

Preservation Society to showcase holiday decorations

The society will change its 25-year-old tour format to include a Habitat home.

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The Chapel Hill Preservation Society's Christmas tour of local historical houses will expand this year to include fraternity houses and a Habitat for Humanity home.

The society has sponsored a Christmas tour of residential areas for

the past 25 years, said Marian Johnson, president of the Preservation Society.

Ticket sales for the tour, showcasing the Christmas decorations of local homes, generate funding for the preservation and renovation of the historic district. Tickets will be \$12 in advance and \$10 the day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Pacer, Purple Puddle, University Florist and Gift Shop, A Southern Season, and the Downtown Commission. On the day of the tour, tickets can be purchased at the Horace Williams House and the Chapel Hill Historical Society, Johnson said.

This year the society will sponsor a

tour of the McCauley/Cameron Historic District. Among the homes featured in the tour of the district are the Chi Phi and Chi Psi fraternity houses.

Johnson said this would be the first year fraternity houses would be featured in the tour.

"(These houses) were chosen because they have both been recently renovated," she said. "It's good public relations for the fraternities. We hope there will be some students on duty to host the tour of their home."

Sandy Alexander, president of Chi Psi fraternity, said he was not sure whether the Chi Psi fraternity house

would be included in the tour. "They contacted us earlier about being on the tour, but now we're not sure if we're on," he said.

Johnson said a Habitat for Humanity home would also be featured in this year's tour. She said it was the first time a Habitat house would be featured and the decision to do so was a good idea.

"It's great to show what can be done with a good heart," she said. "(The Habitat house) is a contrast, but it's good to spread the Christmas spirit around."

Bitty Holton, a member and past president of the Preservation Society, will decorate the Habitat house.

Astronauts to withhold new satellite

NASA officials said they would attempt to release the satellite in the future.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts will not set loose a satellite that they rescued in a spacewalk last week, NASA decided Sunday after considerable debate.

Mission managers reviewed a variety of options but finally concluded — a day earlier than expected — that it was unfeasible to release the Spartan satellite a second time and attempt to salvage its sun-studying mission.

The shuttle simply does not have enough fuel to support another satellite retrieval, said mission operations director Lee Briscoe.

"If you were deploying a brand new, fresh spacecraft, you wouldn't do it under those circumstances," Briscoe explained at a hastily arranged news conference.

"So here's a case where we have the Spartan in the bay. We have it. It's a healthy spacecraft. We can bring it back. If you were to deploy it under these kinds of propellant margins, you could stand a 40 or 50 percent chance of not bringing it back" if you ran into any kind of trouble, he said.

NASA had hoped to release the \$10 million Spartan satellite for 18 hours, less than half the time it was supposed to fly free of Columbia and observe the sun's charged outer atmosphere.

Columbia's six astronauts were asleep when the decision was made. Mission Control planned to inform them of the disappointing news when they awakened later in the day.

Spartan turned out to be nothing but trouble for the astronauts, quite possibly through their own fault.

Unknown to anyone at the time, the satellite failed to receive a crucial computer command before it was set loose on Nov. 21 because of either a software problem or crew error, Briscoe said.

When astronaut Kalpana Chawla tried to grab the satellite with the shuttle robot arm, she inadvertently sent it into a slow spin.

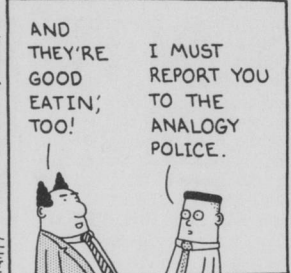
To scientists' dismay, no solar observations could be made.

Three days after its botched release, astronauts Winston Scott and Takao Doi caught the 3,000-pound satellite with their gloved hands during a six-hour spacewalk.

"Spartan, we believe, is in good shape.

"We'll bring it back, see if there's anything we can learn from it," Briscoe said.

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THE Daily Crossword

By Stanley B. Whitten

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- 1 Book of maps
 - 6 Business degs.
 - 10 Beer ingredient
 - 14 Reliance
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 - 16 Spiny African plant
 - 17 Current craze
 - 18 Take on cargo
 - 19 Ski tow
 - 20 Extending across
 - 22 Goblet elements
 - 23 Bagel topper
 - 26 Coincides
 - 30 Perfect report card
 - 31 Heat to vaporization
 - 32 Pastoral poem
 - 34 Music collection, in brief
 - 37 Large art tome
 - 41 Banned insecticide
 - 42 Too sophisticated
 - 43 Opposing position
 - 44 Experience emotion
 - 45 Piled up
 - 47 Made palatable
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 - 58 Carvey or Delaney
 - 59 Questions
 - 61 More inadequate
 - 62 Pleased
 - 63 Look for
 - 64 Tasty tidbit

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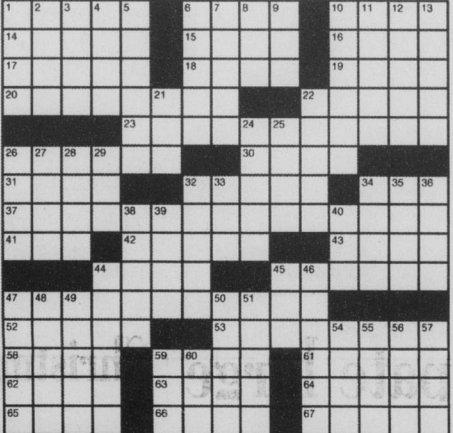
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- 21 Tax grp.
- 22 Flaky, layered rock
- 24 Perchance
- 25 Summon
- 28 Alphabet openers
- 27 Well-behaved words
- 28 Great Valley
- 29 Mischievous sprite
- 32 Italian novelist
- 33 German film, "Boot"
- 34 Hit on the head
- 35 Overplay the TLC

- 36 Wedge for stopping
- 38 Chicago-based film critic
- 39 Power, in brief
- 40 Condemnation from the church
- 44 Building front

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- 46 Grown-ups
- 47 Marsh grass
- 48 Moe of politics
- 49 Lollobrigida and others
- 50 To one side
- 51 Pieces of work

- 54 Seldom seen
- 55 Sherman Helmsley sit-com
- 56 Afternoon affairs
- 57 Russian-born artist/designer
- 59 Small snake
- 60 Get the point



New law removes loophole, plans to limit tobacco sales

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE — A tougher state law banning tobacco sales to minors goes into effect today, but whether it will actually reduce the number of teen-age smokers remains to be seen.

The new law, approved by the General Assembly in August, removes a legal loophole that made it nearly impossible to prosecute cases of illegal tobacco sales to people younger than 18.

For the past six years, the law specified that "knowingly" selling cigarettes to a minor is prohibited. The wording made it difficult for prosecutors to prove that a clerk knew he or she was selling to an underage buyer.

As of today, minors who buy cigarettes — and clerks who sell them — can be charged with misdemeanors, punishable by up to 30 days of community service and fines of \$1,000. Under the old law, a minor was charged only with an infraction, with a \$25 fine.

The revised law also requires checking photo identification of people who look younger than 18, controlling vending machine sales and training clerks and posting signs about the law.

Health advocates say the law is a good starting point but caution that clamping down on sales to minors is only one part of what the state needs to do to reduce teenage smoking.

Glenna Davenport-Cook, a Charlotte tobacco educator who is training school personnel across the state to help teens resist cigarettes, predicts that the new law will help keep some teens away from tobacco, but says worried parents shouldn't pin all their hopes on efforts to curb sales to teens.

"It's the American way to want one single step to produce sweeping change, but it's a lot of little bitty things that make the difference," she said.

Some states, such as Mississippi and Massachusetts, are complementing sales restrictions with other strategies, such as anti-smoking advertising, enhanced tobacco education in schools, public smoking bans and parental involvement.

Attorney General Mike Easley, who drafted and pushed for a better law, is cautiously optimistic that teens will think twice about buying cigarettes, now that they can be charged with a misdemeanor.

Campus calendar

Monday
3:30 p.m. — University Career Services will sponsor a workshop on "Résumé Writing," in 209 Hanes Hall. This program is open to all interested students.

Items of Interest
Interested in minority health issues? The Minority Student Nurses Association will sponsor a presentation by the N.C. Office of

Minority Health on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in 09 Carrington Hall.

The Duke University Music Department will present the Duke Jazz Series on Friday at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium at Duke. The Duke Jazz Ensemble, directed by Paul Jeffrey, will perform with guest artist Peter Leitch on guitar.

Beth El Synagogue and Beth El Sisterhood will hold their Annual Hanukkah and Book Fair on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Beth El Synagogue, located at 1004 Watts St. in Durham.

All proceeds will benefit projects to improve the physical plant and the religious school.

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