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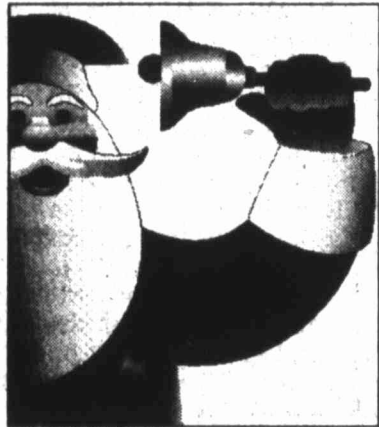
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HELPING OTHERS...

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



Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall
- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop
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Salvation Army Kettles:

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

Toys For Tots:

- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center

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'Party after parade' planned Saturday at historic Settles Building

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

A "party after the parade" Dec. 4 will give local citizens a chance to see the inside of the historic Settles Building, which is the subject of a renovation project.



YORK

Meanwhile,

the event should give clubs and organizations a chance to raise funds while contributing to the former hotel's worthwhile cause, organizers said.

Members of Friends of the Settles, along with staff at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, are planning the party to follow the *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas parade.

"We wanted to give people another place to go after the parade," said Tommy Churchwell, of Friends of the

Settles. "This way they can have a place to go visit, get something to drink and eat, and see the inside of the Settles."

Booth space is available for those who want to sell food and drinks during the event.

Proceeds from the booth fee of \$20 each will go toward the restoration project.

All profits made by booths can be kept by the organization, Churchwell said.

"We are seeking clubs, organizations, or restaurants to offer a wide variety of items," said

Andi Andrews-York, tourism director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "Those who want to reserve a booth should call me as soon as possible."

The chamber will be open Monday morning; the number there is 263-7641.

The party is planned from 6-11 p.m., following the 5:15 p.m. parade.

Admission to partygoers will be free; there will be live music and the building will be decorated for the holidays.

"It's going to be a very festive, holiday atmosphere and it should be a good time for everyone," Andrews-York said.

Churchwell said people who attend will be able to see not only the main lobby area and the first floor, but can look up to the second floor.

"It's not beautiful," he said, "but someday it will be. More things will come."

Friends of the Settles will be accepting donations at the event, to be added to funds for the renovation project.

Salvation Army canned food drive needs help

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army canned food drive will continue through Dec. 8, and donations thus far are far below the usual contributions.

"The canned food drive at Christmas stocks our food pantry for the entire year. We depend on this season to help families the whole year round," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

Miscommunication caused some of the schools in the Big Spring Independent School District to cease their drive a month earlier this year, she said.

"And what we picked up was not even half what we received last year. Big Spring High School students drive usually donates about 4,500 cans and when we picked up a month early, we received 1,700 cans of food, a marked difference," Castillo said.

However, some schools in Big Spring are continuing their canned food drive until Dec. 8. These are Goliad and Moss elementaries, Big Spring Junior High, St. Mary's Episcopal School, and the Forsan school district.

Any donations may be made at these schools for the Salvation Army to pick up next week, she said.

Also, in a new holiday tradition, First Church of the Nazarene is requesting donated cans of food for each visitor to the Drive Thru Nativity Scene Dec. 9-12.

"We'll see several thousand cars, and if each car will bring 10 cans of food, we will have a substantial donation to make to the Salvation Army food pantry," said Roger Huff, minister of the church.

Pizza Inn is continuing their canned food drive, and a donation box is available in the restaurant.

And tonight canned food is accepted at the Hawk Thanksgiving Classic games, which begin tonight. Instead of the usual admittance fee, a donation of one of more cans of food is acceptable payment to watch the basketball game, she said.

For more information, or to contribute to the canned food drive call Castillo at 267-8239.



There were many volunteers who participated Thursday as the Salvation Army served up Thanksgiving dinner. At top, Violet Tolcher, mother of Maj. Roy Tolcher, serves dessert plates; at left, Don Cloud, a volunteer driver for the Corps, carries boxes of hot meals to be delivered; and at right, Bill Sheppard and Mickie McGregor load plates with turkey, dressing and other goodies.

More than 350 fed for Thanksgiving

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army served 368 meals for Thanksgiving Day, and ran completely out of food, according to Deloris Albert, an officer with the corps and coordinator of the community dinner.

"The deliveries were remarkable this year, and the volun-

teers were wonderful," Albert said.

Some 75 volunteers worked to serve meals at the corps offices in a dining room atmosphere, while others delivered meals to those who could not come to the center.

"Our 75 volunteers included drivers, and we had whole families participating. While it may have been just one vehicle, entire families were in that

vehicle, working to provide dinner for those less fortunate," she said.

Volunteers delivered 264 meals, a record amount since the program began. Those who worked to provide the meals were volunteers from First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Salvation Army, Immaculate Heart Of Mary and the Greater Big Spring Rotary.

Pecans

Annual county shows slated on Thursday; entries are due

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Entries for next week's Howard County Pecan Show are due Monday afternoon at the county extension office.

Some 75 to 100 individuals are expected to enter the show, according to David Kight, Howard County extension agent.



KIGHT

The event is held Thursday in the county courthouse in conjunction with the Howard County Pecan Food Show. Entries for the food show are due Thursday morning.

Rules for the pecan show are:

1. Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow.
2. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as he or she wishes.
3. Pecans must be grown in Howard County.
4. The exhibitor must be the grower.
5. An entry consists of a minimum of 40 pecans; 42 is preferred.
6. Entries containing more than one variety are disqualified.
7. Nuts which are cut, sanded, polished or otherwise altered will be disqualified.
8. Pecans exhibited must be from the 1999 crop.

Entries are due at the county extension office by 4:30 p.m. Monday. There is no entry fee.

"There are about 40 different varieties of pecans. We don't have all of those in Howard County but we have a number of them," said Kight. "They are judged within that species."

"We place them first through third within those individual groupings," he said. "We also have a champion and reserve champion overall."

The pecans are judged on percent kernel, color, oil content and taste, among other factors.

The top entries are forwarded

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Giving Tree Project provides help for foster care children

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Donations for the Department of Human Services Giving Tree are being accepted at Norwest Bank until Dec. 17.

"The Giving Tree Project is a program for foster children, to allow them to have a happy and Merry Christmas. We hope to have participation in the spirit of Christmas by giving an abused and neglected child their wish for Christmas," said Rosie Gransberry, who is coordinating the effort.

"Children's Protective Services has placed a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments at Norwest Bank. Each ornament represents a gift wish of a Howard County child currently living in a foster care home.

Participation in the program is easy, she said. Just stop by the bank, select an ornament, purchase the gift and return it to the bank.

"You will be giving more than just a material gift, you will be giving them the 'gift of giving,'" she said.

CPS is also seeking Patron Angels, those individuals and families who wish to sponsor a foster child throughout the year.

"As with many children, special events in their lives occur not only at Christmas. For the children of Children's Protective Services, this especially holds true," Gransberry said.

During the year, foster care

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The Dance Gallery will be one of many return entrants for the 13th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4. The parade starts at 5:15 p.m. on the corner of the north frontage road of FM 700 and Gregg, and will head north up Gregg to Sixth Street, then turn east to Main Street, and then north to Second.

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OBITUARIES

Hal Porter

Hal Porter died Thursday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Laurence Habel

Laurence Habel died Thursday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

William W. Lane

William W. (Bill) Lane, 80, of Stanton, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, in a Stanton care center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. Services will be under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mr. Lane was born on April 17, 1919, in Mobilia, Texas, and married Clara E. Toney on Nov. 10, 1945, in Deming, N.M.

He moved to Stanton on July 4, 1995, from Deming. He was a retired road department superintendent and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Deming.

Survivors include his wife, Clara E. Lane of Stanton; three daughters, Clara Steward Billie Beal and Judy McDaniel, all of Stanton; a brother, Lewis Dean Lane of Las Cruces, N.M.; a sister, Lorene Young of Deming; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Verna "Micky" Bailey

Verna "Micky" Bailey, 92, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Brown, retired Baptist minister from Hobbs, N.M., officiating.



BAILEY

She was born on June 29, 1907, in Capshaw, Ala., and married Thomas A. Bailey in June of 1942 in Nashville, Tenn. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1981.

Mrs. Bailey moved to Big Spring in 1950 from Salinas, Calif., and had owned Pat's Restaurant until retiring in 1965. She loved to bowl and had bowled on several teams. She also loved going to the Senior Citizens Center and would pass

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 Hal Porter, died Thursday. Services are pending. Laurence Habel died Wednesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Marvin Butts, 62, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Verna "Micky" Bailey, 91, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mildred McFall, 89, died Thursday. Service will be 4:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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up a big meal to play dominoes and Skip-Bo.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, T.D. "Kit" and Doris Smith of Big Spring; two sisters, Roberta Dunivan and Mary Bachman, both of Fayetteville, Tenn.; one brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Shirley Matlock of Calumet City, Ill.; her grandchildren and their spouses, Joe and Marion Smith of Fresno, Calif., Tom and Sharon Smith of Clovis, Calif., Lita and Randy Wade of Whitharral, Chet and Linda Helme of Buffalo, S.D., and Kevin and Kim Helme of Clovis, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to The American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland, Texas, 79703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Mildred McFall

Mildred McFall, 89, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 1999, at a local nursing home. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Gary Groves, associate minister at First Christian Church in Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



McFALL

She was born on Dec. 16, 1909 in Artesia, N.M., and married Melvin McFall on Aug. 27, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on March 14, 1989.

She came to Big Spring in 1914 as a young girl with her parents, J.R. and Mayme Creath. She grew up here and graduated from Big Spring High School. Mrs. McFall attended Randolph Junior College in Cisco and received her bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian College and her master's degree from Texas Tech. She taught public school in Big Spring from 1931 to 1944, and then taught at Midway from 1951 to 1965 before retiring.

Mrs. McFall was a member of the First Christian Church and was a member of the national, state and local Retired Teachers Association and a member of the Friendship Breakfast Club.

Survivors include her brother and sister-in-law, Billy J. and Mary Earley of Nacogdoches; two nieces and their husbands, Betty and John Birdwell of Big Spring and Mildred and Phil English of Fredericksburg, Va.; several other nieces and nephews; and two cousins, Isabelle and Tom Davis of West Plains, Mo., and Elsie Roberts of Lubbock.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Helen Earley and Evelyn Holley.

The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; Isaiah 58, 107 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth Street, Big Spring Texas, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Marvin Butts

Marvin Butts, 62, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Don Snipes, minister of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

Mr. Butts was born on June 19, 1937, in Litchfield, Ill., and



BUTTS

married Mickey Lee Stager on June 15, 1959, in Big Spring.

He came to Big Spring with the U.S. Air Force in 1956, where he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He worked for the Big Spring Independent School District for 29 years in building maintenance before retiring in 1986.

He was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mickey Butts of Big Spring; two sons, Jimmy Butts and Russell Butts, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Janet Sloan of Big Spring and Kristi Butts of San Antonio; two brothers, Kenneth Butts of San Jose, Calif., and Virgil Butts of Litchfield, Ill.; one sister, Mildred Saathoff of Litchfield, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas, 78755-0460.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Thelma C. Young

A memorial service for Thelma C. Young, 92, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Young died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999, in Fort Worth.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1906, in Sugartown, La. She moved to Big Spring in 1935 and joined the First Baptist Church where she remained a member until moving to Huguley Place Retirement Center in Burleson in September of 1996. She married O.D. Young and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include: one son, David J. Young of Burleson; one daughter, Patti Abrams of Dallas; one brother, Charles Caraway; four sisters, Beatrice McLean, Lu Mercree, Eula Scott and Marjory Ellison; five grandchildren including Charla Suzanne Lewis of Big Spring; and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wincott Road Funeral Home, Burleson.

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on to the regional show, which will be held in Odessa. The top two there advance to the state show.

"We have had, over the years, several producers that have won categories at the state level," said Kight.

He estimated that pecans generate \$75,000 to \$80,000 annually in Howard County.

"We have probably about 4,000 acres of pecans but that does not take into account the trees homeowners have. I'd say we have another 1,000 acres that aren't commercial," Kight added. "For our area, it's a pretty significant amount."

Entries for the pecan food show will be accepted in the lobby area at the courthouse from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday. All Howard County residents are encouraged to participate.

There are two divisions — youth and adult, and five classes: cakes, pies, cookies, candies and breads.

Pecans must be used as an ingredient in the actual dish — not just for an icing or for decoration.

For more information about the pecan or pecan food shows, contact Kight or Dana Tarter, CEA Family and Consumer Science, at 264-2236.

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• 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.

• Cox Cable of Big Spring is

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

a collection point 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.

• Norwest Bank is sponsoring The Giving Tree, which aids foster children. Come by and select an ornament and bring a gift back to the bank by Dec. 17.

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children have special occasions when their needs cannot be met by the agency, their foster parents or other service organizations.

A special Patron Angel box has been set up at Norwest Bank, and anyone choosing to help provide birthday presents or other special occasion assistance may leave their name, phone number and address in the box, she said.

For more information contact the Children's Protective Services. Or to find out more information about becoming a foster parent call 1-800-233-3405.

State officials hope new smog test will work

FORT WORTH (AP) — State environmental officials hope a new, stricter smog test for automobiles will work this time around.

Five years ago, the state's first attempt at acquiring a high-tech smog test with its vehicle inspection and maintenance program failed as drivers complained about long lines at the small number of testing stations set up to handle the program.

The Legislature and Gov. George W. Bush quickly scrapped the test, costing the state \$140 million in a settlement to the company that built the testing stations. The state implemented a tailpipe test that measured fewer pollutants.

"It's crucial that the program succeed this time," Ralph Marquez, a Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission member, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Starting sometime in 2001, the new test will require cars to place their wheels on a treadmill device called a dynamometer to simulate the pollution a working engine produces. It will measure levels of nitrogen oxides, combustion products released in small amounts by cars and in large amounts by power plants, which mix with volatile organic compounds like gasoline vapors to form ozone.

Marquez said the test will succeed this time because communities are shaping their own air-quality plans and smog testing programs and there will be many neighborhood inspection stations, instead of a few cen-

tralized testing sites. Nearly 9 million Texans in the state's two largest urban centers breathe air that often violates the federal health standard for ozone.

Houston dethroned Los Angeles as the smog capital of the nation this summer, and Dallas-Fort Worth violated the ozone health standard on 10 days. Ozone problems have plagued North Texas for three of the past five summers.

Authorities searching for missing boaters

HOUSTON (AP) — The body of a 9-year old boy was found late Wednesday night after a boating accident on Lake Somerville in Washington County, and authorities searched Thursday for two men missing in the accident.

Derrick Stifflemire of Somerville was on a fishing trip with his grandfather, 52-year-old Johnny Stifflemire, and 40-year-old Robert Tyson of Milano, sheriff's officials said.

The three had gone fishing around noon Wednesday and were reported missing about eight hours later, according to authorities.

The boy's body was found late Wednesday night in a foot of water. He was wearing his life jacket.

Items from the boat were also recovered in the water, but neither the two men nor the boat have been found.

A helicopter and dive teams searched the area Thursday but found nothing.

Authorities suspended the search Thursday evening, but resumed early this morning.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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.

SATURDAY •Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m. •Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles. •"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m.

and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

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

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 8:00 a.m. Wednesday until 8:00 a.m. today.

• JACKIE MORRIS, 33, was arrested on a charge of fictitious motor vehicle inspection by having an inspection certification that had been issued to another vehicle.

• EDWIN MATTHEWS, 37, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• MICHAEL PEARSON, 19, was arrested on a charge of fleeing. While operating a motor vehicle, the subject refused to bring the vehicle to a stop and fled pursuing police vehicle.

• SCOTT BLAND, 21, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• JOSE ONTIVEROS, 21, was arrested for a Howard County Sheriff's Office warrant.

• FLOYD PHILLIPS, 39, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• ALBERT CONTREARAS, 19, was arrested for a Howard County Sheriff's Office warrant.

• CHRISTOPHER HOLMES, 27, was arrested for a charge of driving while license suspended.

• THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia, the 1100 block of Lamesa, 1800 block of Gregg, 200 block of Marcy, 300 block of Gregg.

• CRIMINAL MISCHEIEF was reported at the police department, the 2600 block of Central, 3300 block of East FM 700, and the 800 block of I-20, and the 2600 block of Central.

• ASSAULT BY THREATS FAMILY/VIOLENCE was reported at the police department.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3300 block of East Marcy.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Harding, the 1600 block of Virginia, the 1600 block of Oriole, the 1200 Block of West Third.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole, 1500 block of Virginia, and the 4200 block of Birch where a door frame worth \$25 and a VCR worth \$225 was reported stolen.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan, the 1500 block of East Fourth.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of East Third.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.

• ASSAULT was reported at the Police Department.

RITE THEATRE 201 S. Main 263-7480 ADULT \$2.00 CHILD \$1.00 THE RITE Theatre has returned to mid-run Admission will be \$2.00 per person. Tuesdays only \$1.00 per person. The Haunting (PG-13) Daily 2:00 & 4:20 6:50 & 9:10 Runaway Bride (PG) Daily 2:10 & 4:30 7:00 & 9:30 Blue Streak (PG-13) Daily 2:20 & 4:40 7:10 & 9:30

STAR College Park Shopping Ctr. END OF DAYS (R) Daily 2:00-4:30-7:00 & 9:30 POKEMON, THE MOVIE (G) Daily 2:15-4:45 & 7:15 HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL (PG-13) Daily 9:15 CINEMA 4 THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG-13) Daily 1:40-4:30-7:00 & 9:40 TOY STORY 2 (G) Daily 1:30-4:20-7:10 & 9:30 BONE COLLECTOR (R) Daily 1:50-4:40-7:20 & 9:50 SLEEPY HOLLOW (R) Daily 2:00-4:50-7:30 & 9:50 ADULTS: \$5.50 \$3.25 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS *PASS RESTRICTED

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On turkey day, Texas soldiers' thoughts wander home from Kosovo

CERNICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — From the top floor of the burned-out hotel that serves as his guard tower, Sgt. Jonathan Bookman gazed through camouflage netting at the charred houses and cow paths that make up this Kosovo village.

Thanksgiving is just another day for a small American army contingent holed up in this charred hulk of an old hotel in Cernica. But those serving in this remote village, whose name means "Black Spot" in Serbian, are trying not to think about families, turkey and especially football.

"On days like today, you really miss your family," Bookman, 24, of Kemp, Texas, said, speaking for himself and his five comrades who are keeping the peace in the southern Serbian province that has been devastated by months of warfare and bloodshed.

"It's just another day in Kosovo," Bookman said. "It's not the first time we've been far away from home."

The soldiers who are on 12-hour duty will have to wait all day for their servings of turkey and mashed potatoes as well as their chance to find out the score of the Dallas-Miami game.

It's lonely here, with only a generator to power a light bulb in

every room and space heaters to keep out the below-freezing temperatures. Worse though is being so far away from home and all the things that can make a holiday like Thanksgiving special.

The day was brightened only by the visit of an American Red Cross worker who brought a milk crate full of candy bars, playing cards and crime novels.

Staff Sgt. Cody Waits, 29, of Cleburne, Texas, was thinking about what everyone else was doing back home. "I'm going to miss the Dallas Cowboys football game. That's a family tradition. But I don't have any regrets for being here. And I don't think any of my soldiers do either."

The soldiers who are guarding 486 houses and 750 people say they are committed to their mission of keeping peace and security in a village where 40 percent of the population are Serbs.

Kosovo Serbs' ranks have been dwindling in the months following the arrival of international peacekeepers because of acts of violence committed against them by ethnic Albanians. The Albanians have been trying to get even for an 18-month crackdown by the Yugoslav military, which pulled out of the province in June fol-

lowing NATO's air campaign. "The people here really appreciate what we've done," Bookman said. "They treat you like you are some kind of hero. We've changed a lot of things. Hopefully, they'll get back on their feet again and live together as one, the Serbs and the Albanians."

Kosovo was not the only place where U.S. soldiers were spending the holiday away from home.

In Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in a huge mess hall filled with decorative cakes and paper cutout pilgrims, NATO's top commander in Europe praised his troops Thursday for a job well done, wished them a happy Thanksgiving, and told them their numbers soon will shrink.

Gen. Wesley Clark spent the day at Eagle Base, headquarters for the American sector in northeast Bosnia, expressing a commander's gratitude on the traditional day of thanks.

"This is part of history," he told a second mess hall crammed with enthusiastic American troops chowing down on turkey, roast beef, corn-on-the-cob, sweet potatoes and cornbread. "It's not finished. It's still being written."

Researchers identify cells involved in learning habit

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a finding that could lead to new treatments for Parkinson's disease, researchers report that there's a dramatic change in the brain as the mind learns new habits of behavior.

As rats learned while running in a maze, there was a change in the firing pattern of certain neurons in the brain — a new pattern that can mark the way habits are acquired, according to a study appearing today in the journal Science.

"We have made one small step toward figuring out what the brain does when we develop a habit," said Ann M. Graybiel, a brain researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and senior author of the study.

Graybiel said just how the brain reacts as it acquires a

habit of behavior is a complex process. Discovering how that process works, she said, may help researchers find new treatments for Parkinson's disease and for bad habits that affect health.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative neurological disorder that destroys brain cells that produce a chemical important for movement. Symptoms include muscle stiffening, tremors and difficulty moving.

"Habits are hard to make and they are hard to break," Graybiel said. "The brain mechanisms that do this are special. They are different from the brain mechanisms that let us learn a phone number. We want to find out what that special mechanism is."

In the study, Graybiel and her colleagues implanted sensors

into rats' brains. The sensors were placed in the striatum, a part of the brain involved in Parkinson's disease and in the formation of habits in people.

The sensors detected the rate of activity of brain neurons and sent signals to a computer. The sensors monitored thousands of brain cells at the same time; the computer recorded the rate of signal firing.

The rats then were taught to run a T-shaped maze. They were released at bottom of the T and then ran toward the top. The objective: find a food treat in either the right or left end of the T's cross arm. An audible clue, with one tone for left and one for right, was sounded as the rats ran through the maze.

The goal was for the rats to follow the tone cue and turn either left or right.

Graybiel said that when the rats were just starting to learn the maze, most of the neurons firing in the brains occurred when the rats made their turn. But as the rats became maze veterans, the pattern shifted. Most of the neurons were firing at the beginning and at the end of the exercise.

"It was as if the animals learned how to anticipate" that if they just ran the maze, they would get rewarded with food, said Graybiel.

She said her research team now is wiring other parts of the brain to discover if there is a network of neuronal activity linked to exercising a habit.

"The question is do we use a piece of brain to learn a habit and then another part of the brain to exercise that habit," said Graybiel.

Envirocare seeks license for nuclear-waste dump

ODESSA (AP) — Envirocare of Texas has applied for a state license to store low-level radioactive waste in a West Texas dump.

The company filed the application Tuesday with the Texas Department of Health. It proposes storing the waste in above-ground warehouses with 9-foot-thick cement walls. Each warehouse, costing an estimated \$8 million to build, would hold 160,000 cubic feet of waste, said Rick Jacobi, vice president of

operations for Envirocare of Texas.

If approved, the site could become a disposal site for low-level utility and industrial radioactive waste from Texas, Maine and Vermont.

The company filed the application after months spent drilling and analyzing five test wells in northwest Ward County, about eight miles north of Barstow and 60 miles west of Odessa.

completed as quickly as possible," Jacobi said.

He described the waste as "solid, dry and stable."

The announcement came after weeks of local opposition to the project and numerous closed-door meetings with community leaders.

The announcement came little more than 24 hours after city officials in Pecos adopted a resolution opposing the proposed site. Similar resolutions have been adopted recently by the

Reeves County Commissioners and the Red Bluff Water Power Control District.

Laura Burnett, chairwoman for the opposition group "Friends of Ward County," predicted resistance to the project will continue.

"We are not going away. We will continue to question local officials. And we will continue to contact outside groups to help us," Ms. Burnett said.

Teens killed in car-train crash; women die in another collision

AVINGER (AP) — A Thanksgiving Day car ride for two East Texas teens turned tragic when their vehicle collided with a Kansas City Southern train.

James Masterson, 18, of Rowlett, and Brandon Holmes, 17, of Josephine, died in the morning crash along Texas 49.

Police reports said Masterson was attempting to turn the vehicle south along a county road when the train hit the pair at an unmarked railroad crossing. The crash happened near Avinger, about 30 miles north of Longview.

The teens were reportedly returning from a store errand when the crash occurred, Cass County Justice of the Peace Barbara McMillon, told the Longview News-Journal.

"There were two bags of ice in the back floorboard," McMillon said.

One the eve of the holiday, two women were killed in South Texas when a suspected drunken driver wrecked his car into their sport utility vehicle.

Fifteen-year-old Sarai Castenon and her sister-in-law Maria Lourdes Castenon, 21, died in the crash in suburban McAllen. Two other women were seriously injured, accord-

ing to the Monitor in McAllen. Police said the drunken driver, a 21-year-old male who they refused name, awaits arraignment for intoxicated manslaughter charges.

Man fatally shot while driving on I-35

SCHERTZ (AP) — A physical-education teacher was shot to death Wednesday while driving south on Interstate 35 toward San Antonio.

John Adkins, 28, of New Braunfels, was driving a convertible around noon in Schertz when someone in another car shot him, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

The victim's car careened out of control and slammed into a minivan driven by Toc Drake, who was alone in the van. She was listed in serious condition at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Adkins was a health and physical education teacher at Center School, an alternative high school in San Antonio.

Police were looking for a four-door gray or silver late-model Ford Crown Victoria or Mercury Marquis with two men inside. The car was last seen south of New Braunfels.

Cut the legalese — instead, write in plain English, say legal experts

WASHINGTON (AP) — For centuries, legal documents have been filled with the kind of stilted language used when President Clinton's impeachment trial ended early this year.

In a long and meandering sentence, the Senate "ordered and adjudged" that Clinton "be, and he is hereby, acquitted of the charges in this said article." In other words, the Senate let him off the hook.

But it does not have to be that way, say legal experts who suggest writing in plain English.

Too many lawyers use "words on steroids — artificially puffed-up ways of expressing ideas," says Bryan A. Garner, editor-in-chief of Black's Law Dictionary.

Using clear language, he says, "will give you power as a writer. ... Good legal writing makes readers feel smart. Bad legal writing makes readers feel stupid."

Plain-English advocates say many documents — wills, contracts, even airplane emergency-exit row cards — can be written so that ordinary people can understand them.

"Legal issues well presented are inevitably interesting, not boring," Garner told new lawyers for the Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue law firm during a seminar this month in Washington.

Through his Dallas-based LawProse company, Garner travels the country teaching lawyers and judges how to eliminate the mumbo-jumbo from their writing.

E and others are campaigning against writing they consider overdone, such as the long-standing use of "give, devise and bequeath" in wills.

"I defy any lawyer to find a case where a judge says it's not good enough to say 'I give my car to my sister,'" said Joseph Kimble, a professor at the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

President Clinton last year ordered use of common, everyday words in federal documents that explain how to get a benefit or service — or how to comply with an agency requirement.

"By using plain language, we send a clear message about what the government is doing, what it requires and what services it offers," Clinton wrote in announcing the initiative. "Plain language saves the government and the private sector time, effort and money."

U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes of Texas says lawyers too often "string together legal clichés and buzzwords from the factual context of their case in a random mush."

"I ask people if they talk that way with their children," Hughes said, offering as an example, "I have fixed breakfast and the same is on the kitchen table."

The judge said he would never rule against someone because of badly written court briefs. "But there's no real way to tell how many marginal points were lost because they were not effectively conveyed," he added.

Seattle University law professor Laurel Oates said consumers want documents "they can pick up and understand." She is co-founder of the Legal Writing Institute, an organization of plain-English advocates.

Some legal writing has become standard because lawyers re-use language already tested in court, she said.

Also, some phrases are intentionally ambiguous — such as "due process" — to allow flexibility from one generation to the next.

Some phrases, such as the oath to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," are used to convey a sense of gravity in the courtroom. "A little bit of mystique is good; it gives a little bit of prestige to the law," Oates said.

But some legal language is just plain silly, Kimble said. One unnecessary phrase in many documents, just before the signature line, is, "in witness whereof the parties have affixed their signature." Kimble said, "All you've got to do is sign the thing."

The phrase, "know all men by these presents" often is used at the beginning of important documents. "We have no clue what this means," Oates said.

The chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Arthur Levitt, will be honored in January for plain-language rules for securities offerings.

Annetta Cheek, plain-language coordinator for the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, said some lawyers resist simpler writing, arguing that it "just doesn't look like a regulation; it's too easy to read." She said the government is making progress, but "we've barely begun to make a dent in the amount of federal writing."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- **QUAIL DOBBS**, longtime rodeo clown-turned justice of the peace, who was inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.
- **UNITED WAY OF BIG SPRING AND HOWARD COUNTY**, which despite setbacks along the way, surpassed the goal of \$225,000 this year by collecting \$226,112.
- **BOB FELTS AND MIKE NAKLASCH**, Texas A&M exes who organized the memorial in honor of the 12 people who died constructing the Aggie bonfire.
- **SALVATION ARMY AND VOLUNTEERS** — 75 strong, who served 368 meals on Thanksgiving Day.
- **MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING AND SOLITAIRE HOMES**, which signed agreements to bring the housing manufacturer and retailer to Big Spring.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to express our appreciation to all who helped with our fourth annual spook house fundraiser. Without all of the help we received from Mike and Jeanne Niklasch of A&M Composites Corporation, we could not have embarked on this fundraiser for our troop.

This is our greatest fundraiser ever. We received an assortment of help, advertisement from KBST, a nice story from the Big Spring Herald, Rick's Auto Shop donated materials, and all of our troop committee and parents worked long hard hours that started in September on Labor Day weekend.

An enormous thank you to Arland McCurdy, Cotter and Leslie McCurdy, Mike Lindsey, Perry Hall, Beverly Grant, Randy Gamble, Justin and Kendra McKenzie, who unlike the rest of us do not have a child in Scouts, and gave their very much-needed time to our cause. Thanks to the Dean Richters family for putting up with us each year for a couple of months.

We express a very special "Thank You" to each person who stood in line, without you, there would be no spook house. We do promise to be better next year and work on a plan to shorten the waiting time.

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TO THE EDITOR:

On Nov. 17, a Health Fair was held at the Knott Fire Station serving approximately 75 with information, blood pressure checks, blood sugar tests, hearing tests, flu and pneumonia shots for those requesting them.

A great big thank you! Health care providers included: Best Home Care, Family Medical Equipment, Carriage Inn, Leonard's Pharmacy, Dr. James Huston-Bonnie Miller, Hearing Aids and Health Center. To the media, thank you for your coverage: the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG, Channel 9 and Knott Station. This event was sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Knott.

LARRY SHAW AND LLOYD ROBINSON KNOTT

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Judge Moore, attorneys and staff members who helped make an activity during Law Awareness Week an educational experience for some local eighth graders on Nov. 18.

Many individuals put a lot of time and effort into making this a unique day for those 37 students. It was an extremely well planned and enjoyable opportunity for students to get a first hand and realistic look at the judicial process. Thanks, also, to the students who were excellent representatives of BSJHS and the community at this event.

BILL TABLETON BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL

Covering the Courts: Praying for the home team

"As we have often observed," said the federal judge, "establishment clause jurisprudence is less than pellucid."

Less than pellucid? The judge is Jacques L. Wiener, of the 5th Circuit. By "less than pellucid" he meant that Supreme Court opinions in matters of church and state are less than understandable, comprehensible, intelligible, coherent, articulate, cogent, lucid or rational. Any good thesaurus could extend the damning adjectives.

The Founding Fathers gave us one inexplicable line: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Then the fathers added a disjunctive clause of equal weight: "or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The religion clauses have been fighting ever since.

In trying to explicate the inexplicable, the high court is about to take us to Galveston County, Texas. For some years prior to October 1994, the Santa Fe high school routinely included overtly Christian prayers as part of its commencement program.

In the spring of 1994, for example, the student president delivered an invocation addressed to "dear heavenly Father." It concluded: "Lord, bless this ceremony and give us all a safe journey home. In Jesus' name we pray."

A similar policy developed for home games of the high school football team. The student council regularly elected a member of the class to compose and read a pre-game prayer over the loudspeaker system. The court record does not include the texts of game prayers, but a panel of the 5th Circuit assumed that the prayers were similar in content.

In agreeing to take the Santa Fe case, the Supreme Court limited argument to the football prayers, but they're all bound up together.

Storm clouds gradually piled up. In April 1995, a group of objecting students and parents sued the school board, asking an injunction against prayers of any sort at school functions. The U.S. District Court entered an order permitting student-given, nonsectarian invocations and benedictions. The student speakers could direct generic prayers to "the Almighty" or to "God," said the court, as long as the general thrust of the prayer was nonproselytizing.

The ruling satisfied no one. Both the students and the school board appealed. Three judges of the 5th Circuit,

speaking through Judge Wiener, took their turn at being less than pellucid. They grudgingly agreed to sanction invocations and benedictions at graduation ceremonies, but only if school policy flatly prohibits any hint of sectarianism. The court banned game prayers altogether. Football games, snuffed Judge Wiener, are "hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer."

The trouble with Santa Fe's much amended and revised policy, the judge commented, was that the school board's hands-off position left the students free to designate a formal religious representative "to deliver a full-fledged, fire-and-brimstone, Bible- or Koran-quoting, sectarian sermonette in the dress of a prolonged invocation or benediction."

Such a religious intrusion "would alter dramatically the tenor of the ceremony, shifting its focus — at least temporarily — away from the students and the secular purpose of the graduation ceremony to the religious content of the speaker's prayers." The almost inevitable consequence would be the polarizing and politicizing of the ceremony itself. And it is immaterial that students may vote by secret ballot on whether to have any graduation prayers. The prayers, in any form, "will still be delivered to a government-organized audience, by means of govern-

ment-owned appliances and equipment, on government-controlled property, at a government-sponsored event."

In a friend-of-the-court brief, the Rutherford Institute argues to the contrary that student invocations, composed and delivered by members of the senior class, are "purely private speech and not government action." Once the vote is taken, the school board steps aside. "There is no government action which compels the speech or assists in drafting its content."

To ban student prayers, in the Institute's view, is just as wrong as to dictate student prayers. To say that students, on their own volition, may not lead prayer for the home team is to make a religion of silence. "Cleansing our public schools of religious expression inevitably results in the 'establishment' of disbelief — atheism — as the state's religion."

The 5th Circuit has come about as close to a reasonable solution as any court is likely to get. In a nation that historically has respected religious faiths, there surely must be a place in high school commencements for student-initiated, nonsectarian prayers. As for football, I would leave the prayers to the players in their huddle.

If this compromise satisfies no one wholly, too bad. Blame it on the Founding Fathers. They were less than pellucid 200 years ago.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



We are getting what we pay for on the Hill

We have lamented the quality and caliber of our elected officials, and have advocated changing this situation the American way: offer more money to attract more qualified people. This holds equally true for their staffers, where qualified people take the jobs for the prestige and experience, only to quickly move on to the lucrative private sector. Here are the facts:

In the U.S. Senate, men are paid more than women, and whites earn more than minorities, according to a new study by the Congressional

Management Foundation. Also, the Senate, which is made up of two senators from every state, doesn't look like the American populace.

If there were a random lottery to fill the Senate chamber, about a quarter would be Latino or African-American, while more than half would be women.

The Senate now is overwhelmingly stocked with white men. There are nine women, and no blacks or Hispanics. The only minorities represented are two Japanese-Americans from the state of Hawaii and one Native American from Colorado.

As for the support staff, the average pay for a Senate aide is \$42,000 per year, an increase of 6.3 percent a year, which is still not competitive with salaries outside of government.

Women working for senators made 17 percent less than their male co-workers this year. The study attributes this discrepan-

cy to the numbers of women in secretarial and low-ranking staff positions.

Black Senate staff earned 76 percent of the pay of white colleagues, while Hispanics earned 82 percent.

Traditionally, work on Capitol Hill has never been as lucrative as the private sector. Senate staff with undergraduate degrees earn 32.5 percent less than those with bachelor's degrees across the nation. Those on the Hill with graduate degrees earn between 16 (for masters) and 33 percent (for doctorate) less than similarly degreed Americans.

Sadly for those laboring to help write the laws of the land, that pay gap is growing. In 1997, the difference in pay between the private and public sectors was only 21 percent.

But, minorities are paid better on the Hill than elsewhere around the country, where black employees earned 71 percent of white workers' salaries,

Hispanics earned 66 percent, and women earned 69 percent of their male co-workers' paychecks.

The typical Senate staffer is young, well educated and childless — and is also in the market to change jobs soon. Nearly half of current Senate staffers have held their jobs for less than one year.

Sixty-three percent of Senate staff are single and 70 percent are childless. The average age is 33.8 years, and almost all hold at least bachelor's degrees.

Around the country, the average worker is five years older; 65 percent are married, and only a quarter of the workers hold a degree of any sort.

Chiefs of staff are the highest paid on the Hill, taking home \$116,573, while the lowly staff assistants who file, fax and answer phones have the lowest average salary of \$22,504.

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Consumers looking to cable companies for phone service

WASHINGTON (AP) — For more than 100,000 consumers, the cable guy is not just the cable guy. He's also the phone guy.

In slowly growing numbers, cable companies are offering phone service, spurring new competition in a market dominated by the Bells. And the public is starting to take notice, opting to converse with friends and family over a cable line — the same one that provides TV shows — rather than the traditional copper phone wire.

As many as 7 million customers could get their phone service from cable companies within five years, up from about 130,000 who will have it at year's end, according to the Strategis Group, a telecommunications consulting company in Washington.

The tricky part is getting people to trust their phone lines to a cable company, particularly if they have had poor television service in the past.

While people may be able to cope with their cable TV going off for a few hours or even days, they don't want that kind of uncertainty with their phone lines, says Carol Mann of Strategis.

"People want to pick up the phone and have a dial tone, period," Mann said.

Dallas resident Paige Janco says she's had to navigate her way through a string of billing problems — including having her long-distance carrier switched three times — after signing up for local service from the cable operator in her building. Nevertheless, she says she'll stick with it so she can eventually get a package of services.

One convert, Ken Drachnik of Fremont, Calif., says he has been pleased with the improvement in customer service since he's made the switch to cable operator AT&T. And "there has been no change in sound quality," said Drachnik, who works for a company that sells semiconductor equipment.

He's saving some money on his monthly bill and also hopes to one day pay for his cable television, high-speed cable Internet service and local and long-distance phone service with a single check.

"I just want one bill," he said. Cable companies say they are working to overcome the public perception about lackluster reliability and service in the industry.

"One of the big barriers to cable telephony was the poor reputation of cable television service as a whole," said Ellen East of Cox Communications. She said her own company's strong service record has enabled it to bring in 80,000

local phone customers, half of whom buy more than one phone line, she said.

Some competitors say cable telephone service is technically feasible, but it could pose challenges as more customers are added to the network.

"There is a serious question of deciding how many customers you want to have on every neighborhood node," said BellSouth spokesman Bill McCloskey. Too many people on the same system means they could all be at risk of losing service if something happens to it, he said.

But cable companies are plunging money into research and testing to prevent that from happening. The investment could pay off, with cable companies usurping 15 percent of the market now held by the regional Bell companies in the next decade, according to Howard Anderson, managing director of the Yankee Group research firm in Boston.

So far, cable companies have targeted just a few markets. Cable operator MediaOne offers its local telephone service in metropolitan areas, like Atlanta and Boston, with about 40,000 phone customers.

AT&T, poised to offer local phone service over its newly acquired cable lines to millions of customers in a few years, has the benefit of a name customers already associate with telecommunication. Using telemarketing alone, the company has signed up 15 percent to 30 percent of customers called in its test markets, said AT&T spokesman Mark Siegel.

And cable operators say their prices are 20 percent to 60 percent below those of the leading telephone company in the area. To offer phone service, cable companies must upgrade their cable lines and add certain devices found in a traditional phone network. These improvements benefit all customers, even those who aren't phone subscribers, says Mike Luftman of Time Warner Cable.

"The fundamental upgrade that you need to do creates an extremely reliable cable system," Luftman said. "People's cable service has improved dramatically over the past few years."

Chuck McElroy, vice president of new services support for Cox, adds that the network is monitored more carefully now that phones are also part of the system.

Two decades ago, "the only way a cable company knew if there was a network problem was if a customer had called," said McElroy.

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Three Cubans survive sinking; one dead; 10 others are still missing

MIAMI (AP) — A 5-year-old boy was found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast Thursday, one of three survivors from a boat carrying 14 Cubans that sank two days earlier in the Atlantic.

Seven people were presumed drowned and three others were missing, the Coast Guard said. The body of one woman was found floating about three miles from the boy, and authorities believe she had been tied to the same inner tube, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Scott Carr.

The boy was spotted by two fishermen Thursday morning about two miles off Fort Lauderdale.

Earlier Thursday, the two other survivors came ashore on another inner tube on Key Biscayne, Carr said. The two survivors — a 33-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman — were severely dehydrated and sunburned.

The two told Coast Guard officials they had been among 14 people on a 17-foot boat that left Cuba before dawn Sunday, headed for Florida. The boat sank Tuesday and the survivors said they saw seven people drown.

"They did say that several people on the boat were seen going under," said Miami-Dade police spokesman Ed Munn.

The man and woman said they grabbed one of two inflated inner tubes tied to the boat, while five others, including the boy, grabbed the other one.

Their story prompted a search and rescue operation in the Atlantic by the Coast Guard and the Miami-Dade Police Marine Patrol on Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Hawks face Garden City tonight in classic opener

Howard College's Hawks hope the friendly confines of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will allow them to turn things around tonight when they play Garden City (Kan.) Community College in the opening night of play in the Hawks Thanksgiving Classic.

The Hawks' game, set for 8 p.m., will be preceded by a showcase between Kilgore College's Rangers and New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds at 6 p.m.

Howard, which dropped an 86-81 loss to No. 3-ranked Barton County last week, will bring a 3-3 record into the classic.

Saturday night's schedule pits NMJC against Garden City, followed by Howard and Kilgore. Game times are also 6 and 8.

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.

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 48-22 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-Royalty, is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at Coahoma's Bulldog Stadium.

Quarterback Club sets meeting for Monday

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members of the club are in the process of planning the annual Steers Football Banquet.

Bulldogettes post win over Hamlin Lady Pipers

Coahoma's Bulldogettes continued their winning ways Tuesday with a 49-29 road win over Hamlin's Lady Pipers.

Senior post Suzanna Wood paced the Coahoma win with 15 points, while Crystal Atkinson added 14 and Jayci Roberts chipped in 10 more.

Kourtney Kemper scored eight more for the Bulldogettes, while Brandi Hart rounded out the Coahoma scoring with two.

The best Hamlin could manage was Tiffany Green's 13 points.

The Bulldogettes junior varsity set things up for a Coahoma sweep earlier in the day, as Amanda Bayes scored 14 points in a 33-19 win over the Hamlin JV.

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.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic, Indiana vs. Temple, ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — Preseason NIT championship, Arizona vs. Kentucky, ESPN, Ch. 30.

11 p.m. — Great Alaska Shootout, semifinal 2, teams TBA, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7 p.m. — Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers, TNT, Ch. 28.

5:30 p.m. — Louisiana Tech at Southern Cal, FXS, Ch. 29.

Lions bring end to losing streak with 21-17 win over Bears

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Two straight losses, mounting injuries, a depleted secondary. Ron Rice saw the Detroit Lions' season slipping away.

The skid stopped, at least temporarily, as Gus Frerotte threw two touchdown passes and the Lions — who once led 21-0 — held on for a 21-17 win over the Chicago Bears on Thursday.

The defense did the rest, holding the resurgent Bears to 236 yards.

"Our backs were against the wall," said Rice, who slipped over to the strong safety slot vacated because Mark Carrier was serving a one-game suspension. "We gave up a few big plays, but we won."

Detroit (7-4) moved a half game ahead of Tampa Bay and Minnesota in the bunched NFC Central. Both the Buccaneers and Vikings play Sunday. The last-place Bears (5-7) started the day only a game-and-a-half behind.

"They hung in there very well," Detroit coach Bobby Ross said. "I've said from Day One this season that this team has a lot of character. They are not going to lie down. Even the two games we lost, they never quit."

Frerotte, making his third straight start while Charlie Batch's strained right thumb heals, completed 29 of 42 passes for 309 yards without an interception.

He hooked up with Germane Crowell for a 45-yard touchdown and hit Johnnie Morton with a 2-yarder. Greg Hill rushed for 68 yards, including a 29-yard TD romp for Detroit.

"We have to make a push," Frerotte said. "We have five games left and we have to make a final push."

Jim Miller, a career third-stringer who passed for 779 yards and four TDs in the Bears' previous two games, rallied

Chicago back with help from some Detroit mistakes. He was 25 of 37 for 204 yards with one interception and had a 3-yard touchdown pass to Alonzo Mayes and a 23-yarder to Marty Booker.

"We can't fall down 21-0," Miller said. "It's tough to come back from, but we had a chance to win it. We had a couple of possessions and we just didn't do anything with the football."

Which is pretty typical this season, when few NFC teams stand out.

The Lions scored on their fourth snap of the game as Frerotte hit Crowell on a slant. Crowell, who had two steps on cornerback Terry Cousin, easily won the foot race to the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

Detroit's defense held the Bears without a first down on four first-quarter possessions, but the Lions' offense wasn't doing much until midway through the second quarter when the running game

got in gear. With Hill picking up 61 yards on five carries, the Lions drove 73 yards in six plays, taking a 14-0 lead on Hill's touchdown sweep around left end. Hill faked out safety Chris Hudson with a cutback at the 14 and scored untouched.

On the first snap of Chicago's next possession, Robert Porcher hit Miller's arm during his throwing motion and the ball fluttered into the arms of linebacker Scott Kowalkowski who returned it 29 yards. Three plays later, Frerotte tossed a TD pass to Morton and the Lions led 21-0 with 1:37 left in the half.

Then the Bears' offense caught fire. Miller completed five straight passes in a 53-yard, five-play scoring drive, narrowing the gap to 21-7 with the touchdown toss to Mayes. Marcus Robinson had a 37-yard catch in the drive, which took just 1:15 to complete.

Big 'D' gives Cowboys shutout of Dolphins

IRVING (AP) — On a team of first-name-only offensive stars like Troy and Emmitt, it's the defense that's keeping the Dallas Cowboys afloat.

Dallas intercepted Dan Marino five times, with Dexter Coakley returning one of them 46 yards for a game-breaking touchdown in a 20-0 victory over Miami on Thursday.

This was the fourth game the Cowboys defense scored a touchdown. Dallas (6-5) has won only twice without points from the guys whose main duty is to stop the other team from scoring.

"We're getting better every week," defensive coordinator Dave Campo said. "When you win the turnover battle, you give your team a chance to win."

The Dolphins (8-3) lost for the second time in three games to fall a half-game behind Indianapolis in the AFC East. It was the first time Miami was shut out in nearly two years.

"I think Dan was rusty, which is to be expected since he hasn't played in six weeks," said coach Jimmy Johnson, who was surprisingly calm after losing in his return to Texas Stadium. "We just weren't as sharp offensively as we needed to be."

Dallas remained unbeaten in five home games and moved within a half-game of Washington in the NFC East.

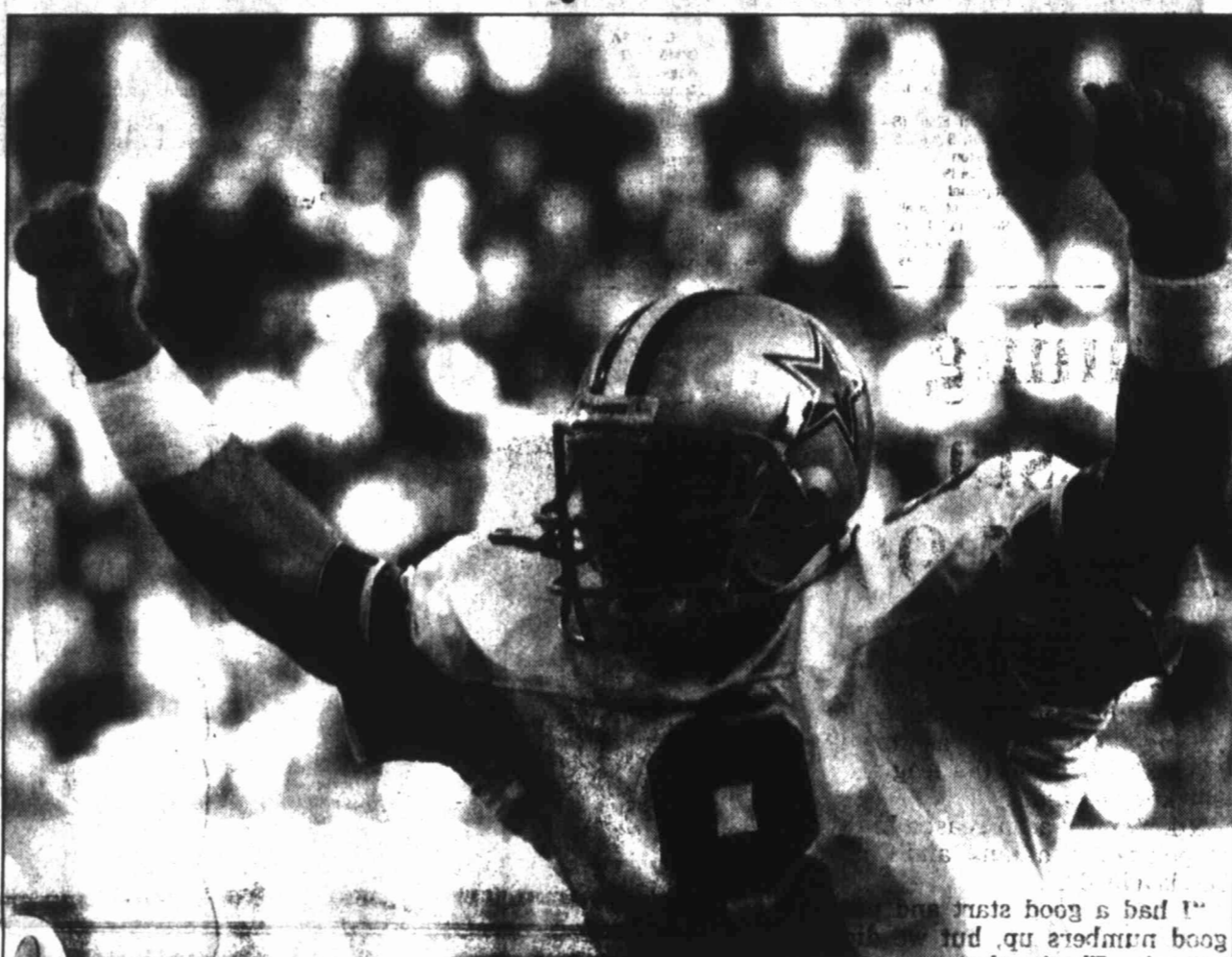
The Cowboys' offense was in its sixth straight scoreless quarter Thursday when Coakley provided the kickstart they needed.

Marino began forcing passes, leading to interceptions on three straight drives in the fourth quarter. Coakley had the final one.

"Dan is a future Hall of Famer who keeps his poise," Coakley said. "We didn't know if we had him rattled."

Miami's best drive went to the Dallas 9 in the second quarter. It ended when Marino's lob to rookie Nate Jacquet in the corner of the end zone was tipped by safety George Teague and caught by Deion Sanders. Sanders also had the first of the three fourth-quarter interceptions.

"I had never got him before," said Sanders, who made the 43rd and 44th interceptions of his career. "I really wanted one because I felt this might be the



Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, shown here celebrating a touchdown in Super Bowl XXX, returned to the Cowboys lineup Thanksgiving Day and led his team to a 20-0 win over the Miami Dolphins.

last time I have a chance to get him."

Marino was playing for the first time since he left a game in New England on Oct. 17 because of a pinched nerve in his neck. The layoff left him with bad aim, little touch and without his usual arm strength.

The result: 14-of-35 for 176 yards and as many interceptions in four quarters as he'd thrown in five previous games.

"I didn't have the feel in the pocket," Marino said. "I was just missing guys because my timing was off."

Dolphins kicker Olindo Mare also was off. Mare, who had made field goals in a team record-tying 20 straight games and entered the game 29-of-32 this season, missed from 52 and 47 yards and had a 47-yarder blocked.

The game was scoreless until Coakley's big play midway through the third quarter. The speedy linebacker was roaming between Rob Konrad and Yatil Green when the ball

went right to him. He then followed a convoy of blockers down the left side to easily score Dallas' fifth defensive touchdown this year.

"I don't think Dan saw me buzzing out there," said Coakley, who is generously listed at 5-foot-10. "He just threw it in my hands."

The Cowboys broke it open in the fourth quarter with two field goals from Richie Cunningham and a 65-yard touchdown pass from Aikman to Raghib Ismail.

"We knew we were going to have an awfully hard time moving the ball 70 or 80 yards without making some big plays," said Aikman. "We were hoping to play good and take our shots when we got them."

Aikman struggled, too, especially in the first half while Ismail was in the locker room recovering from a mild concussion. He ended up 16-of-29 for 232 yards and he became the 22nd quarterback to surpass 30,000 career yards passing.

Emmitt Smith, playing his second straight game with a broken right hand, had 103 yards on 31 carries.

Before the game, Johnson shook hands and spoke for about 30 seconds with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, further burying the feud that tore them apart after their second straight Super Bowl victory in 1993.

Johnson was booed and cheered during pregame warmups, then got full-scale jeers when the Dolphins were introduced prior to kickoff.

"It was different for Jimmy Johnson to be here and it was important for our team and fans to come out and get a nice win," Jones said. "Yes, I am happy."

Johnson also was the loser in the last Thanksgiving game in Texas Stadium between these teams.

Six years before, Miami won 16-14 on a last-second field goal after Dallas' Leon Lett dived on a blocked field-goal attempt and fumbled it, giving the Dolphins another chance.

Jimmy, Jerry are apparently together again

IRVING (AP) — Even though he had the last word, Jerry Jones talked only about the good things that Jimmy Johnson did for him.

Maybe it was because the bitter and very public separation of the Dallas Cowboys owner and his former coach was more than five years ago. More likely, it was that the Cowboys had just beaten the Johnson-coached Miami Dolphins.

While Johnson refused to discuss the situation after a 20-0 loss Thursday, Jones openly talked about the three-decade relationship with his former Arkansas teammate and the coach who gave him his first two Super Bowl titles.

"Our success was beyond our imagination. We basically were able to go from our first year when we won one game and it wasn't working out to basically a Super Bowl when he left in the fifth year. We had two Super Bowls," Jones said.

Johnson was coaching in Texas Stadium for the first time since his departure from the Cowboys just two months after winning the second Super Bowl championship at the end of the 1993 season.

"I saw a coach I respect a lot, a really fine football coach," Jones said. "I didn't dwell on the past."

Just before kickoff, Johnson said it felt like any other game once the pregame activities were completed.

When Johnson walked on the field about an hour before kickoff, he received a mixture of cheers and boos from the half-full stadium. He spent much of his pregame time speaking to Cowboys officials, coaches and a couple of his former players.

Johnson and Jones met for less than a half-minute, shaking hands and chatting briefly before returning to their respective corners. There was no further contact.

"It was brief and very civil. It was not in any way forced," Jones said. "It was not unpleasant."

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Florida State just waiting for its Sugar Bowl opponent

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida State might have to wait a little longer to see which team it will play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

No. 2 Virginia Tech (10-0) and No. 3 Nebraska (9-1) are the top contenders. But if the Hokies beat No. 22 Boston College (8-2) and the Huskers beat Colorado (6-4) in today's games, the No. 1 Seminoles still won't know who their opponent until Nebraska plays No. 7 Texas in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 4, with the Bowl Championship Series standings having the final say on Dec. 5.

The No. 1 Seminoles (11-0) completed their season last week. What if Virginia Tech and Nebraska both lose? Then Tennessee, Florida and Kansas State are among the teams that could move into title contention.

"We've got to come out like we've done all season long prepared to play the game of our life," Tech defensive end Corey Moore said. "We win that game and we're playing for the national championship. I firmly believe that."

"I think it would be just an absolute tragedy if we don't get a chance to play for the national championship."

The Huskers are trying to focus on

Colorado instead of figuring out how they can move ahead of the Hokies in the BCS standings.

"There has not been any talk amongst our team about anything other than Colorado," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "I have not heard one word uttered."

In other Top 25 games today, it's No. 7 Texas at No. 24 Texas A&M; Ohio at No. 12 Marshall; No. 17 Arkansas at LSU; and No. 25 Louisiana Tech at Southern California.

On Saturday, it's Vanderbilt at No. 6 Tennessee; and No. 16 Georgia at No. 20 Georgia Tech.

No. 18 Mississippi St. beat No. 23 Mississippi 23-20 on Thursday night. The Hokies are shooting for the second perfect season in school history, the first since 1918 when they were 7-0.

So far Virginia Tech has dispatched the previously ranked teams it has played this season — 31-7 over Virginia, 62-0 over Syracuse, and 43-10 over Miami.

Tech, which leads the nation in scoring at 41.7 points per game, is directed by redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Vick, who has 1,550 yards and nine TDs passing, 504 yards and seven TDs rushing.

The Eagles, behind quarterback Tim Hasselbeck and running back Cedric Washington, are having quite a season themselves. Right now BC is headed to the Insight.com Bowl, but could move up to the Gator Bowl with an upset.

"I said after the Syracuse game that our kids have hearts as big as oceans," O'Brien said, referring to BC's 24-23 win over the Orangemen on Oct. 30. "They're going to play hard, and that's all we can ask of them. Then you go out there and either you're good enough or you're not. Fortunately, we've found ways to win."

Virginia Tech has won the last three meetings, with BC managing a total of 14 points.

Nebraska has a seven-game winning streak over Colorado, but the past three games have been close. The Huskers won by two points last year, three points in '97 and five points in '96.

Quarterback Eric Crouch leads an offense ranked sixth nationally in rushing at 260.1 yards per game, while the defense is second in yards allowed (234.5) and third in points allowed (11.4). Crouch, who ran for 158 yards and two TDs in the Huskers' 41-15 win over Kansas State two weeks ago, has 694 yards and 13 TDs rushing. Bowl berths are on the line in several

other games Saturday: Pittsburgh (5-5) at West Virginia (3-7), Syracuse (6-4) at Miami (6-4), Oklahoma State (5-5) at Oklahoma (6-4), and Arizona (6-5) at Arizona State (5-5).

Notre Dame (5-6) tries to avoid its first losing season since 1986 when it visits Pac-10 champion Stanford (7-3).

No. 18 Mississippi St. 23, No. 23 Mississippi 20

In Starkville, Miss., Scott Westerfield hit a 44-yard field goal with four seconds left as Mississippi State rallied for a victory.

Mississippi State, which trailed throughout the game, scored 17 fourth-quarter points. After the game, thousands of State fans poured onto the field and tore down the goalpost that Westerfield sent his second game-winner of the season through. Minutes later, they toppled the goalpost at the other end of the field.

Mississippi State quarterback Wayne Maddin took the Bulldogs (9-2, 6-2) 88 yards, hitting C.J. Sirmones with a 38-yard touchdown to tie it at 20 with 27 seconds left. Then, Eugene Clinton intercepted Mississippi (7-4, 4-4) QB Romaro Miller's pass and returned the ball 27 yards to set up Westerfield's kick.

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Pistons beginning to forget slow start; beat Pacers, 107-99

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A slow start to the season is rapidly being forgotten by the Detroit Pistons. Coach Alvin Gentry's team has won four straight and six of its last eight games after opening the season with four consecutive losses. The Pistons are doing it with balanced scoring. Four of their five starters are averaging in double-digits, and all five scored at least 14 points as Detroit overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half to defeat Indiana 107-99 in the N.B.A.'s only game Thursday night.

glad there's some light at the end of the tunnel because it's been a little tough and now I'm back in the starting lineup and feeling as comfortable as I have since I've been in the league," Stackhouse said. Rik Smits had a season-high 23 points for Indiana, and Dale Davis added 21. "I had a good start and put good numbers up, but we did not win. That's what counts," said Smits, who had 14 of his points in the opening quarter. "You can't let a good team hand around too long," he said. Reggie Miller scored seven points, shooting only 2-for-11 from the field. He's 30-for-90 in his last seven games. "We're playing well for three quarters. The last two games, the fourth quarter has really been a nemesis of ours," Miller said. "Whenever you have a team down, you've got to put them away. For some reason we're not doing that."

After recording their best NBA start by winning five of their first seven, the defending Central Division champions have dropped four of five. "We're giving teams life, energy," Miller said. "They're able to sustain it and we're not." Detroit put together a 12-2 run to start the fourth quarter when it took the lead for good. Stackhouse ignited the spurt with two free throws and a jumper, while Mills and Lindsey Hunter had consecutive 3-pointers. "They did a good job of spreading the floor," Miller said. "They utilized their 3-point shot to get back in the game. They did a good job of running and getting second shots, especially in the fourth quarter."

Continued from page 6A... Jones called the Super Bowl titles "a great culmination" of their work together. Both Jones and Johnson publicly downplayed the coach's first game back in Texas Stadium. But the stubborn, competitive spirit that led to their public divorce certainly made the game mean more than they let on. Long before Jones made his way to the field, several Cowboys coaches and other officials sought out and spoke with the coach. Among them were special teams coach Joe Avezzano and defensive coordinator Dave Campo, who also served under Johnson. Emmitt Smith was the first Cowboys player to seek out Johnson, who he embraced and

then walked arm-in-arm with for several minutes while talking. Smith also spoke with his former coach after the game. Troy Aikman then had a more businesslike meeting during pregame, shaking hands with Johnson and then standing there briefly with his hands on his hips. "It was great to see him. Jimmy did a great job when he was here, we won two Super Bowls and I respect him for that," Aikman said. "Every week, you are going to play against people that you have feeling for and have had relationships with." The game came six years to the date after Johnson's last loss as the Cowboys coach, 16-14 to the Dolphins on Thanksgiving in the snow when lineman Leon Lett revived a dead ball after a blocked field-goal attempt to give Miami a second chance at a winning field goal.

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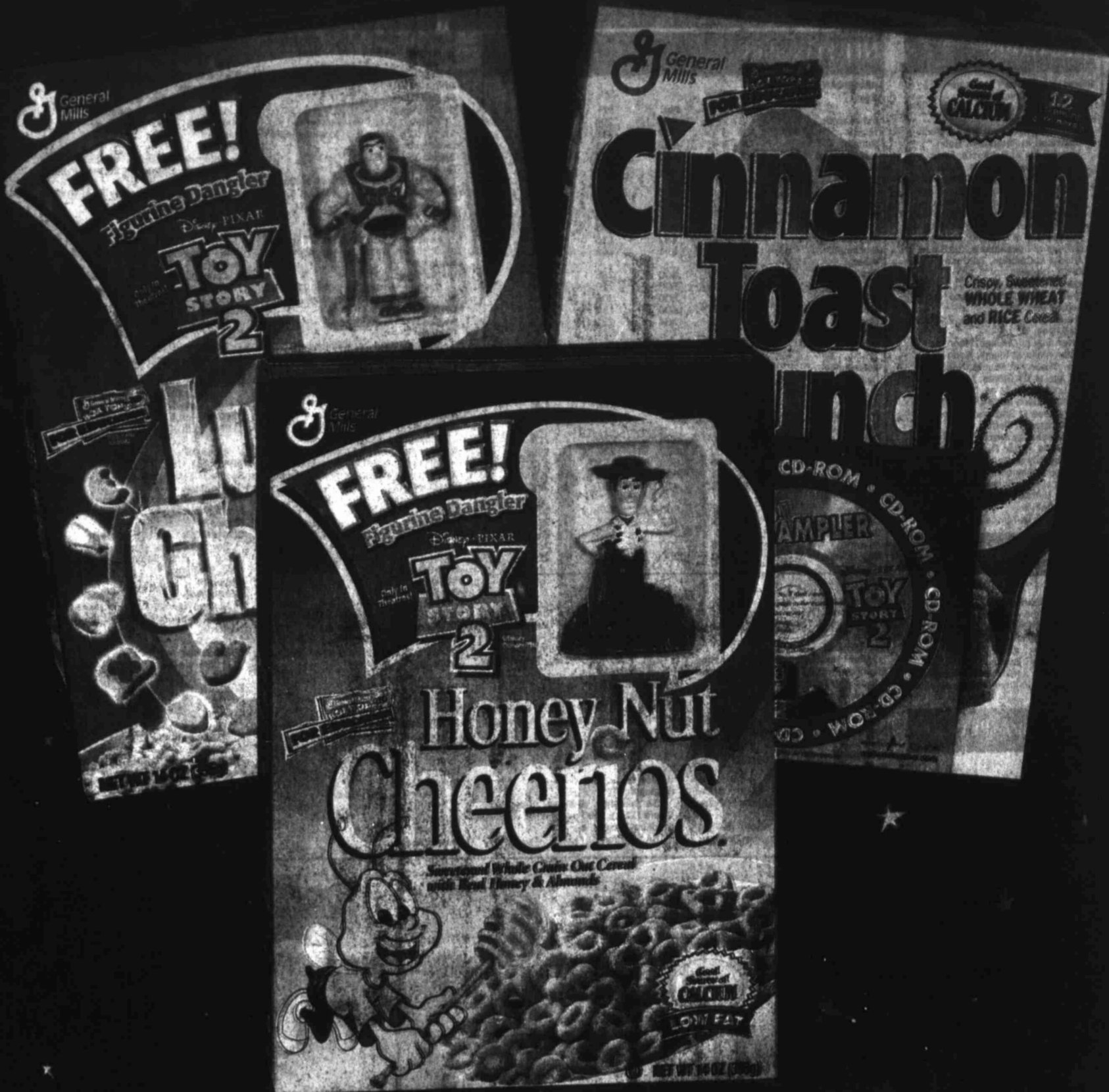
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ESL teacher aims to give students dignity, skills

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
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When Evelyn Marshall was growing up, education was not considered a priority for women.

"My own father didn't believe women needed an education," said Marshall, who now runs her own ESL, English as a Second Language, program at La Fe Baptist Church.

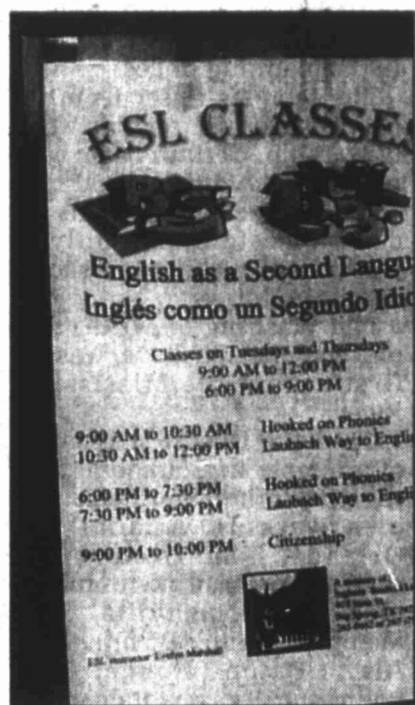
Marshall had to learn how to read on her own while raising her children. That is one reason she wants to help others.

"Anybody can learn," she said. "It is hard, but it is not impossible. I have lots of patience."

Marshall has been teaching ESL off and on since she went back to school and got her GED, in 1986. Several times over the years, her classes have had to stop temporarily, but she always finds a way to get them going again.

"There is a need out there for this," she said. Currently, there are 14 women and three men in her classes, which include an advanced course on Tuesday evenings, and a beginner's class on Tuesday mornings.

Recently, seven students who have stayed with Marshall's program since January were honored at a ceremony as they



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Above, a sign announces Evelyn Marshall's free English as a Second Language classes at La Fe Baptist Church. Above, right, Marshall leads students in the beginners class, left to right, Nina Melendez, Estefana Melendez and Elsa Mancillas.

advanced from the first book to the second. And when funding for her classes was cut, several students agreed to buy their own books so they could keep studying.

Marshall runs the classes without fees, earning no pay. For a while, she received materials from the Howard County Literacy Council.

But for now at least, the classes are strictly volunteer,

with students at some levels paying \$25 for their books. La Fe allows use of the church building free, and Marshall has since joined that congregation.

She said people who don't speak English are often mislabeled as slow, or even stupid.

"These people are smart," Marshall said. "They can get around, they have their ways of coping. But all they need is language. I'm here to help

them help themselves."

Students use books, workbooks and even a computer program to learn the sounds, words and sentence structure of what is, for them, a foreign language. The computer was donated by Bill Dodson of Paradigm Physical Therapy, who also gave Marshall a dry-erase board to use.

Most important to these students, and their teacher,

Marshall said, is that they are all learning to speak, read and write English.

"They've finally made up their minds that they are going to live in this country, and they need to learn the language."

"I'm not going to Americanize them — to take away their culture, but I do want to help them communicate."

Being thankful has many benefits

As we enjoy the holiday season this year, I think it is particularly appropriate for us not only to think about Thanksgiving, but about the giving of thanks on a daily basis. This time of year can be a wonderful reminder to make a needed adjustment in our lifestyles to become more thankful and grateful.



CRAIG FELTY

The Bible refers to giving thanks and being thankful specifically 148 times and uses other words to express the same idea many more times.

The first thing that I noticed is that we are commanded repeatedly to be thankful. One such example is found in the book of 1 Chronicles.

1 Chronicles 16:8 Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

I have studied the Bible and known the Lord long enough to know that when He commands us to do something, it is for our own benefit. As I thought about thankfulness, I discovered five benefits of being thankful. I am sure that there are more you might discover as you ponder in your own study time.

First, thankfulness reminds us of the good things God has done for us. *Deuteronomy 8:10 is the perfect Thanksgiving meal reminder.*

When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

Secondly, since we know that our Heavenly Father is loving, we can look forward to the blessings He is going to bestow on us. We can understand that as we are thankful, we recognize and receive God's blessing.

Jeremiah 30:19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

The third and possibly the most important function of thanksgiving is that it helps keep us from becoming "functional unbelievers;" those people who claim the name of Christ, but seem not to derive any benefit from it. They are still negative and pessimistic, looking at what they don't have rather than what they do; seeing the curses rather than the blessings; taking inventory of what they lack rather than what they have.

I have been one of those people before, and I never want to go back. Romans 1:21 tells us that ingratitude is at the beginning of a downward spiral that ends in darkness and despair.

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imagina-

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CHURCH NEWS

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist

The public is warmly invited to come and hear Elder L. Jeff Harris, who will be the guest minister for a series of three services to be held at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, beginning on Saturday at 7 p.m. and will continue with two series on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The church is located at 201 East 24th Street.

Elder Harris is currently pas-



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tor of the Eureka Primitive Baptist church, Chula, Ga., and a former pastor of the Big Spring church. He is a very able minister who has traveled extensively among the churches in the U.S. as well as doing evangelistic ministering in the Philippines, Taiwan and The Netherlands.

We extend a welcome to all, with a special invitation going to his many friends and acquaintances in the area.

First United Methodist Church

"Why Do We Dream of Peace?" (Psalms 122) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the promises of God's peace in our lives. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir

is meeting at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 7 p.m. There is also a Bible study for senior highs on Wednesday night at 101 Washington. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning. We also have children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross. Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40, and if you are a single adult you are invited to come and visit us!

There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

On Nov. 28, the annual Chrismon and Hanging of the Green Ceremony will be held in Garrett Hall.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the beautiful Living Christmas Tree service and musical on Dec. 4-5. Get your free tickets at the church office this week.

Name dropping

Some churches say denomination label hurts efforts to attract members

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — River Oaks Community Church. The name hardly suggests fire-and-brimstone and pulpit-pounding Christianity. But it might if the denominational name was included.

River Oaks is Southern Baptist.

To circumvent stereotypes, some churches are dropping their affiliation from their names, revealing theological ties only after they get the chance to make a good first impression on prospective members.

While critics say the practice alienates ready-made constituencies and implies shame about a heritage, supporters say it's the best way to attract a generation for whom worship style and church activities are more important than denomination.

"We're trying to reach the unchurched. Whatever it takes, without compromising the Scriptures, without compromising the Bible, I'm going to do it," said Mark Norris, pastor of 2-year-old River Oaks in Murfreesboro. "I don't find a whole lot of places in Scripture where it says to contain anything in a title."

Norris said the practice isn't deceptive because the worship style at River Oaks — contemporary and casual — is so different from that in a typical Southern Baptist church. The affiliation is revealed during a class for new members.

But the Rev. J.R. Faulkner, a pastor at the independent Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, believes churches should be "bold enough to be identified publicly."

"Some people are afraid to be identified with anything," he said. "I have for my entire

Christian life felt the Baptist doctrine best exemplifies to a knowing and understanding public where I stand scripturally."

Churches that drop names say they mean no disrespect to their denomination. In fact, many have said they value affiliation for its crucial network of support and discipline, especially for ministers.

But they feel popular knowledge about denominations is superficial and in some cases wrong, colored by news reports on ultraconservative Christians and regional prejudices.

"There's an element of 'Holy Rolling' and every other negative Southern stereotype you can dig up," said Larry Eskridge of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. "There's also an image in the North of Southern Baptists being particularly strict."

Recent actions by the Nashville-based Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, have spread that impression, some ministers say. The convention has called for a boycott of Walt Disney Co. because of its gay-friendly policies, and has targeted Jews.

"We are perceived in Christianity as judging other people," said the Rev. Dale Marshall of Fairfield Glade Community Church, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the United Church of Christ. "I think that makes it very difficult for someone to come in and check it out."

"Name-dropping" goes back to the 1950s when Southern Baptist churches moved into other parts of the country.

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CLUB NEWS

1905 Hyperion Club

Eleven members of 1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, Nov. 18, in the home of Betty Thomas. Co-hostess was Paulette Turner.

A thank you note was read from Lawanda Hamm thanking the club for participation in Relay for Life and a note from Connie Gray announcing her move to Houston.

Our program was presented by Cassandra Fillingim, on the subject of "Money Management." She stressed that all important documents including wills, power of attorney, lists of CD's, safety deposit keys, health care arrangements and tax information should be kept in one safe place.

Next meeting will be held

Thursday, Dec. 16, in the home of Carol Scott at 5:30 p.m. The Rev. Guy White will present the program, "Hope for the New Millennium."

1941 Study Club

The 1941 Study Club met in the home of Jeannie Darden on Oct. 4. Our guest for the meeting was Debra Hardman. She showed us how to make an angel out of a hymnal.

Refreshments were served by hostesses, Jeannie Darden and Shelly Phinney.

The 1941 Study Club held its annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Presbyterian Church in Coahoma on Nov. 6. All 20 members were present along with their spouses. Members Helen Shive, Jean Wynn, Jeannie Darden, Doris James, Marie Ethridge and Virginia Allen were responsible for decorating the tables. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 6,

in the home of Sue Tindol at 7:30 p.m.

Mighty Oaks

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist Church Thanksgiving dinner and business meeting was held in the Big Spring Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park, in the Whipkey room Friday, Nov. 19.

After dinner, guest speaker, Bro. Dudley Mullins, gave the Thanksgiving devotional and the group sang several songs. There were 25 members and guests present. Guests were Bro. Dudley Mullins, Ethan Mullins, Leroy Pearle, Opal Dean, Arlie Knight, Bobby and Merle Roman.

Birthday honorees for November were Dudley Mullins and Mary Napper.

The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 17, at the Senior Citizen Center.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For children and adults who want to create their own gingerbread house, the Heritage Museum and Gale's Sweet Shoppe have a sweet seminar planned.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, Gale's will sponsor a three-hour session on making the houses, hosted by the museum. Gale Pittman, owner of the Sweet Shoppe, will provide all the materials, free.

"It's just something I want to do," Pittman explained. "It's a lot of fun." He said he had a similar session three years ago which was a hit, and decided the time was right to do it again.

Participants should call the museum, 267-8255, to reserve a spot by Dec. 1. Pittman will bake, cut and glue together all the gingerbread pieces. During the decorating session, each person can add their own special touches to the house, using various colors of icing and varieties of candy.

"This is something families can really enjoy together," Pittman said. "On Sunday afternoon, that seems to be a good time for families to get together and do something fun."

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A FEW DAYS REMAIN in the Big Spring Women's Club annual coat drive. They are collecting coats for needy children and adults through Nov. 30 in boxes at Harris Lumber and Hardware (1515 E. FM 700), the Howard County Courthouse (first floor) or Scenic Mountain Medical Center (1601 W. 11th Place).

THE LAST WORD

Husband and wife come to look alike at last.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Oh for a life of sensations rather than thoughts.
John Keats

Our insignificance is often the cause of our safety.
Aesop

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Now, as retirees move to the South to escape harsh winters and other Northerners move to the region for work, the practice is growing.

"We're talking about a retirement community here. These people are coming out of mostly Northern churches," Marshall said. "They are used to denominations but are also saying this is kind of crazy. We ought to be able to be more inclusive."

Marshall's 400-member congregation is listed in the phone book under Presbyterian, United Church of Christ and interdenominational. Worshipers from 17 denominations attend services at the Cumberland County church, he said.

In Lake Forest, Calif., Saddleback Valley Community Church, founded in 1980 as a Southern Baptist congregation, purposely chose a name with no denomination. It has grown from about 110 members to more than 14,000 and is considered a leader in evangelizing.

At Saddleback, about 10 percent of those attending a class for new members during which the affiliation is revealed do not join the church, although the reason for their decision is not known, Saddleback executive pastor Glen Kreun said.

Kreun estimates about 60 percent of new Southern Baptist churches in California do not have the denomination in their name.

Of the nearly 42,000 churches the Southern Baptist Convention tracks on its computers, around 900 do not have "Baptist" in their name, said Bill Merrell, a convention spokesman. Some churches put the denomination in a subtitle such as "A Southern Baptist Congregation."

Merrell said focusing on a church name is misguided and that the Bible's teachings should be the only attraction.

"The critical thing for a church to do is to be the church of Jesus Christ. That means fidelity to the message. That means a passion for those who do not know Jesus Christ," he said.

Kreun said giving a church a nonthreatening name to bring in members also helps spread Christianity. "You don't have to change the Gospel, but you have to change the packaging."

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tions, and their foolish heart was darkened.

The fourth benefit of being thankful is that it invites the manifest presence of God into our lives. 2 Chronicles 5:13 describes what happened at the dedication of the temple as the Levites gave thanks with music. Every Israelite child knew that God led His people through the desert by a cloud.

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord.

Philippians 4:6-7 tells us that Thanksgiving is an essential part of our prayer life, allowing us to experience His peace.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lastly, thanksgiving opens us to receive the power of God in miraculous ways. Jesus gave thanks before He fed the 5,000, before He raised Lazarus from the dead, and before He broke the bread at the last supper showing that He would be the bread of life broken to redeem us from the power of sin and death.

Make thanksgiving a continual part of your life, not just a one-day celebration. You will be amazed at the incredible difference it will make in your life.

Craig Felty is pastor for Cornerstone Church.

Boomers' concept of religion still changing, 'more mature'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Wade Clark Roof published his influential book on baby boomers and religion six years ago, he found that the post-World War II generation was not just looking to change the way it worships, but was changing the way worship looks.

In 1993's "A Generation of Seekers," the University of California-Santa Barbara religion professor explored how boomers built their own beliefs in a higher power, mounting journeys through a variety of faiths, cults and New Age practices to find what some called a custom-made God.

The generation that broke down traditional morality in the secular world of the 1960s and 1970s had also moved away from traditional religion in the spiritual world. Their parents found the changes threatening and worried they heralded a general weakening of the cornerstones of society.

Returning to the subject in a new book, "Spiritual Marketplace," Roof finds boomers are now surer about their beliefs.

"They have a more mature religion," the 60-year-old Roof said in an interview. "They have a better sense of what they believe in and experience stronger commitments than they did before."

In the new book, he writes, "Identity is still a powerful theme, but its mode of expression is now different: The energizing forces arise out of quests not so much for group identity or social location as for an authentic inner life..."

Roof's latest research has found many subtle changes in boomers' beliefs and practices since his 1993 work.

Back then, he found boomers weren't walking away from God, just from church as they had known it, to pursue a personal journey. His research, surveys and interviews, conducted between 1988 and 1990, showed that most who strayed from church did not become atheists.

Instead, they believed in a God who was more down-to-earth. Christians believed in a Jesus who wasn't necessarily the sole savior of the world.

For his new book, Roof went back to reinterview some of those he talked to before. "They are a more settled generation now," Roof said, and their beliefs are more pluralistic.

The boomers' religious landscape, according to Roof, no longer traces its borders along denominational lines of Jew, Protestant, Catholic. Instead, the lines run along categories that describe how belief affects people's lives: dogmatists, born-again Christians, mainstream believers, metaphysical believers and seekers, and secularists.

For example, dogmatists are reacting to what they perceive as the moral relativism of modern life, trying to get back to a time when right and wrong were less subjective. Metaphysical believers follow in a tradition set in the 19th century, when the turmoil of a changing economy prompted people to join Transcendentalist and Revivalist movements.

Roof found that as many boomers age, they are going back to churches they once left. That does not mean they are renouncing beliefs they picked up along the way.

"This generation is remarkably capable of fitting many things together," Roof said. "They can draw from many sources, but there tends to be a core. Even if they draw from pop psychology, they still build it around their core Jewish faith or core Christian faith."

Even if a person is a Christian, he or she finds much to be learned from, say, Buddhism, Roof said. "You get these constellations that are somewhat diverse in terms of religious practices," Roof said.

He said they express more certainty in their beliefs. Having returned to church or synagogue, they have stayed, tailoring the religion's traditions to their needs.

"There is considerable fluidity," he said. "They're a very mobile generation in terms of what they think. There's a continuing hunger to find spiritual truth, but they have a clearer sense now that some of the things they looked to deliver them earlier, like consumption and materialism, don't work too well."

Whereas they were willing to try many things earlier to reach fulfillment, now they are staying closer to the tried and true.

"There is a turning away from the esoteric and highly popular latest fad ... to a more serious level of reflection," he said.

When he wrote the first book, Roof said, he found many boomers returning to church for the sake of the children they were raising. They wanted the children to have a strong grounding and set of beliefs. But as those children have grown, their parents have become more lax in their churchgoing, viewing child rearing as a phase during which they are supposed to pass down their traditions.

Roof said he believes boomers will continue to shape religion and belief as the century turns. "I don't see a secular future," he said. "I see a more diverse, perhaps more individualistic religious and spiritual future ... These quests have led to a heightened spiritual sensitivity on the part of this generation that been through so much."

RELIGION BRIEFS

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — To show support for a 60-foot-tall cross that has overlooked the city for more than 40 years, Larry Butler is working to build thousands of small wooden crosses.

Each of the 2-foot crosses, painted white and stenciled with the words "save the cross," have been cut, nailed and painted by Butler and members of his family. They are free to anyone who will display them. So far they have 10,000 orders and have filled 4,500.

Butler, a truck driver retired at 50 with a disability, doesn't consider himself a religious man. He wants to do his part to defend against atheist Rob

Sherman. The Chicago activist has questioned the constitutionality of the lighted cross that has stood on Table Rock Mesa since 1956.

The cross was erected by the local Jaycees on land owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. In 1972, the Jaycees paid \$100 at auction for less than an acre of land surrounding the cross.

Sherman is asking the Jaycees' national board to review its charter, which he said prohibits promotion of any one religion or denomination. He also plans to ask the BLM to review the constitutionality of selling the small land parcel.

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Mormon church flourishes in South

ATLANTA (AP) — When Chloe Belle Hodge was baptized in 1939, most of the Mormons around Raleigh, N.C., were members of her family. It wasn't rare for some Southern Mormons to go half their lives without setting foot in a temple.

"I couldn't even dream of a time when we would have a church building," said Ms. Hodge, 83.

She'll soon be able to visit a temple whenever she wants, as Raleigh is one of seven Southern cities scheduled to complete temples by the end of 2000.

"The blessing to have a temple right here at our elbows is almost beyond comprehension," Ms. Hodge said. "I plan to go once a week."

It's an enormous change in less than two decades for Southern Mormons. Until 1983, when a temple was built in suburban Atlanta, Southern members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had to travel to Washington, D.C., or Western states to perform baptisms on behalf of dead persons, undergo "endowment" that affects one's heavenly state and seal marriages "for eternity."

The church is now working to increase the number of temples in areas with growing membership. Some Southern states have seen their Mormon population grow by 80 percent to 100 percent since 1980, according to statistics in a church-sponsored almanac.

In Alabama, church membership is 27,000 (up from 7,800 in 1974); Florida 105,000 (30,000 in 1977); Georgia 55,000 (14,630 in 1974); Kentucky 21,000 (13,956 in 1980); Louisiana 24,000 (16,000 in 1980); Mississippi 17,000 (6,527 in 1970); North Carolina 53,000 (29,512 in 1980); South Carolina 26,000 (10,775 in 1974); Tennessee 29,000 (15,839 in 1980); Virginia 63,000 (55,789 in 1990).

The growth is due primarily to an influx of Mormons from other regions and to the church's efforts to increase its visibility in the South, said Nancy Eiesland, a professor at Emory University's Gaillard School of Theology.

Conversions and in-migration are related because as Mormons move to the area, they work to bring in new converts.

The church, based on revelations that Joseph Smith said were brought to him in the 1820s by heavenly messengers, has more than 10 million members worldwide and 52 operating temples. An additional 46 are now under construction or in the planning stages.

The temples differ from the chapels used for regular weekly worship. Certain basic ceremonies, including eternal marriage and proxy baptisms for dead ancestors, can only be performed in the more sacred temple buildings.

The Washington, D.C., temple, completed in 1974, was the first east of the Mississippi River.

Until the Oct. 16 dedication of a temple in Columbia, S.C., the only other Southern temples were in Atlanta and Orlando, Fla. Ground has recently been broken on temples in Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Baton Rouge, La.; Louisville, Ky., and Raleigh.

As a young woman growing up in North Carolina during the 1940s, Mrs. Hodge didn't know if she'd ever receive the sacred ordinances, as the unique temple ceremonies are called.

"We were coming out of the Depression years. A trip to Utah was not to be thought of," she said. In 1944, she hitched a ride with a woman traveling to a U.S. Army post in Utah so she could go to temple.

It was 1967 before Dexter R. Noble, 74, of Atlanta, had saved up enough money to fly his family out to Salt Lake City to visit a temple.

"I closed my shoe store for a week to go. That's how important it was to me," he said.

Elder Monte J. Brough, the church's regional president for most of the South, says he expects the church to continue growing in the region.

The South has long carried a reputation for strict, family-oriented conservatism, which the Mormon church shares.

"I think the reason we do so well is that we are very assertive in proclaiming family values," he said. The church is concerned with "not only family conduct and individual values, but the law of chastity

and the sacred nature of marriage. ... Part of that is very attractive to a lot of Southerners."

Ms. Eiesland, the Emory professor, agreed that their perception as hard-working, moral citizens has likely helped their establishment in the region. "In some ways, the family orientation of Mormons makes them congenial to much of the Southern sunbelt," she said.

Some traditional Bible Belt religions have spoken out against Mormons. Southern Baptists used a 1998 annual convention in Salt Lake City to evangelize to Mormons, whom they do not consider to be Christians.

Adding to interchurch tensions is the fact that Mormons and some evangelical denominations in the South are competing for converts among the same group: the unchurched, said Marie Cornwall, a Brigham Young University sociology professor.

"Put together the incredible growth in the South with the increasing anti-Mormonism rhetoric that comes out of the evangelical movement and, in the marketplace of religion, these two groups are in competition," she said.

Because of competition, the "strange alliance" between Mormons and Protestants will break down eventually, said The Rev. Chris Graham, pastor of Church of the Savior Baptist Church in Roswell.

"Orthodox Christianity has some specific doctrines that are important, and Mormonism also has specific doctrines that are important to its story. And I think they are potentially conflictual," he said.

In the past, the conflict has sometimes been violent. In 1884, a mob in Lewis County, Tenn., fatally shot four church members during Mormon services.

Orlando Henderson, 43, of Atlanta, left his Baptist upbringing in 1994 to join the Mormon church. It is hard for Southerners to leave their family's church, he said.

"Most everybody followed their family with religion," he said. "Now, there's a broader base of knowledge with different truths."

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Dallas store owner helps men navigate fashion

DALLAS (AP)—As a connoisseur of men's fashion, Ken Helfman has a knack for spotting a trend-setter the second he sees one. So Ross Perot is the last person he'd consider as the bellwether of taste and style in men's apparel, and yet...

"Remember when Ross bought General Motors and he said to the company's executives, 'You guys make cars you want people to buy, but they're buying cars they want to buy'?" Well, Helfman says, "the same is true with clothing."

Celebrating his 35th year as the patriarch of a Dallas haberdashery, the owner of Ken's Man's Shop (at the northeast corner of Preston Road and Royal Lane) contends that Perot's dictum applies even more tellingly to fashion.

He calls it a lesson learned during the 1960s, which aside from being known for sit-ins, riots, Molotov cocktails and flaming guitars, ushered in a tidal wave of change, a tsunami, if you will, in new styles for guys.

Suddenly, men were no longer content to wear the tired old threads of the past. You know, the stuff Dad wore.

So it was that Helfman describes the rapid descent of what he calls "Hart, Schaffner and Karl Marx." Hey, baby, the '60s belonged to the Beatles, who fostered the Barnaby Street look, which gave way to a tie-dyed rainbow of dazzling styles.

Ward Cleaver was out, Ringo was in, and just about every decade since has brought its own measure of change.

Jimmy Carter's '70s ushered in vested suits of the navy-pinstripe variety, which became, in Helfman's words, "the uniform of America. On Sundays at church, it was hard to tell the plumber from the CPA."

The '80s of Ronald Reagan and George Bush gave us the Wall Street look, when men became so turned on by the threads of Michael Douglas' lead character (Gordon "Greed Is Good" Gecko) that Helfman found them buying up suspenders like they were going out of style - which, of course, they did.

And now we have the '90s, when Helfman's shelves are stocked with elite labels from floor to ceiling: Pal Zileri, Vestimenta, Cornelliani and Jhane Barnes.

But back to the '60s. Just as the Beatles begat the Rolling Stones and hundreds of imitators, it was Pierre Cardin, followed by Yves Saint Laurent, followed by Giorgio Armani in the '80s who spawned such lines as Pal Zileri, Vestimenta and Cornelliani.

Television also had an impact. It was the '70s and '80s when Helfman found customers rushing through the door, telling him, "I have to wear what Johnny wore last night," meaning the Oleg Cassini shirts popularized by Tonight Show host Johnny Carson.

Just like Johnny, Helfman is no stranger to showmanship. Consider Saturday, when representatives of more than a dozen name designers gathered at Ken's as part of its 35th anniversary black-tie extravaganza. He used the event to raise more than \$100,000 for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Fund and the Bill E. Hunt Scholarship Fund. (The late Bill Hunt was his first employee.)

It was the boss's idea to introduce a silent auction catalog - Ken's Benefit by Design - whose inventory included men's clothing and fashion accessories from elite designers, as well as trips, sports memorabilia and fine art.

Guest contributors included men Helfman has either outfitted over the years or gotten to know, such as former Cowboys coach Tom Landry and Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach. He even got contributions from two guys he does

n't know, former President George Bush and his hope-to-be-president son, Gov. George W. Bush, who won't be asked to name the world's four leading clothing designers.

When he first came to Dallas in 1960, Helfman, 61, had dropped out of Ohio State University in his native Ohio after deciding that the calling his father and brother had chosen - medicine - was as ill-suited to him as a turtleneck on a giraffe.

As he says, he's "a people person," with a winsome, gregarious style and a penchant for leaving no joke untold. So, he left the Buckeye State and wound up in Dallas, sleeping at a YMCA until he landed a job at Parisian Peyton's, a men's store in Casa Linda shopping center.

Four years later, he opened his own store in Garland. He stayed in the Ridgewood Shopping Center for 29 years, watching the neighborhood and the stores wither away, like bark on an aging tree.

Finally, an ex-employee took him outside and forced him to pay attention. "I love you, man," his old friend said, "but look around."

So, in 1993, Helfman moved to the high-traffic intersection of Preston and Royal in North Dallas, where he quickly became a fixture.

Even after moving, he estimates that 70 percent of his old clientele followed him to the new place, including a few Dallas Cowboys, whom he credits with "putting us on the map." The first player to discover Ken's, during the '60s, was middle linebacker Lee Roy Jordan.

For Helfman, getting to know Jordan paid an unexpected bonus: Ken's became the sponsor of the team's Big Play Award, which, from 1968 to 1982, offered a suit or sport coat of choice to the Cowboy player making the team's biggest play during the previous week's game.

Greg Aiello, vice president of public relations for the National Football League and the former head of the Cowboys' public relations department, remembers Helfman for "being on the cutting edge" in more ways than one.

"Start with the fact that he had a cutting-edge men's store in Garland," says Aiello, with a laugh. (Aiello contributed one of the prizes to the weekend's auction.)

He credits Helfman for being "a visionary" with a deftness for thinking big. He could see early on, for instance, that having Cowboys for customers or attaching the name of the store to a popular weekly award wouldn't exactly drive folks away.

Evidence of Cowboy mania adorns the walls of Helfman's lovingly appointed store, where the faces peering out from the photographs include not only past and present NFL coaches (Dan Reeves, Landry, Barry Switzer) but also some of Hollywood's finest.

In one memorable shot, the late Grace Kelly is looking back at the lens of his primitive Polaroid with a look of utter inscrutability. (He found Princess Grace of Monaco sitting on the deck of an ocean liner during a cruise.)

No matter who the customer, however, he says the nicest compliment he's ever gotten came at a time when the nation's favorite television comedy was set in a bar in Boston, "where everyone knows your name."

The customer told him, "Coming into Ken's is like going into Cheers," the only difference being that Helfman's long-running show bears no signs of going out of business or failing to stay in touch with men and what men want to wear.

RELIGION BRIEFS

LUMBINI, Nepal (AP) — Hindus and Buddhists have pledged to work together to face challenges to their religions from Christian proselytizing.

A recent call by Pope John Paul II for missionaries to spread Catholicism in Asia had led to a sense of crisis among the Hindu religious leaders gathered for the international conference.

A resolution passed Nov. 21 by 1,000 delegates from across Asia at the end of a three-day conference in southern Nepal made no direct reference to the pope's call, but delegates expressed concern. Many described conversions as a "war against Hindus and Buddhists" and a "spiritual crime."

It was the first gathering of Asian religious leaders since the pope's visit to New Delhi earlier this month.

Hindu groups accuse Christian missionaries of using inducements and sometimes coercion to gain converts, a charge church officials have denied.

Animosity over the conversion controversy has led to several recent attacks on Christians in India. For centuries Hindus and Christians have lived in harmony in India, which currently counts 23 million Christians and 820 million Hindus among its 1 billion people. Muslims, Buddhists and Sikhs account for the rest.

The delegates approved a two-member committee to decide how to improve Hindu-Buddhist unity. It would be led by B.K. Modi, international president of the World Hindu Council, and Daiken Uchida, head priest of the Daijochi Buddhist Temple in Japan.

"If we don't teach our younger people our great religion, I'm afraid, however persuasive we might be, we cannot stop conversions taking place," said Maj. General Bharat Keshar Simha, chief of the Nepal-based World Hindu Federation and conference coordinator.

Israel, Jordan rush to mark path of Jesus before millennium

TEL HADAR, Israel (AP) — Archaeologists and clerics agree — the footsteps of Jesus are hard to find.

But that hasn't stopped Israel and Jordan from designating new "He was here" sites in hopes of attracting more millennium pilgrims.

Jordan is excavating what it says is the real site of Jesus' baptism, on the east bank of the Jordan River, a rival to the traditional site on the Israeli-controlled western shore.

Not to be outdone, Israel has marked a new spot where it says Jesus fed a multitude of 4,000 with just a handful of fishes and loaves.

Biblical archaeologists say some holy sites — most notably the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built over the spot where Jesus is said to have been crucified — are believed to be accurate. However, more often his footsteps are hard to pin down.

The early Christians were not concerned with preserving locations, and some of the sites linked to major events in Jesus' life were designated as such as 400 years after his crucifixion, said Vassilios Tzaferis, head of the excavations department in the Israel Antiquities Authority.

"There are few places where we are sure," Tzaferis said.

Church officials said location isn't everything.

"We are stressing more the spiritual meaning of the places," said Father Raed, the chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. "In the millennium year, we are stressing our roots, our biblical roots in the places."

Two new sites have been designated recently, as both Israel

and Jordan expect an increase in the flow of tourists for the millennium.

On the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, at a spot called Tel Hadar, or Hill of Glory, tourism officials have erected a seven-foot stone monument to mark the spot where they say Jesus fed 4,000 people with seven loaves of bread and a few fish. The gray, triangle-shaped stone surrounded by brown gravel contains mosaics depicting Jesus as well as seven loaves, seven baskets and nine fish.

Archaeologist Bar-Gill Pixner, a Benedictine monk, said he consulted the Bible and a Byzantine manuscript in pinpointing the site, which has figured in pilgrim lore for generations.

But Joshua Schwartz, who teaches ancient geography at Bar-Ilan University, said the feeding could have taken place on either shore of the lake. He noted that literary traditions have favored the western shore, but that Jesus may actually have preferred the eastern side of the lake because it was less populated.

"I don't think it is anything that can be proven," Schwartz said.

Meanwhile, a friendly cross-border dispute is developing over whether Jesus was baptized on the western or eastern shore of the Jordan River. Israel has held that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at Qasir el-Yahud, a West Bank area just north of the Dead Sea that is still under Israeli military control.

Jordan is developing a desert baptism site called Bethany on the eastern shore, also north of the Dead Sea. Mohammed Abu

Sumaqa, a spokesman for the Jordanian Tourism Ministry, said several biblical passages refer to the baptism as having taken place "across the Jordan River" from the Holy Land.

The Jordanians are building a guest house and paving roads to the site. The Vatican has added Bethany to a list of sites Christian pilgrims can visit to celebrate the millennium.

Tzaferis said there was no proof for either claim.

"Archaeologically speaking, we don't have any real evidence," he said. "Pilgrims are connected by faith, religion and dogmas. You either believe or you don't."

The West Bank baptism site is located in an Israeli military zone, and pilgrims can reach it only by passing a bullet-scarred monastery, coils of barbed wire and signs warning of land mines.

Until recently, the army allowed pilgrims to visit only a few times a year, on special occasions. Now, apparently feeling the competition from Jordan, it has opened the site five days a week, though visitors must still coordinate with the army. It is also widening the steps leading to the river and renovating a small chapel there.

During a recent visit, believers walked down to the river bank to have water poured on their heads, while others gathered in shady spots.

Debra Fredericks, a tourist from New York City, snapped pictures of the chapel. She said Jesus' message was the important part.

"It's the meaning of the baptism more than the location of it," she said.

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Appalachia targeted for new war on tooth decay

SPINDALE, N.C. (AP) — Nine-month-old Blake Hardin's face brightened in a big, toothy smile, his teeth freshly painted with protective fluoride varnish. The nurses cheered.

It was another tiny victory in a new war on tooth decay in Appalachia, one of the nation's poorest regions, using a dental technique employed in Europe for more than a quarter century.

A dozen pediatric nurses watched Blake's four tiny teeth get painted with a small yellow brush during the training session at the Rutherford County Health Department.

"We see a lot of bad mouths," said registered nurse Deborah Gregg as she watched colleague Charlene Jones work on Blake. "I just hate to see these little ones in so much pain."

In Appalachia, as many as one in every four young children still suffers from severe tooth decay. There are myriad reasons: Some rural water systems lack fluoride, many children drink unfluoridated private well water, infants sometimes use nursing bottles too long. In addition, children have poor diets and inadequate oral hygiene.

The antidote, officials hope, is "Smart Smiles," a three-year program funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and just getting under way.

With pediatric dentists in short supply in North Carolina's mountains, program organizers decided to turn to pediatricians and their nurses. After receiving basic training in the simple procedure, they will be painting the teeth of hundreds of children under age 5 in 11 western North Carolina counties.

"(They) see the kids with the bombed-out mouths," said Robert Leddy, regional dental health supervisor with the state Department of Health and Human Services, who attended the training session.

"This gives us huge access," said James W. Bawden, the former University of North Carolina dental school dean who came up with the idea for the program. He said treatment will be offered to children brought in for medical check-ups.

Organizers know of no other program like it in the United States.

The program's goal is to give high-risk children dental care at an age when it can do the most good. Normally, Bawden said, most of the children wouldn't see a dentist until they were as old as 6 or 7.

By then, tooth decay often is too firmly entrenched, he said.

"By age 2 or 3, most of these children have suffered considerable pain and often have swelling and fever from dental infections," Bawden said. "They have several teeth that need to be extracted and require extensive treatment to retain the rest of their teeth."

With Blake sprawled across the lap of his mother, Renee Martin, Jones dried the boy's teeth with white gauze and then applied a coat of fluoride varnish.

"All done!" Jones said, surprised at the ease of the procedure. As Mrs. Martin sat Blake up in her lap, the other nurses broke into applause.

Moments later, Blake's 3-year-old brother Cory underwent the same treatment.

After the yellow varnish dries, the teeth have a dull appearance, which lasts for about a day. Dentists recommend repeating the process every six months to restore the outer, fluoride-rich layer of tooth enamel.

While the pilot program initially targets just the 11 counties, funding is being sought to expand the effort to all 100 counties in the state. Organizers aren't certain whether the program will be expanded to other Appalachian states if it proves to be successful in North Carolina.

Leddy said that while "Smart Smiles" means extra work for pediatricians, they aren't complaining. "We're not twisting anyone's arms," he said. "They want to do something."

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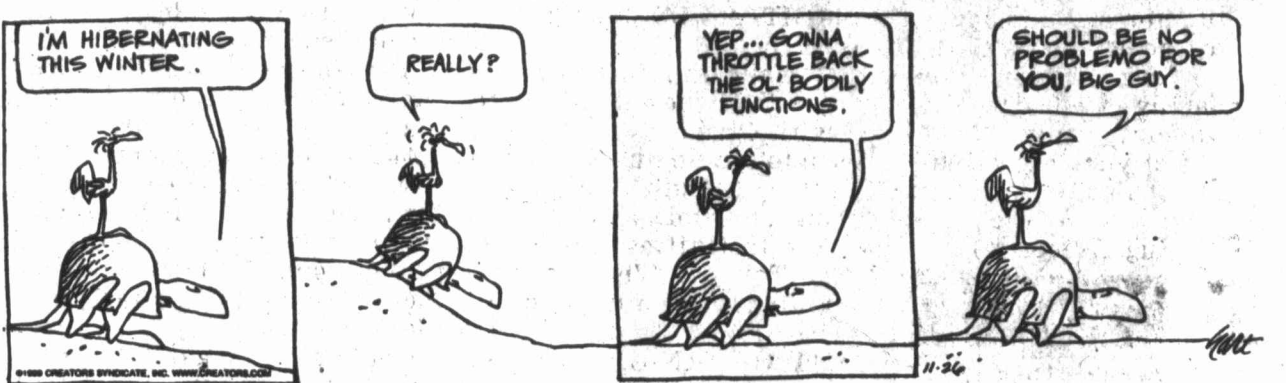
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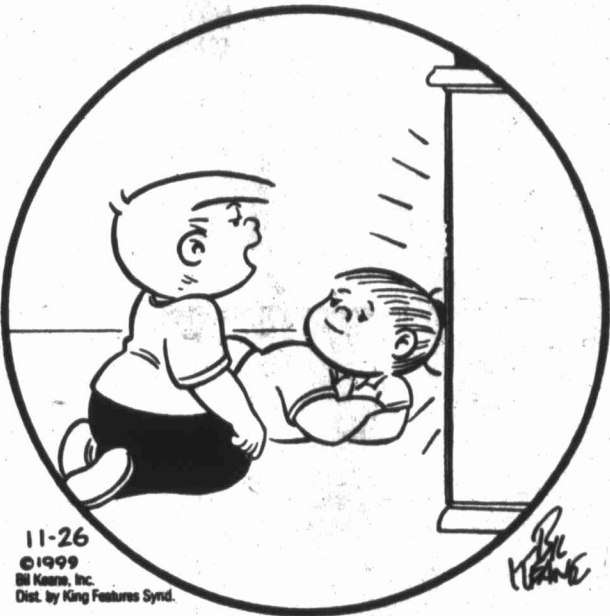
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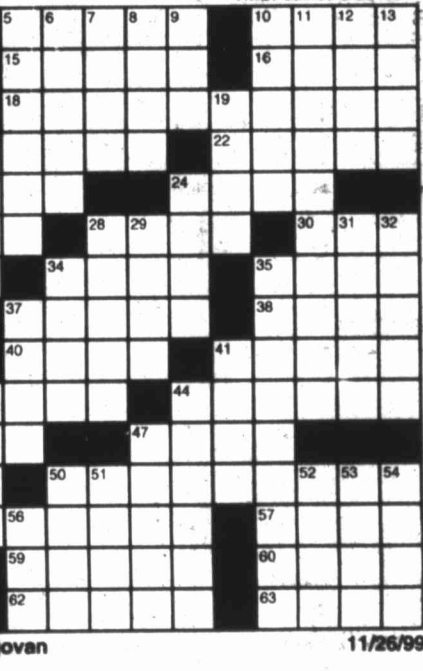


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The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 1999. There are 35 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

- Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
- ACROSS
- Pretense
 - French Open winner of 1993
 - Shelter, e.g.
 - Singer Amos
 - Canadian territory
 - Remodel
 - Be adjacent to
 - Flu's hold?
 - Guardian of treasure in Alaska?
 - Ballots
 - Easily imposed upon
 - Essence
 - Intensely color
 - Well adjunct
 - French dance
 - Last of all
 - As well
 - French movies
 - Phnom
 - With 28D, no-frills 747?
 - Headstone letters
 - Formerly, formerly
 - Sicilian peak
 - Ownership
 - Anil or wood
 - Blackthorn
 - Tell or Hood, e.g.
 - Record
 - Author Kingsley
 - Met offering
 - Word spoken the same as another
 - Underage collier?
 - Exude
 - Deeds
 - Goodnight girl?
 - Early Peruvian
 - Pry (into)
 - Computer geeks
 - German port
- DOWN
- Comic Laurel
 - Tramp
 - Calla lily, e.g.
 - Kid power?
 - Young swan
 - Impresario Sol
 - Actor Tamiroff
 - Slangy no
 - Country's \$ output
 - Jargon
 - Delivery on a liner?
 - Actress McClurg
 - Goes one better
 - Thoroughly corrupt
 - Actress Rowlands
 - Nucleus element
 - Lassoed
 - Coarse variety of conundrum
 - Anxiety in the bivouac?
 - See 37A
 - Home of most people
 - Old-womanish
 - Outcast
 - Palo Alto, CA
 - Fashionable Arab leader?
 - Brazilian
 - 'soccer great
 - Sales route
 - Box to train
 - Ovid collection
 - Left bed
 - Rectify
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 - Rivera, CA
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In 1825, the nation's first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1940, the 500,000 Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean conflict, launching a counter-offensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.

In 1973, President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she had accidentally caused part of the 18-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1975, a federal jury in Sacramento, Calif., found Lynette Fromme, a follower of Charles Manson, guilty of trying to assassinate President Ford.

In 1986, President Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

Ten years ago: In a national referendum, voters decided that Hungary's next president would be chosen by parliament, following free elections.

Five years ago: Thirty clergymen were elevated to the rank of cardinal in a Vatican ceremony presided over by Pope John Paul II. Margaret Garrish, a 72-year-old Detroit woman, committed suicide in the presence of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

One year ago: In the first speech ever by a British prime minister to an Irish parliament, Tony Blair predicted that Northern Ireland's troubled peace accord would ultimately work because of a strengthened cooperative spirit uniting Britain and Ireland. In India, at least 211 people died when two trains collided in the northern state of Punjab.

Today's Birthdays: "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles M. Schulz is 77. Singer Robert Goulet is 66. Impressionist Rich Little is 61. Singer Tina Turner is 60. Producer-director Bruce Paltrow is 56. Singer Jean Terrell is 55. Pop musician John McVie is 54. Actress Jamie Rose is 40. Country singer Linda Davis is 37. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe (River Road) is 34. Actress Gacelle Beauvais ("The Jamie Foxx Show") is 33.

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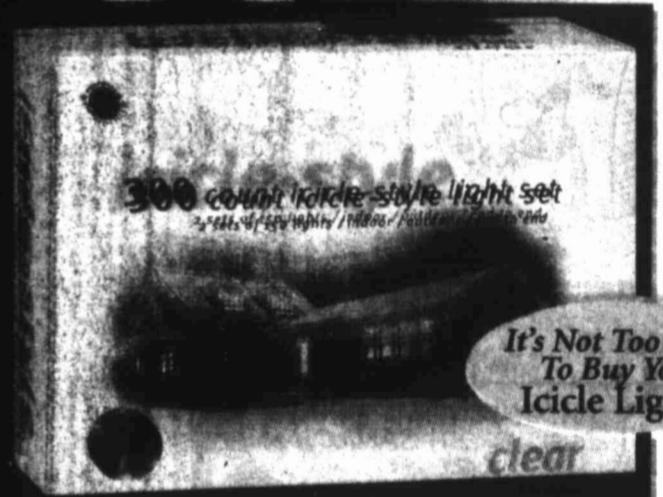
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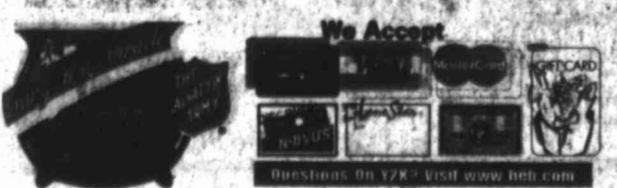
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