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Humane society project promotes pet ownership

As people consider giving pets as holiday gifts, the Big Spring Humane Society has a new promotion under way to encourage responsible pet ownership.

The local organization is joining Helen Woodward Animal Center, The Iams Company and hundreds of pet adoption centers across the country for "Home for the Holidays."

Designed to share the joy of owning a shelter-adopted pet, the promotion offers each new adoptive household a holiday meal of Iams dog or cat food.

The Home for the Holidays promotion continues through Dec. 24. Interested would-be pet owners can call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

SATURDAY

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 are older are invited to participate. For more information, call 268-4721.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean, 267-3068.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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Tickets for Living Christmas Tree go 'on sale' Monday at First UMC

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Tickets for performances of the "Living Christmas Tree" will be made available beginning Monday at the First United Methodist



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Church office.

Tickets are free, but are required for those who wish to attend the traditional event.

"This will be the 22nd annual performance of this special Christmas tradition which boasts singers and dancers from many churches and surrounding communities," said JoAnne Forrest, publicity chairman. "It will all come together in the beautifully decorated

sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church."

Performances for this year's "Living Christmas Tree" are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3.

A dress rehearsal will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 and the public is invited to attend. No ticket will be needed for that performance.

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Steers banner inside

HERALD Staff Report

Today's edition of the Herald includes a "Go Steers" banner page that we encourage our readers to save and take with them Saturday when they attend the Big Spring Steers' Class 4A, Division II area football playoff game against El Paso Riverside's Rangers.

The banner is Page 9 of today's "A" section.

The banner is sponsored by a number of local busi-

nesses: Byrd House Gallery and Tearoom, Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598, Comet Cleaners, Myers & Smith Funeral Home, A-1 Lock and Key Shop, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, Chaney's Jewelry, Eartheo, Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340, Duke's Furniture, Glass Magic, House of Frames, Community Care Hospice, Big Spring Collision

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Merchants geared up for big shopping day

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Area stores were geared up for a frenzy as people hit the streets this morning for what is normally the busiest shopping day of the year.

"We have lots of items on sale, a little bit of everything anybody would want," Judy Castor of Dunlap's said.

Dunlap's opened its doors today at a special time of 8 a.m. and will stay open until 7 p.m. For Saturday, the store will extend its hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"I have been up since 6 a.m. to shop," said Coahoma resident Glynn Drewery this morning. "I plan to finish up my Christmas shopping today so I can sit back and enjoy the season."

Drewery, who had already visited a few of the area stores by 9 a.m., said she was out shopping for her grandchildren and daughter.

Drewery was among a number of early shoppers trying to take advantage of those early hour sales offered by a number of area stores.

"We are expecting an excellent turnout for this weekend," said Ennett Puentes of On Cue.

On Cue is giving coupons to customers who visit their store this weekend while supplies last, she said. According to Puentes, customers can use the vouchers to get discounts off of CDs and CD holders.

As an added incentive,



Glynn Drewery of Coahoma ponders her choice of coats for her daughter's Christmas present at Dunlap's this morning. The biggest shopping day of the year began for Drewery at 8 a.m. as she hit several area shops. Drewery said she will finish her Christmas shopping today so she can sit back and enjoy the rest of the season

the store will be offering special holiday sales this weekend.

Wal-Mart assistant manager Catherine Clanton said the "blitz" sale will be in full gear with lots of items on sale.

All sale items can be put on layaway, she said.

"We typically have a good day the day after Thanksgiving," said Jay Howell, Bealls store manager.

Scooters could be a very big Christmas items this

year, said Bealls assistant manager Sharon Cofferen.

"We hope to have quite a big day," said Jody Swinney, Sears owner/manager. "This is usually our biggest day, and we stayed open late Wednesday night to get prepared for it."

While Christmas shoppers browse through the items offered by area stores this year, store employees offer a few shopping tips.

Puentes suggests customers should have their shopping list ready for the

store sales representatives to help them as soon as they walk into the store.

"We will have our sales staff on the floor ready to help customers," she said.

Castro cautions against waiting for those last-minute Christmas shopping trips because the earlier shopper has more of a selection to choose from.

"Shop early," said Audrey Baves, assistant manager of Suggs Hallmark. "The best tip is to plan and allow for time to shop."

Booth space going quickly for Canterbury bazaar

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Big Spring citizens have an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at home while helping their neighbors at the same time.



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Canterbury

North and South retirement homes will be giving an opportunity to do that when they hold their 19th annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2.

According to Canterbury assistant director Pat Edwards, the bazaar gets bigger and better each year.

"This is our 19th year to hold the bazaar and each year it seems to get a little bigger," said Edwards. "We think this year will be the best we have had because

we already have signed up 23 tables. If anyone wants to get a table, they had better hurry because we only will be able to take about seven more."

Edwards said members of the community as well as residents with items for sale have been signing up for booths.

"This is about as fast as I can remember to already have this many booth spaces sold," said Edwards. "We have booths that will

be selling baked items, handmade items, decorations for Christmas, quilts, afghans and much, much more."

Edwards said booths will be set up in the public area of Canterbury, located at 1700 Lancaster. The booths are priced at \$5 per table, which measure six feet by three feet.

The hours of the bazaar will be from 9 a.m. until 5

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certification of vote totals that gave Bush a 930-vote margin. The court could decide as early as Friday whether or not to intervene.

Theodore Olson, attorney for the Bush campaign, said on NBC's "Today" show today that it was "uncertain" what the court would do. But, he added, "Even if the United States Supreme Court does not intervene at

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Westside Day Care plans to build new playground

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Toddlers and infants at Westside Day Care Center will soon have a new playground designed specifically for them for playtime.

The day care received an award from West Texas Opportunities Inc., Child Care Management Services of close to \$6,000 to build a child/infant playground.

Board members of the Center invested close to \$4,000 of their money into the project, agency director Melinda Hernandez said.

"We used the state money for all the portable equipment and our money was invested into the stationary parts," she said.

Construction of the pro-

ject is already under way and Hernandez said they estimated the playground will be ready by the beginning of December.

"We have already laid the cement slab by a shaded area," she said. "We will have a shed to store the toys such as the tricycles made for that age group."

"We are also planning to develop a garden area for the kids," she continued. "Our volunteers can help guide the kids in planting flowers or vegetables. This can be our kids' garden."

The equipment used in the playground is designed specifically for toddlers/infants, Hernandez said.

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Agency director Melinda Hernandez surveys the area under construction for Westside Day Care's infant/toddler playground. According to Hernandez, the playground could be ready by the beginning of December.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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Woman admits to luring teen into sex

HOUSTON (AP) — A North Carolina woman will serve time in a Texas prison after admitting she lured a Houston-area teen-ager, whom she met online, into having sex.

Tara Hulin, 32, pleaded guilty Wednesday to criminal solicitation of a minor and sexual assault of a child. She was sentenced to two years in prison for the solicitation charge and was placed on five years probation for the assault.

Other conditions of the probation require she not contact the victim or his family, not be around children other than her own,

and have no access to the Internet. She also must register as a sex offender, among other conditions.

The family of the then-15-year-old victim from Humble agreed to the terms of Hulin's plea agreement, but the boy's father said he wished Hulin had received more prison time.

"I'm just glad it's over with," the boy's father said. "As long as she doesn't contact our family, we'll be satisfied."

Hulin cried when state District Judge Jan Krockler read terms of the probation forbidding Hulin from being around other children.

Hulin, a former postal worker from Thomasville, N.C., has a husband and is the mother of an elementary-school-age daughter and a teen-age stepson. She met the victim during an online chat.

She showered him with gifts and professed her love for him, authorities said, even though the boy's mother told Hulin to stay away.

On May 19, Hulin flew to Houston and checked into a hotel, where she had sex with the teen-ager several times, according to court documents.

Under the plea agreement, Hulin was sentenced to

prison on the solicitation charge, a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years and a \$10,000 fine.

The sexual assault charge is a second-degree felony with a maximum sentence of 20 years behind bars and a \$10,000 fine. On that charge Hulin received five years probation to run concurrent with the prison time. If she completes it without violations, the sex assault charge will be dismissed.

Upon Hulin's release from prison, Krockler said she will consider allowing Hulin to complete the probation in North Carolina.

Zoo seeking another prolific breeding wolf

VICTORIA (AP) — Wanted: Wolfishly handsome, outgoing male willing to help keep the species going.

Almost two years after the death of Rusty, a red wolf credited with helping bring the vanishing species back from the brink of extinction, Victoria's Texas Zoo has begun the search for his replacement.

"We're very excited about it," head zookeeper Carla Grutzmacher said in Friday's editions of The Victoria Advocate. "We really miss Rusty. He was a favorite of everybody here. It'll be good to have another male here."

Rusty fathered 19 pups, 17 of which lived, so many that authorities had to remove him from a breeding program in 1991 because they feared his large number of offspring would lead to interbreeding in the species.

The 12-year-old wolf was put to sleep in March 1999 after developing arthritis in his back and neck.

"He was very ready and willing to continue breeding but (program officials) didn't want him to continue," said Grutzmacher.

"They said he had done his job — maybe too well."

Rusty had lived at the zoo since 1989 as part of the

Red Wolf Species Survival Program, an effort by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the American Zoological Association to save the wolves from extinction.

His offspring, born between 1989 and 1991, have been sent to other Red Wolf Species Survival Program sites throughout the country.

About 300 red wolves currently exist in captivity. None are believed to live in the wild.

The zoo has requested a male red wolf from the Fossil Rim Species Survival Program in Glen Rose, which is about 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth. The zoo also participates in the species survival program.

Officials at Fossil Rim must first determine if there are any red wolves that are suitable to breed with the two females at The Texas Zoo.

In exchange for the new male, the Texas Zoo would give Fossil Rim a female, Grutzmacher said. If there are no problems, the zoo could have a male in time for breeding season which begins in January.

"We want to continue to do our part in helping to save the red wolf from extinction," Grutzmacher said.

Two officers convicted in abuse of 13-year-old

DALLAS (AP) — An Ellis County jury Wednesday found two DeSoto police officers guilty of beating and sexually torturing a 13-year-old boy in their care.

The jury sentenced Sgt. Judith Corkran Ransom to four years in prison and Lt. William Homer Ransom to probation.

Foreman Caleb Pirtle said the jury voted to convict the Ransoms, both 56, because they forced the boy to wear an anal probe, a device originally prescribed by a doctor in 1993 to help the boy overcome incontinence caused by

sexual abuse by his birth father.

"The state was able to prove the probe had been used without medical supervision for more than seven years, and that in itself is abuse," Pirtle said in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "He should have gone back to the doctor."

The boy, who is now 14, functions on the level of a 6- or 7-year-old.

Pirtle and juror Jeff Matous said the jury gave Sgt. Ransom a stronger sentence because she was the abuser.

Tornado touches down; no injuries are reported

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A line of thunderstorms spawned a tornado in southeast Texas late Thursday that uprooted trees and toppled power lines.

No deaths or injuries were reported as a result of the storms, officials said.

The tornado was spotted about 10:57 p.m. near Conroe in Montgomery County by officers with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"We got trees down, tree on cars, nothing of deaths or anything like that," said a dispatcher in Montgomery

County. "People are bombarding us with calls. The heaviest damage calls so far is trees down."

Julie Foltermann, a dispatcher with the Conroe Police Department, said there were reports of power outages to residents in western parts of the city.

"I know that we have a bunch of areas out, but I don't know how much of the city is out," she said.

Entergy Corp. confirmed early today that power was knocked out to about 250 customers in The Woodlands and 250 in the surrounding areas.

Judge, saying he can act quickly, denies request to send Dallas suit to appeals court

DALLAS (AP) — A federal district judge has denied a plaintiffs' request to send a lawsuit challenging Republican running mate Dick Cheney's status as a Wyoming resident directly to an appellate panel or the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It ain't over," said Fort Worth lawyer Bill Berenson, who represents three Texas voters who sued to block Gov. George W. Bush's election as president by claiming that Cheney

also lives in the state. The 12th amendment prohibits

the president and vice president from living in the same state.

A similar suit filed last week in Florida was dismissed on Monday.

Berenson wanted an expedited process to deal with his case, and he had filed an emergency motion to certify the case to the Supreme Court or 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The denial by U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater of Dallas "slows it down, and we don't have much time," he said.

But Fitzwater, a Republican appointed by former president Reagan, said his court is best suited to handle the matter.

"Although plaintiffs complain of possible delay in this court in obtaining a ruling on the merits, the court is confident it can act expeditiously," he said in his two-page decision.

Electors do not meet until Dec. 18, plenty of time for him to decide the matter and "leave time for appeals, the judge said.

"We're not at all surprised

the judge decided to keep that case at the district court level," said Cheney's press secretary, Juleanna Glover Weiss. "We're sure the case will meet the same fate as in Florida, namely a swift and sure end at the hands of a wise and impartial judge."

Cheney lived in Dallas while he was chairman of Halliburton Co. until he changed his voting registration to Teton County, Wyo., on July 21. He or his wife has owned a home in Dallas since 1993. Cheney also has

a home in McLean, Va. He was a congressman for Wyoming from 1978-89 before becoming defense secretary under President George Bush from 1989-93.

Last week, Cheney put his Highland Park home on the market for \$3.1 million, Berenson said.

"You can't become an inhabitant overnight, as Mr. Cheney is trying to do," he said.

Weiss said Cheney always intended to put his home on the market after the election.

The suit also claims Cheney's vehicles are registered in Texas, that he paid taxes on them in Dallas County, that he has filed federal income tax returns listing himself as a Texas resident and that he has lived in the Highland Park home for the last five years.

Weiss has said his tax return was filed before he was nominated for vice president, and the Chenys have re-established their home in Wyoming, where they have had a house for 25 years.

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EDITORIAL

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, 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:

The SALVATION ARMY and the many VOLUNTEERS, who served up another great community Thanksgiving dinner Thursday.

Local doctors N. PATEL, ROBERT BRUHA, GENE STOKES, CLARK MCDANIEL and BRUCE COX AND NANCY SCHRAER, RN, plus COMMUNITY CARE HOSPICE, who are providing flu shots to the homebound this winter.

NUMBERS UP VOLUNTEERS, who put residential numbers up on numerous homes last Saturday, despite the cold weather.

HEART WALK ORGANIZERS and the 71 VOLUNTEERS who participated in that annual event last Saturday.

All of the COOKS who turned in almost 250 recipes combined to the Herald holiday recipe contest. The winner THERESA ROBINETT and the other 18 winners.

CEDAR HILL WARDEN JERRY BROOKE-MOLE, who fulfilled his promise to have his head shaved if the prison unit met its goal for United Way.

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.

OTHER VIEWS

The international arms market grew again in 1999, reaching the highest level since 1996 — \$30 billion — according to the annual report of the Congressional Research Service, a branch of the Library of Congress.

next in new arms sales at \$4 billion, more than double what was sold by China, the only other country topping the billion-dollar mark at \$1.9 billion.

As for buyers, South Africa displaced the Middle Eastern countries — Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in 1999 — as the biggest. The major purchase in a \$3.3 billion buying spree was an addition to its fleet of four patrol corvettes and three diesel-electric submarines.

Obviously the United States' position has been consolidated as the leading supplier — both for the world as a whole and for the developing countries," wrote Dr. Richard Grimmett, author of the report.

All buyers insist they need new weapons only to protect their national security. Sellers say they're just meeting demand. "There are very few big sales out there," said Dr. Grimmett, "but for the last 25 years we've developed relationships with so many countries that now, even though it's a very difficult market, we have a competitive advantage in selling spare parts and support services."

VICTORIA ADVOCATE

Revisiting the Korean and Vietnam wars

Madeline Albright recently visited North Korea, and President Bill Clinton has been photographing in North Vietnam.



JEFFREY HART

Both had elaborate welcomes staged for them, and their visits might have improved relations, which is all for the better. Vietnam today seems to have a few more cracks of freedom than the iron control of North Korea permits, and it wants normal trade relations, while the starving North Korea badly wants, of course, aid.

Now, the Korean War of 1950-1953 was a long time ago and has been dubbed "the Forgotten War." The Vietnam War has gone into vulgar memory as "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time." And we are supposed to have "lost" the Vietnam War. Both notions are false.

I certainly haven't forgotten the Korean War. When the North Korean dictator Kim Il-sung got the green light from Josef Stalin and smashed across the 38th parallel on June 25, 1950, it certainly had an impact on my life. I spent almost four years in the Navy instead of going to graduate school. I survived, but 50,000 other Americans died.

In my opinion, we succeeded in Korea. That war amounted to an extension of World War II battle order, with regular army units on both sides and first the Koreans and then the Chinese equipped with

the latest Soviet weapons tanks, artillery, advanced MIG jet fighters. That was the last time communist forces attempted an all-out slugfest with the United States and its allies. The North Korean army was effectively destroyed after Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Inchon landing cut them off, and after the Chinese intervened, their casualties were so horrendous that Mao Tse-tung turned largely inward to his doomed and eccentric experiments.

These recollections were stimulated by a new book, "The Korean War: The West Confronts Communism," by Michael Hickey (Overlook), an English historian who was there and now gives a detailed and sound account. There's one bit of news from the book that I had not known: President Harry Truman actively considered using nuclear weapons in Korea.

There have been reports/speculations that President Dwight Eisenhower ended the Korean War by letting the Chinese believe he was about to use nuclear weapons, but I have not seen confirmation of this. There is, on the record, an Eisenhower administration reply to then Prime Minister Winston Churchill asking for consultation about such use. Churchill received the rather chilly reply that the "United States did not plan to use them at the present time," and with no mention of consulting him.

Hickey otherwise tells the familiar story. Our army in Japan was not ready for war in June 1950. We, unlike the Soviets, had "brought the boys home" in 1945, and most of the draftees who were called in

to replace them were of inferior education and commitment. Their training had been lax. Their equipment was obsolescent and inadequate. Against the heavy Russian tanks, bazooka shots might as well have been ping-pong balls. In headlong flight, while the South Korean army disintegrated, we were able to hold on at the southern tip of the peninsula and stabilize our perimeter.

This situation was broken apart by MacArthur's amphibious landing far to the north at Inchon, the port city serving Seoul. Driving across the peninsula, MacArthur cut the North Koreans off, and then their army disintegrated.

His push to the north toward the Yalu River was not a personal decision. It had the backing of Truman and the Joint Chiefs. But it brought the Chinese in.

At stake in the subsequent quarrel between MacArthur and Truman was a difference in global strategy. MacArthur and his backers in Congress were Asia men, holding that the more important struggle was there. Dean Acheson, George Marshall and leader Truman, were Europe men. They thought NATO and the reconstruction of Europe were more important. I consider MacArthur wrong and Truman right.

In the event, the front was stabilized around the 38th parallel under Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway. And against Ridgeway, the People's Liberation Army flung itself and ate steel in vain. Its casualties were calamitous.

Was the Vietnam War "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong

time"? Not at all. It was the right war in the right place at the right time. Because that was where the communists were attacking, and that was when they were attacking.

In that sense the Vietnam War was but one battle in a long war that the communists had been fighting since their seizure of power in 1917, a war against the noncommunist world. It has been wisely said that, strictly speaking, the Soviet Union had "no borders." We very reluctantly entered that war in 1946 after George Kennan formulated his containment policy in his famous "Long Telegram" to President Truman, later published in the magazine Foreign Affairs.

The problem was that the Kennedy administration greatly underestimated the potency of the enemy. It was as if the Kennedy brothers hadn't noticed that Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap had utterly routed a modern French army at Dien Bien Phu.

The black-pajamaed Viet Cong amounted to zilch in the South. The real enemy was the infiltration of North Vietnamese regulars down the many jungle trails, and the final collapse of the South was at the hands of North Vietnamese/Soviet artillery, rockets and tanks.

Basically, we won the battle against North Korea and China, lost the battle against North Vietnam because we did not destroy its ability to fight, but won the long war of which these were only important battles. Remember, even Ulysses S. Grant lost battles at Chancellorsville and Cold Harbor. But it was Robert E. Lee who signed at Appomattox.

TODAY, THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WAS REPLACED BY A LOOSE NETWORK OF LAWYERS, SPIN DOCTORS, MEDIA PUNDITS AND (WELL, I DON'T KNOW) SHOW BUSINESS.



Some suggestions for future elections

In the midst of the ongoing presidential election, we have made several suggestions to remedy problems that have now come to light.



JACK ANDERSON

Therefore, we propose the following constitutional amendment, which summarizes them:

- 1. Uniform Election Amendment
2. The election of the president and vice president shall be held every four years on the first Tuesday of November commencing in the year 2004.
3. If no individual garners a majority of the votes for president, a runoff election shall take place on the fourth Tuesday of November between the two persons receiving the largest number of votes.
4. If no individual garners a majority of the votes for vice president, a runoff election shall take place on the fourth Tuesday of November between the two persons receiving the largest number of votes.
5. The Supreme Court shall tabulate the electoral votes and certify the election of the president and vice president on the third Tuesday of December.
6. In the event of a tie vote in the runoff election, members of the Senate and House of Representatives assembling in joint session on the fourth day of January following the election shall elect the president and/or vice president by a majority vote of those members present.
7. The ballot design and method of tabulating shall be determined by Congress and be uniform throughout the nation. Localities may incorporate state and local ballots into the federal ballot according to an order and design determined by Congress.
8. Polling places shall be open from 6 a.m. local time to midnight Eastern Standard Time.
9. The Supreme Court of the United States shall be the sole arbiter of federal election disputes, and that body may appoint an Electoral Commission for such a purpose.
10. Electors shall be replaced by the automatic allocation of electoral votes on the basis of two each for

the persons receiving a majority of the votes for president and vice president in each state and one each for the persons receiving a majority of the votes for president and vice president in each congressional district, and three each for the persons receiving a majority of the votes in the District of Columbia.

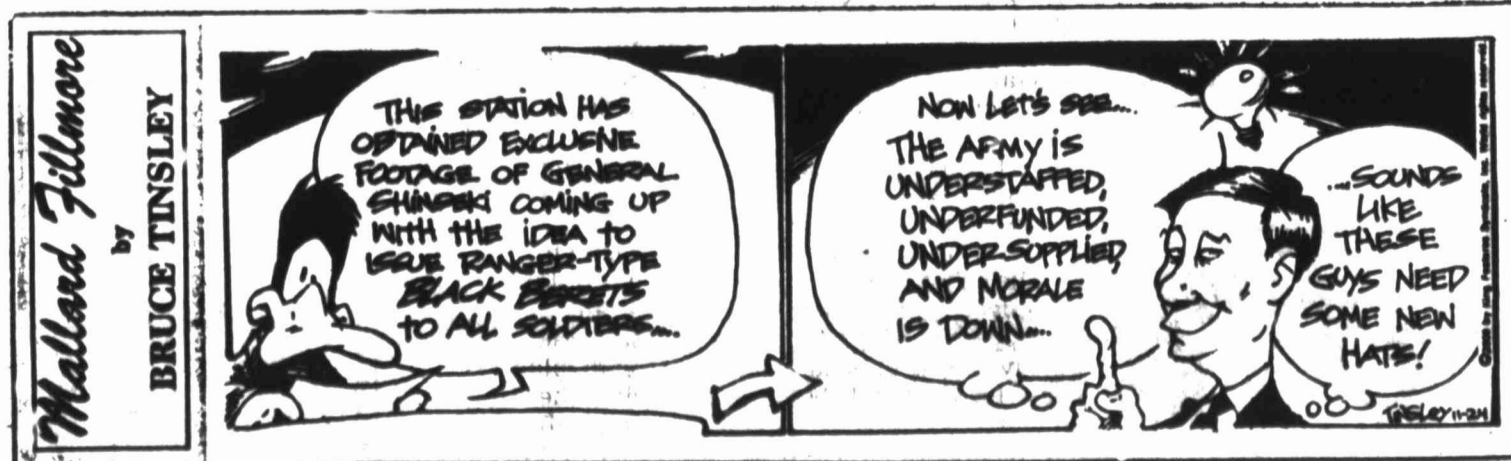
10. Security for polling places and the tabulating of ballots shall be provided by the United States Department of Justice.

Like most amendments to the Constitution, this one is compelling because its time has come.

There may be disagreement over the remedies, but certainly not over the need, and we have a solid three years to debate it and get it right.

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Cheney being s

WASHINGTON Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney is recovering well from heart attack, released from hospital today.

Cheney's going home, Cheney chief Kathleen Shanahan said. The 59-year-old Cheney is in good condition, looking great and recovering well from his heart attack, released from hospital today.

Cheney checked into the hospital Wednesday afternoon. Doctors said he had suffered a heart attack. Hospital spokeswoman Lisa Saisselin said she felt well on Thursday the party was in good condition, looking great and recovering well from his heart attack, released from hospital today.

From pause

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney, said by his doctor to be recovering well from a mild heart attack, was being released from the hospital today.

"He's going home," said Cheney chief of staff Kathleen Shanahan.

The 59-year-old Cheney's examining physician said Thursday the patient was in good condition and that he looked great while resting up and enjoying Thanksgiving at George Washington University Hospital.

Cheney checked himself into the hospital early Wednesday after suffering chest pains.

Doctors said later in the day he had suffered a mild heart attack.

Hospital spokeswoman Lisa Saisselin said Cheney felt well enough on Thanksgiving to share "turkey and all the trimmings" at the hospital with his family.

Joining him for Thanksgiving dinner at the hospital were his wife, Lynne, his oldest daughter, Liz, her husband, Phil, and three granddaughters, Kate, Elizabeth and Grace.

Cheney said in a statement that he and his family "appreciate all the kind thoughts and good wishes he's received from Americans across the country."

Democratic vice presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman and Cheney spoke by telephone Thursday morning, with Lieberman wishing his Republican counterpart a speedy recovery and a happy Thanksgiving, said Kathleen Shanahan, Cheney's chief of staff.

Despite the extraordinary presidential election legal contest taking place in Florida, the two had a "very cordial" conversation and both vice presidential candidates said "they would like to get together when this is all resolved," Shanahan said.

Aides to GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush said Cheney will be able to resume his duties with the campaign as it fights Democrat Al Gore for the clinching electoral votes in Florida.

Cheney admitted himself to the hospital about 4:30 a.m. EST Wednesday with chest pains. Testing two hours later revealed an artery had narrowed since his last heart checkup in 1996.

One of his arteries was 90 percent blocked and doctors performed an operation to prop it open. Later, the doctors learned Cheney actually had suffered a "very slight" heart attack.

Cheney suffered three heart attacks more than a decade ago and underwent quadruple bypass surgery in 1988 to clear clogged arteries.

Doctors gave him a clean bill of health when Bush chose him as his running mate this summer.

From parades to feasts, America paused Thursday to give thanks

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From celebrities feeding the hungry in Los Angeles to children watching a giant Mickey Mouse waft over Manhattan, millions of Americans came together to giggle, gobble and gab this Thanksgiving holiday.

In New York, die-hard parade spectators braved frigid temperatures to enjoy 20 floats, dozens of clowns and bunches of colorful helium balloons in the 74th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"If I don't do this, I get yelled at," said Michael Brady, who came to the parade with his eager offspring — Mikey.

Mikey, by the way, is 20 years old.

Parade-watching also was the order of the day in Philadelphia, where thousands of warmly dressed spectators lined the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to watch the 81-year-old event, the nation's oldest Thanksgiving parade.

"I wanted my kids to have the same memories I did when I was a child. My father brought us every year to the parade," said Henrietta Kershaw.

Thousands also flocked to the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, where a river of floats, marching bands and dancing acts made their way through downtown.

"I want to see the grand finale," said Eric Walden, 10, who was perched on a statue overlooking the parade. "I don't know what it's going to be, but I know it's going to be big."

The grand finale: The mayor gave Santa the keys to the city.

The crowds that gathered in Kansas City's Country Club Plaza were there for another Thanksgiving tradition: The lighting of more than 200,000 colored bulbs that decorated every tower, building and balcony in the ritzy shopping and dining area.

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"I was just passing by and saw they were giving something away," said Lisa Carr, 31. She planned to use the money to buy clothes for her 14-year-old son who has cerebral palsy.

In Houston, the annual Thanksgiving Houston Superfeast prepared 6,000 pounds of turkey for a crowd of more than 15,000.

Clothes that filled a 40-foot long tractor trailer were offered to the underprivileged at the event, in the culmination of a weeklong clothing drive by the Salvation Army.

For the first time at the 150-member Thomas Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., the men took on the challenge of cooking Thanksgiving dinner. More than 100 meals were served by noon.

"Last night was really fun with nothing but all men here in the church, and we're all putting our heads together to cook this and cook that. And it came out excellent," said Deacon Michael Booth, who headed a crew of about 20. "But we're trying to keep it a secret from our wives."

Many American Indians marked the holiday differently.

In Massachusetts, about 250 Native Americans participated in the National Day of Mourning, an annual event commemorating crimes American Indians have endured since the Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth in 1620.

"They think Thanksgiving is a happy thing, like New Year's or Christmas, but it's not for us Indians," said Sam Sapie, 69.

After Wednesday's travel frenzy, a relative lull settled throughout most of the country.

National Scouting Museum moving to Texas

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — The National Scouting Museum, which is relocating to Irving, Tex., will close its doors for the final time Nov. 30.

The museum was built in 1986 on the campus of Murray State University because officials thought the location would attract thousands of visitors a year.

Murray is located near the Land Between the Lakes area and 80 million people live within a 500-mile radius.

But officials say geographic access has contributed to the museums downfall, said museum director Susan B. Hardin. Museum officials originally predicted 120,000 people would visit each year, but in recent years the

numbers were 17,000 to 18,000, Hardin said.

The museum's artifacts — including 54 original Norman Rockwell paintings — will be moved to Irving, Texas, and housed in a 50,000-square-foot building next to the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America.

The move will begin Dec. 1 and will take approximately four months, Hardin explained.

Hardin said the national office has implemented different marketing plans over the years to increase visitation, but the efforts failed.

"The budget is just not there to support the few visitors we have," Hardin said. The new location will be in the metropolitan area

between Dallas and Fort Worth, and exhibit space will double, Hardin said.

An inventory taken this summer showed 500,000 individual artifacts, including everything from electronic pieces to personal items belonging to famous scouts, and tents and canoes.

Sid Easley, chairman of Murray State Board of Regents, said in May the university will be able to use the scouting museum building for the new College of Health.

"We'll be able to offer programs we couldn't offer before," he said.

Hardin said there are no special events planned for the final day the museum will be open in Murray.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Surprising news starts your day. New beginnings are possible with in-laws or a new person in your life. Evolve and attempt to look at others from a more creative and dynamic perspective. Allow your personality to come out. Tonight: Have a good time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Think of yourself as part of the team. Recognize your limits with a certain strong personality in your life. New financial and emotional beginnings are possible with a key relationship. Others might be more interested in listening. You go overboard with spending. Tonight: Let another make the first move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Another means well but has an odd way of expressing it. Make resolutions about your social life. Others understand that you mean what you say. Your natural ebullience brings others out. Tonight: Wherever the party is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You opt to be constructive rather than frivolous. Dig right in and go for

what you feel is essential. You cannot, nor should you, do anything halfway. Your high energy, mixed with intuition, directs you with another. You know what to do. Tonight: By all means, take it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

How you say what you think has a lot to do with how it is received. Open up to a new beginning. Let the fun and games begin. Others seek you out. If single, someone you meet today could make a big difference in your life. Go with a friend's invitation. Tonight: Turn down the heat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Another cares enormously. Share what is going on with yourself. Unexpected news takes you in a different direction. Laughter marks your relationship once you relax. Others seek you out. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You decide how to approach someone very important to you. You understand the importance of the words you choose. Others act in extraordinary and different ways. Maintain a sense of humor. Others tease and are very lively. Call a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Playtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Above all else, you can make strong resolutions and decisions. You need to pull apart your finances as you decide what you want to do for the holidays. Your imagination inspires you. A partner wants to be included in the planning. Tonight: Talk money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today's new moon flatters you. Whatever you have been thinking about doing, whatever decision you make, easily could be long-term. Others find you extremely appealing, and they let you know. Do not get distracted from your goals. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Your

smile makes a big difference to a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might be a bit off kilter. Think through a decision carefully. You might need more time alone than you realize. The unexpected occurs. Stay in touch with your needs and honor them. Get into a favorite pastime or hobby. Do something totally for you. Tonight: Take a night off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Aim for more of what you want. Listen carefully to another. You might be getting a different message. Your mind is unusually creative and meanders easily. A new beginning is likely with friends. You might opt to do something that previously seemed impossible. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others look to you for help and advice. Indulge a loved one or someone quite important to you. You might be concerned about how to juggle your responsibilities with the buzz and activity of the holidays. Let go of concerns and let everything fall into place. Tonight: In the limelight.

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Kentucky community of 25,000 votes down chance at first library

GRAYSON, Ky. (AP) — Roy Seagraves dropped out of school in eighth grade and pulls down \$800 a week working in a factory that makes plastic bumper guards for cars.

He admits he doesn't read much and says the Bible, a set of encyclopedias and a few magazines he keeps around the house are all he really needs now that his three children are grown.

Seagraves, 50, says he and his wife, Helen, have survived just fine in this eastern Kentucky county without a library, and they don't see a need to spend tax dollars to build one now.

"Us rural people out here would benefit very little from it," he said, adding that he pays plenty of taxes already.

Carter County, a farming community where half the working-age people are either functionally illiterate or have minimal reading skills, is one of the few places in the nation without a public library, according to Mary Jo

Lynch, director of research at the American Library Association. She estimated only 3 percent of communities are without library services.

And it's likely to stay that way. After heated debate in this county of 25,000 residents, magistrates this month unanimously rejected a proposal to build the county's first library with a 6-cent property tax increase. It would have cost the average resident \$30 a year.

"It was pretty unbelievable," said Mindy Woods, a mother of two who collected 2,200 signatures supporting the measure. "Their attitude was, 'We've made up our minds. Don't confuse us with the facts.'"

County Magistrate Carlos Wells said county residents pay plenty of taxes already, and they've done as well educationally without a library as neighboring counties have done with one.

Wells, a farmer and self-employed construction worker, said 51 percent of Carter County

residents over 25 have high school diplomas.

That's better than the statewide average of about 33 percent, but Kentucky ranks last in the nation of people over 25 who have graduated from high school, according to Janet Hoover, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, a state agency that provides training and job leads for unemployed workers.

Nationwide, about 75 percent of adults over 25 have high school diplomas, she said.

As many as 44 percent of Kentucky residents have modest, minimal or no functional literacy skills, according to a 1997 survey by the University of Kentucky and the state workforce agency.

Wells defended the magistrates' action.

"I'm not anti-libraries," he said. "After several weeks of study, I didn't find facts that we needed a public library."

Indeed, this tidy community of well-kept homes and manicured

lawns 100 miles east of Lexington doesn't look like a place with obvious educational deficiencies.

Grayson, the county seat with a population of 3,500, is home to Kentucky Christian College, which trains ministers, missionaries and teachers. All the public schools have been rebuilt or renovated in recent years at taxpayer expense.

"It's hard to sell people a product that they haven't already been using," said Judith Burdine, president of the state library association.

Bewildered by the opposition, library supporters are considering filing suit in an effort to reverse the vote. State law allows residents to sue to appeal decisions made by county magistrates on tax issues.

The Rev. Roy Seagraves called library opponents ignorant.

"I've made a lot of people mad," he said. "I tried to shock them or shame them, whatever it took. Our children are being cheated."

The nondenominational minister said most residents would have paid less for the tax than they do for a carton of cigarettes or one fill-up at the gas station.

Judith Gibbons, director of field services for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, also was disappointed.

"It's a sad testimony when you look at a community and see that a public library is not valued," she said.

Besides raising reading levels of adults, Gibbons said, libraries have a dramatic effect on early childhood education and help attract industries.

In Carter County, unemployment is nearly 10 percent, more than twice the national average, and elections are won and lost on promises of bringing in jobs. The largest private employer is a ham packing plant with 300 workers.

Woods said she pushed for the library because she wanted a quiet place where her children could check out books and study.

Automakers drop ashtrays, lighters from many of their newest vehicles

NEW YORK (AP) — Sitting in the showroom at Martin's Manhattan Honda, Declan Walsh flipped through a glossy brochure for the Odyssey minivan, noting that it seemed to have everything his family would need. Well, almost everything.

"It doesn't come with a lighter?" Walsh asked a salesman.

"My wife's a smoker and that would be a problem," he explained. "You have a lighter in the van?"

Actually, the best place to keep matches in the Odyssey is probably the cup holder in the center console, a place once reserved for an ashtray in many cars. Honda and other manufacturers are designing ashtrays and lighters out of many new models, both to please consumers and cut costs.

The move to smokeless cars started at Chrysler, whose 1995 Cirrus and Dodge Stratus sedans were the first to be sold without ashtrays as standard equipment. Other car makers have seized on the idea, and even in cars still equipped for smoking, ashtrays are smaller than ever.

"You respond to consumer demand," said Art Garner, a spokesman for American Honda Motor Co.

"Consumer say, 'I don't need a lighter. What I would like is a little storage place here. I don't need a

lighter. What I would like is a place to plug in my cell phone.'"

Eliminating lighters and ashtrays as standard equipment on millions of cars also saves money for automakers, most who now sell optional "smoker's packages" for \$15 to \$100 for items once included with every new car. In the Odyssey and other Hondas, buyers can order an ash container that drops into cup holders and a lighter that pops into the socket now called a "power point."

"We're always looking to cut costs and eliminate things people don't want," said Bill George, a spokesman for Ford Motor Co, which has eliminated the accessories as standard equipment in only a few of its models.

The changes reflect a continuing evolution in auto dashboards and interiors, said Jeffrey Rose, vice president of technology at Textron Automotive Co., a Troy, Mich., company that is one of the leading providers of interior components for new cars.

Travelers in the 1950s and '60s were never far from an ashtray — many cars came with both lighters and ashtrays fitted into every door. But that was before the arrival of multiple cup holders and storage spaces, and door locks, outlets for cell phones and amenities like garage door openers fit-

ted into sun visors.

In the future, car interiors will be fashioned of materials that customers can choose according to their preferences, not just for color but for texture and even smell, and will be designed with Global Positioning Systems and computer interfaces.

The host of new electronic amenities puts the squeeze on space, and ashtrays are partly a casualty, he said.

"The truth is, not a lot has been taken out, and just tons more has been put in," Rose said. "That's what everybody is concerned about — information overload in the interior."

Removing ashtrays and lighters as standard equipment has been made easier because of the decline in the number of people who smoke, now a little more than one in five adults.

Even nonsmokers have noticed the disappearance of lighters and ashtrays.

When Rob Malkin, a computer programmer from Saratoga, Calif., replaced his 1993 Toyota with a new Saab in late October, he thrilled at its amenities. His one disappointment was the black oval depression in the wood-covered dashboard, a spot where brochures showed a covered ashtray.

"I'm not a smoker but I did like having the ashtray to stick stuff in, like gum wrappers and parking receipts," Malkin said.

Woman claims jewelry stash found in can

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake City woman has claimed the \$7,000 in jewelry found in a soup can that was mistakenly donated to a food bank.

The soup can was realistic enough to fool the woman's husband, who recently gave it along with other canned goods to the Utah Food Bank.

The jewelry was discovered last week after a worker heard the can rattle instead of slosh. The can was set aside and staffers later discovered it contained pearls, gold and antique cameos.

The woman didn't know the can was missing until she saw a picture of the can and the jewels in a newspaper, said Richard K. Winters, director of the food bank.

She was able to describe the parts of the jewelry that were not shown in the newspaper and TV coverage, and she also had a picture of herself wearing one of the sets of pearls.

The woman asked the food bank not to identify her fearing it would set her up for robbery, Winters said. The woman donated \$1,000 to the food bank.

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Dusty Throckmorton continues to struggle with water woes

THROCKMORTON (AP) — Despite a wet autumn that has left much of Texas soggy and officially mostly caught up on annual rainfall averages, this West Texas town is still looking to the skies for moisture.

But Mother Nature hasn't been cooperative and Throckmorton's lake is continuing to evaporate — despite cooler temperatures and an occasional light rain showering following three months this summer without a drop.

"We have had some rain, but not enough to help us out," Throckmorton County Judge Trey Carrington said Wednesday. "We need a good rain or we're going to be in trouble again next summer" — possibly sooner if the current trend continues.

"Most of the tanks and the lake still haven't caught any water," he said. "Around here, we're just taking it a day at a time."

In July, Throckmorton grabbed the nation's eye as volunteers flocked in to help the city con-

struct a 21-mile pipeline to the town of Elbert, which hooked Throckmorton into the city of Graham's water supply.

At the time, Throckmorton was within 60 days of running out of water. The pipeline to Graham's water supply was up and running by September, after Throckmorton's 1,000 residents spent the summer hauling water from a nearby ranch, sharing bath water and using leftover water from dishes and baths for plants, shrubs and trees.

So far this year, Throckmorton is about 10 inches below its normal yearly rainfall and the arid conditions combined with previous years of lower-than-average rainfalls have left Throckmorton parched, said Jay Grymes, regional climatologist for the Southern Regional Climate Center in Baton Rouge, La.

The harsh summer's toll remains evident in Throckmorton's landscape. Trees are slightly greener, but the green-

est — Christmas trees shipped in from elsewhere — are found in the parking lot of a convenience store. Cactuses cover the terrain between Throckmorton and Elbert, and larger portions of Lake Throckmorton's lakebed have turned into shoreline.

In August, Throckmorton's lake measured an average depth of 2.9 feet, down from its normal 20 feet. The lake is now down to 2.5 feet.

"It's evaporating away — considerably slower, but it's evaporating," Public Works Director Steve Bowlin said. "We're still having to use some water from the lake. Every third day we turn the water plant on and use some lake water. We just really don't know how long it's going to last and the water quality is not real good now."

Then there's the cost of the imported water, which is hurting the small agriculture-based community, said Bowlin. He expects to have to raise the price of city water soon.

On Tuesday, a leak in the pipeline was discovered after it spewed out hundreds of gallons of water. The city will have to foot the bill.

"It's a tremendous hardship," Bowlin said. "The water costs us more to pipe in than treating the lake water. It's been pretty devastating financially for the municipality."

"We have exhausted all of our funding in the water department because of the drought situation and the more water you use, the more expensive it becomes."

So residents are continuing to try to conserve as much as possible, hoping their efforts will keep their lake from drying up completely.

If that occurs, Carrington says the city would be completely dependent on the water from Graham.

According to a contract between the two cities, the water is available to Throckmorton for emergencies only and the city's resi-

dents must abide by Graham's water restrictions.

"We take water for granted until it's gone," Carrington said. "After this experience, it's implanted in our minds how wasteful we are and I hope our people think about it."

More than anything, Carrington hopes other Texas cities learn from Throckmorton's example.

"Water is more valuable than oil," he said. "Everyone in Texas knows how valuable oil is, but you can't drink that oil and you can't take a bath in that oil. Industries run off water and if you don't have it you don't have industry ... without industry you have a ghost town."

And recent heavy rains elsewhere in Texas shouldn't fool anyone into thinking the drought is over, National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Maxwell said.

"Previous droughts have indicated when you get a serious drought it takes years to make up what you've lost," Maxwell said.

Nearly forgotten dip vat becomes a historical site

SALADO (AP) — One by one, Texas longhorns file into a concrete vat of lime and sulfur mixed in water.

As their hooves reach the end of the 4-foot-wide slope, a loud splash resounds across the plains of cattle grazing ground.

The noise is from a 1,000- to 2,000-pound cow belly-flopping into a pool of solution mixed to repel ticks.

"Once you get the first one in, the rest follow," said James Dickison, program administrator for the Texas Animal Health Commission in Lampasas.

"You have to hold them back with a gate, otherwise they would pile on top of each other like kids jumping into a swimming pool," he said.

Cattle ranchers have used dipping vats since the late 1800s to kill the boohilus tick, an insect that causes Texas fever, a potentially deadly virus in cows.

While modern technology has improved dipping methods, antiquated vats still stand and are sprinkled in fields across the country.

One of them is nestled in Bell County's backyard along a one-half-mile walking trail in Salado.

Members of the Salado Historical Society gathered recently to adorn the 10-foot-long vat with a Salado landmark marker.

Jackie Mills, president of Salado's Tablerock theatrical organization, said a timeline is being engraved in stone and will be placed at the vat site in 2002.

"No one remembers what a cow dipping vat was used for," she said. "This will give them an idea."

The vat in Salado was built in the 1920s on 225 acres of land owned by W.S. Rose of the Rose Plantation, said Dr. Clyde 'Nip' Goodnight, a retired family physician who resides in Little River Academy.

"Rose was a character," Goodnight, 76, said. "He was one of my best clients and one of my dearest friends."

Goodnight bought nine acres of the plantation in 1955 from his rancher friend and then turned around and donated it, and the dipping vat, to Tablerock in 1979.

"I wanted to give the land back to the community," he said. "And about that dipping vat, I'd like to say I saw some cows dipped in it, but I never did."

Mills said no one really took interest in the vat until the donated land was being

cleared for a walking trail three years ago.

"There were trees growing in the middle of the vat," Mills said. "I had no idea what it was until I started researching and talking to people around town."

Through Smokey Wilson of the Texas Animal Health Commission in Austin, Mills found that cow dipping became popular in 1889 when Dr. Cooper Curtiz discovered that the Texas cattle tick was the carrier of Texas fever.

She said Robert Kleberg, manager of the King Ranch in Texas, was reported to have told the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture that he would "get rid" of ticks in Texas.

"As far as I know, this is when and how cow dipping began," she said.

According to the United States Animal Health Association, Kleberg dunked about 20,000 head of cattle in a vat he designed to demonstrate the efficacy of cow dipping.

His concrete contraption ended up being the first cow dipping vat used by the Bureau of Agricultural Investigation.

It wound up at the Fort Worth Stock Yards and was the primary reason behind the first meeting of what became the United States Animal Health Association in 1897.

"What was controversial was the dip," said Dickison, who worked for a fever and control program for two years in the 1970s.

"People tried all kinds of concoctions, while others were adamant about using none."

In the beginning, lime and sulfur were mixed between a vat's two concrete slabs. Later, a crude petroleum solution was used.

"Petroleum from Beaumont was found in 1903 to work better than any other formula," Wilson said in a news release. "Until 1911, Beaumont crude was used exclusively on Texas cattle."


Beaumont crude gave way to an arsenic dip in 1911 when it was approved by the U.S. government as the official cattle dip for cows coming into and out of America.

"The government is now studying how this dip may have affected ground water," Dickinson said. "It was used for some time."

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National Council of Churches courts Catholics, evangelicals, Pentecostals

ATLANTA (AP) — The National Council of Churches, a mainline Protestant and Orthodox group, is reaching out to Roman Catholics, evangelicals and Pentecostals to create a "new national expression of Christian life." The council is expected to pass a resolution today committing the group to ask to meet with the other Christian denominations sometime next year. The National Council — comprising 35 mainline

Protestant, black Protestant and Orthodox denominations — has been a leading voice in the movement for Christian unity, or ecumenism, for more than 50 years. But most Christians in the United States are not in the council. "The difference this time is that we have invited the Roman Catholics, evangelicals and Pentecostals to build a new table together without dictating what that table will look like," said council General Secretary

Bob Edgar. The council is meeting in Atlanta this week. The resolution, approved unanimously by the council's executive board in May and October, sets no specific expectations for the meetings and is intentionally vague, Edgar said. Conservative Protestants, including Southern Baptists, have been indifferent or hostile to the National Council of Churches in the past, accusing it of being too theologi-

cally liberal and promoting political causes. Bill Merrell, the Southern Baptist Convention's vice president for convention relations, said his denomination, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, has no plans to attend the proposed meeting. "We cooperate with others with various moral and social issues that we find we have common ground, but we find that it is very problematic to work with many religious groups on theolog-

ical grounds," Merrell said. Michael Kinnamon, a professor at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, said evangelical denominations "feel that the ecumenical movement sacrifices truth for unity." Christian unity runs deeper than theological differences between denominations, he said at the council's general assembly Tuesday. "God has already made us one; prior to any decisions we make about it," he said.

"Jesse Jackson and Pat Robertson are called to the same banquet whether they like it or not." Catholics have been more active in the ecumenical movement. But the U.S. Catholic Church has never joined the council, partly because Catholics in this country outnumber the 50 million members in churches already in the council. The council also plans to pass a 10-year plan to fight poverty.

Man bears cross on motorcycle

BELTON — He likes to get his motor running, but Larry Northmore isn't seeking adventure when he heads out on the highway. When he saddles up on his 1997 Honda Ace, he has only one purpose: to try to bring people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Since last December, he has logged more than 20,000 miles and crisscrossed 19 states as well as Washington, D.C., on his motorcycle, heading for biker rallies to bear a cross for Jesus. Bearing a cross isn't just a figure of speech, however. On each trek to motorcycle rallies he pulls an 11-foot tall, 65-pound cedar cross on a trailer behind his bike. "I'm not out here for show; it's about Jesus," he said. Inscribed down the cross' length is the gist of Northmore's message: "There's room at the cross for you." Inscribed on the crossbar is Northmore's appreciation for the sacrifice he believes Jesus made: "Thank you Jesus." At rallies he takes the cross from the trailer, unhooks the wheel attached to the bottom, bears it, and speaks to passers-by about salvation, or hands out tracts.

"Due to the forgiving grace of God, I have the full armor of God on and am trusting the Lord's going to see me through."

— Larry Northmore

"I'm very respectful about a person's beliefs," he said. He doesn't push himself on anyone: if they don't want to hear his message, he just talks with someone else. "I'd just like to see everybody accept the Lord Jesus Christ." While he tries to be respectful of others, he sometimes doesn't receive respect back. As he rides down the highway, some wave, others stop and he'll pull over with them to chat. Still others tend to communicate their feelings with obscene gestures. For the most part, the rallies he goes to attract people who love motorcycles, but the rallies also attract many different and very types. "Whatever the crowd, the cross, and the man bearing it, don't always command kindness. Some level curses and threats, and one less

than kind gentleman thought Northmore should be crucified and volunteered to do the job. "There have been some pretty tense moments," he said. "The rougher the crowd, the more they will let you know. Without some difficulty, some adversity, you're not doing a good job." Northmore takes the abuse, however. He believes his truth. Moreover, God provides the spiritual strength to ward off abuse. "Due to the forgiving grace of God, I have the full armor of God on and am trusting the Lord's going to see me through," he said. The ugliness he's encountered has also been offset by the kindness he has received, most often from total strangers. "From what I've experienced, 90 percent of the time, I'm received well. I've not suffered," he

said. "Some other cross carriers have suffered indignant offenses. "There have been so many blessings. Seems like everywhere I go, people see the cross and want to stop and talk to him about it," he said. People of all ages and races have come up and prayed with him. Some have become Christians. Curious onlookers become friends. Perfect strangers ask him into their homes when he needs a place to stay. He has met other men who have taken up bearing crosses, including the pastor Jerry Roberts, who passed through Temple, heading for San Antonio, on a hot July day this summer. Northmore took Roberts in for a couple of days. "I've personally known five other cross carriers," he said. "All the cross carriers I've met have been very nice." He inks in the names of all the cross carriers, his family members and friends he's met on a handkerchief, his prayer list that he prays over every day. He keeps his prayer list tucked in a well-worn, black leather-bound King

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CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist
The Kingdom class of First United Methodist Church has begun its roundup of times for our annual summer rummage sale. Bring the items to 1405 Wood or call 263-1226 for pick-up. Proceeds from the rummage sale will go to local and non local charities voted on weekly by the class.

St. Mary's Episcopal
The Canterbury Board has a meeting on Monday at 5:15 p.m. at Canterbury South.

The Kids' Club will meet at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday beginning at 3 p.m.

The Inquirer's Class is meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Baptist Temple
Sunday guest missionary John Ramsey will be sharing with us what God is doing in Belize and the Caribbean. The Rev. Ramsey will speak during the morning and evening service. His work is sponsored by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

If you are looking for a good Bible study, come and join us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We offer classes for all ages as well as special interest groups. This fall we have begun new classes for college students and a class for single adults.

For more information on the church or any of these events, call 267-8287.

St. Paul Lutheran
Today our church will begin a 26-hour Thanksgiving Prayer vigil where we will alternate between hours of congregational prayer and private prayer and meditation. Congregational prayer items will be today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Our Vigil ends on Sunday

morning in the celebration of "Sunday of the Fulfillment." Then begins the Season of Advent. Prayer nurtures our relationship with God, in whom "we live and move and have our being." Prayer is therefore at the heart of all religion. A two-part seminar on the Five Love Languages based on the book by Gary Chapman will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, and Wednesday, Dec. 13, following our regular meal at 5:15 p.m. Children will be singing Christmas songs while adults are invited to participate in the seminar. Watch for more details. The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life." Join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. We have several opportunities for adult Bible study on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Call 267-7163 for more information about St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry.

First Presbyterian
Rev. Diane Brown, minister, will speak on the topic "Come Before Winter" on Sunday at 11 a.m. The text is taken from II Timothy 4:9-22. Worship service is preceded by Sunday School. It begins at 9:45. Take Ten is at 10:30. A nursery is provided. This past week the youth group began selling poinsettias as a fund-raiser for their activities. Many members of the church participated in the Salvation Army's Meals on Wheels and dinner preparation that was held at the Salvation Army on Thanksgiving Day. Next week's opportunities include "Soul Food" Dinner to be held on Nov. 29. Also scheduled is the Hanging of the Greens for the church following the dinner. Everyone is encouraged to participate in any or all programs of the church. Please feel free to join us at any time.

CLUB NEWS

Captain Elisha Mack Chapter
The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, met on Nov. 11, at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Mrs. Lola Kelley presided. Hostesses were Carole Lawson and Charlene Ragan. Sixteen members and three guests, Pamela Brewer, Louise Key and Wilma Grice, were present. James F. Little, ret. Col. (USFA) was also a guest and presented a program on Hangar 25.

Veteran Elton "Buck" Turner (a former POW) was selected as the chapter's nomination for the DAR Outstanding Veteran Patient award. If Mr. Turner is selected at the state level, the nomination will advance to national competition. Charlene Ragan, Mary Schuelke, Lola Mae Pollard and Sue Ann Damron are helping volunteers at the VA Medical Center prepare "ditty bags" for the veterans. Members are donating socks and house slippers for needy veterans. Members are asked to meet at 11 a.m. on Nov. 27, at the VA Medical Center chapel to assist with Christmas decorating. Members are submitting

names of men and women who served in World War II, so they can be honored in the NSDAR World War II Book of Remembrance. For more information, please contact Regent Lola Kelley. The December meeting will be a Christmas party at the home of Sue Ann Damron on Dec. 16.

1905 Hyperion
1905 Hyperion Club met in the home of Betty Thomas Thursday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. Paulette Turner of Midland was co-hostess. Fran Emerson, Vice President, conducted the business meeting. JoAnn Staulcup was welcomed as a new member. She told the club of urgent needs of our local

library which included additional storage for books for sale. The club Christmas party will be held Dec. 14, in the home of Carol Scott at 6 p.m. Turkey and dressing will be served and members will bring other holiday accompaniment. Fran Emerson and Sara Beth Warren will be co-hostesses. Maj. Ron Alexander of the local Salvation Army presented our program. He told of his need to help people and also of his love of music. Both Maj. Alexander and his wife are ordained ministers. The local Salvation Army can accommodate 35 people each night.

Billy Graham's son takes over as chief executive officer of ministry empire

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The son of the Rev. Billy Graham has replaced his father as chief executive officer of the ministry empire the evangelist founded 50 years ago. "I'm not retiring," Billy Graham said. "But now I want to turn over the administrative and manage-

ment burden of running the organization to my son." The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association last week tapped Franklin Graham, 48. His father, who founded the BGEA in 1950, will remain chairman of the board. The elder Graham, who turned 82 earlier this month

and lives near Asheville, has had health problems for several years. He has Parkinson's disease and spent three months earlier this year at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. While hospitalized, his son stood in for him at an international conference in Amsterdam that the elder Graham had

organized. Franklin Graham will continue to serve as first vice chairman of the board. It was announced in 1995 that he would be his father's successor. "I'm doing this for my father, because I love him," Franklin Graham said Tuesday. "He just wants to

be, I think, free from the burden of a lot of this responsibility." PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Concerned about the number of children living in foster care, several Philadelphia churches and synagogues urged their members to consider adop-

tion. The regional "adoption sabbath" was planned by a group of religious social service groups, working with state and city officials. Church leaders hope to find families for some of the 1,600 foster children in Pennsylvania who have no adoptive parents.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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RECYCLING BINS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED in the parking lot north of the Big Spring Herald are expected to be relocated by Nov. 1. The bins, which accept paper, such as newspapers and magazines, along with cans and cardboard for recycling will be moved to the corner of Fifth and Nolan streets, across from the Big Spring Police Department. Similar bins, which accept paper and cardboard, are located in the parking lots of the Big Spring Mall and the Coronado Shopping Center.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION Month. Some statistics about our area, from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services:

- Total number of children for whom adoption is planned: 78
- Total number of children legally free for adoption: 19
- Total number of children in supervised adoptive placement: 29
- Children over age 6: 38
- Race breakdown: Hispanic, 34 percent; Anglo, 34 percent; African American, 32 percent.

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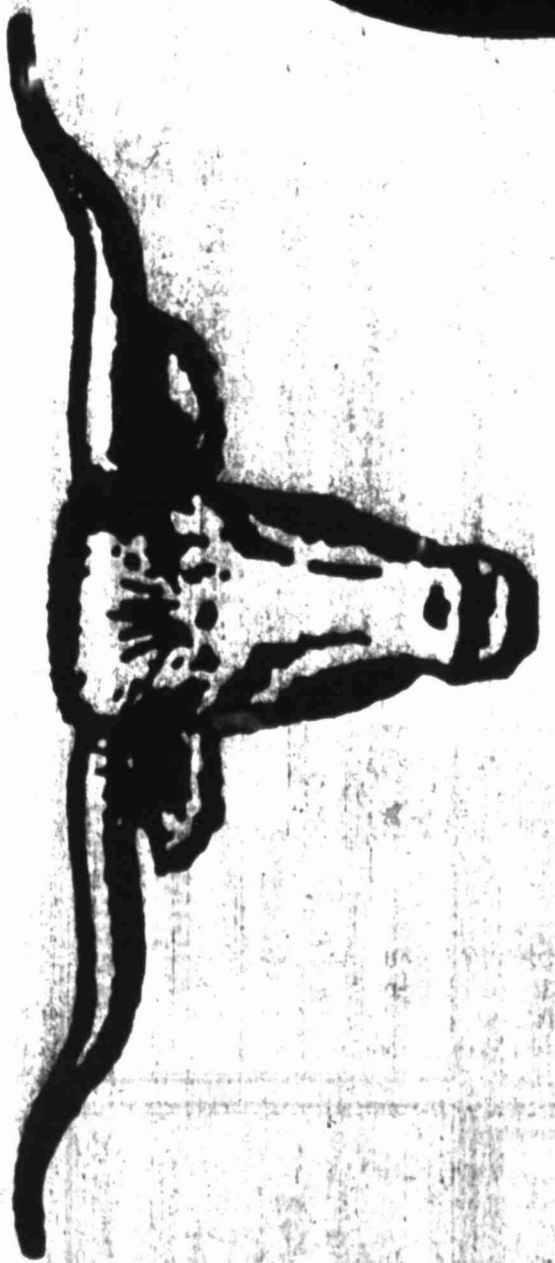
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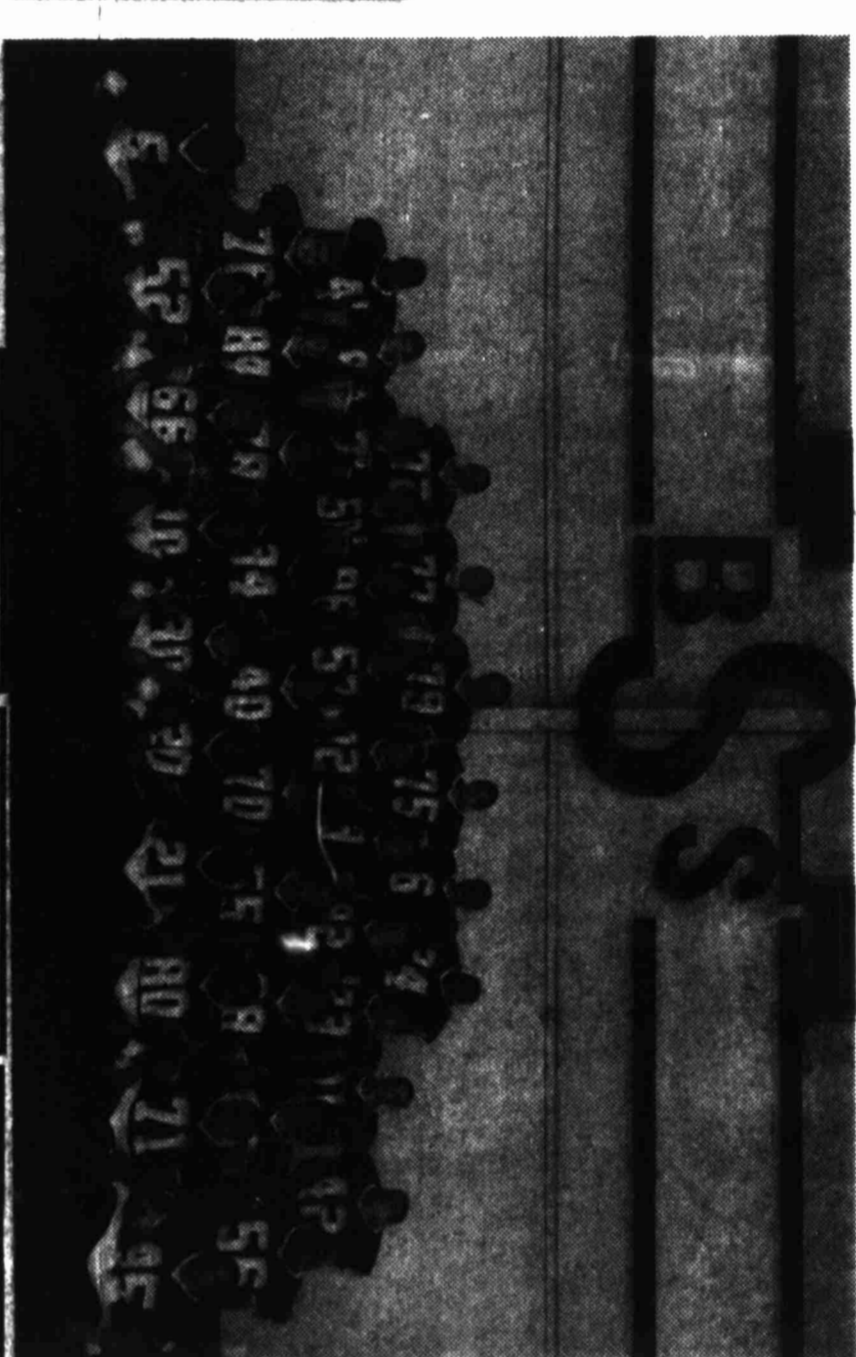
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James Bible. When he isn't riding the highways or speaking at rallies or churches, he will walk with the cross in the cities he is visiting. "I walk quite a bit with the cross," he said. He has walked up to 10 miles in one day. In seeking to do his heart's desire, by saving souls for God, his treks have been prolific. Since the summer, he has been to eight different rallies, including Bike Week in Daytona, Fla., and a week long rally at Sturgis, S.D. Besides motorcycle rallies he goes to Waco to minister with pastor Jimmy Dorrell at the Church Under the Bridge, an outreach for the homeless in Waco. "I go most of the time alone," he said. "I don't mind, my wife don't mind, if I'm gone 3-4 weeks." Not that his wife Ellen is

left out in the cold with the ministry. Each day he calls her on his cell phone with updates. She usually stays at home to tend to their Web site and answer e-mails, as well as helping with a grandchild. They have four children and have lived in Texas since 1986. "Everywhere he goes, somebody e-mails me," she said. She also relays e-mail messages to their home church Belton Christian Fellowship about her husband's progress. In this way, she is involved with the ministry. "He's faithful to it (motorcycle ministry)," said Earl Ballard, minister at Belton Christian Fellowship. Although not an official ministry of the church, Ballard said, the church does support Northmore's ministry with donations. Heading out alone on a motorcycle isn't an easy task, however, especially

when pulling a 65-pound cross on a trailer. "It's quite hazardous hauling a cross in rain," he said. He always carries beef jerky and enough water for a day or two just in case of emergencies. He also always carries a tent and air mattress. "When out on the road you've got to be ready for any kind of weather, break downs or flat tires," he said. He doesn't get discouraged by breakdowns. He sees them as opportunities given by God to save souls. Anyone who stops to help, he'll talk to them, and some even request prayers. At first glance, it is hard to tell that Northmore isn't just another rowdy biker, with black boots, black leather vest, thick Hemingwayesque gray beard and the build of a retired linebacker. But instead of a Harley Davidson patch, or even some sort of gang symbol on the back of the vest, there is a cross with "Jesus is Lord" printed on it. And his eyes glimmer with compassion, not hate or anger. Appearance is important. He knows bikers have a bad reputation because of unsavory elements, so he

always tries to stay neatly dressed in jeans and a white shirt. And though dirt collects on the road, he tries to shower or bathe every day. And the bike stays clean, too. His rowdy biker look wasn't always a look. Before he came to know God's ways, he was a reckless man. "Before I was doing this, I wasn't always the person I should be. I have been rowdy in my life, until I come to the Lord," he said. Since he was 14 — he is now 58 — he'd been on a bike. He grew up in Florida where, at the time, a 14-year-old could legally ride a light bike. But riding let out a rowdiness that had been building up for some time. "We lived a different life. I was fortunate I wasn't killed," he said. "I come from a broken home. When I was young, I couldn't speak properly," he said. He demonstrated the impediment, closing his mouth and talking through his nose. The impediment frustrated his father. "I was his only son," he said, but his father seemed to resent his only son's problem as a defect on the boy's part and turned abusive toward the boy. By second grade, through speech therapy, Northmore

was talking clearly, however. "Through the living grace of God, I've learned to forgive him," Northmore said, thinking of his father now. He even hopes that his father was able to see the light before he died; he hopes his father is in the loving arms of God in heaven. God's grace saw Northmore through years of rowdiness, however. Still, he never pictured himself on the road ministering faith to complete strangers. "I had no idea I'd do that (ministry)," he said. "I never thought I'd be tender-hearted enough to talk to strangers about salvation." He's been mended in the broken places by God, however. "The Holy Spirit called me into the ministry," he said. "It's up to you whether to accept the Holy Spirit. When you accept the Lord Jesus Christ, you are ordained by God." Although he believes anyone who received the Holy Spirit can spread the gospel, he has conceded to the human need for credentials and has officially become ordained as a minister in his church to spread the word in jails or other institutions.

He believes, too, that God saw fit for him to carry out his ministry on a motorcycle. God has, he believes, combined two loves riding and ministry to draw together everything that makes him whole. Not that entering the ministry has been an easy ride. It has cost him friends who don't understand the sacrifice and commitment of his decision. "They don't understand that this small business owner is no longer working for himself, however, 'I work for Jesus,' he said. "He uses me as a vessel to work through." He would like to make working for God a full-time job. "I'm trying to make it (ministry) my full-time occupation. If I get enough pledges, then I will be completely full-time. It's going to take a long time," he said. "I intend to do this as long as the Lord wants," he said. He has been praying to keep this up until his eighties, or even older. "I'm expecting to do this the rest of my life. My prayers are to do this. I don't expect to retire. The Lord will take care of my needs."

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Bishop who challenged governor on abortion to head doctrine panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Name a hot-button issue in contemporary religion and chances are that Bishop Donald W. Trautman is at the center of it, often taking hits from both left and right. Liberals have faulted the Roman Catholic bishop of Erie, Pa., for taking on Catholic politicians who support abortion rights, including one considered a GOP vice-presidential prospect. Conservatives have criticized him for wanting to make the language of prayer more gender neutral. "I am not afraid to take positions that are necessary for the future of the church. I am not afraid to fight for what is important," said the 64-year-old prelate, who wrote his doctoral dissertation on the biblical understanding of celibacy. "I want to be involved in these issues only if I can clarify things and serve as a balancer." Now, he will be involved even more prominently. Trautman recently took over as chairman of the Doctrine Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Its job is to ensure doctrinal integrity," Trautman explained during a break in the conference's recent annual meeting here. In the next few months, the seven-bishop committee

whose members are picked by Trautman will help implement a Vatican document that governs how theology is taught at Catholic colleges. The document's requirement that faculty be approved by local bishops has brought protests that the church is treading on academic freedom. Another issue the doctrine panel will take up is clarifying the church's definition of the Holy Eucharist. Trautman says he is "proud to be a centrist because 'in the middle stands virtue,'" a phrase he translated from Latin. A Buffalo, N.Y., native, Trautman has been Erie's bishop since 1990. He made national headlines when he said Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge would not be allowed to speak at church events because Ridge supports abortion rights. The prelate's action came after the bishops' conference issued a statement in 1998 called "Living the Gospel of Life." "I have to fulfill my role as the shepherd of the diocese," he said earlier this year. "I think we have to point out that there is a higher law, which is the law of God, and no human law can contradict the commandment 'Thou shall not kill.'"

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IN BRIEF

No presale scheduled for Steers' next game

With schools taking a break for the Thanksgiving holiday this week, there will be no presale of tickets for Saturday's Class 4A, Division II area playoff game between the Big Spring Steers and El Paso Riverside Rangers in Artesia, N.M.

Tickets for the game will be \$6 at the gate and \$2 for students.

Kickoff time will be at 3 p.m. Big Spring time.

Pep rally in Steer Gym scheduled for tonight

A community pep rally has been scheduled for 7 tonight at Steer Gym.

All those wishing to show their support for the Steers going into Saturday's Class 4A, Division II area football playoff game against El Paso Riverside's Rangers are urged to attend.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

Quarterback Club to meet on Monday

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

All those interested in supporting the Steers are invited.

BSYBA extends registration period

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will conduct sign-ups for the upcoming 2001 basketball season at All Star Sports and the Big Spring Mall through Dec. 9.

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• Stanton Buffaloes vs. Ozona Lions, Class 2A, Division II area playoff at San Angelo Stadium.

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• Howard College Hawk Classic, Garden City (Kan.) vs. New Mexico JC, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Moss spectacular in Vikings win over Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — To the national audience Randy Moss has delighted two of the last three Thanksgivings, his catches are spectacular.

To the rest of the Minnesota Vikings, they're no big deal.

Moss added more footage to his career highlight film with two great touchdown grabs, and even amazed himself by catching a 52-yard bomb as the Vikings beat the Dallas Cowboys 27-15 on Thursday.

"He's the same on a Monday night game and a Wednesday practice," said Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who was 15-of-22 for 205 yards. "He's the same every day. What you see is what you get."

Moss finished with seven receptions for 144 yards, and the two

touchdowns gave him an NFL-best 12. He's had eight in four career games against Dallas, his most against any opponent.

Moss' deep ball came against triple coverage: one safety on his back, another jumping in front and a cornerback who was in the area.

"That was probably the toughest catch of my career," Moss said. "I had to look back in the rain and turn my body. When the ball hit me in the chestplate, I was shocked."

Greg Myers, the safety who was on Moss' back, said he saw the same thing two years ago when he was with the Bengals. Even knowing what to expect, he was still helpless.

"We had double coverage on him and he caught the ball. When we

had cover-three, he caught the ball," Myers said. "He's great on the ball and he has great speed. He's great at the technique of shoving off just a little bit and catching the ball."

Moss' first touchdown, a 7-yarder, was while running against the back line of the end zone, arms fully stretched and the ball getting jammed with the tip up between his fingers. Culpepper said Moss was his third option, but Moss had said he'd be open.

His second touchdown, a 36-yarder, came while getting untangled from a shorter cornerback, then quickly dropping his toes in bounds.

"I see it every day in practice," Culpepper said. "Put it in his area

and he'll come up with it."

The Cowboys are tired of seeing Moss soar in Texas Stadium. On Thanksgiving two years ago, Moss highlighted his rookie season by catching touchdown passes of 51, 56 and 56 yards — his only three catches — as the Vikings beat the Cowboys 46-36.

Moss said he does like showing up the Cowboys, one of many teams that shunned him in the 1998 draft because of his off-field history. He especially likes to prove his point in the Thanksgiving spotlight.

"It's in front Pat Summerall and John Madden on Turkey Day," Moss said. "I just try to go out there

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Steers face multifaceted foe

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Expect the unexpected.

That's the proviso Big Spring Steers coaches have offered their charges going into their Class 4A, Division II area playoff game against El Paso Riverside's Rangers at the Bulldog Bowl in Artesia, N.M. Kickoff time will be 2 p.m. (3 p.m. Big Spring time).

"We keep telling our kids that anything can happen in the playoffs," Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler said in looking ahead to Saturday's game that finds his team playing in his hometown. "All we have to do is look back at next week. We were supposedly the underdog going in against Canyon, but you don't keep playing and advance in the playoffs just because you're the favorite."

And with Riverside as an opponent, Butler is convinced anything is possible on Saturday.

"I'll guarantee you they (Rangers) will come out in some formations we've never seen and we're going to have to make adjustments on the field," Butler said, noting that in the three games the Steers' coaching staff has scouted Riverside's games, the Rangers have used 95 different offensive formations.

"It's not your typical El Paso team," he added. "They do lots of things extremely well offensively ... have lots of weapons. And they play defense much the same way ... use lots of different fronts trying to confuse you. They're quick off the ball and very aggressive."

Statistically, there are plenty of reasons for Butler, and his charges to be wary of Riverside.

The Rangers have averaged scoring more than 50 points in the past five games, including a 55-20 win over Fabens in a bi-district playoff game last week.

In fact, the only time Riverside has fallen short of the 50-point mark in that span was the Rangers' regular season finale with El Paso Ysleta — a 49-15 win.

The Rangers, who enter



Big Spring's Willis Morrison (11) is dragged down by a pair of Canyon defensive backs after catching a pass from Steers quarterback Jason Choate during last week's bi-district playoff win over the Eagles. The Steers face El Paso Riverside in a Class 4A, Division II area game Saturday afternoon in Artesia, N.M.

HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

the area playoff round with an 8-3 record, feature a young offensive backfield with sophomore quarterback Mike Stephenson and junior tailback Carlos Carrillo boasting the most impressive numbers.

Stephenson has passed for 1,389 yards this season, while Carrillo has speed and excellent cutting ability to rack up 1,469 yards rushing in just eight games.

When the Rangers go to the air, Stephenson's favorite target is senior split end Mando Rosales, a 185-pounder who has 744 yards receiving. Z back Sal Acevedo is also a well-used receiver, having caught passes for 461 yards.

Riverside also has another weapon in sophomore fullback Shawn Jordan — a 225-pound bruiser.

The Steers will counter with an offense that all but ambushed Canyon last week with a passing attack that saw quarterback Jason Choate complete 9-of-10 passes.

That success in the air, combined with the talents of 1,000-yard rusher Jason Woodruff, who had 171 yards on 23 carries and scored three touchdowns, netted a 35-14 win that improved the Steers' record to 7-4.

Big Spring's passing success surprised the Eagles, because the Steers had not thrown the ball with anything coming close to success in their two previous games.

"We'd worked hard on the passing game all week," Butler admitted. "We were going to throw the ball no matter what, because we

knew that if we were going to have to if we were going to have any success in the playoffs.

"Besides," he added, "we figured that if they (Canyon) didn't respect the passing game, we'd have some big plays off it. They didn't and we did."

The key to the Steers' passing success against the Eagles, however, was the protection the offensive line provided for Choate. And that group figures to be challenged Saturday by a Riverside defensive unit that is aggressive and literally attacks the ball.

"They're about the same size we are defensively," Butler noted. "As a result, they do a lot of the same things we do defensively. They aren't going to over-

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Temple, Duke in NIT final

NEW YORK (AP)

Temple coach John Chaney looks at Duke, scratches his head and wonders how Mike Krzyzewski does it.

Two years ago, the Blue Devils played for the national championship with a team built around Player of the Year Elton Brand. Except for Shane Battier, that team vanished almost overnight, picked clean by the pros.

Yet here is Duke, back again with the No. 2 team in the country, young and talented and poised to play Chaney's Owls for the Preseason NIT championship tonight.

"Duke is one of the better teams I've seen," Chaney said. "I don't know what they did to get so many replacements in so fast. He must have microwaved the team."

Coach K knows the Devils have talent. Battier is surrounded by big-time players like Nate James, who had 26 points on 9-of-12 shooting in the semifinal rebout of Texas Point guard Jason Williams scored 20, Carlos Boozer had 14 and 11 rebounds in 16 minutes, and Mike Dunleavy, who added 11 in 18 minutes.

Still Krzyzewski sees room for improvement, which is like looking at a Rembrandt and saying, "Gee, if he just had added a smidgen here or there."

"We need to develop depth, which we have not," he said. "I like our team. We can score a good amount of points. We have to be able to defend at the same level."

Coach K will work on those things against a Temple team that has the unenviable task of facing the Blue Devils twice in nine days, first on Friday and then again on Dec. 2 in a regularly scheduled game.

Chaney grimaces at that prospect. Krzyzewski isn't thrilled with it, either.

"I don't know if that's such a good thing for either team — to have to play each other twice that close," he said.

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Battered Batch leads Lions to 34-9 win over Patriots

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Charlie Batch appears to be stepping things up for the Detroit Lions — even when he's being knocked down and bruised.

Batch, who threw for 194 yards and a touchdown and ran for another, took a battering all game long and finally left with a bruised rib in Detroit's 34-9 victory over the New England Patriots on Thursday.

"Have you ever seen 'Gladiator'?" Lions cornerback Margolis Walker asked. "Charlie took some shots like Maximus. He showed me he was Maximus today."

Added Lions safety Ron Rice: "It was like a boxing match. He was down and got a couple of standing eight counts, but he still got up and fought."

Metaphors aside, an aching Batch helped Detroit (8-4) roll up 28 second-half points and improve to 3-0 under Gary Moeller, who took over as coach when Bobby Ross resigned. Upbeat about their latest win,

many Lions players credit Moeller with freeing up the offense, relaxing his troops and instilling confidence in time for three straight road tests looming — against Minnesota, Green Bay and the New York Jets.

"He's really got us believing in ourselves," Detroit wide receiver Johnnie Morton said.

The Lions have potential playoff tiebreaker wins over New Orleans, Washington and the New York Giants, all of whom also have four losses. But Detroit has momentum, having beaten the struggling Patriots (3-9) in the second of three games the Lions play in 12 days.

"I think we're on a roll," Moeller declared after the Lions held the Patriots to three field goals by Adam Vinatieri. Two of them came in a first half that ended just 6-6.

"We gave the game away in the second half," New England coach Bill Belichick said flatly.

Patriots free safety Larry Whigham said Detroit simply

"opened up and whipped us."

"We stunk up the joint," he said.

Enter Batch, who picked up where he left off on Sunday, when he tied his career best with three TD passes, threw for 225 yards and had a meaningless interception late in beating the New York Giants 31-21.

With the Patriots leading 9-6 on Thursday, Batch put the Lions ahead to stay with a 1-yard TD pass to tight end David Sloan on a fourth-and-goal with 3:45 left in the third.

On Detroit's next possession, Batch took a crushing shot to the chest from Patriots strong safety Lawyer Milloy, who was penalized 15 yards for roughing.

Batch was helped off the field, sat out two plays and returned to throw 18 yards to Sedrick Irvin to the 1. After Batch failed to sneak it in, James Stewart dove in for a TD and a 20-9 Detroit lead with 1:18 left.

Walker then intercepted a pass by Drew Bledsoe and returned it 12

yards to the New England 15. Batch later scored on a 10-yard scramble, pushing the margin to 27-9 and finishing 16-of-24 for 194 yards before he was replaced by Stoney Case.

"Charlie showed good toughness out there," Moeller said. "He could at least smile through the pain, and he wanted to be out there. That's what you want to see in a leader. He really got punched, and he kept going back in the game."

Bryant Westbrook later picked off another pass by Bledsoe and ran it back 101 yards for the final margin, closing out a strong showing by a Lions secondary playing without league interception leader Kurt Schulz, who sat out with a sprained ankle.

"You play to win, and when you lose the game and throw two interceptions it just cuts through the heart," said Bledsoe, who had 148 yards on 17-of-32 passing before being replaced by Tom Brady after Westbrook's interception.

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Raptors get back on track offensively

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Just three days after getting routed by Charlotte, Toronto got its offense back on track.

The Raptors lost to the Hornets 100-64 on Monday night, and couldn't wait to get back on the court.

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power you physically, so they try to use their quickness to stop you before things get set up.

The Rangers' use of multiple alignments, Butler said, makes it important that the

"We're better than a 64-point game. We did what we were supposed to do, come in here and get a win," Toronto point guard Mark Jackson said after the day's only NBA game.

Indiana, which lost its fourth straight, has not lost that many in a row since January 1994.

Jalen Rose played his first game of the season and

scored 16 points — six in the final quarter when the outcome already had been determined.

Forward Austin Croshere sprained his left ankle midway through the fourth quarter and did not return, and the Pacers also lost coach Isiah Thomas, who was ejected.

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and make it happen — that, and show them they did mess up on draft day.

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year it becomes a mental game. That's the most important factor at this point, because you're not going to get any better physically than you already are.

The team that's mentally prepared, can think on its feet and still stay focused on what it is they want to do is going to have the edge.

NIT

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Temple is a work in progress. Chaney has turned the ball over to Lynn Greer, making the transition from shooting guard to point guard.

The spindly junior played 40 minutes against Indiana without a single turnover and has surrendered the ball just twice in four games.

As happy and surprised as Chaney is with Greer, he gripes over 6-foot-10 wide body Ron Rollerson, who has not been as dominant off the backboards as a man his size should be.

"Everytime I call his room, he's out getting a cheesesteak," the coach said. "He's got to get rebounds. We had one game, he played 20 minutes and had no rebounds. My mother could stand under the basket and get one."

Krzyzewski noticed Temple's size and must figure out a way for Duke to deal with that and the Owls' matchup zone.

"They're different," he said. "They're huge, first of

all. And it is a different style. I know their system, but I don't know their people. The thing that impresses me most about Temple is their coach."

And the thing that impresses Temple's coach most about Duke are its players.

Both teams had easy semifinal wins in the Preseason NIT. Temple beating Indiana 69-61 and Duke pummeling Texas 95-64.

Now it's on to the tournament title game.

"To play in the championship game against John's team will be a big-time game," Krzyzewski said.

"More so than anything, you want your kids to play a big-time game. How many teams play for a championship during the regular season?"

What Coach K really wants is to be playing for another one next April.

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Thirty years ago, I commanded what was to have been man's third landing on the moon. We didn't get to complete that mission—but the story of what happened on Apollo 13 captured the imagination of people all over the world.

Another phenomenon that's caught people's interest is the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, 378 holes of world-class golf on eight sites throughout Alabama. It's some of the best golf you can play in this galaxy.

When I'm playing golf on courses this great...Houston, I don't have a problem.

ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL logo and contact information.

Large advertisement for DIRECTV services, including a two-receiver system for \$299 and professional installation.

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Table with 21 columns representing different TV channels (KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing programs and their start times.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"DINNER'S ALMOST READY. THAT WAS MOM'S TWO-MINUTE WARNING."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Before we knew each other, Mommy, those were lonely years."

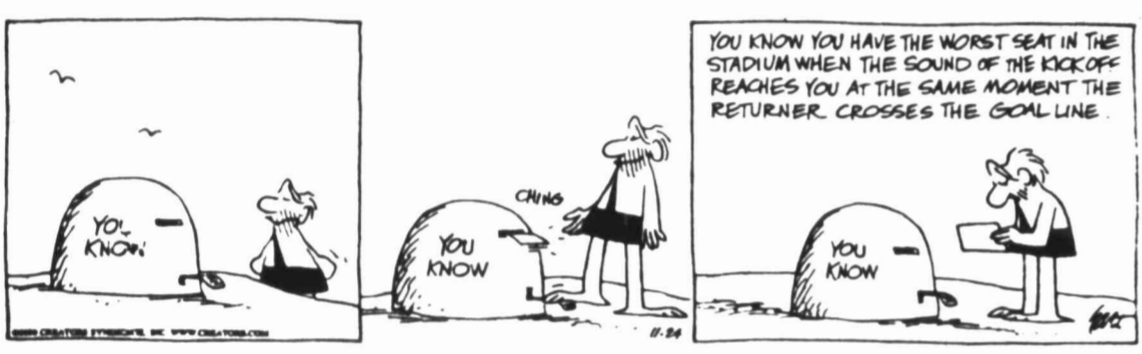
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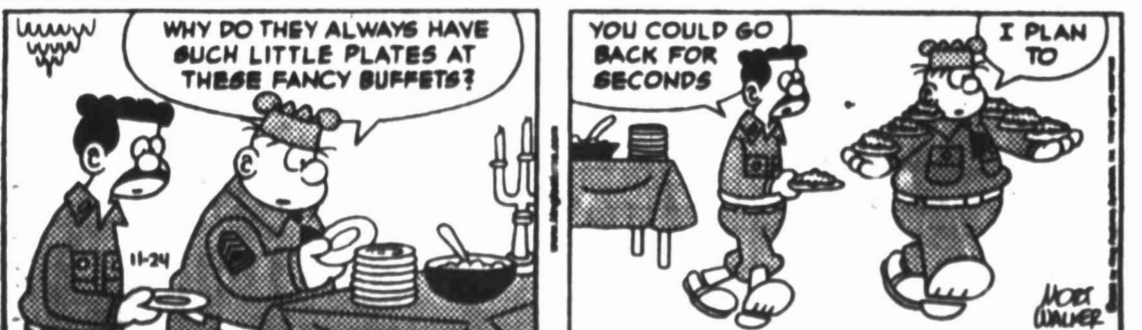
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Nov. 24, the 329th day of 2000. There are 37 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television. On this date: In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Va. In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution. In 1863, the Civil War battle for Lookout Mountain

began in Tennessee; Union forces took the mountain two days later. In 1871, the National Rifle Association was incorporated. In 1947, a group of writers, producers and directors that became known as the "Hollywood Ten" was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry. In 1947, John Steinbeck's novel "The Pearl" was first published. In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific. In 1971, hijacker "D.B. Cooper" parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom - his fate remains unknown. In 1985, the hijacking of an Egyptian jetliner parked on the ground in Malta ended violently as Egyptian commandos stormed the plane. Fifty-eight people died in the raid, in addition to two others killed by the hijackers. In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles. Ten years ago, President Bush returned home from an eight-day tour of Europe and the Middle East, during which he'd lobbied foreign leaders on behalf of his Persian Gulf policy. Five years ago, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic promised during a televised address to accept a U.S.-brokered peace plan. Voters in Ireland narrowly approved a constitutional amendment legalizing divorce. Today's Birthdays: Columnist William F. Buckley is 75. Country singer Johnny Carver is 60.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved grid with words filled in and a list of words.