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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TODAY TONIGHT
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Herald will help deliver Santa letters

Santa and his elves have switched into high gear to get all the toys ready for the annual mid-night ride Christmas Eve.

In order to help the jolly old elf with his orders for all the good girls and boys the Herald will be accepting letters from area school children to forward to the North Pole.

The deadline is Dec. 2 and the letters can be sent to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431, or e-mail them to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com. Of course they can be dropped off at the Herald at 710 Scurry.

WHAT'S UP...

FRIDAY

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

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Heritage Museum plans gingerbread house workshop

HERALD Staff Report

The Heritage Museum plans to spark the holiday spirit with several activities over the next few weeks.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the museum will sponsor a hands-on workshop in the making of gingerbread houses. This traditional activity will be demonstrated

by Gale Pittman at his business, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM 700.

Pittman provides all the materials for the house, including already-baked gingerbread "walls" and "roof," along with plenty of icing and candy decorations. For a \$7 fee, participants can create their own edible house and take it

home to enjoy for the holidays.

The following Saturday, Dec. 8, the museum will take a group from Big Spring to San Angelo's Fort Concho National Historic Landmark and Museum for the annual holiday celebration. Christmas at Old Fort Concho includes history demonstrations, a special

area for children, and various types of entertainment on the historic fort grounds.

Vans will leave the museum, 510 Scurry, at 9 a.m., returning about 4 p.m. that day. Cost for the trip is \$30 per person for museum members, \$35 for non-members. A couple can go for \$50, or \$55 for non-members, while a family of four can

take the trip for \$100, or \$110 if they aren't museum members. Children are welcome, but those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

Registration deadline for the trip is Monday.

Those who want to join in either holiday activity should stop by the Heritage Museum or call 267-8255 to make a reservation.

Cookin' up a holiday feast

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

If you were within 100 feet of the Salvation Army Main Office at 811 W. Fifth St. Wednesday, you could tell delicious things were happening inside.

Church members and volunteers were cooking up the annual Community Thanksgiving meal, a tradition that stretches back more than 25 years, and aromas of good home cooking were wafting from the building.

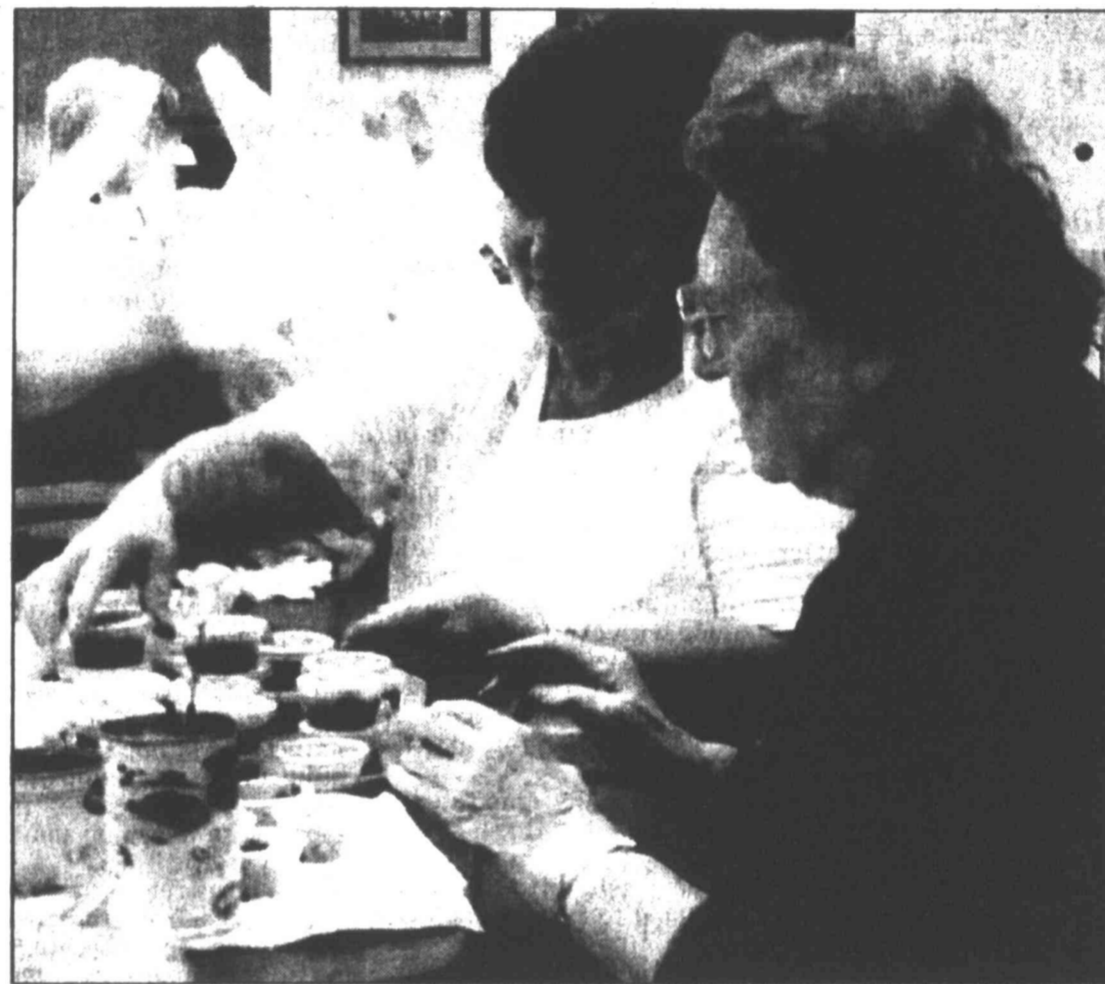
"Nobody remembers for sure how long it's been going on," said Capt. Linda Keeney of Big Spring's Salvation Army. "The church member that's been here the longest has been here since 1976, and they were doing it in 1976. But it was going on for a long time before that."

Part of the reason for the meal is to provide a traditional Thanksgiving feast to Big Spring's needy, but Keeney said it's open to anyone who wants to come.

"It's open to anyone who wants to come eat, from all walks of life," Salvation Army Captain Linda Keeney said.

"It's a community Thanksgiving. They just need to show up."

In fact, those who can't make it to the Salvation Army Headquarters from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday for the meal can get it delivered, Keeney said.



Salvation Army volunteers Maria Hagland, left, and Libbie Dirks help prepare for the corps' annual Community Thanksgiving meal by packaging individual servings of cranberry sauce. The meal will be served today from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army's Big Spring Headquarters, 811 W. Fifth St.

To arrange to have a meal delivered, people can call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239.

The meal will consist of traditional Thanksgiving fare.

"Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes,

pumpkin pies," she said. "I think there will be some cobbler, cranberries, tea and coffee."

Although the meal is free, anyone can donate money or food to the Salvation Army to help defray the expense of meal.

The Salvation Army is

also inviting anyone who wants to help serve, deliver and clean up after the meal to come on down.

"We've got volunteers serving," she said. "People from different churches, people in the community and anyone who wants to volunteer."



Proffitt Day Care children enjoy a Thanksgiving meal while dressed up in paper pilgrim hats, Indian headdresses and farmer's hats. Pictured are two year olds Caitlin Reid, left, Alyssa McLeod and Sydni Sparks.

Youth suffers setback in quest to overcome congenital defect

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A West Texas child has suffered a setback in his quest to overcome a congenital defect.

Ethan Strickland, the grandson of Kiola Strickland of Big Spring, suffered a ischemic stroke 12 hours after undergoing surgery to reduce blood flow to malformed blood vessels in the brain.

According to Wende Parsely, Ethan's mother, the 11-year-old came through the surgery fine

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but the resulting stroke left numerous problems which have affected his balance and speech as well as causing shakiness in his arms. Ethan, who was featured

in the Oct. 14 Herald Lifestyle cover, was born with two arteriovenous malformations (AVM) about 5 centimeters in the center, basal ganglia area, of the brain.

An AVM located in the brain is a defect in which the blood vessels are incorrectly formed, causing blood to be shunted from other areas thereby "starving" the healthy tissue and causing neurological deterioration.

The doctors originally planned to use a



Ethan Strickland, pictured here shortly after his parent's wedding ceremony in 2000, had a setback in his quest to overcome a congenital defect.

FM 700

December bid letting planned for road project

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Letting of bids on the long-awaited FM 700 project in Big Spring is to take place in December with construction to begin two or three months later, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).



BARROW

Preliminary work on the project has been going on for well over a year. The final series of public hearings on the project took place in February.

The purpose of the project is to ease traffic, particularly where FM 700 intersects with South U.S. Highway 87 and with Goliad.

The changes include making the FM 700 frontage roads one way, with the exception of the south portion west of U.S. 87, which services the Coronado Subdivision.

TxDOT officials determined that the southwest quadrant should remain two-way to allow for emergency access to the Coronado area.

The remainder of the south service road, from U.S. 87 to Goliad, will be one-way heading east. The north service road, from Goliad past U.S. 87 where it runs into FM 700 near the VA Medical Center, will be one-way going west.

In addition, there will be a turnaround on the east side of the overpass at U.S. 87. That turnaround will allow travelers heading west to turn back east in front of Wal-Mart without having to go through a traffic light.

Originally, officials had planned to complete most of the project before switching the frontage roads from two-way to one-way. However, that won't happen.

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OBITUARIES

Velma Finley

Graveside funeral service for Velma Finley, 77, of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at Sylvester Cemetery.

Mrs. Finley died Wednesday, Nov. 21, in a Midland nursing home.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1923, in Floydada and married Walt Finley on Dec. 7, 1966, in Dallas. She came to Big Spring in 1966. She was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Walt Finley of Big Spring; two daughters, Wanda Moffett of Sylvester and Betty Sexton of Fort Worth; one son, Don Holmes of Palm Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Billy Baker and Curtis Baker, both of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and 11 grandchildren.

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

Marion A. Long

Marion A. (Al) Long, 81, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, in a local hospital.



Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born on Aug. 25, 1920, in Cross Plains and married Ozella Neill on Jan. 24, 1942, in Howard County. Mr. Long came to Big Spring in 1937. He was active in insurance and car sales. He retired after teaching 20 years as a vocational

welding instructor with Howard College. He enjoyed teaching his many students the creative processes in metal art.

He was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and participated in many faithful roles as a Christian.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Ozella; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alice and George Kolb of Fredericksburg and Fran and Mark Patterson of Austin; and two granddaughters, Alisa Allen of Abilene and Teal Patterson of Austin.

The family suggests memorial to Median Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy 16 N., Medina 78055-9989.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Marguerite Thompson

Funeral service for Marguerite Thompson, 81, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church and Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Thompson died Wednesday, Nov. 21, in a Stephenville nursing home.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1920, in Gordon and married W.L. "Squeaky" Thompson on Dec. 3, 1939, in Brownwood. She came to Big Spring in 1935 with her family and graduated from high school in 1938. She and her husband owned and operated Thompson Furniture and Carpet from 1956 to May of 1977 when they retired. She was a member of the First Christian Church, past president of Evening Lions Club and a member of the Pythian Sisters.

Survivors include her husband, W.L. "Squeaky" Thompson; her son, William L. Thompson of Stephenville; one daughter, Martha Ann Simmons of Houston; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Jerry Mason

Jerry Mason, 46, of Big Spring, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, at home after a lengthy illness.



Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bobby Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Denver City, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1955, in Colorado City and married Debora Sodan on Jan. 13, 1976, in Big Spring. Jerry had lived in Big Spring the past 25 years. He loved to garden and fly remote control planes.

He was a member of the

First Baptist Church in Colorado City and was an Eagle Scout.

Survivors include his wife, Debora Mason of Big Spring; his daughter and son-in-law, Mindy and Peyton Sedberry of Big Spring; his son, Christopher Mason of Big Spring; his father, B.D. Mason of Big Spring; his brother, Rick Mason of Snyder; his grandmother, Lee Roy Day of Big Spring and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Lee Day in December 1987 and by his grandfather, DeWitt Day in 1988.

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YOUTH

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catheter to immobilize parts of the AVM, followed by a second surgery and then radiation.

Ethan underwent surgery on Oct. 16, at Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, Calif., in which four blood vessels were cut off from the AVM reducing blood flow in that area.

The resulting stroke has left a spot on the left side of Ethan's brain as well as one on the right, Wende said, and he will have to undergo occupational, physical, speech and recreational rehabilitation therapy, along with counseling.

The difficulty in communication with his parents and with his own body is frustrating the preteen, the mother said.

"He is really frustrated," Wende said. "He is very depressed."

The rehabilitation is expected to take a much as six months and Ethan will need to get back up to speed, Wende said, before the doctors can attempt to perform more surgery on the AVMs which are about 15 to 20 percent smaller now.

The defects were causing uncontrollable shaking in Ethan's body, first noticeable in his arms then in his torso. He was taking medication to control the shaking before the surgery.

The family had to search all over the country to find doctors who would take the case.

Without treatment, Ethan has a 90 percent risk over the course of years that the embolism will rupture. That basically could cause paralysis, blindness and even death, said Chris Parsely, Ethan's father.

Doctors are now considering going in and immobilizing the left side of the ATM, then performing radiation, followed by immobilizing the right side, then further radiation.

Currently Ethan needs constant care so Wende, who is also expecting a child, has taken a family medical leave from her teaching job at Stanton Independent School District for the rest of the year.

Before the surgery, the family was expecting to have to raise \$30,000 for travel, boarding and initial medical treatment if their insurance pays for its part of the treatment but the new development may raise that figure dramatically.

"We have no idea (of the cost)," she said. "When we went we were expecting to stay in the hospital about two days in ICU and two days in a regular room. He was in the hospital 12 days

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and eight of those days were in ICU. We don't have any idea what we are looking at."

The medical bills are under review by the insurance company, Wende said, and the couple thinks the insurance company may pay for the medical care following the stroke but not for the initial surgery.

"They may not pay for anything," she said.

For now, Wende said prayer from the community is helping.

"When he had the stroke he was in a precoma phase," she said. "We asked the doctor if he would come out of it and he told us he did not know."

"We prayed over him and he woke up in five minutes," she said "I don't think the doctor expected him to wake up that fast. I just want to say to all the people who are praying, it is working."

Two accounts have been set up to off set the medical cost for Ethan — one at First National Bank of Stanton, account no. 357723, P.O. Box 10, Stanton 79782 or Wells Fargo, account no. 9696 710 111; P.O. Box 3070, Big Spring 79721.

FM 700

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ahead with one-way at the very beginning of the project instead of the very end," said Art Barrow, TxDOT's Big Spring area engineer. "My hope was we could get the new ramp and turnaround structure in place before worrying about one-way traffic."

When complete, motorists will also note changes where FM 700 intersects Goliad and Virginia. At Goliad, the traffic light on the south service road will be replaced with a stop sign, simplifying the intersection. A traffic light will be placed at the Virginia intersection, replacing the stop sign that is currently there.

"We will be replacing the lights at U.S. 87 and Goliad, putting in new lights at Virginia and updating the lights at Birdwell," said Barrow.

The \$1.3 million project will take approximately seven months to complete.

Barrow said that early next year, TxDOT will also conduct a signalization project on Gregg Street to coordinate the timing on all signal lights and help improve the flow of traffic.

MURDER TRIAL POSTPONED YET AGAIN

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Editor's note — The following story was incomplete in Wednesday's Herald. The article appears below in its entirety.

The trial of alleged murderer Carl Stanley Friday has been postponed once again.

Friday's trial for the May 4 slaying of Bob Joe Counce, 64, of Midland was scheduled to begin Monday, but has been rescheduled

for Jan. 7, 2002, according to a spokesman for the Howard County District Attorney's office.

"Both parties requested more time to prepare," said the spokesman.

The trial was postponed once before; it was originally scheduled for Oct. 15, but was rescheduled for Monday to allow the defense a continuance to prepare a response to a motion.

Jury selection in the 118th District Court scheduled for Monday will take place as scheduled, said the spokesman.

"We may have another trial," he said, adding that those summoned for jury duty Monday still need to show up at the courthouse at the indicated time.

Friday is charged with beating Counce to death and burning his body beyond recognition in his own car.

Friday, who has a record of prior arrests on charges of arson, burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, was arrested for the killing on May 29.

Sheriff's office investigators interviewed several people in connection with the slaying, including Counce's family members and his associates in Big Spring.

Information from those interviews, as well as telephone records, pointed to suspects in Big Spring, including Friday, Sheriff Dale Walker said in May, shortly after Friday's arrest.

Novert Morales of Midland is Friday's court-appointed counsel.

BRIEFS

ELEVEN YEAR OLD ETHAN STRICKLAND has had surgery for a devastating neurological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech, occupational and physical therapy.

His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance doesn't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur.

An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his family has asked for help and prayers for their son.

To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

MARCY ELEMENTARY'S PARENT INVOLVEMENT will be an Enchilada Extravaganza on Nov. 29. All students and one parent per family will be provided with meal tickets and you may eat from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional plates may be purchased at the door at the cost of \$3 each.

After eating, parents may go to classrooms for Make and Take Activities from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided for students in the Marcy library.

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas Department of Health has variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day. The Women, Infants and Children program offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30

a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. One Saturday each month, the office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call the office at 263-9777, or go by 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, for more information.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING semester at Howard College begins Nov. 26-30 for returning students with assigned times. Registration Dec. 3-7 is set for all students with assigned times. Jan. 7-8, 2002, is open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14, 2002. Call 264-5083 to receive an assigned time.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY WILL be serving Thanksgiving dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at no cost.

The Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239 for delivery.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- TODAY
*Turning Point A.A., 8:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
*AA, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
*Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
*AA-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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THE RITE Theatre is now playing 1st run movies
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Marguerite Thompson, 81, died Wednesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lorhea Patton, 87, died Tuesday. Services will be 11:30 AM Saturday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Marion A. (Al) Long, 81, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:30 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Perry

SOUTH PADRE (AP) — Gov. I Wednesday of reopening of the Queen Isabella Causeway with thousands of residents by cutting the ceremonial ribbon that draped the reconstructed bridge and promptly drove.

The \$4.3 million was complete ahead of scheduled vehicles to one of the only roads South Padre Island, Texas mainland.

"Not a Thanksgiving have in Texas, before cutting it."

After cutting about 10 a.m. other commuters got into a valley across the four.

The bridge is greeted enthusiastically.

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MONTELL Stoner has lived all of his long that until the year hadn't really thought in years.

Anthrax broke ranch in June, prized quarter. He also found dozens of anthrax tail deer on his.

When Stoner the early 1930s, he lost nearly all the toxic bacteria in the dusty Texas. But the outbreak for decades so he and most gradually stop their animals.

With each herd \$5,000, it was a "From now on..."

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Perry reopens Queen Isabella Causeway

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday celebrated the reopening of the Queen Isabella Causeway with thousands of residents by cutting the ceremonial ribbon that draped the reconstructed bridge and promptly drove across it.



PERRY

The \$4.3 million project was completed a month ahead of schedule, allowing vehicles to once again travel the only roadway linking South Padre Island to the Texas mainland.

"Not a greater Thanksgiving could we have in Texas," Perry said before cutting the ribbon.

After cutting the ribbon about 10 a.m., Perry and other community leaders got into a van and drove across the four-lane bridge.

The bridge opening was greeted enthusiastically by

residents who have been forced to take ferries to get to the mainland.

Port Isabel resident Fidel Garza said, "I wish I could be the first one to cross in my motorcycle."

While no one at the ceremony expressed concern about driving over the newly completed span, Toribio Garza, with the Texas Department of Transportation, said ferry service will continue through the weekend "because of some apprehension that people may feel crossing the causeway."

The midsection of the bridge was destroyed Sept. 15 when a tug boat with four barges slammed into a bridge support. Eight people were killed when their cars plummeted 85 feet into Laguna Madre below.

The accident was caused in part by an unusually strong current that swept the barges off course, according to testimony last month at a Coast Guard hearing in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Perry's office has estimated that 5,600 employees and 2,378 businesses were affected by the disaster, with the economic impact estimated at \$45 million to \$55 million if the causeway reopening had been Dec. 23 as originally scheduled.

A televised concert by country music singer Garth Brooks is scheduled for Nov. 28, which could help rejuvenate the economy in Port Isabel and South Padre Island.

Perry has asked President Bush to reconsider his administration's decision not to provide federal disaster unemployment assistance to the area affected by the bridge collapse.

The governor wrote a letter to Bush after a request from Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa, asking that the Federal Emergency Management Agency take another look at the effects of the bridge collapse was denied.

The collapse caused thousands of job losses and cost millions to the tourism-

dependent economy.

In the letter sent Monday, Perry challenged FEMA's claim that state and local governments can meet the needs of all citizens who lost jobs because of the collapse.

"The Disaster Unemployment Assistance program could provide assistance for individuals not currently eligible for unemployment assistance," Perry wrote in his appeal. "This assistance would address the unmet needs of the sole-proprietors and other self-employed small business people, and provide assistance to those whose unemployment benefits have been exhausted."

Meanwhile, the National Highway Administration has announced it will reimburse the state and local governments \$10 million for ferries, shuttle buses and other transportation services employed while the causeway was out of service.

The bridge repairs were done by Houston-based Williams Brothers Inc.

STATE BRIEFS

State senator arrested for DWI

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, was charged Wednesday morning with drunken driving, the Austin Police Department said.

Barrientos was stopped about 12:30 a.m. in downtown Austin and charged with driving while intoxicated, police spokesman Adam Shaivitz said.

Barrientos was taken to the Travis County Jail, where he was released shortly after 4 a.m.

Barrientos, 60, did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

An assistant in his senate office said he had no information about the arrest and said he had not talked to Barrientos Wednesday.

Barrientos, who represents Travis County and part of Hays County, has been a state senator since 1985. He also served as a state representative from 1975 to 1985.

He is chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Customers billed \$2 million

STEPHENVILLE (AP) — Got water? More than 500 Stephenville residents are receiving delinquent notices, claiming each customer owes \$2 million for water usage.

A computer error during the bills' printing accounted for the grossly overdue accounts, although the correct figure also is listed on the notice, city officials said.

"If just one person paid that amount, the city would be in good financial shape for a long time," city administrator Mike Castro joked.

The city was unaware of the error until a customer questioned the notice Monday. Corrected statements were mailed Tuesday, and customers will be given two extra days to pay their bills.

Anthrax attack gets attention of West Texas ranchers

MONTELL (AP) — Chilton Stoner has lived close to anthrax all of his long life, but he admits that until the past few months, he hadn't really given it much thought in years.

Anthrax broke out on Stoner's ranch in June, killing three of his prized quarter horses and a bull. He also found the carcasses of dozens of anthrax-infected white-tail deer on his 2,800-acre spread.

When Stoner was a kid, back in the early 1930s, his ranching family lost nearly all of its livestock to the toxic bacteria found naturally in the dusty soil of southwest Texas. But there hadn't been an outbreak for decades in the area, so he and most of his neighbors gradually stopped vaccinating their animals.

"With each horse valued at up to \$5,000, it was an expensive lesson."

"From now on, we're going to vaccinate every animal every year," said Stoner. "It was probably my fault, but since we hadn't had a case in 50 years, I didn't see it as a necessity."

Then last month, after the local outbreak had petered out, he heard about anthrax being sent through the mail as a biological weapon.

"We never thought of it as anything but an animal disease," he said. "This has increased my respect for it ... but ranchers and farmers out here aren't worried like people back East."

Robin Luce, who ranches on about 1,700 acres a few miles up the road from Stoner, says a lack of familiarity with anthrax breeds fear among urban dwellers, much as a rural Texan might be afraid to ride on a big-city subway.

"If I were in New York and not in the know, I'd be very cautious (about anthrax)," said Luce, who lost about 65 deer in last summer's outbreak.

"I would have a different viewpoint — it would be 'How did this get here?'"

But like so many Americans, Luce has changed some habits since the start of the anthrax attack, which has killed four peo-

ple and infected more than a dozen others. She now looks at her incoming mail as a potential hazard, for example.

"When I get a letter without a good return address, I just pitch it into the trash," she said.

Ben Durr, administrator at Uvalde Memorial Hospital, said he's seen heightened awareness of the disease and its symptoms.

"I don't think we've had but one patient come in in a panic, but we have had patients drop into the emergency room and say, 'Hey, does this look like anthrax?'" Durr said. "We're levelheaded in the way we look at things, but we are watching more carefully because it can pop up anywhere."

Cecil Arnim Jr., a longtime veterinarian in Uvalde, says he has gotten some calls from area residents wondering about the availability of an anthrax vaccine for people. But by and large, he says, his clients are more concerned about a host of other livestock ailments — blackleg, pseudo rabies, leptospirosis.

"(Anthrax) is just another disease we deal with," he said.

Last summer's outbreak, the worst in the state in 20 years, killed more than 1,600 animals in several counties.

Two ranch workers in the Del Rio area survived cases of skin anthrax contracted by handling infected animals. They were the first human cases in Texas since 1988.

Stoner realized he had anthrax on his ranch when a horse that seemed fine at its Sunday-night feeding was suffocating and running a high fever on Monday morning. Fever and respiratory distress are symptoms of the inhalation form of the disease.

By the time he drove to Uvalde, about 25 miles south, to get vaccine, three of his 35 horses were dead and several others were showing early signs of the disease. On Arnim's advice, he injected them with large doses of penicillin twice a day for 10 days. They all survived.

The dead livestock and deer

were burned on wooden pyres in an effort to keep the bacteria from soaking back into the soil. Stoner's only protective gear was a pair of rubber gloves, which in retrospect may have been too casual an approach.

"If I had it to do again, I might have given myself antibiotics at the same time," he said. "If penicillin did that much for the animals, I don't see why it wouldn't do the same for humans."

Luce hadn't vaccinated her cattle, goats or horses against anthrax, but she quickly changed her mind after hearing that Stoner's ranch had been hit.

She didn't lose any livestock, though nearly all the whitetail bucks on the property died. While she understands the fear of anthrax, Luce remains a rough-hewn rancher with unvarnished words for the worried.

"They have to get a hold of their feelings," she said. "We're gonna have to accept (the threat) and get on with our lives. That may sound a little laid back, but that's life."

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OUR VIEWS

We pause in thanks on this day

As we look to the sky today in its beautiful West Texas splendor ... as we watch the leaves turn color and gently float to the ground in advance of winter ... as we gather 'round the dinner table to share food with friends and family, let us give pause.

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

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

What is the Thanksgiving tradition? In reality, its tradition lies within each of us,

there are those in our community less fortunate.

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

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

Happy Thanksgiving.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Fall festivals are a real treat for elementary school students and parents alike. The Kentwood Fall "Spooktacular" Festival was a lot of fun due to the generosity of so many local merchants who provided a huge harvest of door prizes.
A big thank you to Alberto's Crystal Cafe; Alon USA; Al's and Son Barbecue; Bargain Mart; Blockbuster Video; Blum's Jewelers; Bowlerama; Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union; Culligan Water; Dakota's Flowers & Gifts; Downtown Car Wash; Faye's Flowers; Gale's Sweet Shoppe; Gaze Crystal Kitchen; Halimann's Creations; Higginbotham Bartlett; Howard College Cosmetology; Melinda Hawes at Joe James Salon; K.C. Steak & Seafood; KBST; Koshmore

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Very few businesses declined our request to support the fall festival and we know businesses get requests all the time. May shoppers be as generous with you, as you are with us in support of the school children.

LESA BROOKS
KENTWOOD PTA

Sitting at my grandmother's table

Nights were darker then, and stars brighter, from the vantage of childhood and the Buick's back seat.

And it was often night — the day before Thanksgiving — by the time we made it down to my grandmother's house in South Georgia. You couldn't see the windmill, or the everlastingly soggy cornfields, or snow-white egrets balanced on the backs of red cows. Not even Pop's cathedral of a barn.

But the yellow porch light burned like a solitary beacon on a black ocean to welcome us, regardless of the hour. We were home and felt it.

I can pass most other holidays without finding myself bogged in a mire of memory. But not Thanksgiving. My grandmother owned the day the way Jimmie Rodgers owns the yodel and Alice Walker the color purple. She was Thanksgiving.

A couple of years ago my

first cousins and I put together a little book, pamphlet really, about my grandmother. Each person wrote a few paragraphs, a favorite memory or two about our granny, Annie Lois Houston. We put in treasured old snapshots, their corners torn, wrinkles running through them like seismic faults.

The 20-page booklet reads a little like a lengthy Hallmark card, as heavily sweet as sorghum. Nobody had any bad memories.

I guess you could say it's for Family Eyes Only. But I cherish that effort, mainly because it brought us cousins together once again, if only through the mail. We haven't exactly been close since my grandmother died. She was the glue that bound us.

This year thousands of American families have been torn asunder by an inexplicable act of terrorism. Grandmothers, cousins, fathers, mothers — so many lost in a devastating few minutes of destruction that changed lives forever. You can never take back some things.

So this year, more than most, I am thankful for family, those gone but not forgotten, those often forgotten if not gone. I can see them in their respective

roles around my grandmother's table at Thanksgiving.

I can see my Aunt Margie, with her bright-red hair and powdered nose, sweetly grabbing you close to her bosom and hugging so hard it hurt. She worked much of her life in a dry-goods store, catering to the everyday needs of everyday people with a sweetly solicitous attitude that you hardly ever see in clerks anymore.

I can hear cousin Cliff, whom everyone knew would amount to something, his earnest voice practicing a glib deejay delivery. He eventually became a preacher.

I can see his mother, my Aunt Delma, the definitive Southern lady who never looked ruffled or wrinkled. She looks exactly the same today as she did back then, perfection in a shirtwaist.

And there's Uncle Otis, the game warden, as serious a man as ever patrolled the woods, but sometimes willing to brighten our lives with a backhanded compliment or a new quarter.

Next to Otis sat Aunt Hilda, a career woman before most women had jobs, much less careers. She seemed to be constantly smiling, and was known

for her willingness to take a teen-ager's side in arguments about skirt length and swimsuit style.

There were other aunts, uncles, cousins, kin. I can see them all, the various planets that revolved around my grandmother's sun.

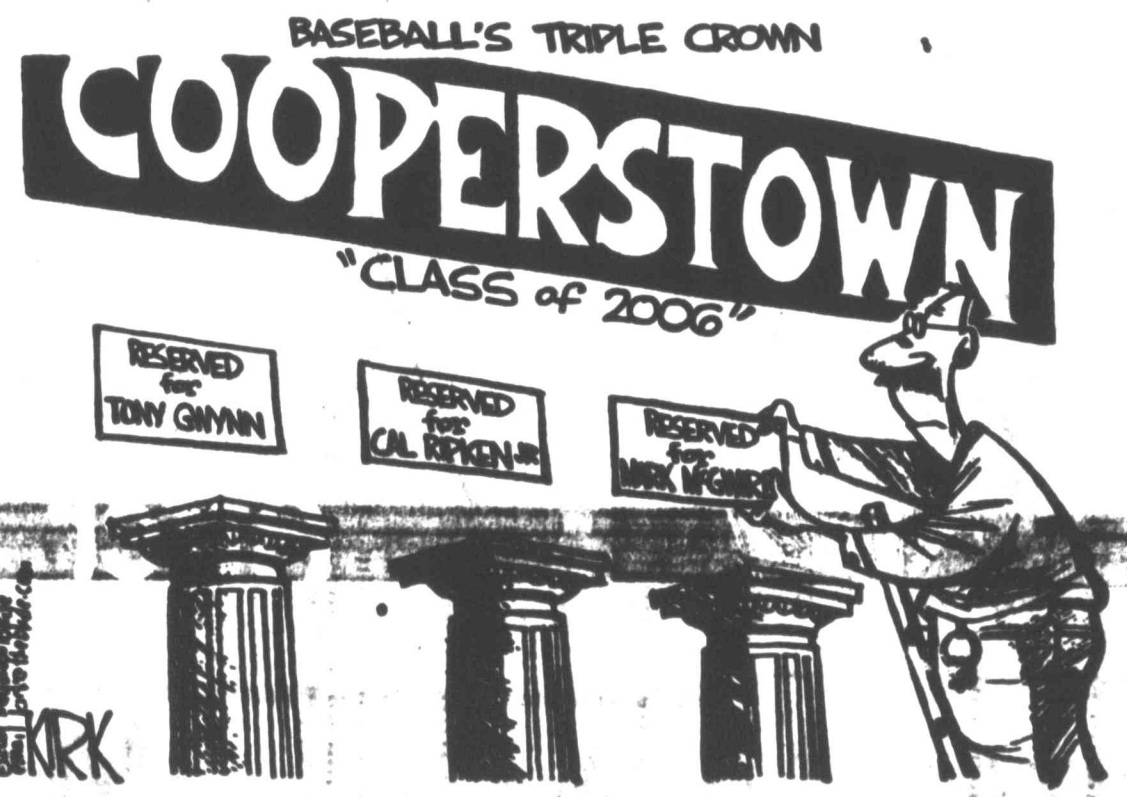
A casual observer might have believed my authoritative grandfather ran things, that ours was strictly a patriarchal society. It might have looked, and even sounded, that way, considering who was serving and who was served.

I can't see my grandmother sitting, not even in my memories, because she never sat, not when there was a meal to be served. She took serving seriously, fetching and toting and topping off your ice-tea glass before you had time to ask. She remained still only for the blessing, and then she was off, the sole runner in a marathon meal.

But Annie Lois Houston controlled things in that household and family, by her work and steadiness and quiet determination. She had the kind of power that comes from knowing each and every one of us inside out, the good and the bad. She concentrated on the good. And she had, by far, the most love.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



The same silly grin and wagging tail

Once upon a time, a decrepit writer lived in a decrepit house with an inherited, decrepit dog.

OK, I'm not C.S. Lewis. You have to admit, however, that even an inherited, decrepit dog is a more cheerful topic than plane crashes, war or terrorism.

As most of you know, I recently retired from my corporate job, though I will continue to write syndicated columns until 2004 or perhaps longer, depending on the state of my own decrepitude and the patience and interest of the readers.

I didn't count on my hot-water heater retiring and announcing its retirement by flooding two closets and my home office. I should have known that it would happen. It's a well-known fact that if you put down new carpet, you will develop plumbing problems. I don't have an explanation.

Maybe it's the weight of the new carpet. Or possibly it's the commotion that installing new carpet entails. At any rate, pipes and appliances that have been waiting for decades to let the water out suddenly decided to do so.

And that brings me to the dog. This dog, like Rudyard Kipling's Kim, is a friend to all the world. He has never met a human being he didn't like, though sometimes I think he has his doubts about me. He once greeted a burglar with his usual silly grin and tail wagging. No doubt he followed the guy around as he scooped up various stuff from an apartment my ex-wife was living in. Never a peep out of him.

He doesn't bark, except on one occasion: If he's outside and wants in, and smearing the sliding glass door with dog spit doesn't get my attention, he will yelp twice, followed by a long pause. Two quick yelps followed by a long pause, during which he stares soulfully through the glass. Never three. Never one. Always just two yelps. Except in that one situation, I've never heard him make a sound but for an

occasional sneeze or if he happens to have gas.

On the other hand, if Mullah Omar and his Taliban cutthroats came crashing through the door, he'd greet them with that same silent, silly grin and wagging tail. There's a reason, though I'm embarrassed to tell you about it. This dog, you see, has a passion for people's legs (mine excepted). Whenever workmen come in, as they do when you need a new hot-water heater and your carpet dried out, he follows them everywhere, staring lustily at their legs.

Actually, it's kind of fun to watch their reactions. Some think that he's threatening to bite them and move away warily. Eventually, they all discover he has love, not war, on his mind, and that makes some of them even more nervous. I have to admit, the dog gets a kind of strange look in his eyes as he follows their every step, staring at their legs, grinning up a storm and wagging his tail in time to a Sousa march. He stares at their legs the way a normal dog would stare at a T-bone steak.

I don't know what's

wrong with the critter. He was snipped long ago. I'm not taking him to a dog therapist, though. Plain old vets are costly enough (some seem to charge more than a pediatrician charges to take care of your two-legged wards). Maybe in the next election, one of the candidates will promise free prescription drugs for cats and dogs. I bet that would get a lot of votes.

My current dog is such a contrast to my previous dog, the late lamented killer-dog, Wags. Wags would not only bark at everything from butterflies to the meter readers, she would do a great deal more than bark if they ventured into her yard. I was a bit nervous about going out there myself.

She was half German shepherd and half Doberman, with the body of a shepherd and the personality of a Doberman. Strictly an outside dog, she lived in various foxholes she dug in the lawn.

Well, at least with the present dog, I don't have to do all the repairs myself.

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Macy's annual Thanksgiving parade to be star-spangled

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid heightened security, the 75th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade promised to be a star-spangled event following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Tribute to America, the first float in today's parade, features a giant Statue of Liberty surrounded by midshipmen from the Merchant Marine Academy of New York waving 50 state flags and 50 American flags to the tune of "America the

Beautiful," sung by Broadway star Betty Buckley, of "Cats" fame.

It will be followed by a float honoring the city's heroes, escorted by the New York Police Department marching band performing "New York, New York." Firefighters, police and emergency workers on the float will hold two 54-foot flag-theme banners, representing the World Trade Center towers when seen from the air.

Officer Danny Rodriguez is set to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" atop the annual Big Apple float, escorted by mounted police. Security will be tighter than usual.

"This year, we have again been working with NYPD as well as state and federal law enforcement agencies to put in place the appropriate security plan to ensure the safest and most secure parade," commented Macy's spokesman Orlando

Veras. Besides the flags and uniforms, a new Curious George balloon will lead the parade, along with four other giant helium balloons: a bright yellow Pikachu from Pokemon; a new Big Bird, carrying ABC symbols; an orange Cheesaurus Rex from Kraft Macaroni and Cheese; and Jimmy Neutron, based on the Nickelodeon character.

In addition to the tribute

floats, there will be a World Wrestling Federation float, along with Hallmark's Dinotopia, PBS's Bob the Builder, and Macy's own Percy the Poor Little Penguin and Green Dog.

Unlike last year, the Yankees were not scheduled to participate.

The weather was expected to be clear and warmer than last year's below-freezing Thanksgiving. "But the only real measurement that matters to me is the one

taken at 7 o'clock in the morning Thanksgiving Day," said Henry Perahia, chief engineer for the city's Department of Transportation, who decides how and if the balloons will fly.

A half-dozen engineers constantly monitor wind-speed along the route, as do the assistant pilots of each balloon.

The parade, televised nationally on NBC, runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., CST.

Where Frank Lloyd Wright went wrong: Working to save Fallingwater

MILL RUN, Pa. (AP) — Come Friday, visitors to Fallingwater will be able to see where Wright went wrong.

Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural classic has long been praised as the pinnacle of organic design. But stress problems have put it under the risk of collapsing into the creek below in a heap of sandstone and concrete.

Work is underway on a permanent fix, and now the group that owns the house — voted "Building of the 20th Century" by the American Institute of Architects — is giving people a chance to witness some of the details with \$50 tours.

This is no simple repair job; there is Wright's genius to consider. The building's distinctive terraces are supposed to float across bucolic

Bear Run, some 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Its pale ocher parapets are expected to blend in with the surrounding rhododendron and hemlock.

Steel scaffolding to hold up the place simply won't do.

"Fallingwater is too important an experience to leave it handicapped like that," said Larry Schweiger, president and CEO of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, which owns the building.

New York engineer Robert Silman's firm is attempting to stop the structure's slow, southern tilt, employing a seldom-used means of repair that will be invisible after the work is finished.

The problem with Wright's design is that it didn't include enough steel in the reinforced concrete, particularly in the second

floor terrace. The terrace's weight is transferred down to the huge cantilever beams that carry the first floor over the waterfall after which the house is named. Those beams were made to support the living room and the first floor terraces, but not the second floor terrace as well.

Work began last week to pull up the sandstone floors in the living room to provide access to the concrete

beams and base which make up the structure's main cantilever.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the house like this," said Lynda Waggoner, Fallingwater's director. "I certainly hope I don't see it like this again in my lifetime."

Steel cables will be attached along one side of the beams and pulled taut with hundreds of tons of pressure to counteract the

forces trying to make them bend. It's like holding several books between your hands by pressing on the volumes at each end.

The pressure won't bring Fallingwater back to horizontal. Doing that could crack all the wood and glass which has settled with the slope of the building. But it should arrest the growing tilt, Silman said.

The work, part of a lengthy \$11 million restora-

tion that started earlier this year, is expected to be done by March.

Wright could have worked better with engineers — the company that supplied the steel reinforcing bars for the construction in the 1930s insisted his design wasn't strong enough — but his genius was really more about imagination and innovation, says Wendy Evans Joseph, chairman of the American Institute.

Flu shots are safe for people with asthma, study finds

Contrary to widespread fears among patients and some doctors, flu shots are safe even for those with severe asthma, a study found.

Many people with asthma believe getting the vaccine — as health officials recommend — can cause dangerous asthma attacks.

Because of that misconception, only about 10 percent of asthma patients get a flu shot each year, said the study's lead author, Dr. Mario Castro of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Castro and researchers at 18 other sites around the country put those fears to the test by studying 2,032 children and adults with asthma.


Half got a flu vaccination and the other half an inactive shot. They were checked for symptoms for two weeks. After another week, the groups were switched, so everyone got the vaccine at some point.

After both the real and dummy shots, about three in 10 people had an asthma flare-up, with breathing difficulty. Asthma patients often suffer flare-ups because of colds, exercise or exposure to irritants such as pollen, animal dander, smoke, dust mites and cold air.

"Now we know for the first time that this is safe to use in all asthmatics," Castro said.

Linda C. Lambert, influenza program officer at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the study sends a strong message that the vaccine is safe for asthmatics. "I hope physicians will take notice of this and recommend that their patients get flu shots," she said.

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Northern alliance helpful in fight, but burdened by unsavory past

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Amnesty International report on Afghanistan was unsparring: Violations against civilians "were numerous and included rape, extra-judicial executions and torture, as well as long-term detention of prisoners of conscience."

In the present context, it would be easy to conclude that the Taliban militia, known for its heavy-handed rule, was responsible. Instead, the comments were directed at northern alliance rule in Afghanistan between 1992-96.

From the U.S. perspective these days, the northern alliance are the "good

guys," the same group which, with a large assist from American military bombardment, has helped to seize power from the Taliban in much of the country.

Without the northern alliance, the Taliban probably would still be running the country and the capture of presumed terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden would be far more of a long shot than it is.

Jeffersonians the northern alliance are not. Concepts such as majority rule and minority rights are not part of their doctrine or of political movements in general in Afghanistan.

Nowadays, the Bush administration and its European allies are using diplomatic muscle to convince the northern alliance that power sharing with other ethnic groups is the way to stability. The alternative, diplomats believe, is another minority government — and continued warfare with its harvest of death, destruction and uprooted families.

The northern alliance attitude toward a broad-based government is grudging acceptance at best. After days of arm-twisting, alliance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani agreed to take part in a U.N.-spon-

sored power-sharing conference in Berlin in the coming days.

But he later described the meeting as "symbolic" and said substantive decisions on the country's political future must be made in Afghanistan itself, where his people have the upper hand.

Apprised of Rabbani's comments, Lakhdar Brahimi, the top U.N. envoy for Afghanistan, said, "That's not what they told us."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher believes the situation is on the right track.

Asked about indications of

northern alliance intransigence, he said Tuesday, "I don't think it's something to make a big deal of. ... Things seem to be moving in a direction that was set toward a broad-based government."

Based on its Cold War experience, the United States knows all about disreputable allies. Anti-communist strongmen in Zaire and elsewhere were often abusive but they served Washington's purposes. The northern alliance, which consists of five loosely aligned factions, may be about to join these ranks, albeit in a post-Cold War context.

The Amnesty International report on the northern alliance continues: "Women were often treated as the spoils of war. Armed groups affiliated with the northern alliance were responsible for widespread torture, including the rape of women and children, a practice condoned by leaders as a method of intimidating vanquished populations and of rewarding soldiers."

T. Kumar, an Afghan expert at Amnesty International, said Rabbani "did not take any steps to stop these abuses" even though, he said, Rabbani had a duty to do so as head of state.

Study: Protease inhibitors cut death rate, boost health in children, too

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The AIDS drug cocktails that have saved the lives of countless adults have proved powerfully effective in children, too.

A four-year study of 1,028 HIV-infected children and teen-agers found that combining protease inhibitors with standard AIDS drugs cut the risk of death by two-thirds, to less than 1 percent annually. Some children improved dramatically.

"The children are acting as if they didn't have AIDS," said study leader Dr. James M. Oleske, director of pediatric infectious diseases

at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. "They started growing, they started gaining weight, they started enjoying life. They didn't develop infections as much."

Since 1996, most adult AIDS patients have taken cocktails consisting of protease inhibitors along with older medicines. The combination has greatly suppressed the virus and cut deaths. For many patients, AIDS — once regarded as a death sentence — has been reduced to a chronic disease.

Because of protease

inhibitors and other advances, some children infected with the AIDS virus around the time of birth are now in college; doctors once worried they would not live to finish grammar school.

Until recently, however, many doctors were not sure if children would get the same benefit from protease inhibitors as adults do. Some doctors hesitated to prescribe the drugs because of side effects such as bone loss.

The latest study looked at children treated for HIV at 40 pediatric AIDS clinics around the country. Their

doctors and their parents decided on the course of treatment for each child.

The findings were reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

In 1996, when doctors had to guess at children's doses of protease inhibitors and there were no liquid forms for the very young, only 7 percent in the study were taking them along with standard AIDS drugs. Those problems were soon solved, and by 1999, 73 percent of the children in the study were taking protease inhibitors.

Meanwhile, the annual

death rate of study participants dropped from 5.3 percent to 0.7 percent.

"This is a great study," said Dr. Sharon Nachman, director of the Maternal

Child HIV Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "It shows we've moved from a fatal disease to a chronic illness that can be treated."

Research shows anti-inflammatory drugs, except aspirin, cut risk of Alzheimer's disease

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Dutch researchers have found the strongest evidence yet that pain relievers like Advil, Aleve and Motrin may ward off Alzheimer's disease.

A large study of people 55 or older concluded that those who took certain non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines every day for at least two years were 80 percent less likely to develop Alzheimer's.

Scientists first noticed in the mid-1990s that regular use of these drugs for aches and pains may protect against Alzheimer's. Studies in the late 1990s found no such effect, but had flaws such as asking people with Alzheimer's to recall their past medication use.

The Dutch study appears to solve that problem because it drew information on the patients' drug use from a national database in Holland.

Still, the lead author, Bruno Stricker, said researchers must confirm the results with controlled experiments in which

patients are randomly assigned to take either anti-inflammatory drugs or dummy pills.

Stricker and other experts warned people not to start taking NSAIDs on their own. Anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen and naproxen can cause serious, sometimes fatal side effects such as gastrointestinal bleeding and kidney damage.

"Whatever you do, go to your doctor first," said Stricker, a professor of clinical epidemiology at Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam.

The research was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Doctors studied 6,989 people, many of whom had been prescribed anti-inflammatory medications for joint problems. The patients were evaluated in the early 1990s to be sure they did not have Alzheimer's.

They were followed on average for seven years to see which ones developed the incurable mind-robbing disease. Checking Holland's national pharmacy data-

base, the researchers determined which patients took NSAIDs and for how long.

Altogether, 293 patients were diagnosed with Alzheimer's and 101 others developed other types of dementia.

For people who already have Alzheimer's, Stricker said, "There's no reason to believe that treatment with these drugs would improve symptoms."

The Dutch researchers believe NSAIDs work against Alzheimer's by relieving minor brain inflammation. However, other researchers reported last week that NSAIDs appear to work by inhibiting production of a protein found in the buildups that clog brain cells.

In the Dutch study, one of the most commonly used NSAIDs, aspirin, did not reduce Alzheimer's risk at all. Likewise, none of the 17 anti-inflammatory drugs used by patients in the study cut the risk of vascular dementia, in which repeated, undetected minor strokes damage the brain.

Alzheimer's causes about two-thirds of all dementia

cases; other causes include heavy drinking. Roughly 4 million Americans have the disease.

Because the Dutch government provides medicines free with a prescription, the extensive pharmacy records provided much better data than was available in prior studies, said Neil Buckholz, chief of the Dimensions of Aging Branch at the U.S. National Institute on Aging.

The institute is enrolling 2,500 patients in a new study comparing the potential protective effects of two widely used drugs — naproxen, also known as Aleve, and the newer Celebrex — with dummy pills. Results are expected around 2008.

Dr. John C.S. Breitner and Peter P. Zandi of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore wrote in an accompanying editorial that the Dutch study appears to resolve puzzling conflicts among previous studies on the topic.

Illinois high court rejects racist group's challenge

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Illinois Supreme Court dealt a legal blow to a white supremacist on Wednesday, upholding a state law that requires charities to register and report their finances to the government.

The court rejected Matt Hale's argument that the law is vague.

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan sued Hale's World Church of the Creator in 1999 for failing to register as a charity and disclose its finances. The lawsuit was

filed just days after former member Benjamin Smith went on a shooting rampage that targeted minorities. Smith killed two people before killing himself.

Ryan is trying to fine the East Peoria-based racist group \$1,000, freeze its assets and ban it from soliciting funds in Illinois.

Ryan contends Hale's organization is a charity, not a church. Illinois requires charities to register so it can protect people from fraudulent fund rais-

ing, while the First Amendment keeps government's hands off churches.

Hale argued that the law is so vague no one can tell which groups it covers. A Cook County circuit judge agreed and overturned the law.

The Supreme Court's unanimous decision said the state's Solicitation Act describes "charitable organizations" as being formed for "benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic," or other purposes.

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Internet sites can compile information about your personal finances

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — Eight months ago, Janet Capua of Fort Worth says, she accidentally logged on to a pornographic Web site on the Internet. As a result, Capua is still getting personalized, unsolicited e-mails touting all sorts of X-rated products and services. "I knew those hard-core Internet places had ways to track you down once you went there," she says. "So these porno people know my name and my e-mail address. It makes me mad, but I don't know what I can do about it."

Losing control of her e-mail address should be the least of Capua's worries. Information about her personal finances, travel plans, entertainment preferences, some medical data and even her dress size is also available to anyone savvy enough to know where to look, because customer information is regularly sold or traded among catalog, ticketing, pharmaceutical and credit card companies.

When she bought her car, the dealer and manufacturer added her name and address to dozens of other mailing lists. Even Capua's Internet Service Provider (ISP) is peddling information about her. In the United States, very little personal data is protected by law, and the Internet is only the latest tool used by anyone who wants to learn more about us.

In a very real sense, everyone is doing it — with information you are required to give them for service.

Companies that provide essential services, such as utilities, are "regulated businesses" and are prohibited by law from selling that information. So TXU Electric & Gas, the primary energy provider in Tarrant County, cannot sell its customers' information because of federal law.

But many other companies, such as cable TV providers, are allowed to provide their customer databases to third parties, and they do so.

"This is not a new phenomenon," says Beth Givens, founder/director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a nonprofit organization in San Diego. "List brokers and marketing compilers have been around for a long time."

But the latest — and, by far, the most comprehensive — intrusions on personal pri-

vacancy began in 1991, with the advent of the World Wide Web. In 1993, government agencies began putting "public information" databases on the Web. Two years later, companies such as America Online began offering Internet connections to a wide base of subscribers, making access to other peoples' personal data generally available via home computers.

Today, America Online, whose 31 million customers make it the largest ISP, routinely sells information about its customers to "marketing partners," though company spokesman Andrew Einstein adds that AOL "only reveals names and mailing addresses, and not credit card numbers."

For Americans today, Lance Cottrell says, logging on to Web sites is the equivalent of "having someone follow you around with a camera."

Cottrell should know. He runs Anonymizer.com, a paid service that helps its customers block outsider access to most of their Internet activity. For annual fees ranging from \$49.96 (for anonymous "surfing") to \$229.96 (for as close to total protection as possible, including help in blocking information from hackers and other electronic snoopers), Cottrell's company thrives as more people come to realize just how much personal information they are unwittingly making public.

"We have about 500,000 active users, and we're growing strongly," says Cottrell, who got his business start designing "Internet privacy tools" for companies instead of individuals. "Even people who think they know how to protect themselves don't know all that they should."

For instance, Cottrell says, most Web surfers think they can't be identified by Web sites they visit so long as they don't click on advertising banners, or provide personal information like e-mail addresses or credit card numbers.

"Any time you're on an advertising-supported Web site with ads or banners, they're already tracking you, whether you click on the ads or not," he says. "The product doesn't matter. It's not just X-rated sites. If you order medicine online, and there's an ad on the page, they're tracking you, and the information they get will be cross-referenced and sold to all kinds of other companies."

Nowhere to hide

The Star-Telegram does not give out customer information to third parties, although it does purchase and sell direct-marketing lists from consumer-list companies, says database marketing manager Eric Rossi. Such lists, Givens says, are the basis for the junk advertising mail and unsolicited marketing phone calls that plague everyone.

"If, for instance, you subscribe to a golfing magazine, and whether you do it online or by mail, soon you start getting ads in the mail or online for golf products and vacations and books," she says. "You get sales calls about the same things. It never seems to stop. That's because the golf magazine sells or trades all your information to a network of other businesses having to do with golf."

This isn't the case in most other countries, Givens says, "because, except for America, it's a matter of 'opt-in' for having information about you sold or shared. You're asked for permission. But here it's 'opt-out,' meaning any information you give anyone is pretty much considered fair game."

Legislation may eventually provide more consumer privacy protection, Givens says, "but it doesn't seem to be a priority in Washington. Trading this information is, of course, big business, so it's not a given that elected officials will automatically support laws to make that information harder to get."

Those in the know can find out just about everything about everybody else even if they never come near a computer keyboard. But information-gathering on Internet users is particularly pervasive and sneaky. Janet Capua discovered this when she made tentative plans for a business trip.

There was a dental hygiene conference in Australia," recalls Capua, who works in a Fort Worth dentist's office. "I didn't end up going, but I got on the Internet to find out about ticket prices, going to different sites to check. Right afterward I started getting e-mails and regular mail from hotels and travel companies and even Hertz in Australia."

What Capua says she can't understand is how brief visits to online ticket vendors

resulted in information about her potential destination being disseminated to car rental companies and hotel chains.

One way is relatively obvious. Like most other businesses, travel companies routinely pass on or sell information about customers to other industry-related businesses.

Michael Stacy, a spokesman for Travelocity, the Fort Worth-based travel Web site, says his company "shares" information about its 30 million members with vendors such as hotel chains and airlines "to complete the travel reservation." Travelocity does not sell its customer database information, Stacy adds.

But many hotel chains and airlines do, and the information they market can come via companies like Travelocity.

Some of Capua's projected Australia trip information was disseminated through less overt means. In this Information Age, "cookies" emanate from places other than ovens.

When Internet users visit Web sites, graphic and text

information from the site are sent electronically to the users' Web browsers. But with that information, sites also send cookies, computer files that sit on the user's hard drive, so that the next time the user visits the site, the cookie informs the site that this user has been there before. Cookies can then be used by the Web site to identify exactly who the visitor was, and even which specific products or information the visitor looked at. This is how sales sites like Amazon.com can create "individual pages" for customers, specifically tailoring sales pitches based on past orders and site visits.

Web sites are not required to notify visitors that they are acquiring cookies during their visits. One way to prevent a Web site from placing cookies on a computer is by having the Web browser reject all cookies. Even without cookies, employees often monitor employees' Internet activity on their work computers by using tracking software. Many employers also ask workers to sign agreements saying they will not use a work computer for personal Internet surfing or e-mailing.

Some legal matters have always been public record — marriages and divorces, arrests and convictions, business start-ups and bankruptcies. Thanks to the Internet, it's now easy to find out whatever you want. "It used to take immense effort to find these things regarding an individual," says attorney David Chappell. "Technology has given us an incredible ability to take these scattered tidbits of information and put it all together."



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Childhood memories I cherish most

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A shade tree vocalist, delightfully heard
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Golden moon beams on a wooded hill
A water wheel turning by an old mill
Apple blossoms with droning bees
Hunting dogs and sweet gum trees

Burning logs with dancing flames
Rocking chairs and quilting frames
Snow birds perched on the

window sills
Precious memories that linger still

Spooks and witches at Halloween
Filling the air with their shrieks and screams
Deserted houses with creeping ghost
Some of the things I remember most

Half forgotten thoughts come crowding the mind
Down through the years to another time
There's something lost, yet so much gained
When you take a journey down memory lane
Louise Burgess

Goodbye
The light's glowing closer.
The hours go by.
I know they will be here to tell me goodbye.
The time's drawing nearer.
Their voices, I do not hear.
How can they leave me?
Here all alone.
My body grows weaker.
With each breath I take.
I must linger longer.
I just have to stay.
The hours have dwindled into long days.
The light is shining brightly.
I must go away.
No kiss on the brow.
No hand holding mine.
The love of a mother was not quite enough.
They could not come to me to stay by my side.
The touches I felt were gentle and kind
but, I needed my loved ones to tell me goodbye.
Sandra Kay Holliman-Halford.

Miss Liberty
The statue of Miss Liberty that stands so strong and tall,

standing out there by that water I know she watched it all.

She saw the planes oh, what a shame she saw the buildings fall this tragic day of deep dismay brought sorrow to us all.

It seems I saw a tear drop falling down upon her cheek, but God still loves America, 'America we'll keep' And there upon her shoulder I saw a snow white dove, and I knew that God was watching some where up above.

Horizons of the New York sky

will always be remembered so many people died that day on Eleventh day September.
Bernice Reed Jones

Unseen Danger
Today the headlines were full of disaster, I had to wonder were we forgotten by the master. How could this happen in the land of the free? I could not believe what my eyes would see. Fire and smoke had filled the air, This could be more than I could bear. America is strong and together we stay, For the dead and their families we all should pray. God bless and keep us all safe from danger, God protect us all from the unknown stranger!
Ashley Nichol Rudd

Just a Prayer From Here
There are wars all around us
With rumors and strife.
Thank God for a Master Plan by
The Lord of all life.
In the dark days of sorrow
With a lonely, aching heart,
The Lord is right there for us,
His peace and love to impart.
This life is but a moment
Then like a mist it's gone.
If we're not in this world
Then we've just gone on home.
We're ambassadors and students
In the chaos here below.
When we give our hearts to the Lord of all
He will show us how to go.
Let nothing make us afraid
And never dwell in fear.
Our father is the King of all and
He's just a prayer from here.
Martha Anderson Peugh

Greater Was The Fall
Were we singing, "God bless us" before the towers came down, or were we smug in our pride at our tall shining crown?
Did we look up to the towers as God's blessing on this land, or in arrogant pride, proclaim them as made by our hand?
We've dismissed God our Father from classroom and court.
Our land runs blood red with innocents we abort.
Mass produced pornography flows through our land, yet morality, modesty, dignity rarely struggle to stand.
Criminals are protected and pampered by justice gone awry, while victims raped by twisted systems can only cry.
Follow the commandments of Almighty God?

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Bootleg Potter ap in China

BEIJING (AP) — Magic, the Harry Potter movie has been officially banned in China — could the country's notorious right pirates. "Harry Potter Sorcerer's Stone" has been officially banned in China, and it is Friday in the U.S. and Britain. By Tuesday, peddlers were selling illegal copies of the movie, with titles, for the equivalent of just \$1.20. Despite years of government efforts to solve the problem, piracy goods, movies, computer software, and other items are openly sold in streets and restaurants.

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They were too restrictive; we tended to live under them. We want Your best all we do and say presume that we do things Your way. Attacks have been in trouble we know cry out to Generations own creation, "you go?" God and His blessing covering move away... it was ple, our nation out to play. We played in sinners; farther as we roamed. Boast sufficiency, refusing to go home. The enemy was cunningly plotting schemes, and no chance to destroy hopes and dreams. Our towers the greater was the America left the Christ Jesus, corner protective wall. The same Almighty our fathers held on and through dom forged this nation in the hand of Providence. Now patiently, desires we once again He is the source of our life; let America Firm Foundation. In this way an enemy will repel. People, One Nation, God, returns see righteousness dwell. O God of our fathers you we do pray, and make us into kind of men that this Nation, at the cross we kneel. *Wanda Gamble*

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Bootleg Harry Potter appears in China

BEIJING (AP) — As if by magic, the new Harry Potter movie has popped up in China — courtesy of the country's notorious 'copy-right pirates.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" has not been officially released in China, and it only opened Friday in the United States and Britain.

By Tuesday, video disc peddlers were selling illegal copies of the smash movie, with Chinese subtitles, for the equivalent of just \$1.20.

Despite years of government efforts to curb the problem, piracy of Western goods, movies, music and computer software is rampant in China. Peddlers openly sell pirated discs on streets and in bars and restaurants.

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They were too stern, too restrictive; we too enlightened to live under His rod. We want Your blessing on all we do and say, just don't presume that we're going to do things Your way.

Attacks have begun, we're in trouble we know; and we cry out to Generic God, our own creation, "where did you go?"

God and His blessed protective covering did not move away...it was His people, our nation that went out to play.

We played in streets and gutters; farther and farther we roamed. Boasting of self-sufficiency, stubbornly refusing to go home.

The enemy was patient, cunningly plotting evil schemes, and now saw his chance to destroy America's hopes and dreams.

Our towers they fell, yet greater was the fall, when America left the cross of Christ Jesus, cornerstone of her protective wall.

The same Almighty God, our fathers held in reverence and through His wisdom forged this nation holding the hand of Providence;

Now patiently, lovingly desires we once again learn, He is the source of our freedom; let America to the Firm Foundation return.

In this way America her enemy will repel, when this People, One Nation under God, returns seeking His righteousness therein to dwell.

O God of our fathers to you we do pray, cleanse us and make us into the same kind of men that founded this Nation, at the foot of the cross we kneel again.

Wanda Gamble

Lingering around the turkey at Thanksgiving can be fatal

Have you been starving yourself in preparation for today's feast?

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Studies show that when your body is deprived of food for an extended period of time it goes into what is called a starvation mode.

The metabolism slows which means it is actually trying to hold on to the fat already in the body. It doesn't realize there is a holiday coming that promotes glutany.

Statistics show that on average about seven pounds are gained during the holiday season with most of us keeping at least one of those pounds after the season ends.

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- A traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, stuffing, side dishes and desserts can exceed 2500 calories and 130 grams of fat (a daily diet should be between 1800 and 2000 calories and 30 grams of fat)

- In one week, an extra 500 calories a day translates to one pound gained
- It's harder to lose

weight than to gain it

- Somebody else might want seconds

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- Limit alcohol. Instead of alcohol, drink sparkling water, tonic water, club soda or other types of mineral waters at holiday functions. Or, choose low calorie alternatives such as wine or light beer.

- Don't linger. Once you've made your food selections, move away from the food table. Hanging around talking to other guests can increase snacking and the possibility of having to listen to bad jokes and old stories.

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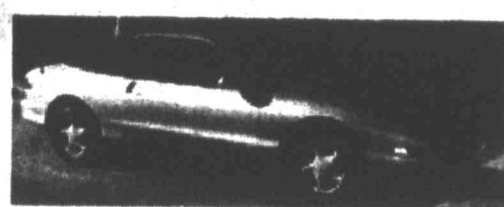
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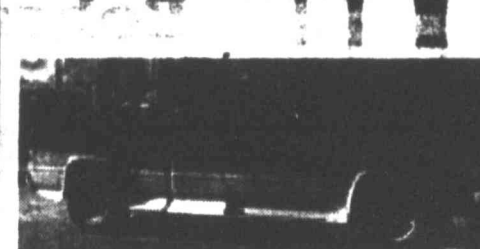
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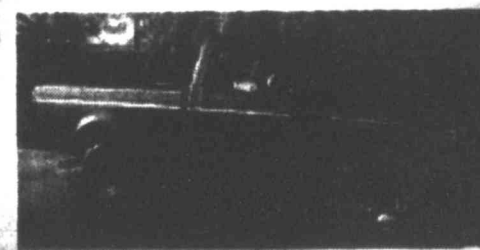
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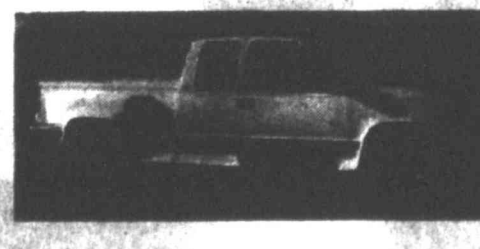
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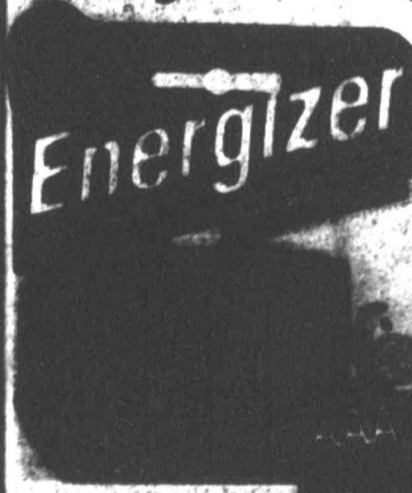
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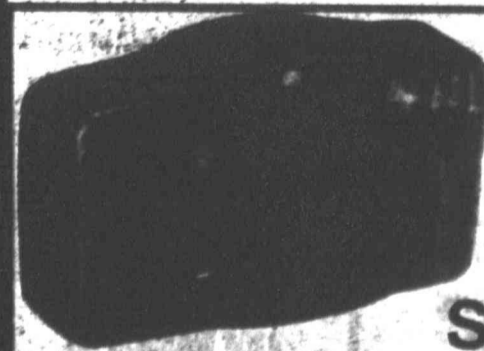
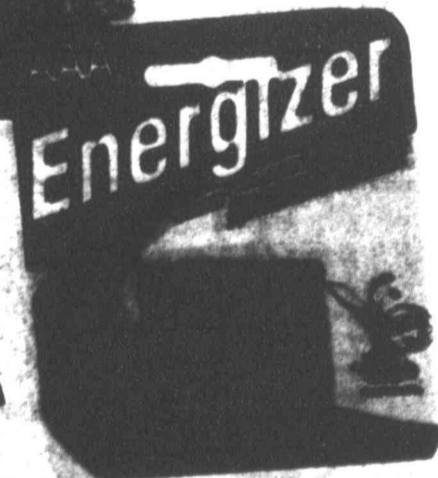
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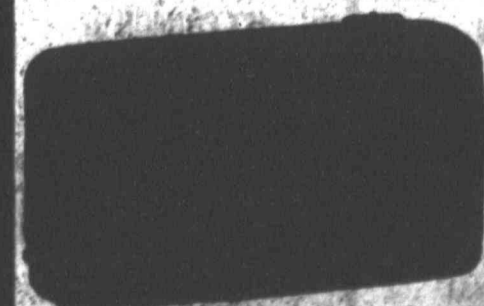
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Coahoma planning

Coahoma Booster Club have planned for the Bulldog team, for 9:30 at the high school. The Bulldog Mason in a playoff game Friday at Stadium. Boosters will leave for San Angelo for McDonald's in Big Spring. They are decorating the wear red and game.

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Big Spring will host a football game for 7:30 p.m. Memorial Stadium. The game is between the erhouse Ira and the Eagles. The 10-0 Bulldog flip to be home team while the 8-3 be the visitors.

YMCA bas meeting so

An organization for the Spring Youth League season scheduled for Monday, Dec. 17. Anyone interested in taking part should attend. For more call Rick Warren 2358 or the Y 8234.

Deer harvest recommend

Hunters are being advised by Texas Wildlife Department officials that the hunting season will continue Jan. 6. The legal hunting season for deer. No more bucks are allowed. Both antlers and bucks must be properly tagged. The recommendation is to invest in Howard County's 1,200-acre antler program per 2,500-acre. For more call TP&W Kathy McGinnis 2238.

YMCA expansion gymnastics

The YMCA program has a field of classes including cheerleading, gymnastics and "Time" in addition to traditional classes for girls. Registration for December season is currently under way. For information call Leslie North 8234.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma boosters planning caravan

Coahoma Athletic Booster Club members have planned a send off for the Bulldog football team, for 9:30 a.m. Friday at the high school.

The Bulldogs will play Mason in a Class 2A area playoff game at 2 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Stadium.

Boosters will caravan to San Angelo. They will leave from the McDonald's parking lot in Big Spring at 11 a.m.

They are asking fans to decorate their cars and wear red and white to the game.

Iraan faces O'Donnell here in Friday playoff

Big Spring High School will host a Class 1A area football playoff game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

The game matches powerhouse Iraan's Braves and the O'Donnell Eagles.

The 10-0 Braves won the flip to be considered home team for the game, while the 8-3 Eagles will be the visitors.

YMCA basketball meeting scheduled

An organizational meeting for the upcoming Big Spring Youth Basketball League season has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the YMCA.

Anyone interested in taking part in the league should attend.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or the YMCA at 267-8234.

Deer harvest recommendations

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season which will continue through Jan. 6.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed.

Both antlerless deer and bucks must be properly tagged.

The recommended harvest in Howard County, is one antlerless deer per 1,200 acres and one buck per 2,500 acres.

For more information, call TP&WD biologist Kathy McGinty at 915-795-2238.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

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3 p.m. — Denver Broncos at Dallas Cowboys, CBS.

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7 p.m. — Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers, TNT.

Mustangs looking past holiday to area playoff

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

ACKERLY — After taking an exciting 60-59 win over Balmorhea's Bears in a six-man bi-district football playoff last week, Sands Mustangs are enjoying a happy, but busy Thanksgiving week.

"Come on in ... the water's fine," Sands head coach Clint Lowry beams when asked if the Mustangs are excited going into Friday's 4 p.m. area round showdown against New Home's Leopards. "We're all just having a great time right now."

Of course, much of the Mustangs' glee comes from having avenged a regular season defeat at Balmorhea with the bi-district victory.

"That was just a great football game," Lowry said, admitting that

he found it enjoyable from the sidelines. "The only thing that could have possibly been more fun than watching that game was to be playing in it."

"It was a good physical game and we got out on top and led all the way ... kept about a 10-point margin most of the way until there in the last two minutes when Balmorhea scored late to make it a one-point game."

"We knew going in that it probably would be a great game and it was," Lowry added. "And that's exactly what we expect this week."

New Home, which brings a 10-1 record into Friday's game after demolishing Westbrook, 45-0, in just one half of bi-district play, is loaded with good athletes with plenty of speed, Lowry says.

"They can put a lot of points on the scoreboard and do it in a hurry," the Mustangs boss noted. "They like to run lots of different offensive sets. You have to be on your toes ... ready for just about anything."

But it is defense that wins championships, and Lowry believes the Mustangs hold an edge in that department against the Leopards.

"Of course, I could always be proved wrong, but I think we're going to be capable of stopping them," he explained. "I don't mean we're going to completely shut them down, but I think we'll stop them a lot better than they stop us."

Such was the case last week when the Mustangs made the difference by winning the turnover battle.

"We didn't turn the ball over last

week and forced five of Balmorhea's ... picked off three passes and recovered two fumbles," Lowry noted. "That was the difference in the ball game right there."

"A good team doesn't quit, though, and Balmorhea didn't," he added. "They just kept coming back and we had to answer. And that's probably why I'm as positive going into this one — winning last week gave this kids a lot of confidence."

"There were two or three times when Balmorhea came back on us when it would have been easy for our kids to have packed it in and let them have it. Instead, we just kept answering every time. That was something I knew these kids had, but it was really the first time this year that I've seen it out on the field."

Wood: Punchers' record deceptive

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Looking at the records of the 10-1 Coahoma Bulldogs and the 4-7 Mason Punchers, you might think the Class 2A area playoff matchup at San Angelo's Bobcat Stadium Friday afternoon is a bit unbalanced.

Not so, says Coahoma head football coach Robert Wood.

"Over the last six games, they're 4-2, and they knocked off a 9-1 team (McCamey) last week," Wood said of the Punchers, who at one point were 1-7 in regular season play. "So they're playing well at the right time."

The Punchers' victory over McCamey was a thrilling 14-13 upset, and it was good enough to keep their Cinderella playoff stint alive for this week's showdown with the Bulldogs.

Coahoma's path to the area game went through the Idalou Wildcats. The "Dogs handled the Wildcats in impressive 28-9 fashion, but face a daunting task in trying to hold down a Mason offensive scheme that is generally difficult to read."

Mason runs a fancy, complicated offense," Wood said.

"They're very multiple in their offense," he explained. "They'll run trips, runs, swinging gate; they run a lot of different formations to make you



Coahoma running back Cory Hill (5) follows the blocking lead of teammate (63) to pick up yardage against Idalou in the Bulldogs' bi-district playoff game last week. The Bulldogs take on Mason's Punchers at 2 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Stadium in a Class 2A area game.

adjust your defense. We're going to have to make sure we line up correctly."

While Coahoma takes a more earthbound road to victory — Chase Ward hit just one completion on two attempts against Idalou — Mason's offense tends to take to the air.

"They throw and catch the ball real well," Wood said.

Keeping its offense in control of the ball was

Coahoma's tactic against Idalou, but Mason's defense might be harder to deal with, Wood said.

"We need to work on ball control, they'll probably load the line of scrimmage," he said. "They're pretty big defensively. We just need to make sure we're in position."

Injuries won't be a factor as far as Coahoma's concerned, however.

"We're healthy," Wood

noted. "We've got our regular bunch of bruises that anyone has at this time of year, but we're healthy."

Some may question the early 2 p.m. Saturday kickoff, but Wood is convinced his team should be ready to play and should have no trouble in adjusting from its normal nighttime starts.

"We practice about that same time every day, so it should be just like practice," said Wood.

From Utah to Colorado, a lack of snow

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colo. (AP) — From the brown, barren slopes around Park City, Utah, to the shirt-sleeve warmth of Aspen, Colo., the question is the same: Where's the snow?

Less than three months from the start of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, there is no snow at Utah ski areas, and the warmest

November in the Colorado Rockies since 1979 has forced cancellation of the World Cup downhill — one of the most prestigious ski events in the United States.

A year ago, Utah resorts were running at full bore long before Thanksgiving. This year, "Think Snow" signs abound in the windows of restaurants and hotels.

In Colorado, balmy temperatures have scuttled plans for several World Cup events over the next two weeks — the first cancellations ever in the United States because of warmth or a lack of snow.

"It's a record-warm November," said John Garnsey, chief operating officer of the Beaver Creek Resort. "During the day,

we've had base elevation temperatures in the mid 50s, and we're lucky to get below 25 at night."

Two events scheduled Wednesday and Thursday were moved from Aspen to the higher elevation of Copper Mountain. And organizers still were hopeful of pulling off a pair of

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Baseball's owners seem to be lost, 'but making good time'

But Selig plans on calling major league baseball owners together

next week to deliver a progress report on contraction. And if he's honest, he'll open the meeting by repeating something Yogi Berra told his wife and kids midway through their first car trip to visit the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

"We're lost," Yogi said, "but we're making good time."

There has been a flurry of activity since the owners met Nov. 6 in Chicago and authorized Selig to look into folding two teams. But so far, it's led to nowhere.

Montreal, a franchise that should disappear, has begun negotiating a new stadium lease. Minnesota, whose owner volunteered to disappear, is not going to let it happen without a fight.

Suddenly, all those uneasy owners stuck in the back seat of Selig's car are realizing the commissioner

doesn't have a roadmap.

At the first meeting, most of the large-market clubs voted yes on contraction because they believe getting rid of weaker teams like the Expos, both Florida teams and perhaps even the Twins will only make them more profitable in the long run. Most of the small-market teams voted yes because they assumed Selig planned to use the threat of contraction to wring concessions from the players' union in collective bargaining talks and nothing more.

If Selig knows what it is, he's not letting on. The only people actually making good time in this mess are the lawyers billing the commissioner's office at the rate of \$400 an hour.

Late last week, the people of Minnesota became the first group to launch a pre-emptive strike. In a state-court lawsuit, they argued the Twins must fulfill their lease to play in the Metrodome next season, and District Judge Harry Seymour Crump, in what can charitably be called a hometown ruling, went along.

Crump ruled the ballclub was a vital public interest, meaning that monetary damages alone could not

cover the harm that might be caused if the Twins don't take the field in 2002. Anyone who's seen the sparse turnout at home games and the way the Twins played for most of past few years might argue otherwise, which is what Selig's attorneys did.

"It is true, of course, that many Minnesotans do not want to lose the Minnesota Twins," they said, asking the Minnesota Supreme Court to overturn Crump's decision. "They do not want the Twin Cities to become a cold Omaha." But this is not a legally sufficient reason to force a private business to stay in business."

Yet Minnesota is hardly the weakest link. The team has made money each of the last five seasons, outdrawing the Yankees as recently as 10 years ago, when the economics of the game still allowed small-market teams to contend. In that sense, the Twins are practically a rallying cry.

"It would be a pretty sad day and a black eye to baseball to lose a team like the Minnesota Twins," said Gov. Jesse Ventura. "They're the last small-market team to win the World Series championship." Ventura, who used to be a pro

wrestler, knows a setup when he sees one. Like everyone else not on the major leagues' payroll, he knows the Twins are being nudged toward the guillotine for a few reasons, and none of them are the right ones.

One was to hand Minnesota owner and close Selig pal Carl Pohlad a going-away present, paying him twice as much to fold the franchise as it would draw on the open market. Another was to keep legal entanglements down to a minimum; both the Marlins and Devil Rays, already money-losers with limited prospects for the future, are protected by a Florida Supreme Court ruling that could wreak havoc on baseball's antitrust status.

Yet Congress was upset enough by all the contraction talk to schedule hearings into baseball's antitrust exemption in the coming weeks. And all those lawyers on retainers over at the players' association are getting tired just sharpening their pencils.

Sooner or later, they're going to insist on using them.

Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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COWBOYS

Continued from Page 1B. Thanksgiving game against Denver (5-5). "I'm tired, but it hurts more to lose," Ellis said. "I encourage the guys and myself to go out there and just fight through it... no matter where they get the ball and no matter how long you're on the field." While the defense has vastly improved, the Cowboys are on their fourth starting quarterback. They are also on pace to set franchise lows in such offensive categories as first downs, touchdowns and pass completions. Veteran safety Darren Woodson admits it's a tough situation. But he and other defensive players have avoided publicly blaming the offense for the team's problems. Woodson and running back Emmitt Smith are the only holdovers from the Cowboys' three Super Bowl championships of the mid-1990s. Smith said he could understand any frustrations the defense may have. "Unfortunately, there have been a lot of days that the offense has not shown up, which makes me feel for our defense," said Smith, the NFL's second-leading career rusher. "They've been playing their behinds off all year long. We just

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men's World Cup slalom events, which require much less snow, Sunday and Monday in Aspen.

The loss of World Cup races is a blow to the prestige and pocketbook of the Colorado ski industry, but a snowless Winter Games in neighboring Utah would be a disaster.

While there are plenty of antsy skiers and resort operators in Utah, there is no reason to worry, said Nathan Rafferty, director of communications for Ski Utah, an industry trade group.

This is not the first time Utah has not had snow by Thanksgiving Day; the bulk of it falls in January.

"It's not that unusual," Rafferty said. "This time of year we can go either way."

Still, Rafferty acknowledges that "more often than not, if anybody's got snow, we do, but as you look around the country, nobody's got snow."

Ceil Folz, president of the Vail Valley Foundation and head of the Beaver Creek event's organizing committee, said it costs \$1.5 million to put on the races.

"We are, of course, greatly saddened at the loss of this year's World Cup," she said. "Since we began doing World Cup ski racing in 1983, we've never lost a race. So this is a terrible blow to all of us. However, there's really nothing we could do about it."

Organizers recoup their costs from sponsors, while local hotels, restaurants and shops count on the added revenue that a world-class ski event brings.

The warmth is more of a problem than the lack of snow. All of the big resorts have sophisticated snow-making operations, big guns that shoot out snow through the cold, dark nights. The quality of man-made snow is so superior to Mother Nature's version that the International Ski Federation requires a base of manufactured snow for its races.

However, consistently cold temperatures are needed to keep the snow frozen.

That was impossible, on the Birds of Prey course, a steep, sweeping run nearly two miles long that is considered one of the most challenging in the world.

"The snowmaking process for that course is customized," Garnsey said. "It's not, 'Turn on the guns and let it go,' like we would on most of our other courses. You have to customize the shape of the terrain. We put four to five times more snow on that downhill than we would on our giant slalom course. We probably had 20 to 25 percent of the course done."

The world's greatest skiers will fly back to Europe. They will be back, though, in February for the Winter Games.

Meanwhile, snow is forecast this weekend through the mountain West.

"In three days, we'll have 3 feet of snow," Rafferty said, "and then nobody will worry about it."

Taylor latest of the Aggies to be injured

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M might have a better chance against the No. 6 Texas Longhorns if coach R.C. Slocum could suit up his injury list.

Wide receiver Jamaar Taylor, the team's leading receiver, became the latest casualty with a torn calf muscle he received during practice last Friday and could miss Friday's game against the Longhorns at Kyle Field.

Thomas Carriger, a former defensive lineman now starts at tight end because of injuries and running back Derek Farmer has hyper-extended both knees.

Slocum hasn't ruled Farmer or Taylor out of the game, but their play is doubtful.

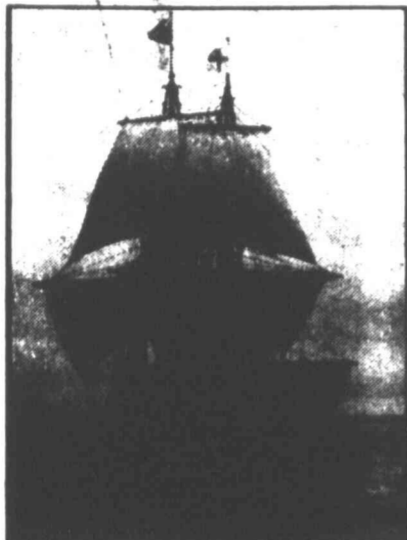
"I've never seen anything like this before," Slocum said.



By BETTY DEBNAM

For Their New Home

The Pilgrims Give Thanks



After spending 66 days aboard the Mayflower, the weary passengers were glad to settle on land. During their first winter, some still lived on board the ship. During the following weeks, the new settlers explored the area.

This Thanksgiving has special meaning for all Americans as we give thanks for our families, our homes and our many blessings.



The feast: The Pilgrims had much for which to be thankful. Ninety native men and 50 Pilgrims attended the feast known today as the first Thanksgiving. The feast was probably held sometime between Sept. 20 and Nov. 9, 1621.



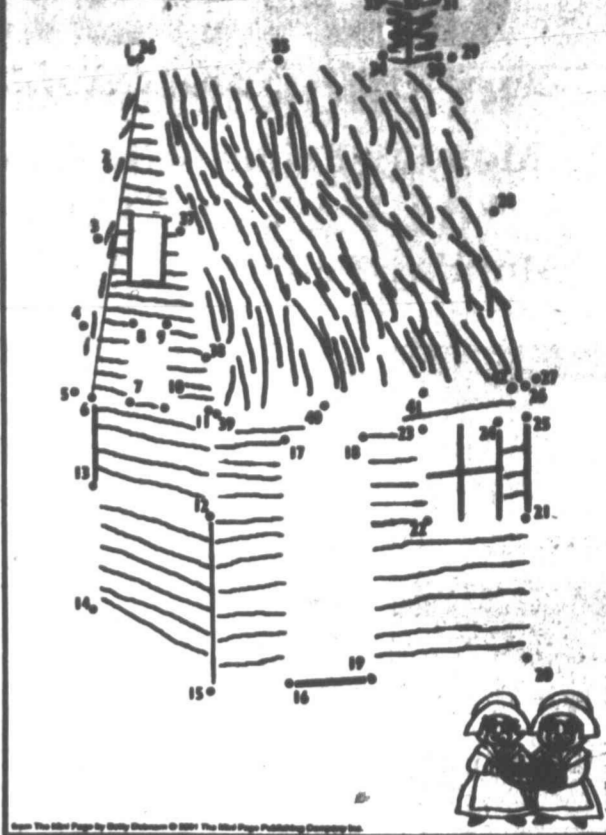
Inside the home: This is what the inside of a Pilgrim's one-room home might have looked like at dinner time. Children served their parents and often ate standing up. The house had little furniture. Boards placed over barrels might have served as tables and could be taken down to make more room.



The village: Winter was coming when the Pilgrims arrived. Building their homes had to start right away. They began to build their first home on Christmas Day, 1620. This is the way a Pilgrim home and garden might have looked six years later.

Educational source: Plymouth Plantation. Plymouth Plantation re-creates the life and site of the Pilgrims' first village at Plymouth, Mass. Site to see: Visit Plymouth Plantation at www.plymouth.org

Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Thanksgiving Corn Casserole

You'll need:

- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 (16-ounce) can corn, drained
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup dry stuffing mix
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients, except stuffing mix and butter or margarine, in a medium bowl. Mix well.
2. Spoon evenly into a greased casserole dish.
3. Sprinkle stuffing mix evenly on top.
4. Pour melted butter or margarine evenly on top.
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Michael played for the Chicago Bulls for 13 seasons before retiring in 1998. In 2000, he joined the Wizards as president of basketball operations, and in September joined the team as a player.

Michael was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He and his wife, Juanita, have two sons, Marcus and Jeffrey, and a daughter, Jasmine. He is involved with many charities, including the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics. He likes to play golf.

Meet Alexz Johnson

Alexz Johnson plays Annie Thalan on the show "So Weird."

Alexz, 15, grew up with six brothers and three sisters in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. She is the sixth in line, and her full name is Alexandrea Spencer Johnson.

She was 3 when she began singing and entertaining her family. Three years later, she started taking singing lessons, which she still takes today. She hopes to release an album.

Her acting began with parts in commercials and movies. In her free time, Alexz likes going to movies, shopping, running, swimming, playing basketball, and writing music with her brother.

Mini Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Lawrence: How do you know that peanuts make you fat?
Lilly: Have you ever seen a skinny elephant?

Sam: What book has the most stirring chapters?
Sam: A cookbook!

Will: Why did the baker stop baking doughnuts?
Wally: He got tired of the hole thing!

Pilgrim Homes TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Pilgrim homes are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BUILD, PILGRIM, HOUSE, TREES, LIMBS, TRUNKS, BEAMS, WOOD, FRAMES, POLES, WEAVE, CLAY, STICKS, PAPER, WINDOWS, DOOR, STRAW, DAUB, LOG.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are thankful to be celebrating Thanksgiving together. See if you can find:

- ruler
- pig's head
- peanut
- coffee pot
- question mark
- tooth in the moon
- carnival
- heart
- key
- sock
- base
- letter E
- pencil

How to Build a Pilgrim House

This is the way a finished home might have looked. The Pilgrims did not build long cabins but built homes like the ones they had back in England.

1. Chop down about 30 trees to make your forest.
2. Trim off the limbs.
3. Drag the cleaned trunks to the building site.
4. Trim the trunks to make squared beams with ends cut to fit together.
5. Chop logs out of wood.
6. Make frames out of beams. Raise the floor up on V-shaped posts.
7. Drive smaller poles into the ground between the beams.
8. Weave sticks between the poles to make a wall called a "wattle."
9. Fill gaps in the wattle with a mixture of clay and straw called "daub."
10. Split a log into planks with a wedge.
11. Use and smooth the planks to make a roof.
12. Build chimneys of bricks, wattle and daub. Let them dry before using.
13. Cut a door and a few windows. Cover windows with paper or cloth rubbed with oil.
14. Wet the ground and make an even base.

To do: Look through this classified ad and find a home you like. Draw a picture of it.

In next week's Mini Page, read all about the state of Missouri.

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Witness the Honorable Charles P. Ross, Albert Rein, III, David L. Cavender and Robert L. Russell, III, Judges of said Court, 43374 November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2001

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
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Phone: 915-676-8800
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov 24:

Often this year, you will not reveal all that you think or feel. Your family and private life develop greater significance. Express your depth and caring to those you can trust. If single, you will want a special relationship yet opening up to the right person could be challenging. You will attract someone who is emotionally unavailable. If attached, your partner could feel as if you are withdrawing. Learn to share with your sweetie. Break past barriers. PISCES understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** Schedule today alone with a loved one. Don't be the gregarious Ram, inviting others to join you. Dote on this person as if he is the only person in the world. You get the same in return when you need it. Let the courtship begin. Tonight: A quiet dinner far away from others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Friendship abounds between you and another. If single, this person might want more than being just a pal. Think in terms of whether you want the same as well. Laugh along with a friend or loved one; enjoy the moment. Tonight: Where the party is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Your caring comes out in many ways. Don't think that a gift must be just that. Sometimes choosing an action type of experience can make an even better present. Be open to another's suggestions. Don't make anything difficult, rather, see how you can make things easy! Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Your softer side emerges with a child or loved one. Dote on someone, and let feelings emerge. You might want to be spontaneous or do something very special. Don't worry about ramifications, just express your loving friendship. Tonight: Playful, aren't we?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Your positive energy and caring ways draw out a partner, friend or family member. Deal with this person as if he were your best friend. Before you know it, new trust and caring build within this relationship. Buy flowers or something special for a parent. Tonight: Reveal what is on your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Others seek you out. When you hear from that special someone, let him know how very pleased you are. Make plans to get together. Wherever you are, you let go and enjoy the moment. You could have a close-to-perfect day. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Make a list before you go out; otherwise, you could overspend. Getting a head start on the holidays is one thing, depleting your checking account is another. Know that there are many types of gifts that could please others. Dig into your imagination. Tonight: Be a couch potato.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Your smile thaws

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out someone who could be a bit uptight. You have had difficulties with this person recently. Make light and allow the mood of the moment to float through. Express your feelings in a neutral manner to a child or friend. Tonight: Play away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** You have a special glow in your eyes that tells much more than you want to reveal. You might do well to curl up with a good book or vanish if you don't want to let the cat out of the bag. Share your authentic feelings. Avoid games. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Something you have always wanted could happen; just relax and ask for it. Others remain highly responsive to your suggestions and direction. Talk about your long-term desires. Someone works well with you, and with him, anything is possible. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** There is something special on your mind that you want to do for someone. Check out different possibilities and price this

idea. Though you believe it is achievable, you might want to work overtime or make an effort to tame your budget during the next few weeks. Tonight: Treat another to a back rub.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Your positive attitude and emotional generosity pay off. Detach when a loved one expresses his feelings. Though his words might not be yours, he does have a lot to share. Take a drive together and visit a place that is special to both of you. Tonight: Enjoy a play or concert.

BORN TODAY
Former president Zachary Taylor (1784), editor, writer William F. Buckley, Jr. (1925), actress Katherine Heigl (1978)

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Things to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you will print something a friend in Australia sent me. I think it's perfect to run on Thanksgiving. -- Bee in Fairfax, Va.

Dear Bee: Please send my best wishes and warm thanks to your friend in Australia. Here's the thoughtful piece she sent:

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means you're employed.

Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.

Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

Be thankful for the space you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful when people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning house, because it means you're alive.

Dear Ann Landers: In 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued a national Thanksgiving proclamation. I realize it's too long to print in its entirety, but I hope you will print part of it. -- Grateful Citizen in New York

Dear N.Y.: The Thanksgiving proclamation by Abraham Lincoln is especially relevant this year. I wish I could print all of it, but this is all that will fit:

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the

theatre of military conflict. "Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship. Population has steadily increased, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

"I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that they do also commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union."

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6:30	News (CC)	King of the Hill	Wishbone	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Final-Cut	Proud Family	Walters (CC)	Movie: Moonlight	Girls (CC)	Affair	Devil Prince	Wild Discovery	Victory Earth	NBA Basketball	Hunt for Treasure					
7:30	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Movie: The Wedding Singer (CC)	Antiques-Lik	Survivor: Africa (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon 4	Movie: Las Dalias del Poder	Movie: Model Behavior	Walters (CC)	Movie: Fatal Attraction	Movie: The Green Mile	Inside the NFL	Updates With Sam Soltan	Biography (CC)	Victory Earth	Ington Wiggins at In-Lightning	Hunt for Treasure					
8:30	Be a Millionaire	Cops (CC)	Human Empire	CSI: Crime Scene	Be a Millionaire	Will & Grace (CC)	Podar	ER (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon 4	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Reindeer	Going to California	Shock Video 2001: A Sex	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Crocodile Dundee	Hunt for Treasure					
9:30	Being Mick	Cops (CC)	Frontline (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene	Being Mick (CC)	ER (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon 4	News (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Reindeer	Going to California	Shock Video 2001: A Sex	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Crocodile Dundee	Hunt for Treasure						
10:30	News (CC)	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Reindeer	Going to California	Shock Video 2001: A Sex	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Crocodile Dundee	Hunt for Treasure						
11:30	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Battlefield (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC)	East. Tonight	Show (CC)	News (CC)	Small Shots Mad TV	Games (CC)	Leap Years (CC)	Inside the NFL	Updates With Church	Biography (CC)	Victory Earth	Dundee	Treasures						
12:30	AM Corby Paid Program	Attorney Divorce Court	Attorney Divorce Court	Attorney Divorce Court	Show (CC)	(12:06) Oprah Street Smarts	Night (CC)	Movie: Father of the Bride	Zero (CC)	Raywatch (CC)	Captives (CC)	Book of Shadows	Movie: Just a Little Ham	Faith Places God	Biography (CC)	Lightning Strikes	Movie: Teen Wolf (CC)	Hunt-Amazing Treasures					

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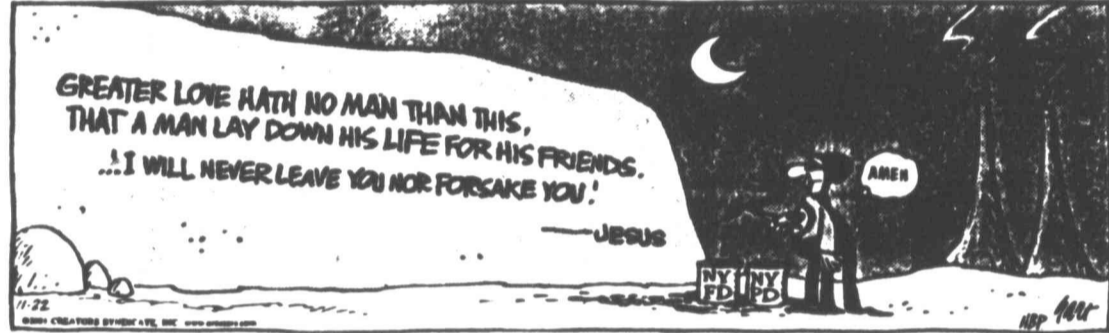
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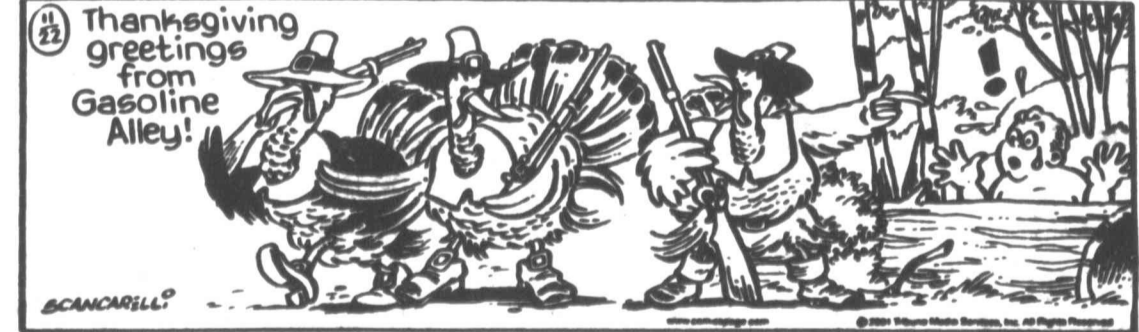
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Nov. 22, the 326th day of 2001. There are 39 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 22, 1963, President Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. Texas Gov. John B. Connally, in the same limousine as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected of assassinating the president, was arrested.

In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach — better known as "Blackbeard" — was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast.

In 1890, French president Charles de Gaulle was born in Lille, France.

In 1906, the "SOS" distress signal was adopted at

the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin.

In 1928, "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel made its debut in Paris.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan.

In 1943, lyricist Lorenz Hart died in New York at age 48.

In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain.

In 1977, regular passenger service between New York and Europe on the supersonic Concorde began on a trial basis.

In 1980, death claimed actress Mae West at her Hollywood residence at age 87 and former House Speaker John W. McCormack in Dedham, Mass., at age 88.

In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win re-election of the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot,

announced her resignation.

Today's Birthdays: Former Senator Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., is 83. Comedian Rodney Dangerfield is 80.

Movie director Arthur Hiller is 78. Actor Robert Vaughn is 69. Actor Michael Callan is 66. Actor Allen Garfield is 62.

Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 61. Actor Tom Conti is 60.

Astronaut Guion S. Bluford is 59. Tennis player Billie Jean King is 58.

Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads; Talking Heads; The Tom Tom Club) is 51. Baseball player Greg Luzinski is 51.

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

DECISIONS, DECISIONS by Bob Frank Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Pound (down)
- 5 Reform Party founder
- 10 Construction beam
- 14 Music marking
- 15 Dickensian clerk
- 16 Alliance since 1949
- 17 Architect Saarinen
- 18 Nouveau
- 19 556
- 20 Survivor meeting
- 23 Mill product
- 24 White-water travelers
- 27 Alien's subj.
- 28 Driveway deposit
- 34 "Now I see"
- 35 Very lean
- 36 Campus area, for short
- 37 Self-appointed trier
- 40 Highway hauler
- 41 Transgress
- 42 Yoko
- 43 Headboard holder
- 44 Dhab
- 47 Barn bedding
- 49 Consumed
- 51 Difficult proving ground
- 57 UK native
- 59 Back tooth
- 60 Type of shark
- 61 Seep
- 62 Florida city

- 63 On the briny
- 64 Vigoda et al.
- 65 Regally attired
- 66 Dweeb
- DOWN
- 1 Dangerous fly
- 2 Bulletins
- 3 Mrs. Hubert Humphrey
- 4 Deep-space vehicle
- 5 Knitting term
- 6 Clapton or Idle
- 7 Puerto
- 8 Honolulu's island
- 9 Afterwards
- 10 Gandhi land
- 11 Ump's call
- 12 Off-rd. buggy
- 13 French king

- 21 Together (with)
- 22 PC screen
- 25 "Imagine _"
- 26 Grass section
- 29 " at the office"
- 30 Shocking
- 31 Pleasure boat
- 32 Painter Veronese
- 33 Killer whales
- 35 Singer DiFranco
- 36 Montreal's prov.
- 37 Famous secret identity
- 38 Write off over time
- 39 Sleek swimmer
- 40 Sea plea
- 43 Some Caribbean isls., formerly
- 44 Not troubled
- 45 Lab container
- 46 Sell in a hurry
- 48 Comic Johnson et al.
- 50 Campaign creator
- 52 Latin love
- 53 Plumb
- 54 Spill the beans
- 55 New Haven school
- 56 Toward the mouth
- 57 Feathery wrap
- 58 Lowe or Reiner