has worked perfectly for controlling body fat and maintaining good lean mass for thousands of generations.

There is no simple and quick way to lose and/or maintain appropriate body fat levels. Weight management is accom-

plished by making a lifetime commitment to physical activity and proper food selection.

The average American gains 1-1/2 pounds of fat per year and loses 1/2 pounds of muscle and bone mass. The result equals a net gain of one pound of weight per year. The continued loss of beneficial lean mass is most likely as destructive to good health as the regular gain in body fat.

Osteoporosis continues to rise as a health problem in our country with restrictive, unneeded dieting a major contributor to this disease. Research has shown that 80 percent of restrictive dieters regain their pre-diet weight within one year but since dieting causes equal loss of lean mass in most cases, the dieter not only gains the weight back, but more of this weight is body fat and less lean.

The following recommendations are aimed at improving your chances of obtaining or maintaining a good ratio of body fat to lean mass in Y2K.

1. Don't skip meals, especially breakfast as this is a major cause for slowing down your capability for burning calories (lowered metabolism).

2. Exercise 30-45 minutes min-

imum at a brisk walk pace or faster daily. People often ask me, "How often should you exercise?" My stock answer is only on the days you eat.

3. Dietary calories that you restrict for fat loss should come from empty calories such as alcohol, simple sugars, and saturated fats.

4. Balanced, frequent, small meals that are low in fat and high in complex carbohydrates

(especially vegetables, and fruits) will produce the long-term success that rarely come from crash diets.

5. Aim for no more than 1-2 pounds of fat loss per week.

6. Drink at least 8 glasses of fluid per day with water being your main fluid of choice. Try to always drink water after a strenuous period of activity.

7. Obtain a lean mass to body fat assessment prior to deter-

mining the need for changing your weight. You may obtain this assessment at no cost by setting up an appointment with me at the Harold Davis Fitness Center at Howard College, 264-5108, or the Dora Roberts Wellness Center, 267-3806.

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Keeping pounds off may require twice the exercise

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Losing weight and keeping it off may require more exercise than previously thought — maybe twice as much as the 30 minutes recommended, researchers said recently.

A study from Brown University researchers found that 2,500 people who lost an average 60 pounds and kept it off for a year exercised about an hour a day.

"We know that 30 minutes every day is a good thing — it's better than less than that," said Dr. John Jakicic, an assistant professor of behavioral medicine at Brown. "But after that what you want is somewhere between 30 and 60 minutes and where that is, we're not sure."

Dr. Rena Wing, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at Brown, said most of the people studied walked about 10 miles a week, then did aerobics, weight lifting or other activities.

The researchers attended the annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. The study was based on data from the National Weight Control Registry, a repository of information on how people lost weight based at the University of Pittsburgh.

Another study found that short bouts of exercise during the day were as effective as one long period in maintaining weight loss for women.

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HOLIDAY MOVIES

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The following preview has been approved for all audiences: It's the holiday film season, and it's a Christmas grab-bag with something for everyone, from talking toys to thoughtful social commentary.

Hollywood is sending a record box-office year — and its first century of moviemaking — out with a bang and a whole lot of apocalyptic explosions.

First up, the day before Thanksgiving brings the bright and cheery "Toy Story 2," another go-round with Woody, Buzz Lightyear and their plaything pals, and the dark and explosive "End of Days," with Arnold Schwarzenegger going ballistic on Satan.

Still to come, a pair of prison dramas, a pair of Irish poverty tales, a pair of comic sci-fi stories, a pair of films about theatrical productions, movies about a nutty comic and nuttier girls in a mental ward and tales of murder in the Pacific Northwest and abortion in rural Maine. And just in time for the playoffs, a football flick.

The movie industry is on track for a \$7.4 billion year at the box office, shattering the previous record of just under \$7 billion set in 1998.

"We keep being surprised at just how expansive this marketplace is in terms of audience," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie attendance.

"I believe in this momentum theory," Dergarabedian said. "When you've got people going to theaters in these numbers, they're exposed to trailers, they're out there and interested in movies, and the bigger the box office becomes."

Here's a sampling of some snowballs Hollywood is tossing at moviegoers through the holidays. Some films open in limited release for Academy Award consideration and may not be showing widely until next year.

**"TOY STORY 2":** Woody the cowboy and Buzz Lightyear, space ranger, return in the computer-animated sequel to the 1995 hit. This time, Woody is snatched by a collector who wants to peddle him for big bucks to a museum. Buzz leads the toy troops on a rescue mission, and along the way has an encounter with his "father" and a hilarious exchange with a space ranger fresh out of the box, who like Buzz in the first film, did not know he was a toy. Was he ever that naive, Buzz wonders? Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz. Opens nationwide Wednesday.

**"END OF DAYS":** Arnold Schwarzenegger raises hell when Satan comes to Manhattan for the millennium. It's got all the trappings of an Arnold film — the explosions, the fistcuffs, the snide one-liners, the explosions. Schwarzenegger plays a brooding ex-cop conscripted by fate as protector "Terminator" for a woman marked to mate with the devil, played by Gabriel Byrne, who quips that creation will be put under new management if his plot goes off as planned. Opens Wednesday.

**"FLAWLESS":** It may get lost in the blitz of "Toy Story 2" and "End of Days," but this is a little gem for Robert De Niro and Philip Seymour Hoffman. De Niro plays a homophobic ex-security guard who suffers a stroke and takes singing lessons as therapy from Hoffman, a drag queen living upstairs. Opens Friday.

**"THE END OF THE AFFAIR":** A brainy tale of adultery starring Ralph Fiennes and Julianne Moore as lovers and Stephen Rea as a bland cuckold of a husband. Based on the Graham Greene novel, the movie is set in the early part of the London blitz and in the mid-1940s, as an obsessive Fiennes tries to unravel the mystery of why his paramour abruptly ended their relation-

ship. Class-act directing by Neil Jordan. Opens Dec. 3.

**"THE GREEN MILE":** Tom Hanks is back, and Death Row's got him. Hanks stars as a compassionate prison guard in the 1930s whose charges include a towering but childlike convict awaiting execution, played by Michael Clarke Duncan. Hanks discovers the inmate possesses unearthly powers and begins to doubt the man's guilt. A long one at three hours. "The Green Mile" is based on Stephen King's serialized novel and directed by Frank Darabont, who also adapted King's "The Shawshank Redemption." Opens Dec. 10.

**"THE CIDER HOUSE RULES":** For the first time, John Irving has adapted one of his own books for the screen. Tobey Maguire and Michael Caine star as the patron saints of an orphanage-abortion mill in rural Maine in the 1940s. The film features a Dickensian array of cherubic children and the sweetest bedtime line since "The Waltons": "Goodnight you princes of Maine, you kings of New England." Opens Dec. 10.

**"CRADLE WILL ROCK":** Tim Robbins' directorial followup to "Dead Man Walking" is a rollicking story about burgeoning communist paranoia in the mid-1930s and a pro-labor musical being staged by Orson Welles and John Houseman under federal theater auspices. "Cradle Will Rock" has an ensemble cast and a gloriously long opening tracking shot worthy of Robert Altman. Stars include John and Joan Cusack, Susan Sarandon, John Turturro, Emily Watson, Bill Murray and Vanessa Redgrave. Opens Dec. 10.

**"ANNA AND THE KING":** A non-musical version taken from the same story that inspired "The King and I," "Anna" stars Jodie Foster as the teacher who travels to Siam to instruct the ruler's throng of children. Chow Yun-Fat and Bai Ling co-star. Opens Dec. 17.

**"STUART LITTLE":** S.B. White's story of a cheery mouse who finds a home among humans comes to the screen in a combination of live-action and digital special effects. Michael J. Fox is the voice of the mouse Stuart, Nathan Lane provides the voice of his archenemy, Snowbell the cat and Geena Davis plays the lead human. Opens Dec. 17.

**"BICENTENNIAL MAN":** Robin Williams is a robot who comes to a better understanding of humanity through 200 years of service to the same family. The film reunites Williams with director Chris Columbus, who made the blockbuster "Mrs. Doubtfire." The big question: Can Williams charm audiences hidden inside a robot costume that's something of a cross between Robocop and C-3PO? Opens Dec. 17.

**"TOPSY TURVY":** Director Mike Leigh ("Naked," "Secrets

& Lies") has a go at Gilbert and Sullivan as they try to revitalize their theater career after a London heat wave sends audiences packing. Gilbert, played by Jim Broadbent, comes up with the exotic idea for "The Mikado," set in Japan, and the songwriting team is off on a topsy-turvy effort to bring it to the stage. Allan Corduner stars as Sullivan. Opens Dec. 17.

**"GIRL, INTERRUPTED":** Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie and Whoopi Goldberg star in a female take on "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Based on a true story, the movie features Ryder as a young woman consigned to a mental institution for troubled girls, with Jolie as an out-of-control sociopath and Goldberg as a sympathetic head nurse. The interaction between Ryder and Jolie makes for a great buddy film under tough circumstances. Opens Dec. 21.

**"SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS":** From the David Guterson bestseller, "Snow" is a beautifully filmed though emotionally remote examination of guilt and racial injustice told through images of Japanese-American war internments and the murder trial of a Japanese man in the 1950s. Ethan Hawke and Max Von Sydow star in the film directed by Scott Hicks, his first since "Shine." Opens Dec. 22.

**"MAN ON THE MOON":** Jim Carrey does an uncanny impersonation of Andy Kaufman in a film that features a spate of cameos by friends and colleagues of the late comic, including most of the cast of TV's "Taxi." Kaufman's routines are faithfully re-created, from his "Mighty Mouse" song to his bizarre schtick wrestling women. Danny DeVito, one of Kaufman's "Taxi" cohorts, appears as the comic's agent, while Courtney Love co-stars as Kaufman's girlfriend. Milos Forman directs. Opens Dec. 22.

**"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY":** After "JFK" and "Natural Born Killers," Oliver Stone does football as the director returns to more populist subject matter. The film tells the story of a fictional pro team in Miami, led by a tough coach (Al Pacino), a tough team owner (Cameron Diaz) and an aging quarterback (Dennis Quaid). James Woods, Edward Burns and Tom Sizemore co-star. Opens Dec. 22.

**"THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY":** Director Anthony Minghella's first film since "The English Patient" stars Matt Damon as an American sent to lure home a wealthy school chum (Jude Law) from Italy. The mission turns into a murder plot as Damon's character falls for his buddy's girlfriend (Gwyneth Paltrow). Opens Dec. 25.

**"AGNES BROWNE":** Anjelica Huston directs and stars in this story of an Irish widow struggling to raise her seven children in the late 1960s. While trying to make ends meet, she finds romance with a French

baker and fantasizes about realizing her dream of seeing Tom Jones perform. It's Huston's return to directing after her acclaimed "Bastard Out of Carolina." Opens Dec. 3.

**"GALAXY QUEST":** Picture William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy in a real-life "Star Trek." Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver lead a crew of has-been actors from a campy science fiction show who are mistaken by real aliens as true star fighters and abducted to help fight a galactic war. Alan Rickman and Tony Shalhoub co-star. Opens Dec. 25.

**"THE HURRICANE":** Bob Dylan wrote a song about him. Now Denzel Washington gives a marvelous performance as Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, the former boxing champion wrongly imprisoned for the murders of three people in a New Jersey bar. The film follows Carter's decades-long battle for justice, with help from celebrities and a small knot of activists that includes an inner-city teen-ager. Directed by Norman Jewison. Opens Dec. 29.

**"ANGELA'S ASHES":** Based on Frank McCourt's Pulitzer-winning memoir, "Angela's Ashes" recounts the impoverished childhoods of a brood of Irish boys. Gut-wrenching and depressing, it's not your typical holiday fare. But the gloom is overcome through fine performances by Emily Watson as the hapless mother, Robert Carlyle as the neglectful father and three young actors who play McCourt at different stages. Opens late December.

**"FANTASIA/2000":** It's said Walt Disney always envisioned "Fantasia" as a work in progress, with plans for perpetual retreats. Sixty years after the animation landmark, his dream comes true. "Fantasia/2000" includes the Mickey Mouse segment "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" from the original, plus new animated episodes set to sweeping classical music. Opens Jan. 1 for a two-month run in select

widescreen theaters before expanding to general release.

Study: Weight gain over holidays one pound, not five

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Rejoice! You will likely gain only one pound, not five, this holiday season.

But don't get too happy, researchers warned Wednesday. It is also likely you will keep that pound with you for the coming year.

"The idea that everyone gains five to seven pounds during the holidays is humbug," said Patrick O'Neil, the director of the Weight Management Center at the Medical University of South Carolina.

O'Neil and Jack Yanovski, the head of the Unit on Growth and Obesity at the National Institutes of Health, discussed a study of holiday weight gain during the annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

O'Neil said the common wisdom is people gain about five pounds over the holidays but it was unclear just where that number came from.

So the researchers set out to see just how much weight peo-

ple gain from Thanksgiving through the first week in January.

Those in the sample of 200 adult men and women from the Bethesda, Md., area were weighed during the study, but other vital signs also were taken so participants would not know the research was about weight gain.

The results showed participants gained just under one pound during the holidays, with men and women gaining about the same.

Yanovski said the average person seems to gain about a pound a year so there may be indications that weight gain comes mostly from holiday eating. He said participants were not asked what type of foods they ate.

Starting the study, the researchers felt a five pound weight gain would not prove accurate.

To gain that much weight, O'Neil said, you would have to consume an extra 3,500 calories a week.

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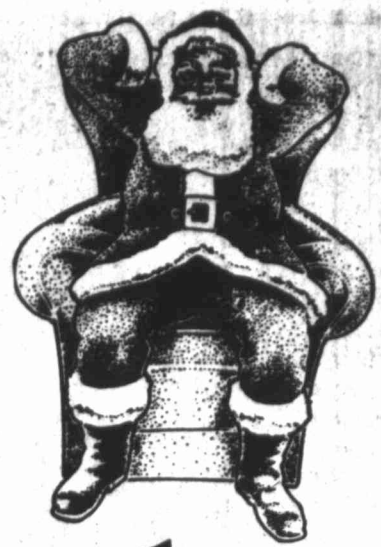




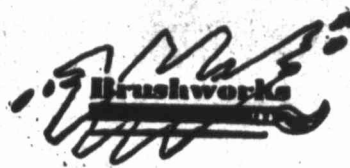



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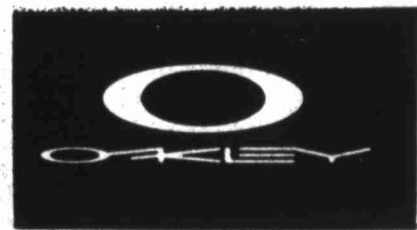


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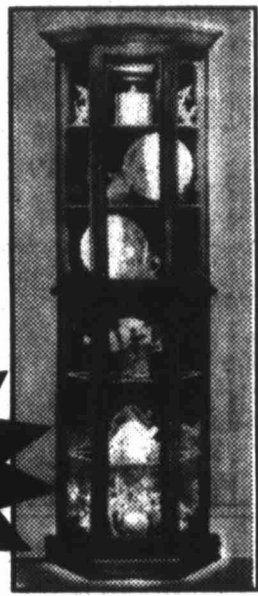
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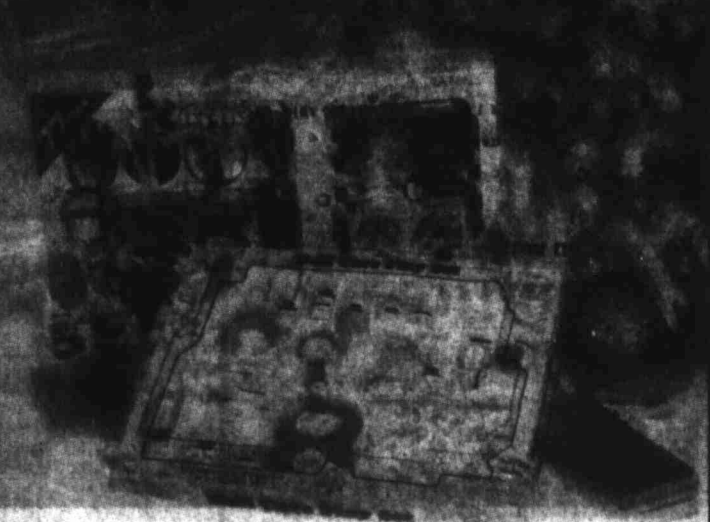
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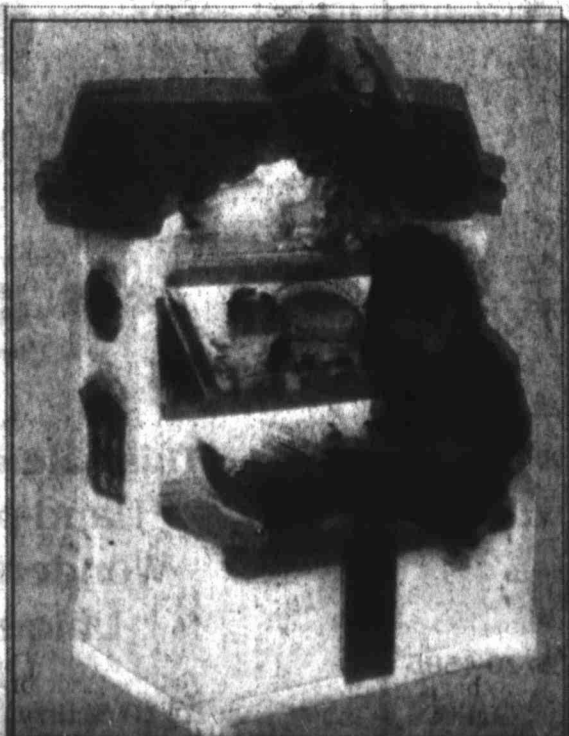
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### IN BRIEF

#### Boys basketball boosters slate Tuesday meeting

An organizational meeting of the Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday in the commons area at Big Spring Junior High School.

Parents of all Steers freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball players are urged to attend, as well as all others interested in the boys' basketball program at the high school.

#### Hawks prepare to host Thanksgiving Classic

Howard College's Hawks hope the friendly confines of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will allow them to turn things around after losing a pair of games at the Barton County (Kan.) Classic over the weekend.

Howard, which dropped an 86-81 loss to No. 3-ranked Barton County on Saturday, will play host to teams from Kilgore College, New Mexico Junior College and Garden City (Kan.) Community College on Friday and Saturday in the Hawks Thanksgiving Classic.

Kilgore will play NMJC at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by the Hawks' game against Garden City at 8 p.m.

Saturday night's schedule pits NMJC against Garden City, followed by Howard and Kilgore.

Admission for both nights will be one can of food or a \$1 donation. All donations and canned goods will be provided to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

#### Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Big Spring County unit of the Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

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#### Coyotes to face Groom Saturday in Floydada

Borden County's Coyotes will play their six-man quarterfinal playoff game against Groom's Tigers at 6 p.m. Saturday in Floydada.

The 10-2 Coyotes advanced to the quarterfinals with a 49-22 win over Sanderson on Friday, while the Tigers (11-1) advanced with a 48-20 win over Rochester.

Another six-man quarterfinal, this one pitting 10-1 Rule and 9-1 Grandfalls-Royal, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Coahoma.

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
2:45 p.m. — Miami Dolphins at Dallas Cowboys, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.9.

#### Television

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
11 p.m. — Great Alaska Shootout, Georgia vs. Kansas, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**NBA**  
7 p.m. — Detroit Pistons at Indiana Pacers, TNT, Ch. 28.  
9:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers, TBS, Ch. 11.

**FIGURE SKATING**  
3 p.m. — World Super Teams Challenge, FXS, Ch. 29.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — Mississippi at Mississippi State, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
11:30 a.m. — Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions, FOX, Ch. 3.  
3 p.m. — Miami Dolphins at Dallas Cowboys, CBS, Ch. 7.

**GOLF**  
Noon — Senior PGA Match Play Championships, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**TENNIS**  
2 p.m. — ATP World Championships, early rounds, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Competitive fires still burn at A&M despite tragedy

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M appreciates the support from archival Texas following the tragic bonfire collapse.

That doesn't mean the Aggies don't want to beat the Longhorns as badly as ever in the 105-year rivalry.

"We still want to beat Texas and they are still our biggest rival," guard Chris Valletta said. "We'd want to win this game no matter what happened. I'm not sure you can get any more emotion for this game."

The Aggies have dedicated the game to the 11 students and one recent graduate killed and the 27 students injured Thursday when a stack of bonfire logs collapsed, crushing its victims. They want to be certain they carry out the vow.

"This game will be different because

it's not as much of a grudge match," punter Shane Lechler said. "But I think once the ball is kicked off, we will play as physically hard as we can play and they will too."

"If we both don't play as hard as we can, then maybe we shouldn't have played the game."

Tuesday's talk took on a much softer tone from a week ago, before the tragedy, when the Aggies were revving up with the usual spicy banter that precedes all games with the Longhorns.

"It takes a lot to be able to console someone you're supposed to hate," linebacker Brian Gamble said. "They came to our memorial services and they have really supported us. I think it's great."

The annual enemies on the football field became united in support of the accident victims.

Texas leaders replaced the annual "hex rally," intended to bring bad luck to the Aggies, with a unity rally Monday night on the Austin campus. Forty buses filled with Aggies made the 105-mile trip to attend the rally.

"I never hated Texas anyway," A&M cornerback Jason Webster said. "I'm just glad that they sent their support and encouragement."

Gamble appreciated the gesture, too, but he knows the Longhorns will set aside those thoughts with the opening kickoff Friday at Kyle Field.

"I've got a good friend who plays on the Texas team and I just found out that he's going to be blocking me on the opening kickoff," Gamble said. "I'm going to try and take his head off."

"We appreciate that they have supported us. I've got quite a few friends on

the Texas team. But when we kick off, this is for bragging rights for the next year. We just have more to play for this year."

Pregame ceremonies will remind fans of the tragedy.

Mike Caruso, athletic director for promotions and operations, said for Thursday night's yell practice, plans were made to alter certain references to the Longhorns in their yells. He did not specify the changes.

Aggie yells are dotted with shots at the Longhorns. One yell is "Beat the Hell Out of TU" and following the singing of the "Aggie War Hymn," Aggies normally sing "Saw Varsity's Horns Off," referring to Bevo, Texas' Longhorn mascot.

"There is consideration for some

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## Jones-Johnson feud has lost its sizzle

IRVING (AP) — A few days before Jimmy Johnson's last game at Texas Stadium, he called a radio station to guarantee that the Dallas Cowboys would win the NFC championship game.

A few days before his next game at Texas Stadium — his first as a rival coach since an ugly divorce from the team and its owner, Jerry Jones — Johnson was watching his words much more carefully.

Johnson and Jones have said nothing but nice things about each other this week, taking all the sting and much of the fun out of the buildup for today's game between Miami and Dallas.

So far, the juiciest tidbit is something Jimmy told his father: "This will be the best game that Dallas plays because they'd love to beat me. I feel the same way towards them. I want to win."

Not exactly worthy of 3-inch headlines, as Johnson suggested for his boast before the January 1991 NFC championship against San Francisco. But that's about as good as it's gotten in a week where everyone is talking about how much they respect each other.

Much of the bitterness came out of the Jimmy-Jerry feud in December following the death of Johnson's mother.

As family and friends gathered at the Johnsons' home in Port Arthur, caterers began delivering platter after platter of food sent by Jones.

"And he sent a beautiful, beautiful wreath," C.W. Johnson said. "Jimmy knew all about it. He was very pleased with it. I think it kind of helped their relationship."

The former University of Arkansas teammates were reunited in 1989 when Jones bought the Cowboys and made Johnson the coach. The Cowboys went 1-15 that season, but were Super Bowl champions by 1992.

The Cowboys won it all again the following season. A few months later, the power struggle between Jones and Johnson boiled over and Johnson was gone.

"Actually, when you cut through everything, the No. 1 reason I left Dallas is I wanted



Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones (left) speaks during a 1991 press conference as Jimmy Johnson looks on. At the time, Jones and Johnson were discussing the three first-round draft picks the Cowboys would have that year. Johnson will be making a return to Texas Stadium today as head coach of the Miami Dolphins.

to live in South Florida," Johnson said. "That was the bottom line."

So it had nothing to do with Jones saying any of 500 coaches could've won the Super Bowl with the Cowboys? Or anything else Jones did to take credit for the franchise's dramatic turnaround?

"I think there was tension because Jerry and I are both tremendous competitors," Johnson said. "I think people made more out of it than what there really was. Not being in the same situation anymore, I think our relationship has gone right back to what it was prior to me coaching the Cowboys."

"I've got tremendous respect for Jerry. I like Jerry. I think our relationship is extremely positive now."

Cowboys who played under Johnson are looking forward to seeing him before the game. But once the ball is kicked off, they don't expect his presence to be a factor.

"I know it makes for a great story about Jimmy's tenure here and how it all ended, but we're not playing Jimmy," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "Jimmy is on the sidelines and I don't pay a whole lot of attention to any of the coaches, no matter who we are playing."

Defensive lineman Chad Hennings said: "If you want you could use it as a mental boost. Do? No. I've got enough on my mind besides worrying about who the opposing coach is."

While seeing Johnson might not fire up the Cowboys, Dallas running back Emmitt Smith

said he expects Johnson to use it to motivate the Dolphins.

"He's probably telling them this is one team I don't want to lose to," Smith said. "I can hear him now: 'The trap is set. They're no 5-5 team.'"

Most Cowboys fans supported Johnson at the time of the split, many wishing it was Jones who had left.

But so much time has passed that Johnson isn't sure whether he'll hear boos or cheers when his name is announced.

"I still have a couple of friends in Dallas, so there might be a couple of people clapping their hands," he said. "There will be a few people who will smile when I take the field and they'll be some who might be disappointed that I left. Who knows?"

## Aikman returns without real fear

IRVING (AP) — After a second concussion in eight days, Troy Aikman was concerned that he might be getting more susceptible to them.

Then he visited two specialists and learned something shocking: with eight concussions in 11 NFL seasons, he actually withstands blows to the head pretty well.

"They didn't think that over an 11-year career the number I've had is an alarming number," Aikman said Monday

latest concussion Nov. 8.

"They don't feel I'm susceptible to concussions at all considering the number of hits I take in a ballgame or over the course of a year. That gave me a great deal of peace of mind."

Aikman, who has missed two games as a precaution, will be back at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys today against Miami.

"I think we've been very careful with it," Aikman said. "I've been able to work out the past week and feel pretty good. It would be nice if it was a Sunday ballgame. I feel confident everything is in order."

Aikman, who turned 33 on Sunday, was especially concerned because the hit that caused the second concussion wasn't as hard as the first one, yet symptoms such as headaches and dizziness were worse.

Part of the cumulative effect of concussions is that they're easier to get and the side effects last longer.

But the doctors he saw assured him that those numbers aren't that bad. The spe

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## Wright remembering the phone didn't ring for four years

He cried that first time back, the moment he realized how much he missed working.

"I suppose it was because I'd given up on having any more chances," Ben Wright said, "and even that little bit of work made me think, 'There's a possibility now ...'"

It's pure coincidence that his rise and fall and rise again should be nearly complete now, right at Thanksgiving, since there is so much to be grateful for. He is productive and content, and for the first time in a long time, confident that there is some run left in the line. Wright knows people will believe what they want about the episode that laid him low, but even the skeptics should know this much: It was not an easy climb back.

In May, 1995, the Englishman was a popular golf commentator working nearly 30 tournaments a year on this side of the Atlantic for CBS. While talking to a reporter, Wright made some ill-considered remarks about lesbianism on the women's pro golf tour, then tried

to deny them. Little more than six months later, Wright was out of luck, out of fashion and out of work.

The only thing he never seemed to be out of was drink. Six months after that, though, Wright was out of the Betty Ford Clinic and at the lowest point he'd ever known.

"It wasn't until I cleared my head," he said, "that I realized how much of a pariah I was."

It would be nice to report Wright's path immediately took a turn for the better and continued, like an unbroken line, back to where he is today. It would also be wrong. Having traced the arc of a career once, he was not thrilled, even sober, about undertaking the effort a second time.

Besides, Wright was comfortable in seclusion. He was off the air but still under contract to CBS. And there were established precedents — see oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, or Dodgers baseball executive Al Campanis — for people whose tongues outtraced their brains. He was prepared to stay quietly buried in a corner of North Carolina, playing a lot of golf, when writer Michael Patrick Shiels and Sleeping Bear Press publisher Brian Lewis turned up on his doorstep in April, 1998.

They'd been regaled with Wright sto-

ries for some time. They decided to test the theory that everybody has a book in them by dragging one out of Wright.

"I'd convinced myself I'd screwed up and that the best thing to do was to go quietly," Wright said. "They bullied me into the 'book thing.' But part of it, I suppose, was I didn't appreciate the stories. Perhaps because I'd been dining out on them for 40 years."

The result of the collaboration, "Good Bounces & Bad Lies" came out in August to strong reviews. The stories render some of the game's giants in unfamiliar lights — Arnold Palmer in a club-tossing fit, in the Royal & Ancient clubhouse no less; Jack Nicklaus smashing a table to make the point that he would one day be regarded as the best golfer ever — and illuminate some of its lesser-knowns just as surely.

What Wright rediscovered in the process of telling the tales was the joy his vantage point had afforded him. Bitter over his fate at the start of the project, he found each revision became less and less so. It had an almost cathartic effect.

"I figured out I'd had one hell of a life," he said. "And there is no way to phrase this without sounding arrogant, but I learned, too, that I was more appreciated in the golf community than I had reason to think. In that sense, the

book was an eye-opener."

The next step came in September, when Peter Kessler of The Golf Channel got Wright back on the air. It began with a series of vignettes during the Ryder Cup.

"It just occurred to me that it had been so long since we heard his voice," Kessler said.

When they finished the spot, he walked back to where Wright sat. So detached, so cool on the air for so many years, his partner was now sobbing quietly.

"I never realized," Wright would recall, "how much I missed it."

Turns out he wasn't the only one. A phone that barely rang for four years rings off the hook almost every day now. A steady gig on The Golf Channel is "under discussion." Wright is a columnist for an online service and several magazines, an analyst for a half-dozen radio shows, and has launched a second book.

"I'm as busy as ever and I never really thought about going back full time," he said. "I am 67. And I've already worked damnably hard."

And not just once, either.

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# Slocum says Texas-Texas A&M tradition will survive bonfire tragedy

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The bonfire collapse that took 12 lives at Texas A&M will not alter the 105-year rivalry between the University of Texas and Texas A&M. Aggies coach R.C. Slocum is sure of it.

"This game has been going on for over 100 years and through that time, you've had both schools in wars and young men at both schools having casualties," Slocum said Monday. "There have been a lot of things that happened over the years and this rivalry has remained very strong for a long time."

"It will move forward. We will never forget this and these young people, but life goes on and we will go on."

The Aggies practiced Monday for their second time since a 40-foot tall log structure for the annual A&M bonfire collapsed Thursday, with several dozen students on various parts of it. Eleven students and a former student were killed and 27 people were injured. They were building a 55-foot bonfire that was to be lit on the eve of the Texas game.

Slocum expects the Aggies to

play their best. "It's the only way we can approach this situation," Slocum said. "They died working long and hard to create spirit for the game. If you could ask them, I think they would want us to go play the game."

Texas coach Mack Brown also must address the distraction. Although the two teams have battled physically and verbally for years, Texas players and fans have reached out to the stricken A&M campus.

Texas canceled the annual "hex rally," normally designed to put a hex on the Aggies, and replaced it with a unity rally. A blood drive in Austin drew 350 to 400 donors.

The favored Longhorns could actually be at an emotional disadvantage, but that isn't something Brown will consider.

"It will be a difficult week for both teams," Brown said. "It will be emotionally draining for both teams. For me to be concerned about the emotions of our team, when families are trying to understand the loss of sons and daughters, would be selfish on our part."

"To put the game on the level

of life and death isn't even worth talking about. But if you are going to play the game, you need to play hard and with spirit. I hope both teams realize that this puts priorities back in place."

Most of the coaches have dealt with similar, if not as massive, losses.

"Having dealt with deaths of family members and other players, (playing a game) is three hours where we can put it in the back of our minds and put aside the tragedy and go play," Kansas coach Terry Allen said. "Our hearts go out to the whole A&M family."

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder knows Slocum will handle the situation.

"There have been instances in my time here that have been difficult to deal with," Snyder said. "I'm sure that R.C. will address it and say that the best thing they can do is prepare as

well as possible. They have no control over what has taken place and what will take place, and the best thing for them is to make Texas A&M proud."

The Aggies have dedicated Friday's game to their fallen comrades, and that's how Slocum has approached practice.

"As we prepare for this game, the vocal part is a lot more subdued, probably for both teams," Slocum said. "It's not unusual in years past for a few guys from each team to make vocal comments about the game."

Missouri coach Larry Smith understands why both teams would be muted.

"It's something that's hanging over your head," Smith said. "You have to grow strong and fight your way through it and know that life is a heck of a lot more than a football game on Saturday. This puts everything in perspective."



AP file photo  
Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum, pictured here prior to the Aggies appearance in the Cotton Bowl in 1990, says the school will survive tragic bonfire collapse that killed 12 students last week.

## Defense has produced stellar results for Longhorns in 1999

AUSTIN (AP) — It wasn't long ago the Texas defense didn't scare anybody.

This season, anchored by a large, veteran front line, the No. 7 Longhorns are pushing everybody around.

While the offense and sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite have grabbed most of the attention this season, the team's defenders have quietly had one their best seasons in years.

The UT defense is rated No. 6 overall, giving up 287.3 yards per game with just 92.5 on the ground going into Friday's game against No. 24 Texas A&M.

"That's what we've been waiting for since I got here," said Texas junior defensive lineman Casey Hampton. "It's good to finally see a good defense."

Text (2) gave a glimpse of things to come against A&M last year, when the Longhorns held the Aggies (7-3) to minus-7 yards rushing and 173 overall in Texas' 26-24 victory.

"Last year, we didn't have any luck running the ball," said A&M center Seth McKinney. "They are great players and I give them all the respect but we have to run the ball good."

"Our practices lately have been really intense running the ball," McKinney continued. "This will probably be our biggest challenge. Nebraska was good, but these guys are the biggest."

"Those guys" would be the Texas front four of 300-pound tackles Hampton and Shaun

Rogers and ends Cedric Woodard and Aaron Humphrey. Hampton leads the team with 76 tackles as the unit has combined for 20.5 sacks, 63 tackles for losses and 10 forced fumbles.

Behind them is a group of linebackers with more speed than previous Longhorn lineups. Defensive coordinator Carl Reese's blitzing scheme uses that speed to shoot the gaps to get to opposing quarterbacks.

"When they bring linebackers along with that front line, the dam just breaks," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said after the Longhorns beat the Red Raiders 58-7 two weeks ago.

The Longhorns have 119 tackles for losses this season compared to 54 in 1997, the year before Reese came to Texas from North Carolina with coach Mack Brown.

"I'm not scared of bringing a lot of people," Hampton said. "When you do that, you're going to make plays."

Better team speed makes a big difference, Woodard said. "Before we always had a guy who could make plays, but now it seems like everyone is getting to the ball at the same time," Woodard said.

Texas A&M will try to counter the Texas defensive attack with size. The Aggies starting backfield of D'Andre Hardeman and Ja'Mar Toombs tips the scales at 502 pounds.

The 260-pound Toombs has rushed for 457 yards and seven touchdowns this season.

The 242-pound Hardeman has 155 yards.

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changes that we'll do at yell practice," Caruso said. "That is out of respect to how the people of Texas have responded. We are going to try to show them some of the same respect back."

On game day, flags will fly at half-staff. Two maroon-and-white ribbons will be painted over the Texas A&M logos on the field. Four F-16 fighters from the 457th fighter squadron

will fly over the stadium in the missing man formation following a pregame invocation. Then, it will be time for football.

Texas is favored to win the game, but the Aggies might have the emotional edge. At least some think so.

"This is one game you don't need added emotion," A&M quarterback Randy McCown said. "But if either team has the advantage, it is us."

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## Cowboys, Dolphins recall Thanksgiving of 1993 all too well

IRVING (AP) — As sleet and snow gushed through the hole in the roof of Texas Stadium, ice formed on Steve DeBerg's eyebrows and the tarp froze to the plastic grass.

On the game's pivotal play, one Dallas player lost a shoe and another player lost his way.

Miami coach Don Shula said he'd never seen anything like it. And if he hadn't, there can't be many who had.

On Thanksgiving 1993, the Dolphins beat the Cowboys 16-14 on a field goal by Pete Stoyanovich as time expired. Seconds earlier, Dallas blocked Stoyanovich's kick, but Leon Lett curiously revived the dead ball and the Dolphins recovered.

When the teams meet again Thursday for their first game in Texas Stadium since '93, there will be many subplots, from Jimmy Johnson making a long-awaited return to future Hall of Fame quarterbacks Dan Marino and Troy Aikman coming back from injuries.

But it's hard to imagine they can top what happened Nov. 25, 1993.

The coldest regular-season game ever played in Dallas seemed over with 15 seconds left when Jimmie Jones swatted Stoyanovich's 41-yard attempt. Aikman and Michael Irvin shared a victory hug on the sideline and Darren Woodson fled to celebrate in the warm locker room.

Only Lett kept playing. Unaware that the spinning ball was dead unless touched by the defense, Lett slid into it at the 7-yard line, kicking it toward the end zone. Miami's Jeff Dellenbach recovered at the 1 with just enough time for Stoyanovich to redeem himself.

"There have been a lot of W's, but this one is special," Shula said following his 42nd victory. "I've never seen one end like that."

Lett went to the trainer's room and cried. Johnson had tears in his eyes, too, as he discussed "the most disappointing loss I've ever been around."

"I've never seen a game like that," Johnson said. "It's just crazy."

Miami improved to an NFL-

best 9-2 then didn't win another game. They didn't lose again en route to a second straight Super Bowl. Two months later, Johnson was gone.

Fast forward to 1999. The Dolphins again are 8-2. Johnson is in his fourth year as Miami's coach, having taken over when Shula retired.

Marino, who missed the '93 game with a torn right Achilles' tendon, will try playing for the first time since Oct. 17 because of a pinched nerve in his neck.

The Cowboys (5-5) have Aikman back after he sat out two games recovering from concussions. Lett, whose third drug-related suspension ended earlier this month, will be there, too.

And the forecast: Rain possible in the morning, then decreasing clouds with a high near 60 following overnight lows in the upper 30s.

"It's going to be nice," said Dallas defensive lineman Chad Hennings, one of 15 alumni from the 1993 game who'll play Thursday. "We won't have to worry about snow."

Actually, the big problem was ice. A mini-bulldozer was needed to get all of the frozen tarp off the field. When the national anthem was played, the temperature was 32 degrees with a wind chill in single digits.

"It was so bad," Emmitt Smith said, "that we might as well have worn ice skates."

At least some people made the best of it.

Miami's Keith Byars celebrated a touchdown by making a snow angel in the end zone. Dallas' Kevin Williams returned a punt 64 yards for a touchdown, then slid through the end zone on one knee while striking a Statue of Liberty pose. On the sidelines, O.J. Simpson's children pelted him with snowballs.

With 7:58 left, a 31-yard field goal by Stoyanovich got Miami within 14-13. He also had made a 20-yarder and missed from 44.

On the miss, Stoyanovich's left foot slipped as his right foot met the ball, sending it only to the Cowboys 19. Dallas' Thomas Everett caught it and ran 20 yards.

## Phillips' tenure with 49ers at an end

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Lawrence Phillips' stormy tenure with the San Francisco 49ers ended Tuesday when the team waived him. Phillips was still serving a three-game suspension for defying the coaching staff at the time of his release.

Team officials said soon after imposing the suspension on Nov. 12 that Phillips, who has struck out with three NFL teams because of a string of personality clashes and run-ins with the law, would not play again for the 49ers.

Meanwhile, Phillips' agent said earlier Tuesday a grievance has been filed seeking to overturn the suspension. After Phillips was waived, agent Mitch Frankel did not respond to messages left on his pager.

"The suspension was clearly excessive," Frankel said earlier. "They didn't have the right to suspend and therefore they don't have the right not to pay him."

John McVay, the 49ers director of football operations, disagreed.

"We have decided to waive Lawrence Phillips because it allows us to clear the decks and move on," McVay said. "We did not reach an agreement with Mitch Frankel, but we did listen to what he had to say."

The team has 10 days to respond to Phillips' grievance,

filed last week with the league through the NFL Players Association.

Union spokesman Carl Francis said Phillips' case will be heard by an arbitrator within 45 days, standard procedure under the collective bargaining agreement.

Phillips was suspended for three games without pay when he refused to practice and ignored or mocked coaching directives at the team's practice Nov. 12. The next day, general manager Bill Walsh said he could envision no circumstance under which Phillips would play again for the 49ers. Three days later, coach Steve Mariucci declared the team and Phillips were parting ways.

The breakup with the 49ers represents the latest NFL washout for Phillips, who lost jobs with the St. Louis Rams and Miami Dolphins because of run-ins with the law and disciplinary problems.


In a statement released through his agent a week ago, Phillips' only public comment on the case, the running back denied refusing to practice and said he hoped he could rejoin the team. Mariucci reiterated that Phillips had played his last game for the 49ers.

Phillips was losing \$19,000 a week in wages during the three-week suspension. The 49ers have also said they

don't want to pay Phillips the \$280,000 they owe him as part of a deferred signing bonus, claiming breach of contract. Frankel said the next installment is due at the end of this month and

he'll file another grievance on that issue if the 49ers don't pay up. McVay said Tuesday the 49ers would file a grievance for recovery of a portion of Phillips' signing bonus.

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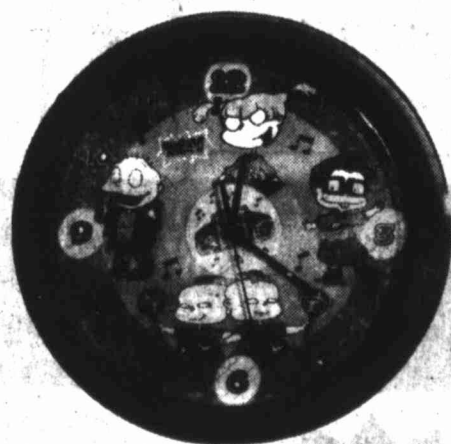
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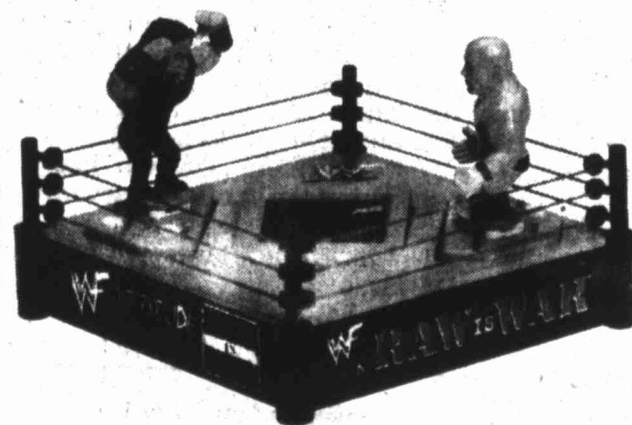
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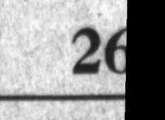
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# Jarrett didn't overwhelm anybody in taking Winston Cup

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By the time Dale Jarrett took the final victory lap of the NASCAR season, there was little excitement over his first championship.

Granted, the lap following a second place-finish last Sunday came a week after Jarrett won the Winston Cup title. And his post-race ride around Atlanta Motor Speedway was more a celebration of consistency than anything else.

He won the championship with just four victories and no poles. Jarrett isn't apologizing.

"If you told me that we were only going to win one race next year, but we could win the championship, I'd take that deal," Jarrett said. "The championship is what it's all about."

Jarrett's road to the top was paved with 24 top-five finishes and 29 top-10s in 34 races. Those were numbers Jeff Gordon, Jeff Burton and Bobby Labonte — all of whom won more often — were unable to match.

"You'd always like to win every week, but to say that we're disappointed we didn't get into victory lane more, no," Jarrett explained. "We did our jobs."

Gordon won a season-best seven races, but failed to finish seven times. Gambles he took to get back in the hunt didn't

work. Jarrett, who seized control of the championship chase a third of the way through the season, didn't have to take any chances.

"We know what racing for a championship is about," he said. "If you're going to put yourself in a position week in and week out to try to make it into victory lane, then you're taking chances not only with the chassis but on the engine side of it."

"You don't win championships that way."

Sometimes, they are won by overcoming adversity. Jarrett proved he could do that early on.

The season began with a terrible day in which the two-time Daytona 500 champion got caught up in an accident and finished 37th in NASCAR's premier race.

"Man, we were low after Daytona," Jarrett said. "You spend so much time preparing for that race in the offseason. You focus on it, and you want to get a really good start on the season and, bang, it's over and you're in a hole."

Jarrett, who'll celebrate his 43rd birthday this weekend, knows all about climbing out of holes. For much of his career, he was considered a journeyman. But he persevered, and this year it finally paid off.

After the disastrous start, Jarrett immediately began the turnaround that enabled him to add a third family championship to the ones his father, Ned, won in the 1960s. Jarrett gives much of the credit to his crew.

"This team doesn't ever quit, never!" he said. "They just sucked it up and got it turned around in a hurry."

Jarrett came back from Daytona with a second-place finish the following Sunday in Rockingham, N.C. It was one of six runner-up finishes in 1999.

He wound up 11th in Las Vegas, then ran off a string of 19 races in which his Robert Yates Racing Ford won four times and finished as low as eighth only once.

Following the Pepsi 400 on Aug. 22 at Michigan Speedway, Jarrett held a season-best lead of 814 points over Mark Martin and 347 over Labonte.

"After that, we got tested a little bit," said team owner Yates. "We had a couple of bad races in a row, lost part of our lead and had to decide if we were going to let it get away from us."

Jarrett had finished 38th in Bristol, Tenn., on Aug. 28, and 16th on Labor Day weekend in Darlington, S.C. Those poor showings allowed Martin, who wound up third in the standings

behind Jarrett and Labonte, to cut the lead to 168 points with 10 races remaining.

No one in the Jarrett camp wavered, and he wound up winning by 201 points.

"We never lost any confidence," crew chief Todd Parrott said. "The main thing is we knew what we were capable of and what we had been doing all year long. "Nobody panicked and nobody quit. In fact, we all worked a little harder."

It paid off the week after Darlington, when Jarrett finished third in Richmond, Va. — on the same track where he had taken the points lead four months earlier. Thereafter, all Jarrett needed to do was avoid horrendous finishes.

He eliminated the competition — and spoiled the script for the finale in Hampton, Ga. — by finishing fifth Nov. 14 in Homestead, Fla.

To Parrott, point-producing finishes were far more important than gambles designed to carry the driver to the winner's circle.

"If we couldn't win the race, we took a top-five," Parrott said. "If we didn't have a car capable of finishing in the top 20, we tried to fight back to get it into the top 10, and that's the sort of thing that Dale's done all year long."

## 1999 WINSTON CUP

NASCAR Winston Cup schedule, winners in parentheses, and final driver point standings:  
Feb. 14 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)  
Feb. 21 — Buick-Lube 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Mark Martin)  
March 7 — Las Vegas 400 (Jeff Burton)  
March 14 — Cracker Barrel 500, Hampton, Ga. (Jeff Gordon)  
March 21 — TransSouth 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Burton)  
March 28 — Primestar 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Terry Labonte)  
April 11 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Rusty Wallace)  
April 18 — Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va. (John Andretti)  
April 25 — Diehard 500, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt)  
May 2 — California 500, Fontana (Jeff Gordon)  
May 15 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, Va. (Dale Jarrett)  
May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jeff Burton)  
June 6 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Bobby Labonte)  
June 13 — Kmart 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Dale Jarrett)  
June 20 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Bobby Labonte)  
June 27 — Save Mart 350k, Sonoma, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)  
July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Jarrett)  
July 11 — Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H. (Jeff Burton)  
July 18 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond (Bobby Labonte)  
Aug. 7 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis (Dale Jarrett)  
Aug. 15 — Frontier at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Jeff Gordon)  
Aug. 22 — Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Bobby Labonte)  
Aug. 28 — Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Dale Earnhardt)  
Sept. 5 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Burton)  
Sept. 11 — Exide NASCAR 400, Richmond, Va. (Tony Stewart)  
Sept. 19 — Dura Lube 300, Loudon, N.H. (Joe Nemechek)  
Sept. 26 — MBNA Gold 400, Dover, Del. (Mark Martin)  
Oct. 3 — NAPA AutoCare 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jeff Gordon)  
Oct. 10 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C. (Jeff Gordon)  
Oct. 17 — Winston 500, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt)  
Oct. 24 — Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Jeff Burton)  
Nov. 7 — Checker-Dura Lube 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Tony Stewart)  
Nov. 14 — Pennzoil 400, Homestead, Fla. (Tony Stewart)  
Nov. 21 — NAPA AutoCare 500, Hampton, Ga. (Bobby Labonte)

Final Driver Standings  
1. Dale Jarrett, 5,282  
2. Bobby Labonte, 5,061  
3. Mark Martin, 4,943  
4. Tony Stewart, 4,774  
5. Jeff Burton, 4,733  
6. Jeff Gordon, 4,620  
7. Dale Earnhardt, 4,492  
8. Rusty Wallace, 4,155  
9. Ward Burton, 4,062  
10. Mike Skinner, 4,003  
11. Jeremy Mayfield, 3,743  
12. Terry Labonte, 3,580  
13. Bobby Hamilton, 3,564  
14. Steve Park, 3,481  
15. Ken Schrader, 3,479  
16. Sterling Marlin, 3,397  
17. John Andretti, 3,394  
18. Wally Dallenbach, 3,387  
19. Kenny Irwin, 3,338  
20. Jimmy Spencer, 3,312  
21. Bill Elliott, 3,246  
22. Jerry Nadeau, 3,210  
23. Chad Little, 3,193  
24. Elliott Sadler, 3,191  
25. Kevin Lepage, 3,185  
26. Kyle Petty, 3,103  
27. Geoffrey Bodine, 3,063  
28. Johnny Benson, 3,012  
29. Michael Waltrip, 2,974  
30. Joe Nemechek, 2,956  
31. Ricky Rudd, 2,922  
32. Rick Mast, 2,845  
33. Ted Musgrave, 2,689  
34. Jerry Nadeau, 2,686  
35. Brett Bodine, 2,351  
36. David Green, 2,300  
37. Darrell Waltrip, 2,158  
38. Rich Bickle, 2,149  
39. Robert Pressley, 2,050  
40. Ernie Inon, 1,915

## Rookie of Year: Stewart sets tough standard for future

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tony Stewart's rookie performance in the Winston Cup series certainly got the attention of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"That was the best rookie year ever," said the two-time Busch series champion, who moves up next year with sidekick Matt Kenseth to NASCAR's premier races. "How the heck do Matt and me follow something like that?"

It won't be easy. Stewart had a rookie-record three victories and a first-place finish in the standings — the best by a first-timer in the 29 years of the series. He raised the bar of excellence much higher.

To approach it, the best freshman of 2000 will need to bond with his crew chief the way Stewart did with fellow novice Greg Zipadelli.

"I don't know why we had such great chemistry," Stewart said. "It's either there or it's not. It was there right away with Greg Zipadelli. It was there from our first test session."

Even with good chemistry, it took awhile to reach high gear. Stewart began with finishes of 28th, 12th, 36th and 11th before a pair of sixth-place runs offered a hint of what was to come.

"At the beginning of the season, I was a little nervous and tentative about what I was doing in the car," said Stewart, the 1997 Indy Racing League champion. "All it took was getting in lots of laps and a lot of miles."

He got them with a lot of testing early in the season. And he cherishes the advice from Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Bobby Labonte, who wound up second to Dale Jarrett in the standings.

"My confidence level from the beginning of the year to now is just quadrupled many times over," the 28-year-old Stewart said. "I'm so confident in these cars now."

Zipadelli conceded halfway through the season that inexperience hurt the team early on. They should have won more races, he said after a painful defeat in July, when Stewart dominated in New Hampshire only to lose because of an ill-advised gamble on fuel.

No one scored more points in

the second half of the season.

Stewart's 32-year-old crew chief looks at those numbers as a reason for optimism next season. And he isn't alone. Many in the sport are predicting a championship for Stewart.

"We're pretty excited about next year," Zipadelli said. "We just feel like we've got a little something to look back at now."

What they will see are more numbers that reflect a great season. Stewart was running at the end in all but one of the 34 races. He had 12 top-five finishes and 29 top-10s. In any other year, it might be argued that Earnhardt or Kenseth would have a chance to be the greatest rookie ever. But in 2000, they've got quite an act to follow.

"I hope nobody expects us to match what Tony did," Kenseth said. "He was amazing."

"I'll be pretty happy if I reach my goals, and they won't be anywhere near what he did."

Even Earnhardt's father, the only driver to go from rookie of the year to series champion, and three-time champion Jeff Gordon didn't come close to matching Stewart's first-year numbers.

Like Stewart, Gordon came into stock car racing with an open-wheel background. Unlike Stewart, he struggled at first, and wound up 14th in the standings as the top rookie of 1993.

He marvels at Stewart's progress.

"He's made the transition to these cars faster than anybody else has," Gordon said. "That's a special gift."

"There's no doubt that Tony is the real thing."

Gibbs, who as coach of the Washington Redskins won three Super Bowls before becoming a car owner in 1992, is not easily impressed. He expected great things from Labonte but said earlier in the season that a top-20 finish in points would have been acceptable from Stewart.

"It's hard to believe what all of the people on this team accomplished this year," Gibbs said. "I think everybody knew Bobby was headed in that direction and was going to be a big star in this sport, but maybe Tony surprised some people with what he did."

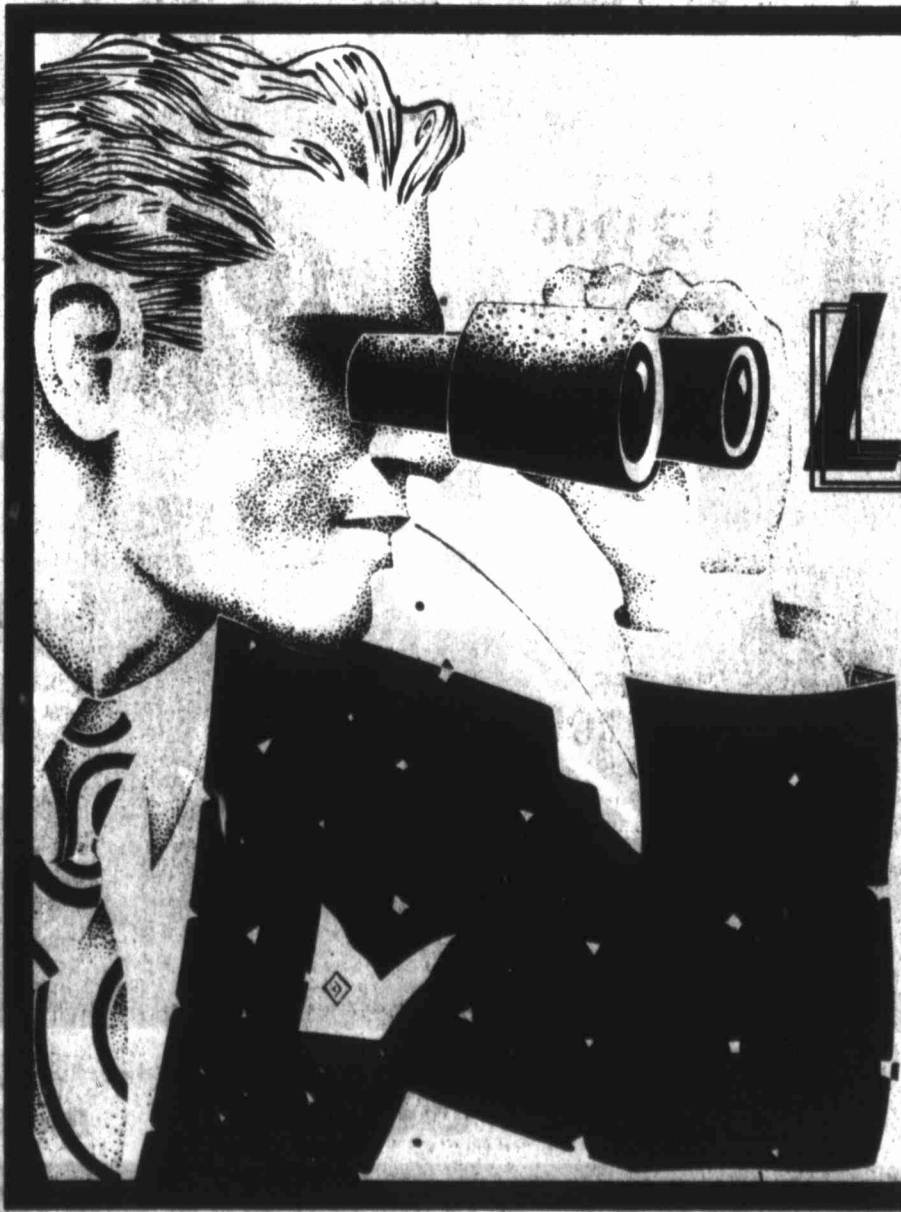
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# Ford camp not excited about CART teams at Indianapolis

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The excitement created by the expected return of at least some CART teams to the Indianapolis 500 does not extend to the Ford camp.

Ford, one of four engine-makers in the series, faces the prospect of its teams using other motors in the premier event of the Indy Racing League.

"We've gone on record to our teams that we are not happy with the situation," said Dan Davis, director of worldwide racing for Ford. "But we are not going to tell them they can't go."

Neither will Honda, Toyota and Mercedes-Ilmor, the other engine builders in CART. And the sanctioning body itself has created a two-week hole in its May schedule to accommodate those who want to race at Indy.

"If our teams want to go to Indianapolis, we will not stand in their way," said Andrew Craig, president and CEO of CART.

Speculation about CART's return to Indy has been rampant since its 2000 schedule was released. As many as 14 CART teams and up to 22 cars are expected to enter Indy, a source close to the teams told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

They'll do so under IRL rules. They also will have to pay for different cars and Oldsmobile Aurora or Nissan Infiniti engines — a cost estimated at about \$1 million per entry.

Leo Mehl, retiring IRL executive director, says the league's engine and chassis suppliers have received many inquiries and even some orders from CART owners.

And Tony George, who owns

## OPEN WHEEL RACING IN 1999

### CART

CART FedEx Championship Series schedule, winners in parentheses, and final driver point standings:  
March 21 — Marlboro Grand Prix, Homestead, Fla. (Greg Moore)  
April 10 — Firestone Firehawk 500, Motegi, Japan (Adrian Fernandez)  
April 18 — Toyota Grand Prix, Long Beach, Calif. (Juan Montoya)  
May 2 — Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix, Nazareth, Pa. (Juan Montoya)  
May 15 — Rio 400, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Juan Montoya)  
May 29 — Motopola 300, Madison, Ill. (Michael Andretti)  
June 6 — Miller Lite 200, West Allis, Wis. (Paul Tracy)  
June 20 — Budweiser-G.I. Joe's 200, Portland, Ore. (Gil de Ferran)  
June 27 — Medic Drug Grand Prix, Cleveland (Juan Montoya)  
July 11 — Texaco-Havoline 200, Elkhart, Lake, Wis. (Christian Fittipaldi)  
July 18 — Molson Indy, Toronto (Dario Franchitti)  
July 25 — U.S. 500, Brooklyn, Mich. (Tony Stewart)  
Aug. 8 — Teneco Automotive Grand Prix, Detroit (Dario Franchitti)  
Aug. 15 — Miller Lite 200, Lexington, Ohio (Juan Montoya)  
Aug. 22 — Target Grand Prix, Chicago (Juan Montoya)  
Sept. 5 — Molson Indy, Vancouver, British Columbia (Juan Montoya)  
Sept. 12 — Shell 300, Monterey, Calif. (Bryan Herta)

### IRL

Indy Racing League schedule, winners in parentheses, and final driver point standings:  
Jan. 24 — Indy 200, Orlando, Fla. (Eddie Cheever)  
March 28 — MCI WorldCom 200, Avondale, Ariz. (Scott Goodyear)  
May 1 — VisionAir 500, Concord, N.C. (canceled)  
May 30 — Indianapolis 500 (Kenny Brack)  
June 12 — Longhorn 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Scott Goodyear)  
June 27 — Radisson 200, Fountain, Colo. (Greg Ray)  
July 17 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Scott Sharp)  
Aug. 1 — MBNA Mid-Atlantic 200, Dover, Del. (Greg Ray)  
Aug. 29 — Colorado 200, Fountain (Greg Ray)  
Sept. 26 — Vegas.com 500, Las Vegas (Sam Schmidt)  
Oct. 17 — Mall.com 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Mark Dismore)  
Final Driver Standings:  
1. Greg Ray, 293.  
2. Kenny Brack, 256.  
3. Mark Dismore, 240.  
4. Davey Hamilton, 237.  
5. Sam Schmidt, 233.  
6. Buddy Linder, 224.  
7. Eddie Cheever, 222.  
8. Scott Sharp, 220.  
9. Scott Goodyear, 217.  
10. Robby Unser, 209.  
11. Jeff Ward, 206.  
12. Billy Boat, 204.

### FORMULA ONE

Formula One schedule, winners in parentheses, and final driver point standings:  
March 7 — Australian Grand Prix, Melbourne (Eddie Irvine)  
April 11 — Brazilian Grand Prix, Sao Paulo (Mika Hakkinen)  
May 2 — San Marino Grand Prix, Imola, Italy (Michael Schumacher)  
May 16 — Monaco Grand Prix, Monte Carlo (Michael Schumacher)  
May 30 — Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona (Mika Hakkinen)  
June 13 — Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal (Mika Hakkinen)  
June 27 — French Grand Prix, Magny-Cours (Heinz-Harald Frentzen)  
July 11 — British Grand Prix, Silverstone, England (David Coulthard)  
July 25 — Austrian Grand Prix, Spielberg (Eddie Irvine)  
Aug. 1 — German Grand Prix, Hockenheim (Eddie Irvine)  
Aug. 15 — Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest (Mika Hakkinen)  
Aug. 29 — Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps (David Coulthard)  
Sept. 12 — Italian Grand Prix, Monza (Heinz-Harald Frentzen)  
Sept. 26 — European Grand Prix, Nurburgring, Germany (Johnny Herbert)  
Oct. 17 — Malaysian Grand Prix, Kuala Lumpur (Eddie Irvine)  
Oct. 31 — Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka (Mika Hakkinen)  
Final Driver Standings:  
1. Mika Hakkinen, 75.  
2. Eddie Irvine, 74.  
3. Heinz-Harald Frentzen, 54.  
4. David Coulthard, 48.  
5. Michael Schumacher, 44.  
6. Rafi Schumacher, 35.  
7. Rubens Barrichello, 21.  
8. Johnny Herbert, 15.  
9. Giancarlo Fisichella, 13.  
10. Mika Salo, 10.  
11. Jarro Trulli, 7.  
12. Dario Franchitti, 7.  
13. Alexander Wurz, 3.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway and created the open-wheel split by forming the IRL, has assured the CART teams of a level playing field.

Davis doesn't like any of it. "The most important thing, as I see it, is the care and feeding of this series," he said of CART. "I don't see CART addressing some of the issues it needs to address in its own back yard."

He sees the Indy 500 as a disruption and fears it might reduce the commitment of the teams to CART.

"And we certainly don't want

them using our money to go," Davis said. "But we won't sue anybody or keep them from going."

CART has boycotted the Indy 500 since the IRL was formed as a cost-conscious alternative in 1996. The more-established open-wheel series has teams with season budgets of up to \$12 million a car; a top IRL team can do business for about half of that.

The IRL was designed in part to give more young drivers without a lot of sponsorship money a chance to reach the big

time. The biggest names and top teams have remained in CART, along with most of the big-dollar sponsorship. The IRL has struggled to draw fans and financial backing virtually everywhere outside Indy.

And neither side has been a hit on television, even at Indy, with confused fans tuning out. What were decent ratings for one series turned into mediocre numbers for two.

That prompted CART and the IRL to try to make up earlier this year. After months of talks

that apparently came close to an agreement, George ended them. Within days, word began to circulate that CART teams would be returning on the IRL's terms.

"We were out there pushing hard for reconciliation," Davis said. "We were doing everything we could behind the scenes. It didn't happen."

He believes talks could resume at some future date. "It's never dead because if there's a good business equation that says it's a good deal for us, we'll evaluate that."

# NFL bans throat-slashing gesture, promises fines and suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — Keyshawn Johnson says he used the increasingly popular throat-slash gesture just to be original.

The NFL doesn't think so. It cracked down Tuesday, threatening fines and penalties for a taunt that the league said depicted "an unacceptable act of violence."

A letter was sent to all 31 teams to ban the gesture, in which a player draws his finger across his throat.

The gesture has been used for several years, in recent weeks by such stars as Johnson, Green Bay's Brett Favre, Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp, and Seattle's Ricky Watters.

"I like to come up with something new every week," said Johnson, who did it in full view of the "Monday Night Football" cameras last week. "I just try to be original."

He'll have to be more original and less objectionable from now on, unless he wants to incur a 15-yard penalty and a fine.

"We know of no interpretation of this act by which it would not be considered threatening or insulting," George Young, the league's vice president for football operations wrote in the letter. "In fact, it appears to depict an unacceptable act of violence."

The gesture has been around in sports for a while, but it has been occurring with increasing frequency this season in the NFL.

After leading a game-winning drive earlier this season in Cleveland, Cincinnati rookie quarterback Akeem Odoms punched his chest at the Browns' bench and taunted the fans in the Dawg Pound by making the throat-slash gesture.

In the NBA two seasons ago, Chris Childs of the New York Knicks and Eric Murdock, then of the Miami Heat, exchanged the gestures during a playoff series. The NBA makes any player who taunts subject to a technical foul and "lewd or objectionable behavior" subject to fine and/or suspension.

The NHL similarly assesses penalties for "gross misconduct" by players. "We are not big on taunts," said spokesman Frank Brown.

Major league baseball doesn't have a policy regarding taunting. Baseball spokesman Rich Levin said the issue has not been a problem.

The NFL's letter specifically included the throat-cutting gesture in its taunting policy, although the league already has handed out penalties under the existing rules.

Favre, for example, was penal-

ized 15 yards Sunday for aiming it in the direction of Detroit's Robert Bailey, a gesture Favre said was in return for one directed at him by Bailey in the

teams' first meeting. The league also warned that even if the gesture does not result in a penalty, the player making it is still subject to fine.

The new policy has no effect on end-zone celebrations or other acts not specifically aimed at opposing teams, league officials said.

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Big Spring Herald Thursday, Nov. 24, 1999

**FISHING REPORT**

Here is the weekly fishing report by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. (Report also available at www.texaswildlife.com.)

**CENTRAL:**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water stable; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Hybrid striped bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Yellow perch are fair on minnows and jigs. Striped bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Blue catfish are fair on minnows and jigs. White crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Bluegill are fair on minnows and jigs. Sunfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Crayfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Frogs are fair on minnows and jigs. Salamanders are fair on minnows and jigs. Turtles are fair on minnows and jigs. Snapping turtles are fair on minnows and jigs. Muskies are fair on minnows and jigs. Bowfin are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Carp are fair on minnows and jigs. Goldfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Koi are fair on minnows and jigs. Angelfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Neon tetra are fair on minnows and jigs. Guppies are fair on minnows and jigs. Platies are fair on minnows and jigs. Swordtails are fair on minnows and jigs. Mollies are fair on minnows and jigs. Bettas are fair on minnows and jigs. Loaches are fair on minnows and jigs. Danios are fair on minnows and jigs. Zebrafish are fair on minnows and jigs. Goldfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Koi are fair on minnows and jigs. Angelfish are fair on minnows and jigs. Neon tetra are fair on minnows and jigs. Guppies are fair on minnows and jigs. Platies are fair on minnows and jigs. Swordtails are fair on minnows and jigs. Mollies are fair on minnows and jigs. Bettas are fair on minnows and jigs. Loaches are fair on minnows and jigs. Danios are fair on minnows and jigs. Zebrafish are fair on minnows and jigs.



FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 24. (Report also available on Web at www.tfw.state.tx.us)

CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms fished in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Hybrid strippers are good on cut baits. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water Clear; 68 degrees; 100S.20; Black bass are slow to fair on topwaters and Terminator buzzbaits fished early in the upper lake and midday on motor oil/red flake Scoundrel worms and Carolina-rigged Pumpkin Ring-Frys fished on points. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 28 feet. White bass are slow to fair on Horizon Park Minnows fished in 30 feet on channels. Striped bass are slow drifting live bait in the lower lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheese and liver fished in 30 feet. Yellow catfish in 11 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black 7" worms Power Worms fished around the dam and along the northeast shoreline. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the dam. Hybrid strippers are good on jigs and cut baits around the dam and the east bank. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH: AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 68-72 degrees; Black bass are slow on topwaters and motor oil Texas-rigged worms fished along the edge of the hydrilla. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on jigging spoons fished in 25 to 40 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigging spoons (fish are sized in with the white bass). Channel and blue catfish are excellent on all kinds of live and prepared baits all over the reservoir. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 67 degrees; No fishing report available.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 60 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits fished on the west end of the dam and on points and creek channels in the state park. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 12 to 14 feet near the docks and docks in the state park. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on jugs baited with goldfish, chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish in 56 pounds are good on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch on the south end of the lake. The only accessible boat ramp is in the state park.

BRADY: Water stained; 72 degrees; 17' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are excellent on crankbaits fished on the edge of the river channel. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lights around the marina in 1.0 to 1.2 feet. White bass are good on crankbaits fished on the edge of the river channel on 10 to 12 feet. Blue and channel catfish in 10 pounds are excellent on cut shad fished on the channel drop in 10 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish in 26 pounds are good on trotlines baited with cut shad.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are poor on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are good on shrimp. Red fish are poor on shrimp and shad.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 70 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and white jigs fished in 10 feet on the east side of the dam. Sand bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet. Hybrid strippers are good on shad, perch and chicken liver fished in 3 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are fair on shad and perch fished in 3 to 5 feet. Yellow catfish in 17 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with perch, carp and shad.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 7.5' low; Crappie are good on minnows and buzzbaits fished around duckweed. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet. Striped bass are good on jugs and saasay shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Yellow catfish in 13 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with perch, carp and shad.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 10 feet. Sand bass are good on minnows and jigs. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are poor on jugs and saasay shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good trotlines baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 65 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on white and chartreuse spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in the gator weed and around docks. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished from crappie houses. White bass are poor on small chrome and blue Rat-L-Trap fished on Alamo point. No report on redfish. Hybrid strippers are poor on shad patterned crankbaits fished under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers in the hot water slow fished at night. Yellow catfish are fair on droplines baited with fish.

NOCONA: Water stained; 70 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on chartreuse crank baits and top waters fished around docks and brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on shad and chartreuse jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and nightcrawlers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 68 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass to 9.4 pounds are excellent on plastic perch, top waters and Rooster tails fished on top to 10 feet. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on stink bait; cut bait, gold fish, minnows, liver and worms fished in 5 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish in 37 pounds are excellent on goldfish, liver, minnows, stink bait, carp and cut bait fished in 12 to 14 feet.

O.H. IVE: Water clear; 65 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are fair on chrome Rat-L-Trap fished around the grass and on worms and jigs fished in 15 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and slabs fished at night under lights along the river channel in 25 feet. White bass are fair on minnows, jigs and jigging spoons at night under lights fished along river channels in 25 to 30 feet. Catfish in 30 pounds are good on jugs baited with live bait fished up the rivers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 64 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinners and Pop R's early and on Power worms fished in 5 to 10 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet. Striped bass to 18 pounds are excellent on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 20 to 22 feet near the gravel pit. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and stink bait fished in Cedar cove in 10 feet. No report on yellow catfish.

SPENGE: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are good on top waters and crankbaits fished on flats near structure. White bass are good on small crankbaits and minnows fished on sand bars. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs with pink heads fished near rock bluffs and rock points with trees. Striped bass are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 22 feet near the gravel pit. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and stink bait fished in Cedar cove in 10 feet. No report on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are good on minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fishing the shoreline near structure in 4 to 8 feet. No report on white bass. Yellow catfish in 20 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cheese bait fished in 5 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad fished in 3 to 4 feet.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 11' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Rat-L-Trap and jigs fished in 3 to 5 feet. No report on crappie. White bass are fair on Little Georges trolling in 20 feet. Blue and channel catfish in 15 pounds are excellent on minnows and worms fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

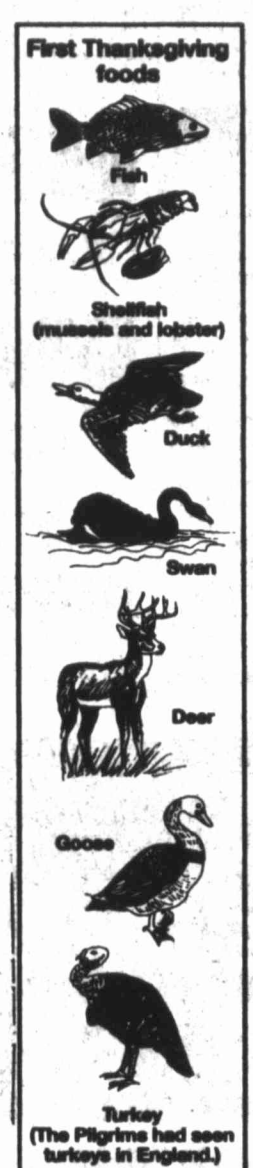
TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 64 degrees; 40 feet low; No fishing report due to extreme low lake levels. Boats can be launched from launch point but caution is advised on entire lake.

WHITE RIVER: No report available.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

What's Cooking? The First Harvest Feast



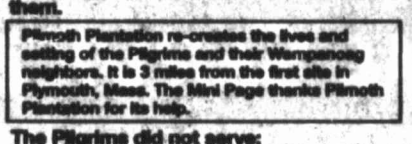
The feast we think of as the first Thanksgiving was really a harvest feast held in 1621. A Pilgrim, Edward Winslow, wrote back to England about the event.

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling (out to shoot ducks and geese), that we might ... rejoice together after we had gathered in the fruits of our labor."

Exactly what were these "fruits" of their labor? This expression means the results of their hard work.



The Wampanoag man Squanto showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn using fish to fertilize the soil. The Pilgrims did not have much manure to use as fertilizer, since they brought so few animals with them.



The women are working in the gardens outside their houses. The Pilgrims did not serve: Popcorn, Mashed potatoes, Cranberry sauce, Bread, Pies.

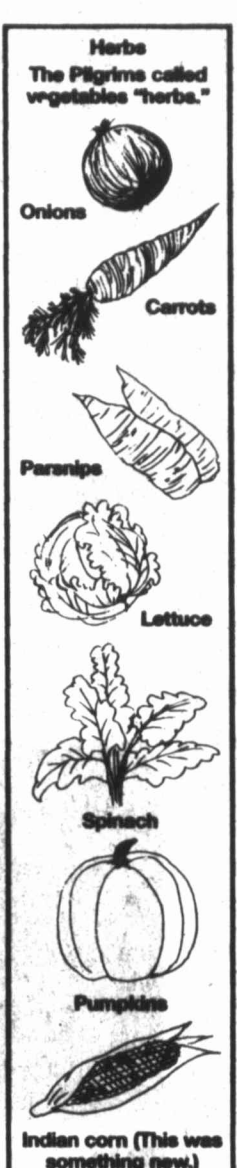


Above is a photo of the Harvest Feast of 1621 re-created by Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts. There were about 140 people at the first three-day harvest feast - 90 Native Americans and about 60 Pilgrims.

Squanto taught the Pilgrims to: dig a hole; put in two or three fish, then fill the hole; place a few kernels of corn on top; build a little mound around the corn as it grew.



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Go dot to dot and color. Benjamin Franklin wanted the U.S. to choose the turkey as its national bird, rather than the eagle. A female turkey is called a hen. A male is a tom. A baby is a poult. Wild turkeys almost became extinct, and hunting laws were passed to limit the number killed. Today, their numbers have recovered and they are hunted for sport.

MAZE Help Alpha Mouse find the corn for Thanksgiving dinner.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Corn Bread You'll need: 2 eggs, beaten; 1 cup sour cream; 1/2 cup vegetable oil; 1 1/2 cups creamed corn; 1 cup cornmeal; 1 tablespoon baking powder. What to do: 1. Combine first four ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well. 2. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well. 3. Pour in a greased 8-by-8-inch baking pan. 4. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 35 minutes.

Mini Spy ... Mini Spy and Rookie are baking for Thanksgiving dinner. See if you can find: strawberry, pencil, number 8, muffin, pie, pumpkin, lips, letter A, hot dog, pea pod, ruler, safety pin.

Food History Words that remind us of food are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HUNTERS, GATHERERS, COOK, FIRE, FOOD, FISH, CATTLE, PIGS, HOGS, CHICKEN, HOE, SICKLE, IRRIGATION, TOOLS, PEOPLE, FENCES, WHEAT, BARLEY, GRAIN, OXEN.

A Mini History of Food 1. The first people were hunters and gatherers. They roamed the countryside looking for plants and animals to eat. Insects were a favorite food. 2. The first cooks were those who, by accident, dropped food into the fire and noticed that cooked food tasted much better and kept longer. 3. Farming began when people noticed that if they dug a hole and planted seeds, a crop would grow. 4. Farmers began to make tools. They tied sharp chips of rocks (flint) to sticks to make hoes. They made sickles with bone handles and flint blades. 5. At first, farmers tamed small animals such as wild fowl for food. Later they tamed larger ones such as oxen to pull the plow. 6. People learned to make pottery, so cooking and carrying food and drink became much easier. 7. The Egyptians invented irrigation, so water could be carried from wet areas to dry ones. Farmers also began to make better tools out of bronze. The invention of the wheel allowed food to be carried in carts. 8. The use of iron made tools stronger and sharper. People began to use money. With more food, there can be more people, and more trade with people far away. 9. Farmers found ways to rotate crops so the soil would not get worn out. They also developed a new harness that enabled them to use horses instead of oxen to plow fields. 10. While searching for spices and India, Columbus discovered the New World, and introduced new foods to Europe, such as corn, beans, sweet potatoes and pumpkins. 11. The Native American man Squanto showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn. 12. During the Civil War, many workers left their farms to fight. Machines were invented to enable farmers to grow more food. 13. During World War II, farmers began to use tractors. Up until that time, most depended on horses to help plow the fields. 14. Today's farmers use faster machines and better seeds and know-how to protect plants from diseases. More crops can be grown by fewer farmers. U.S. Farm Fact-a-Roonies Fewer farmers needed. • 1700s - One farm worker could feed three people. • 1878 - One farm worker could feed 60 people. • 2000 - One farm worker feeds 80 people. Look through your newspaper for ads about Thanksgiving foods. Next week: Read about the Wright Brothers and the history of flight.

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Make the most of what is offered this year. Many wonderful opportunities drop in your lap. Think about your decisions carefully, with each one, though you walk through one door, you'll close another. Your creativity peaks; your high energy naturally puts you in the right place at the right time. Choose your words with care; others often see you as sarcastic. If you are single, romance will certainly tantalize you. A new love interest could be very important to your life. If attached, your relationship is rejuvenated. In many ways, you will feel as if you just met each other. You can have what you want this year. Be clear about what that is! **CANCER** helps you anchor.  
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)  
\*\*\*\* Indulgence suits your palette perfectly as you let go and relax. Hang out with family and loved ones. Refuse to get embroiled in post-holiday activities; instead, get into the long weekend. Your smile lights up another's day. Tonight: Make it easy.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\* Chatter comes easily; you seem to enjoy yourself wherever you go. Someone you care about and enormously respect pushes you. Be willing to establish your limits and explain where you are coming from. Your intuition serves you. Use it! Tonight: Let the good times roll.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\* Be careful with spending; you could easily go overboard

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or let go and enjoy. If participating in today's shopping frenzy, stay as close to your budget as possible. Make time for a get-together with friends. Use this weekend to catch up on news. Tonight: Treat yourself.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\* You are personality plus. Remain directed and sure of yourself. You find that a parent or someone you respect is willing to indulge you. Get into the moment. A partner might be too direct for your taste. Avoid a personality conflict. Tonight: You are in control.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Make it your pleasure to do little and relax. Others are only too happy to pitch in; besides, you need to slow down. Discover what works by exploring different options. Your findings could necessitate a trip in the near future. Tonight: To a movie or concert.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want, especially in a key friendship. Your role in a partnership needs clarifying: Express your high energy; get into a favorite sport or get important errands done. You are a veritable whirlwind. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Where your friends are.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\* You know how to draw others in. Your soft demeanor plays a big role in your current popularity. A loved one or child acts up or could be rebellious. Understand what is happening with others. You have some important relationship choices to make. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\* Reach out for another; make calls; understand what you need in order to be happy.

Count your blessings today and be thankful year-round

DEAR READERS: By popular demand, here is my traditional Thanksgiving column:  
Today is Thanksgiving Day, so take a few minutes to reflect upon all the things for which you are thankful.  
How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands — maybe millions — are hurting even more. (Have you ever visited a veteran's hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)  
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 on two good legs, and read the newspaper with two good eyes, 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, one-third 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, pick up the phone and call someone.  
Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Your country may not be a rose garden, but neither is it 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 walls 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:  
O heavenly Father:  
We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.  
We thank thee for health and remember the sick.  
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.  
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours. — LOVE, ABBY

Make travel plans, even for this weekend. You need a change of pace and will be revitalized in a different environment. Use your high energy to get into an important project. Tonight: Follow the music.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\* Get together with others. Make calls and reach out for those you haven't heard from over the holiday. Your special care and nurturing make all the difference. Moods, spending and celebrating go from one extreme to another. Tonight: Go for togetherness.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\* Others are in the holiday mood; join in and celebrate. Get into the jovial nature of the weekend. Get together with friends or invite them over. Your high energy goes into spending and making money. You might want to get a head start on Christmas presents. Tonight: Go along with others.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\* You are basically unstoppable. You might not want to slow down, even though it might be a very good idea. Understand what is going on

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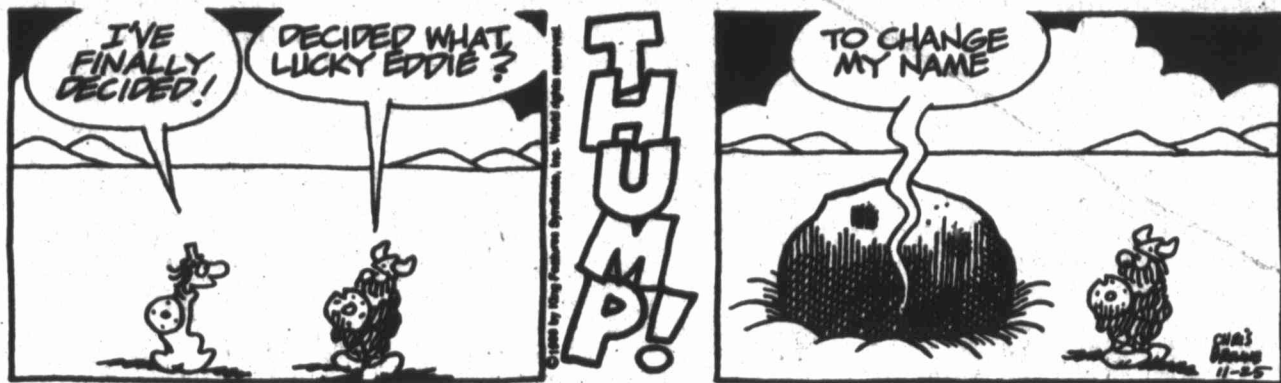
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Thanksgiving Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 25, 1963, the body of President Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' sections with numbered clues.

ture Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh. In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solver: A grid with words like 'PLY ROAMS SMOKE', 'RUE ADIEU KAPUT', 'ORANGEMARMALADE', 'PERU NAUTILUS', 'BARS SEN', 'MAW COURTS GLEE', 'ADO TAPER REELS', 'DAMSON PRESERVES', 'AGAIN LUAUS ENE', 'MEND GENTLE LAX', 'EDA SAWS', 'SUCCORED EACH', 'STRAWBERRYJELLY', 'GAURS EIEIO GAM', 'THESE EBONY ANN'.

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