

A time to offer thanks

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BARSTOW — While some families eat turkey and watch football on television today, some will also attend church and give thanks on this traditional holiday.

A special mass will be held at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 506 E. Mountain View. Administrator Ed Everard said such view is asked to bring a can or package of food to present at the altar. The food will be used for Christmas baskets for needy parishioners and members of the community.

Collections will also be given to the poor. Ham and turkey will be on the menu for about 200 people at Marine Corps Logistics Base today. Public Information Officer Story Meriman said mashed or sweet potatoes, vegetables, rolls, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie round out the meal.

Patients at Barstow Community Hospital will also be served a turkey dinner, Jim Lawson, director of nursing, said.

Students in the Barstow Unified School District Wednesday enjoyed a lunch of turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, homemade rolls and pumpkin custard.

Two hundred members of the Mojave Valley Senior Citizens shared three turkeys and a pot-luck dinner Tuesday night, while faculty members and students at Barstow College paid \$1 or a can of food to attend a Thanksgiving luncheon.

Meat department managers at local supermarkets reported a mixed picture on turkey sales.

Von's was "on the verge of being entirely sold out" early Wednesday afternoon, Dennis Sedolenzang, meat manager, said.

More than 1,100 turkeys and 800 hens were sold, "pretty close to the amount sold last year."

George Ramirez, meat department manager at Safeway, also reported a "good year."

He said lower prices influenced good sales.

However, Alpha Beta's sales were "not as good as last year," manager Bill Marble said.

"People just aren't buying things like they did last year," he said.



Staff photo by Elan Gonzalez

Little pilgrim

Desert Knolls Elementary School (Apple Valley) kindergartners celebrated Thanksgiving Wednesday with students from Irwin School, Victorville. Teacher Sue Lenz helps little pilgrim with her costume while Irwin children dressed as Indians.

City Council helps Legal Aid Society

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BARSTOW — By a 4-1 majority, the City Council has granted \$10,000 to help support the High Desert Legal Aid Society.

It is a "one-time only" grant, the council members said. They do not want to open the door to requests for tax funds for other worthwhile groups.

Tom Meade, director of administrative services, said the city could allocate \$1,250 this year, equal to the society's request of \$178 a month for seven months.

But he said it would have to be only once. "I don't think the city would want to get involved or could afford it, on a continuing basis," Meade said.

Society director Carl S. Koppel of Victorville, and Barstow attorney Brian Morgan said area lawyers have donated their time to provide the service to those who cannot afford legal advice.

Koppel said the San Bernardino County Bar Association has paid some of the bills, but has just funds this year, and cannot continue its full support.

The Altruus Club also has donated \$500 a month to the clinic.

Funds finance clerical help, supplies and mileage for attorneys traveling between Barstow and Victorville.

Mayor Barney Keller agreed that the clinic provides a worthwhile service, but he said a "lot of good organizations are having similar problems."

"If we OK funding, we'll open the door wide open for everyone."

And councilman James Bellomy commented, "If San Bernardino County doesn't deem it necessary to help this organization, I'd find it difficult to support their request."

Koppel said the group has proposed the county contribute its proportional share, along with Victorville and Adelanto.

"We need to start somewhere, and we think that Barstow is a good place since it's booming."

Keller suggested Koppel ask the county and service clubs for help.

Councilman Al Vigil also expressed concern that the council will get other requests from groups benefiting the community.

"Once you start funding a program, it's almost a continuous thing," he said. "I don't think the city is in a position with funding as uncertain as it is now."

But he supported a one-time grant.

City Attorney Conrad Mahlum, speaking as an individual, said the clinic is at the crossroads.

"There's no question it's worthwhile. If we don't get funding, we'll close out. It's either temporary funding or we close."

Only Bellomy opposed the \$10,000 grant. Keller voted reluctantly for it when it was certain it would pass anyway.

Funding for two clerks also will be supported through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

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Santa visit
JOSHUA TREE — Santa will make an early stop in Joshua Tree on Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon and Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the crossroads.

He will be at Joshua Tree's new Community Center, 617 Sunburst Avenue.

military personnel

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Supervisors set hearing on Pioneertown system

SAN BERNARDINO — The Board of Supervisors Monday scheduled a hearing on a proposed water system for Pioneertown property owners to finance design of a new water system for the small desert community north of Yucca Valley.

The move came after the county's Special Districts Department reported that in a poll it conducted, 128 property owners favored proceedings toward a new water system while only 54 opposed.

The department said the count was 17:13 against the project among those who maintain Pioneertown post office boxes, but a petition favoring it was signed by 22 of the community's 30 registered voters.

The board will consider at the Dec. 10 hearing whether to issue an improvement zone covering more than a square mile

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