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Residents upset about parks' demise



staff photo by David Bowser

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook looks over one of the roadside parks that the Texas Department of Transportation plans on eliminating in the panhandle over the next few months.

BY DAVID BOWSER
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MIAMI -- Northeast of Miami on U.S. Highway 60, the State of Texas established a roadside park in 1935, part of a program it started in 1933.

An historical marker there says that travelers attending the state's centennial celebration stayed there in 1936.

Today, the Texas Department of Transportation wants to eliminate the roadside park and 30 other roadside parks in 13 panhandle counties.

But if Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook gets his way, motorists will still have roadside parks in the panhandle where they can pull over and rest and enjoy the view.

In a letter to Cook and other panhandle county judges last month, F. Howard Holland, the Amarillo district engineer for the state highway department, indicated his plan to close 31 roadside parks in 13 counties within the next few months.

TxDOT plans on closing 31 roadside parks in the panhandle

BY DAVID BOWSER
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The Texas Department of Transportation is planning on closing all or part of 31 roadside parks in 13 counties in the Texas Panhandle. There are three roadside parks in

Roberts County scheduled for elimination. Two are on U.S. 60. One is on Texas Highway 70.

Armstrong County has three roadside parks on U.S. 287 where the tables will be removed, but parking will remain.

Five are scheduled to be closed down in Carson County. Three of the parks are on Interstate 40 and two are on U.S. 60.

Two parks in Hansford County are slated to be closed. One is on Texas Highway 15 and one is on

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Holland said the roadside parks should be closed to the state's limited and decreasing budgets would be available to maintain and protect the road passing by the parks.

"The Amarillo District spends approximately \$390,000 in upkeep costs annually to maintain these picnic areas," Holland wrote in his letter. "It is determined that the elimination of some PARKS cont. on page 3

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Free H1N1 shots in Miami

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Roberts County residents can get H1N1 flu shots next Tuesday.

County Judge Vernon Cook said they will have an H1N1 flu clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 1 in Miami Community Center.

There will be no charge for the vaccine for residents 6 months of age and older, until they run out.

"We're very pleased with the assistance we've been able to get through the Texas Department of Health Services," Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook said this week.

He said the county had also received a great deal of help from Mary Duval and the Family Health Clinic in Pampa.

"She's helped us come up with enough H1N1 flu vaccine to take care of our first responders, members of our law enforcement."

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Early morning run



staff photo by David Bowser

Silhouetted against the reflection of the morning sun on a playa lake near Panhandle, a cow runs to catch up with the herd. While the mornings for the next few days are slated to be clear, next week promises to begin with colder temperatures and rain.

Teens try to run from officer, fail

Police were questioning three juveniles early today in connection with a high speed chase.

Police Officer J.C. Blackburn saw a car parked in an alley between Lowry and Doucette shortly after midnight while he was patrolling on the east side of town. When he stopped to investigate, the car took off northbound and then tried to turn on Harvester. Officers said the car failed to make the turn, officers said.

Two girls bailed out of the car and ran, officers said.

The driver's door was blocked by a post.

There were no charges filed against the girls in the car. They were released to their parents.

The 16-year-old boy was being questioned late this morning.


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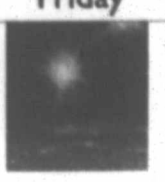

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 63. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Martha Christene Williams, 75

Martha Christene Williams, 75, received her promotion into eternity on Saturday, November 21, 2009 in Athens, Texas.

She was born on April 14, 1934 in Carrollton, TX. She formerly resided in Pampa and Shamrock before moving back to her hometown of Frankston.

Preceding her in death were two daughters Josephine Clerkley in 1960, Evelyn Walker in 1975, and her only son, Jimmy Walker, in 2004. Her surviving daugh-

ters are Deborah (Gerard) Redrick of Mesquite, Carol Jean (Tim) Walker of Leavenworth, Kan., Brenda Long of Hewitt, Glenda (Charles) Gulley of Fairfield, Calif., and Barbara (Jason) Towery of Arlington.

Services will be held Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 1 p.m. in Frankston under the direction of John R. Harmon U.T. Company. Burial will be in Pine Spring Cemetery in Frankston.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Saturday
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A building check was performed in the 600 block of West Foster.

A building check was performed in the 100 block of East Craven.

A building check was performed in the 400 block of West Foster.

Sunday, Nov. 22.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North

Obituaries

W. H. "Bill" Monroe, 91

Pampa— W. H. "Bill" Monroe, 91, died November 23, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

At Mr. Monroe's request, his body was donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Monroe was born June 12, 1918 in Bell County to Sam and Elizabeth Monroe. He was a graduate of what is now West Texas A&M University. He was a 1st Sgt. in the U. S. Army, during World War II, serving in France and Germany until his honorable discharge in 1946. After the war, Bill became a lifetime member of the V.F.W.

and American Legion, and served as commander of the firing squad for honoring veterans who were killed in action during World War II, and were repatriated to the United States. He married Grace Margaret White on June 2, 1942 in Wichita Falls, and they came to Pampa in 1956. Bill was auditor for the Texas Employment Commission for 30 years in the Vernon, Childress and Pampa offices. He and Grace also owned and operated Sands Fabrics in Pampa from 1959 until his retirement in 1986. He joined the First United Methodist Church in 1956 and was president of the WinSome Sunday School class for two terms. Bill served on the finance committee and the administra-

tive board of the church. He was an avid golfer, scoring a "hole-in-one" and shot his age many times.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Monroe of the home; three daughters, Sammie Collins of Alexandria, Virginia, Ann Cude and husband Roger of Lubbock, and Nancy Fletcher and husband Chris of Burleson; nine grandchildren, Ryan Collins and wife Mari, Erin Shannon and husband Andy, Tanner Horton and wife Emily, Meg Horton, Carrie Burns and husband Matt, Greg Fletcher, Allison Fletcher, Zach Cude and wife Sara, and Russell Cude and wife Lady; and six great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel J. and Elizabeth Hill Monroe;



and two brothers, Frank Ryan Monroe and Leonard Monroe.

MEMORIALS: Interim Health Care, 2217 Perryton Pkwy, Pampa, Texas 79065, or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Marie Jeannette Doggett, 77

Pampa— Marie Jeannette Doggett, 77, died November 20, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Renae Haiduk, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Doggett was born August 17, 1932 in

Honolulu, Hawaii.

She married Doyle Doggett on January 15, 1954. He preceded her in death in 2007. She had been a longtime resident of the White Deer and Pampa areas, moving to Pampa in 1958. She was a pre-school teacher at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for nine years.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeannette Doggett Miller and hus-

band Charley of Glen Rose, and Donna Doggett Stamp and husband Tom of Amarillo; one son, Tommy Doggett and wife Lori of Houston; five grandchildren, Ty Stamp of Flower Mound, Evan Miller of Los Angeles, California, Heath Miller and wife Kara of Glen Rose, Travis Doggett and Cameron Doggett, both of Houston; four great-grandchildren, Peregrine Stamp and Sage Stamp,

both of Denton, Taylor Tice and Kyler Tice, both of Borger.

Marie was preceded in death by her father, Andrew A. Buta in 1987; her mother, Ida Buta in 1989; two brothers, Andy Buta in 1985 and George Buta in 1994; and a sister, Eleanor Tereck in 1983.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

A suicide attempt was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

A theft was reported in

the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block

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A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

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ment officers, fire department and emergency services," Cook said.

Cook said that the clinic is being conducted with the help of the Texas Department of Health Services.

"We have had the regular flu clinic," Cook said. "In fact, we've had two of those."

Parks

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sites is necessary so that the expenses can be diverted to help maintain the integrity of our roads."

Standing in the warm Indian Summer weather in a roadside park five miles northeast of Miami this week, Cook surveyed the giant cottonwoods and three picnic tables in the park. A strong wind blew the last of the colorful leaves from the branches.

Cook, nodding toward a bluff to the east overlooking the park, said that Bob McCoy, a Roberts County rancher, had donated the land for the park and for years had run a pipe from a windmill on top of the bluff down to the park so travelers could have fresh water.

The park there was dedicated to the McCoy's son, John Tom McCoy, who was killed during World War II.

Today, the panhandle winds have blown the top panels from over one of the picnic tables and damaged the others at this roadside park in Roberts County. The other two appear to have been damaged.

Two miles north, where the sign describes how travelers rested in that roadside park while on their way to the state's Centennial Celebration, the Coffee family donated the land. Cook said they are upset by the state's decision to close the park.

Cook said that the roadside park on Texas Highway 70 north of Pampa is on an outcropping north of the Canadian River and provides a spectacular view.

The county judge said that the state has mandated that long-haul truckers can only operate their rigs for a certain number of hours before stopping to rest. He expressed concern that if the parks are closed and trucks pull over to the side of a road, it would create a tremendous safety issue.

"Not only would the practice cause a traffic hazard to the motoring public," Cook said, "it would also create additional risk of exposure to untold amounts and types of hazardous cargoes."

Cook commended Holland for driving up to Miami to talk about the issue. Cook said he hopes something can be worked out.

The judge offered to mow the grass beneath the spreading cottonwood trees and police the roadside parks in his county, but he said the lightly-populated county can't afford to maintain the paving and tables, something that Holland said he would consider.

Cook said he hopes an agreement can be reached.

Chief denies trying to run down Tech skateboarder

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The police chief at Texas Tech denies trying to run down a skateboarder who allegedly rolled the wrong way in traffic.

Chief Ron Seacrist on Wednesday told The Associated Press that his unmarked police SUV never came in contact with 22-year-old Ryan Madrid.

Seacrist says Madrid, who claims the chief intentionally swerved to try to hit him, was violating traffic rules that ban skateboarding on streets.

The police chief said he identified himself and told Madrid to get the skateboard off the campus street.

Seacrist says Madrid fell on Monday as the police chief maneuvered his vehicle, assuming Madrid would go to the right, but instead the student went the other way. Madrid was not injured.

Seacrist, who did not ticket the student, says he was trying to keep Madrid from getting hit by other vehicles.

TxDOT

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Texas Highway 136.

Hartley County has two roadside parks scheduled to be eliminated. One is on U.S. 54. The other is on U.S. 87.

Lipscomb County has two roadside parks scheduled for closure. One is on U.S. 60. The other is on Texas Highway 15.

Moore County has two roadside parks slated to have the picnic tables removed. Both are on U.S. 87. Parking will remain, however.

The state highway department is planning on removing the picnic tables at four roadside parks in Oldham County in the western part of the panhandle. All of them are on

Interstate 40. The state will keep the parking areas open and maintain the dumpsters.

Randall County has three roadside parks scheduled for closure. Two are on U.S. 60 and one is on U.S. 87.

Sherman County has two roadside parks that are to be eliminated. One is on U.S. 54. The other is on U.S. 287.

Hemphill County has one roadside park on U.S. 83 that's slated for closure.

Hutchinson County has one roadside park on U.S. 136.

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Viewpoints

Tomorrow in History

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Highlights in history on this date:

- 1095 - Pope Urban urges the faithful to wrest the Holy Land from the Muslims, heralding start of Crusades.
- 1580 - Peace of Fleix ends Seventh War of Religion in France.
- 1648 - Pope Innocent X condemns Peace of Westphalia, which ended 30 Years War one month earlier.
- 1716 - A lion is first exhibited in America.
- 1789 - A day of Thanksgiving is set aside by U.S. President George Washington to observe the adoption of America's Constitution.

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- 1812 - French army meets disaster in retreating across Russia's Beresina River.
- 1825 - The first U.S. college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, is formed at Union College in Schenectady, New York.
- 1857 - First Australian Parliament opens in Melbourne.

- 1922 - King Tutankhamen's tomb is opened in Egypt.
- 1939 - Soviet Union attacks Finland leading to 105-day Winter War.
- 1940 - Half-million Jews of Warsaw, Poland, are ordered to live within a walled ghetto.
- 1942 - The film "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, has its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.
- 1943 - The HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying U.S. soldiers, is hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men are killed, including 1,015 American troops.
- 1949 - India adopts constitution as federal republic within British Commonwealth.
- 1950 - China enters the Korean conflict, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.
- 1965 - France launches its first satellite, sending a 41-kilogram (92-pound) capsule into orbit.
- 1975 - A federal jury in Sacramento, California, finds Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a follower of Charles Manson, guilty of trying to assassinate U.S. President Gerald Ford.
- 1978 - Muslim religious leaders and politicians seeking to topple Shah of Iran call general strike that virtually paralyzes the country.
- 1986 - Iranian missile slams into crowded residential district of Baghdad, Iraq, killing 48 civilians and wounding 52.
- 1987 - Powerful typhoon whips across Philippines, killing 270 people and damaging or destroying 14,000 homes.
- 1989 - El Salvador breaks relations with Nicaragua after weapons-loaded plane from that country is downed in El Salvador.
- 1990 - Five permanent members of U.N. Security Council agree on peace plan for Cambodia.
- 1991 - UNICEF says fighting and crop failures in southern Sudan have forced unprecedented exodus of 200,000 people.
- 1992 - An aid agency predicts disaster if the United States sends a large military force to Somalia; Britain's Queen Elizabeth II announces she would start paying taxes on her personal income and take her children off the national payroll.
- 1993 - A U.S. diplomat is kidnapped by Yemeni tribesmen. Government officials negotiate for his release in the first known kidnapping of a diplomat in faction-ridden Yemen.
- 1994 - A major offensive by the Russian-backed opposition fails to wrest Grozny, the capital of Chechnya from its government.
- 1995 - Rebel jets bomb Kabul, the Afghan capital, killing 35 people and wounding 140 others.
- 1996 - Supporters of President Alexander Lukashenko break away from Belarus' Parliament, setting up their own assembly.
- 1997 - Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein invites foreign experts to live in his "presidential palaces" to prove that he has nothing to hide. The palaces remain closed to weapons inspectors.
- 1998 - The Supreme Court of Canada rules that authorities at elementary and secondary schools have the right to search a student without first obtaining a search warrant.
- 1999 - A Norwegian high-speed passenger ferry carrying 85 people sinks in the North Sea off western Norway, killing 16 people.
- 2000 - Florida certifies George W. Bush as the winner of the state's electoral votes for the U.S. presidential election. U.S. Vice President and Democratic rival Al Gore challenges the decision.
- 2002 - Attorney Gloria Allred asks California authorities to investigate singer Michael Jackson because of news videotape of the star holding his baby son over a fourth-floor railing at a hotel in Germany.
- 2003 - Elections held in Northern Ireland result in gains for hard-line parties on both sides of the long-time conflict between unionists, who want the territory to remain a British province, and nationalists, who seek unification with the Republic of Ireland.

Today's Birthdays:

Eugene Ionesco, Romanian-born French dramatist (1909-1994); Bruce Paltrow, U.S. director/producer (1943-2002); Tina Turner, U.S. pop singer (1939--); Ilona Staller (La Cicciolina), porn star and Italian member of Parliament (1951--).



PHS: Ready for the challenge!

BY TANYA LARKIN
PRINCIPAL
PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL

Those of us born before the 90's have a picture in our minds about what "school" was like. Regardless of whether we went to school in a small rural setting with a handful of friends or we were one of thousands graduating with people we never met, school was simple and the goal was clear--or so we thought. Teachers taught what they thought were important concepts, students that attended school graduated and those who didn't usually just entered the work force and life went on. Those days are over--as they should be! That type of educational atmosphere is no longer effective in preparing our students for the world in

which they will live and work.

Today, education is complex, sophisticated, research based, grounded in high stakes exams, and competitive. All stakeholders (teachers, administrators, parents, students, community) want excellence and expect students to be prepared for the next step--whatever that might be. This is a fair expectation, however it is one that demands both an alliance of the stakeholders and a common understanding of the challenges we all face.

As for Pampa High School, we are ready for the challenges, welcome the alliance, and are relentlessly pursuing the best way to have "school". We have decided that school is not something that happens to students.

School is not about teaching it is about learning. School is not about random procedures and rules but about systems designed to create effective and efficient learning opportunities. School is not about hoping most students succeed it is about ensuring that all students succeed.

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Tanya Larkin

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Texas editorial opinion

Austin American-Statesman on the unborn victim of the Fort Hood shootings:

A topic that has divided our nation for years is now enmeshed with everything else the Fort Hood tragedy has forced us to face. It involves an unborn child a fetus or whatever term your position on abortion leads you to use.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is charged with murdering 13 people. One, Pvt. Francheska Velez, was nine weeks into her first pregnancy.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and others, citing a federal law, say there should be 14 murder charges. We agree.

First, a bit about Velez, a 21-year-old buried Thursday in Chicago. She recently was transferred to Fort Hood from Iraq after learning of her pregnancy.

Her tragic death brought a simple tribute from her president and heartfelt words from her friends.

"When she was killed, she was pregnant with her first child and was excited about becoming a mother," President Barack Obama said at the recent Fort Hood memorial service.

Melissa Morton, her cousin, told the Chicago Tribune that Velez had called on what turned out to be the last morning of her life. The expectant mother was upbeat with updates on her pregnancy excitement tinged by morning sickness.

"She was happy that she was pregnant. She was getting ready basically to start buying baby clothes," Morton told the newspa-

per. What we had here was a woman who had earned our respect by volunteering to fight for a country that gave her the right to make a choice concerning her pregnancy. Her choice was clear.

That's where the federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004 comes into play. Though opposed by abortion rights groups who see it as potentially infringing on a woman's right to choose to terminate a pregnancy, we see it as about as pro-choice as a law can get.

The pertinent provisions, though written in legalese, could not be clearer: "Whoever engages in conduct that causes the death of, or bodily injury to, a child who is in utero at the time the conduct takes place is guilty of a separate offense under this section."

The law, which includes specific language making it applicable in the military justice system in which Hasan will be tried, does not require that the assailant "had knowledge or should have had knowledge that the victim of the underlying offense was pregnant."

The law defines unborn child as "a child in utero, and the term 'child in utero' or 'child, who is in utero' means a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb."

It includes a specific exception for abortion chosen by the mother.

President George W. Bush signed the measure into law at an April 2004 White House ceremony.

"The death of an innocent

unborn child has too often been treated as a detail in one crime, but not a crime in itself," Bush said, adding, "The moral concern of humanity extends to those

unborn children who are harmed or killed in crimes against their mothers."

Fourteen, not 13. The law allows it. Pvt. Velez deserves it.

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Strange lights in Lufkin?

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Lanterns apparently were part of love in the air that prompted calls about unusual lights above Lufkin.

Some residents on Saturday night reported seeing "strange orange lights" floating over a park and headed toward Nacogdoches.

Now some participants in a wedding say the ceremony included the release of

several dozen lit Chinese lanterns attached to balloons.

Gail Cummings, who reported the foreign lights, told the Lufkin Daily News that she hopes this is the explanation, to "put things to rest."

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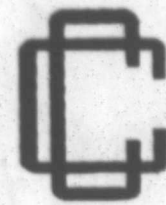
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TxDOT, local contractors present check to Cal Farley's Family Resource Center

AMARILLO — The Associated General Contractors of Texas (AGC), along with the Childress and Amarillo Districts of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) presented a check for \$5,648.18 to the Cal Farley's Family Resource Centers on Monday, November 23. The check represents money raised

from an AGC/TxDOT golf tournament held in Childress in August.

TxDOT and the AGC selected Cal Farley's as the recipient of the proceeds raised during the tournament because of the organization's commitment to kids and families in both the Amarillo and Childress areas. Tom Novak of Cal Farley's says the money will be used in the orga-

nization's general fund to help continue the Cal Farley's efforts in helping children and families in need.

The AGC and TxDOT hold a joint golf tournament every year, but this was the first year the tournament was used to raise money for a charitable cause. Next year's tournament will be held in Amarillo.

Mixed bag comes with Black Friday deals

COLLEGE STATION — Predictions for Black Friday 2009 aren't golden, but various surveys indicate that a lot of greenbacks will go from consumer to retailer the day after Thanksgiving, up some from last year's levels.

"Many retailers see this if not as a defining moment, certainly extremely important for the economy," said Nancy Granovsky, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family economics specialist. "This has typically been the most active shop-

ping day in the country." "Certainly people armed with a shopping list and how and what they are going to buy can save money," Granovsky said. "But people should step back in planning prior to going to the stores and not get caught up in all the hype."

Predictions about this year's massive post-Thanksgiving sales have been circulating since late-August. "It goes back to shopping basics. Who is on your list? How much are you able to spend? How

will you shop — in stores, online or on your gift shelf at home?" she said. "Or will you be looking for other ways to provide gifts to people that may not require spending money at all?"

"Maybe this (onslaught of articles about cost-savings this holiday) reflects a mind shift that less is more," she said. "Maybe people are redefining a 'new normal' for their holiday celebrations.

Happy Thanksgiving

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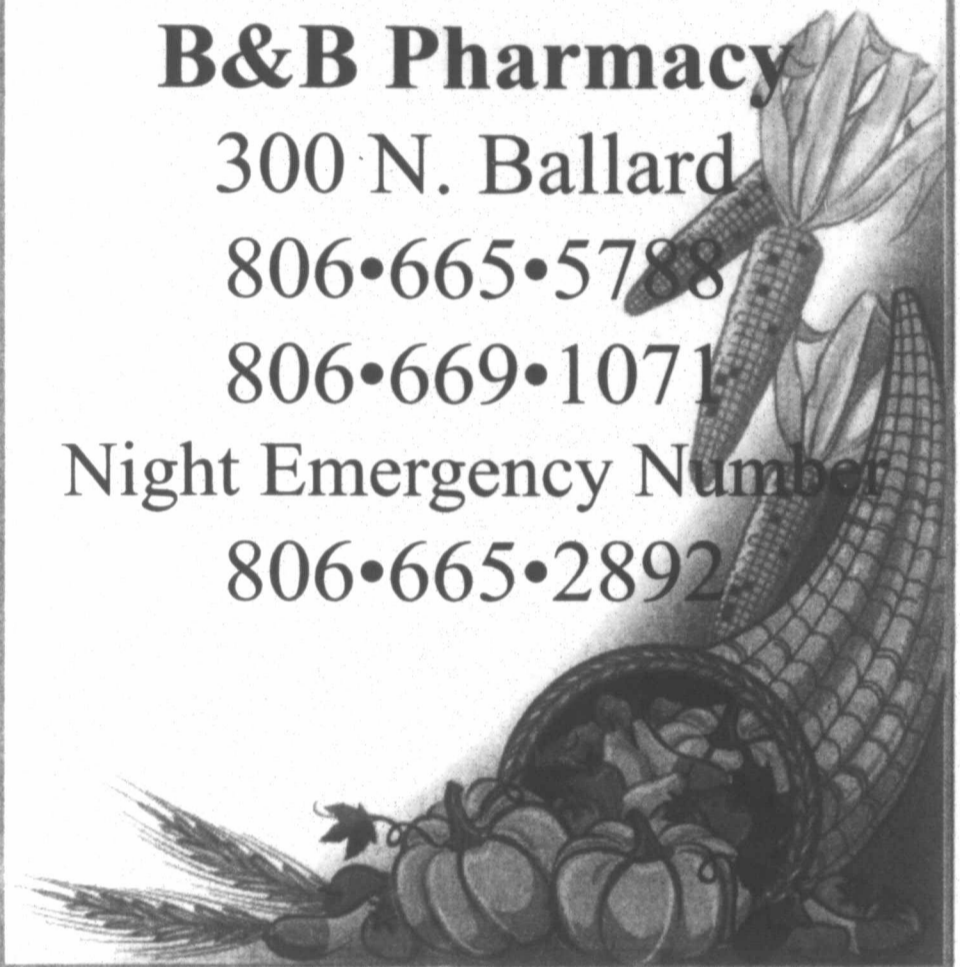
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Harvesters route Borger Bulldogs

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After Friday's loss to Frenship, Head Coach Dustin Miller said his players would be ready for the Borger Bulldogs on Tuesday. The Pampa Harvesters (1-2) were ready as they got their first win of the season 69-41 at the McNeely Field house.

Miller said his team is showing signs of becoming a really good team.

"It's only been a week together," Miller said. "It's just been a week of practice and a couple of games. They're showing signs of being a good team."

The first quarter started out as a close game. Both teams exchanged baskets as Pampa had a 5-4 lead. That's when the Harvesters would take control. Pampa went on an 8-2 run to close out the first. Alex Clendening scored four points in the first, Garrett Ericson scored three, Travis Hagerman, Latigo Collins, and Nathan Webb each had two.

In the second quarter, Pampa started where they left off opening the quarter with a 10-2 run expanding their lead to 23-8. Both teams would exchange baskets the rest of the quarter as the Harvesters led 29-14 at halftime.

Pampa broke the game open in the third quarter as they scored the first eight points of the quarter to expand their lead to 37-14. Collins scored four of those points. Coach Dustin Miller said his team experimented with a new style of defense in practice.

"We were either going to break the game wide open or they were going to get back in it," Miller said. "We thought we could break it open and we wanted to experiment before the

tournament this weekend. So if we could be very effective and they actually ran it pretty well."

Things did get tense with 5:29 left in the third as Hagerman and Borger player were both called for technical fouls. Miller said his team is pretty level headed.

"It's easy especially when it's a rivalry to lose your cool and mess up, costing yourself either a technical or a cheap foul and get yourself out of the game," Miller said. "We really focused on that in the offseason. Last year we made big point of keeping your cool when we're on the court."

The Harvesters led 50-24 at the end of the third quarter. In the final quarter the teams played very close with Pampa outscoring Borger 19-17. In the final few minutes Miller rested his starters.

Clendening led the team in scoring with 24 points, Hagerman had 10, Collins had eight, Webb and Ericson each had seven. Pampa also got some contributions from their bench as Jonathan Polasek and Zach Murray had five points each.

Clendening was the leading rebounder with 17. Webb had five rebounds. The Harvesters only committed 10 turnovers as a team.

The junior varsity won 47-41 over Borger. Coach Matt Embry liked his team's shooting from three-point territory.

"We hit eight threes. 24 of our 47 points were three pointers," Embry said.

Collin Killgo was the leading scorer with 15 points. Taylor Kennedy made four three pointers. Trace Carter was the leading rebounder.



staff photo by
Andrew Glover

Travis Hagerman shoots a jump shot in the second half of the Harvesters 69-41 victory over the Borger Bulldogs Tuesday. Hagerman had 10 points. Pampa got their first win of the season. The Pampa Harvesters will compete in the Lions Club and VFW Invitational Friday and Saturday at the McNeely Field house.

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Sports

1A Lady Tigers take down 4A Lady Whitefaces

SUBMITTED BY JOHN HAYNES
The McLean Lady Tigers defeated Hereford 58-45 in a girls' basketball Tuesday night at McLean.

Class 4A Lady Whitefaces throughout the game, with scores of 13-5, 28-20 and 45-35 at the quarter breaks. Sheri Haynes led McLean with 17 points followed by

Alexis Menefield with 15, Rudy Rodriguez with 8 and Ashley Byron and Nancy Castillo with 7 each. McLean is 5-0 for the season.

Warriors named Army Strong Team of the Week

Dave Campbell's Texas Football is proud to announce that the Miami High School Warriors football team has been named the Army Strong Team of the Week for the Six-Man Division.

The Miami Warriors were chosen for this honor because of their teamwork, dedication, discipline, personal courage and integrity, values shared by U.S. Army Soldiers.

"Miami, which was 4-6 last year, kept its turnaround season alive with

a huge offensive performance in a 114-69 win over Chillicothe," said Adam Hochfelder, general manager of Dave Campbell's Texas Football. "The Warriors are now 11-1 and advance to face Motley County in the Division II Region I championship."

The award will be presented to the team at a time to be determined later this week by a representative of the U.S. Army.

"The U.S. Army is recognizing the student-athletes at Miami High School for

demonstrating qualities similar to those exhibited by its Soldiers. Student-athletes and Soldiers share similar values, but more importantly they must be mentally, emotionally and physically strong," said Captain Jay Williams. "We expect to see some of these young men competing at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the college level, or maybe even professionally in the future."



McLean's Sheri Haynes shoots a layup Tuesday night against Hereford as Lady Tiger Miranda McMordie watches. Haynes was high-point with 17 in McLean's 58-45 win over Class 4A Hereford Tuesday (Submitted Photo)

Stoops no "knee-jerk" reaction to OU's struggles

After losing five games in the regular season for the first time as Oklahoma's coach, Bob Stoops says he won't have a "knee-jerk" reaction.

Stoops said Tuesday that he's always critical of what he and his coaches are doing but he believes

his program is built on the right principles and he doesn't intend to change them.

Stoops says he understands the "handicap" the Sooners (6-5, 4-3 Big 12) have had while playing without star tight end Jermaine Gresham and

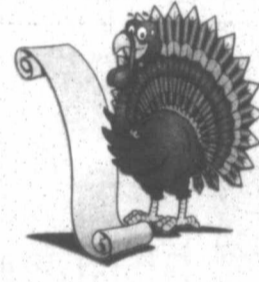
Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford for most of the season.

He says some of Oklahoma's problems can be blamed on the coaches, others on the players and some such as the injuries are nobody's fault.

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Sports

Late three-pointer propels Lady Harvesters past Borger

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Emilie Troxell hit a three-pointer with seconds left and Borger missed three shots at the end of the game as the Lady Harvesters won 40-38 over the Lady Bulldogs Tuesday at the McNeely Field House.

With the win Pampa (3-5) surpassed their win total from last season. Junior Taryn Eubank said it was a big win for them.

"It's always good to win at home," Eubank said. "So it was really good."

Head Coach Gene Valentine said the team hadn't been playing like they have in the past but had some things go their way.

"As the game went on we started picking it up a little bit," Valentine said. "We started putting some pressure on them. We got them in foul trouble and got to the free throw line."

The Lady Harvesters scored the first two baskets of the game with Shelbie Watson and Eubank

making shots. The Lady Bulldogs scored the next six points to take a 6-4 lead. Liz Hoelting scored Pampa's final points of the first quarter making a three to give Pampa a 7-6 lead. Borger scored the last six points of the quarter to take a 12-7 lead.

In the second quarter, the Lady Bulldogs went on a 7-3 run to gain their largest lead of the game at 19-10.

But the Lady Harvesters would end the quarter with an 8-1 run. Kirsten Kuhn made a three pointer, Ashlee Holland hit two free throws, Andi Hutto made a two pointer and Taryn Eubank made a free throw. Pampa trailed 20-18 at halftime.

In the third quarter the defenses would be in control as there was only 12 combined points. Troxell made two baskets to put Pampa ahead 22-21. The Lady Bulldogs scored the last seven points of the quarter to lead 28-22.

The Lady Harvesters opened the fourth quar-

ter on a 7-0 run to take a 29-28 lead. Eubank and Troxell each made a basket and Watson hit a three-pointer. From this point on the game would be back and forth. Both teams would grab small leads and Borger led 38-37 with less than a minute in the game.

Valentine called a timeout to set up a play but the result was different than expected.

"Basically we wanted to set up a play," Valentine said. "We've been isolating them on the wing all night and going after them. That's what we tried to do. Shelbie penetrated and we couldn't get there. Dribbled back out and hit Emilie (Troxell) coming off a down screen on the backside. She pulled up and hit that three."

Troxell led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 13 points and 11 of those were in the second half. Eubank scored nine and Watson scored eight.

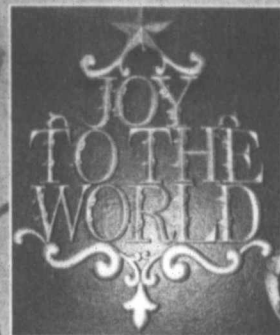
Pampa's next game is Tuesday at Perryton.



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Taryn Eubank attempts a layup in the first half of Pampa Lady Harvesters' 40-38 victory over the Borger Lady Bulldogs. Pampa won their third game of the season.

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Research: Giving thanks brings health, happiness

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Bill Golden survived more than 20 years in the Army and another 30 in law enforcement. He fell sick with colon cancer, and at 86, he has an artificial hip and arthritis in his knees.

Golden still gives thanks, though, and researchers say that appreciative attitude can be good for you, too.

Academics have long theorized that expressions of thanks promote health and happiness and give optimism and energy to the downtrodden. Now,

the study of gratitude has become a surprisingly burgeoning field, and research indicates being thankful might help people actually feel better. There's a catch, however: You have to say thanks more than just once a year.

"If you don't do it reg-

ularly you're not going to get the benefits," said Sonja Lyubomirsky, a psychology professor at the University of California, Riverside. "It's kind of like if you went to the gym once a year. What would be the good of that?"

In recent years, researchers have tried to measure the benefits of gratitude. In a National Science Foundation-funded study, Northeastern University psychologist David DeSteno had participants complete an arduous data entry task only to have it lost by computer malfunction. Then, a lab assistant, seemingly unconnected to the study and claiming to be in a hurry for their own experiment, restores the lost work.

The participant is dismissed, and bumps into the lab assistant, who asks for help. DeSteno found those who had been helped by the

assistant, and were grateful for it, were more likely to return the favor, and did so for longer than those in a group not helped.

"Gratitude leads people to act in virtuous or more selfless ways," said DeSteno, whose research was published earlier this year in the journal *Current Directions in Psychological Science*. "And it builds social support, which we know is tied to both physical and psychological well being."

Robert Emmons, a psychology professor at the University of California, Davis, said those who offer gratitude are less envious and resentful. They sleep longer, exercise more and report a drop in blood pressure, said Emmons, who wrote "Thanks! How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier."

Brenda Shoshanna, a New York psychologist,

agreed.

"You can't be depressed and grateful at the same time," said Shoshanna, the author of "365 Ways to Give Thanks: One for Every Day of the Year." "It makes a person physically, mentally, in every way healthier."

As for Golden, he doesn't pay much attention to the academics. He simply acknowledges he's "one lucky dude," grateful for his two children, two grandchildren, and his 89-year-old girlfriend.

So on Thursday, he and his family will gather around the table, hold hands and say thank you.

"It's surprising what those two little words do for a person," he said. "It's easy to say and it does a lot of good."

Two Christmas programs slated at Calvary Baptist

There will be two Christmas programs at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, this holiday season.

Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. the program will be: "A Charlie Brown Christmas at Calvary" The music and youth ministries of Calvary Baptist are presenting this evening of Christmas music and drama, based on the "Charlie Brown Christmas Story." All the choirs of the church will be performing, accompanied by the Calvary Christmas Orchestra. The Calvary youth ministry will be performing the Charlie Brown drama, which was

written by Calvary's youth minister, Eric Lockwood. "A Charlie Brown Christmas at Calvary" is directed by Gary Jameson.

Wednesday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m.: "Candlelight and Advent Service" The one hour service will feature Christmas carols, lighting the five advent candles, and end with the congregational candle lighting ceremony.

The church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street. For information, call the church office at 665-0842. A nursery will be provided both evenings and the programs are free.

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On behalf of the Ministerial Alliance, we want to thank the First Baptist Church for hosting the second annual community Thanksgiving service. There was a good attendance and a great spirit of rejoicing and thankfulness for God's blessings and bounty in our lives, community, churches, and our nation. The entire service was well planned for giving thanks.

The children's handbells and song, congregational singing, the prayers and Bible readings, the message by Rev. Kenny

Rigoulot, and the opportunity to contribute in the offering all flowed from a God given gratitude to share from our resources and make a difference in many lives. The fellowship time was a blessing also. The offering total was \$1,117.45 split between Habitat for Humanity and the Optimist children's shopping tour. Thanks for your participation and generosity. It's not too late, you may still contribute by calling 669-3144 or mail your check marked "Ministerial Alliance" to 510 N. West St.

The next event sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance will be on January 31 at Briarwood Church featuring the southern gospel group The Archer Brothers in concert at 6 p.m. Plan now to join in on the inspiration and fellowship.

God bless you and have a Happy Thanksgiving and worship this Sunday in a church near you to continue the spirit of Thanksgiving in preparation for the true Christmas spirit.

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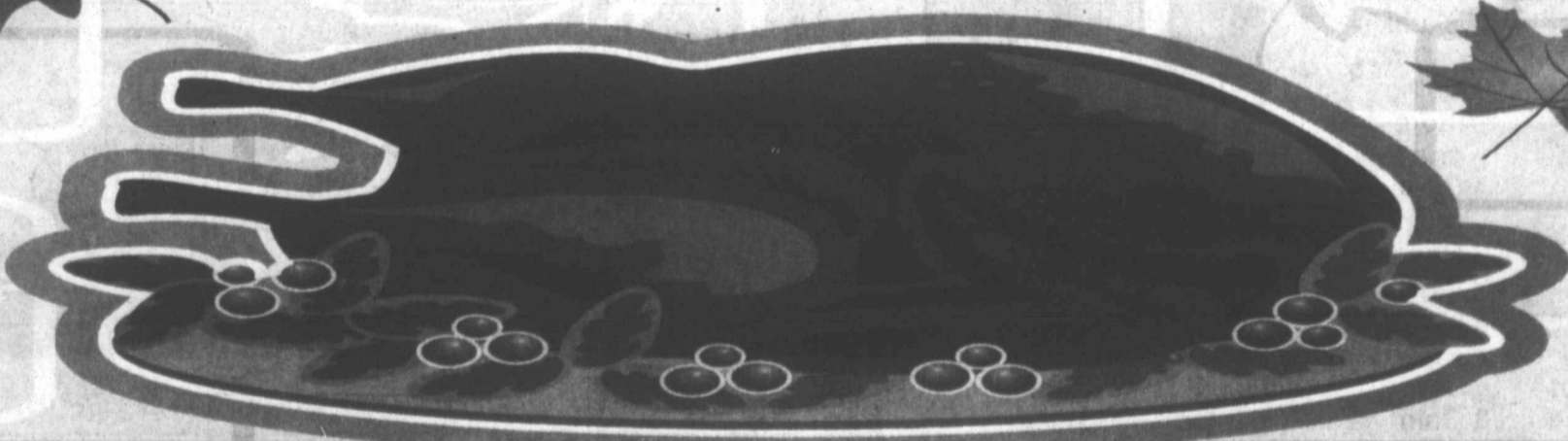
thanksgiving day

november 26

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, presently celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, has been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863. It did not become a federal holiday until 1941. Thanksgiving was historically a religious observation to give thanks to God, and is still celebrated as such by some religious families, but it is now considered a secular holiday as well.

Most Americans celebrate by gathering at home with family or friends for a holiday feast. Though the holiday's origins can be traced to harvest festivals which have been celebrated in many cultures since ancient times, the American holiday is tied to the deliverance of the English settlers by Native Americans after the harsh winter at Plymouth, Massachusetts and that event has become the pre-eminent foundation story for English North America.

The First Thanksgiving was celebrated to give thanks to God and the Native Americans for helping the pilgrims survive the brutal winter. Although half of the pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower died; many more would have had it not been for the native Americans teaching the pilgrims to harvest foods. The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three whole days providing enough food for 53 pilgrims and 90 Indians. The traditional Thanksgiving menu consists of turkey, pumpkin pie, stuffing, sweet potatoes, and so on. We may eat these foods on modern day Thanksgiving, but the first feast did not consist of these items. On the first feast turkey was any type of fowl that the pilgrims hunted. Pumpkin pie wasn't on the menu because there were no ovens for baking, but they did have boiled pumpkin. Cranberries weren't introduced at this time. Due to the diminishing supply of flour there was no bread of any kind. The foods included in the first feast included duck, geese, venison, fish, lobster, clams, swan, berries, dried fruit, pumpkin, squash, and many more vegetables.



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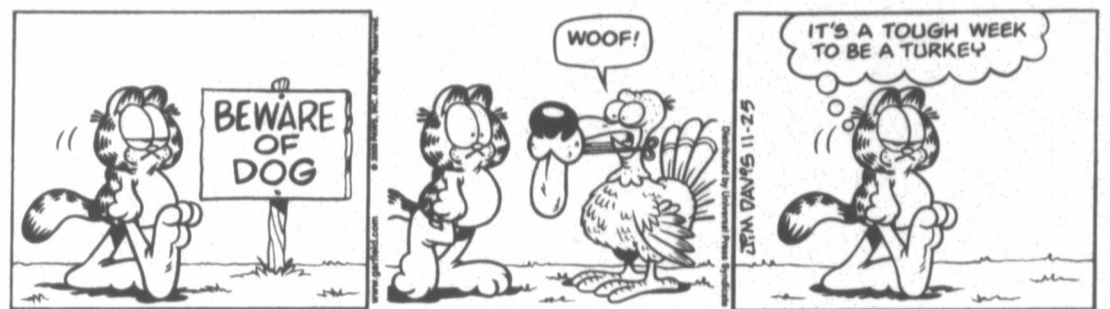
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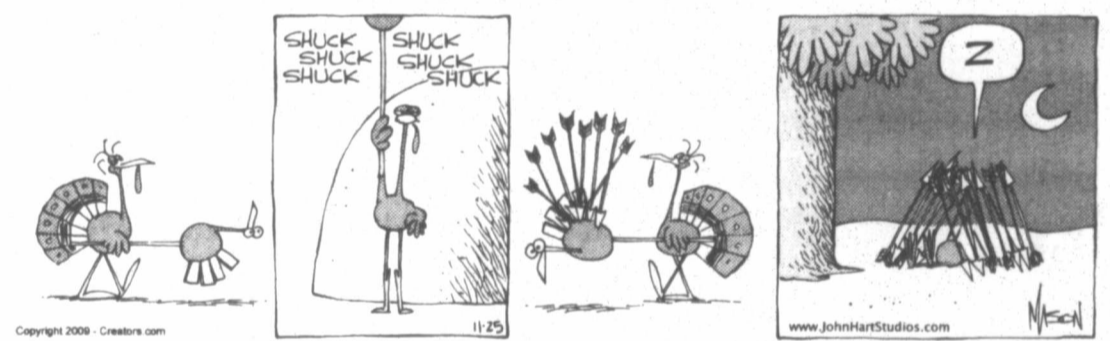
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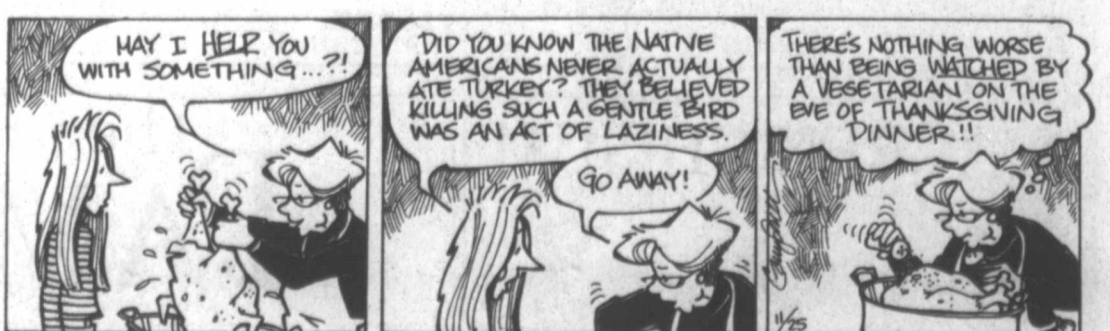
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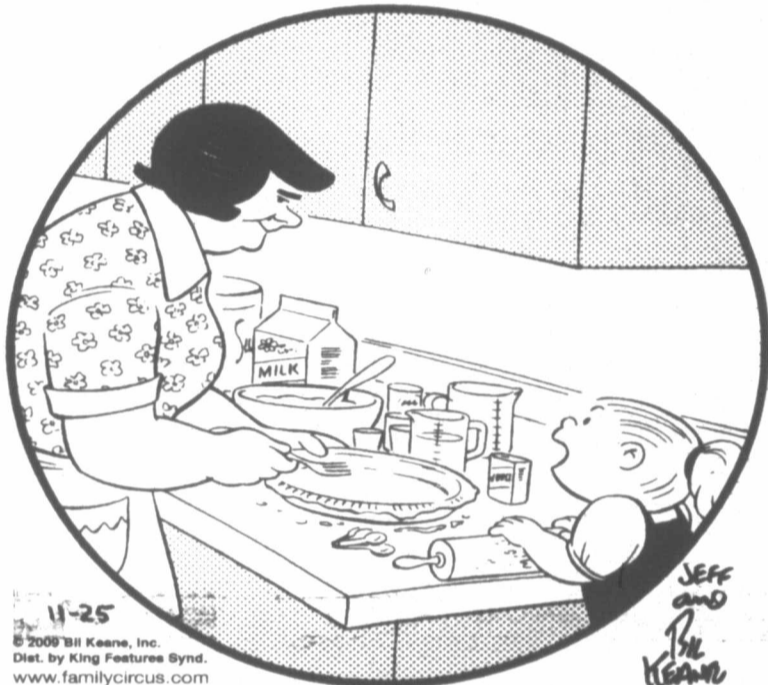


Flo & Friends



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"This is a HARD way to make pumpkin pie, Grandma. Don't you know how to make the frozen kind?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 12 "Twelfth Night" heroine | 4 Canadian grazer | 25 Not too fatty | 38 Young one |
| 13 Music category | 5 Shrink in fear | 29 Mum | 39 Blunder |
| 14 Diluted | 6 Go by | 30 Sewing aid | 40 Tall tale |
| 15 Attempt | 7 Solemn act | 33 Shoppers' aids | 41 Not working |
| 16 Cartoon skunk — Le Pew | 8 Cain raiser | | |
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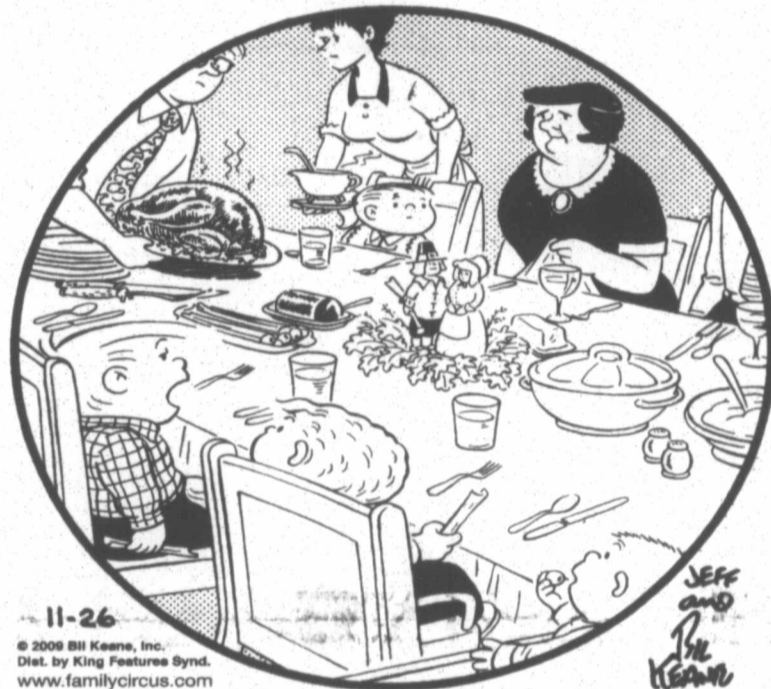
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"I wish the Pilgrims had sent out for PIZZA on the first Thanksgiving 'stead of shootin' a turkey."

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ACROSS

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- 12 Book boo-boos
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- 14 Grip tightly
- 15 Starchy vegetables
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- 26 Cider girl of song
- 27 Security problems
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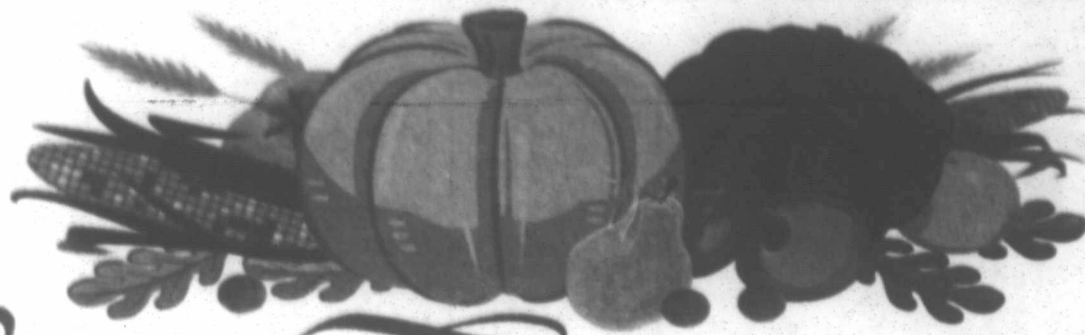


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So, we all chip in to have our very own "Thanksgiving Dinner" at lunch time one day in the office.

We lock the doors, crawl away from our computers and feast, hoping to stay awake the rest of the afternoon.

While we can't offer you a plate of that delicious noontime meal, we can offer you a taste by sharing the recipes.

Those recipes follow, written and shared by members of our staff. Some, we might note, are more serious than others.

We also wish all of our readers a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you get to share it with friends and family. May we all be truly thankful.

Turkey and Stuffing

by Sue Pribble

Listen to your husband volunteer to cook the turkey again for the office Thanksgiving dinner.

Go to the store and buy the biggest turkey you can possibly find. I got a 22 pounder.

Try not to drop it while putting it into your shopping cart.

Drop turkey onto garage floor at home while trying to put it into the refrigerator. Check for breaks in plastic covering and broken toes — nope, it's all good!

Wash hands well. Defrost in refrigerator for three days.

Two days before the dinner, remove thawed turkey from refrigerator and drop into waiting box while slinging turkey juice all over the garage floor. Clean refrigerator from top to bottom including drawers and shelves since you forgot to put a pan under the turkey to catch all that disgusting blood-tinged turkey juice and then mop the floor and use Clorox wipes to finish because you know that stuff can kill you.

Wash hands well.

Thunk turkey into freshly sanitized sink. (Clorox wipes again!) Rinse inside and out, remembering to remove the giblets. (I forgot to do this step with the very first turkey I cooked three months after Randy and I were married 35 years ago. We sat down to eat and he asked me, "Honey, why aren't there giblets in the stuffing?" I replied, "There weren't any!" Well, he couldn't believe it so we marched back into our bathroom-sized kitchen to examine the cooked bird, and you could actually read the directions printed on the plastic wrapped giblets through the nicely browned

skin of the neck cavity. I haven't quite lived that one down yet, even with my mother!)

Wash hands well.

Place giblets in a medium saucepan with a little salt and chopped onions and celery, cover with water and turn heat up high enough to boil over twice before you can get it adjusted to a nice simmer. Cook until tender. Cool and refrigerate. Wait until cook-top is mostly cool then use ceramic stove-top cleaner to remove the cooked on turkey juice foam from that little oopsie

Wash hands well, and then apply band-aid and antibiotic ointment to blistered finger from mostly-cooled cook-top.

Pat turkey dry and here's where the husband that volunteered to cook the turkey comes in — have him lift the turkey into the electric roaster so you don't drop it onto the kitchen floor, too.

Give him a kiss as he heads out the door to work.

Fill turkey cavities with chopped apples and onions, because even though your mother and grandmother and great-great-grandmother used to actually stuff the stuffing into the turkey we all know now that can kill you.

Wash hands well.

Wipe every surface down that the turkey might have thought about touching with Clorox wipes so there's not a speck of a chance of cross-contamination. (My husband thinks I'm a little phobic about the cross-contamination thing, but I think you can't ever have enough Clorox wipes on hand.)

Wash hands well.

Turn roaster to 300 degrees and cover to keep the cats and dog out of it while you shower and head out for work.

Turn roaster off when you come home for lunch since that little plastic pokey thing they stick into the breast has already popped out after wiggling the leg just to make sure it's done. Kick the dog and cats out on the back porch while the turkey cools since the smell has been driving them nuts while you were at work and they are swarming around you trying to gnaw on anything they can find.

Have your husband (who just came home for lunch) put the turkey and roaster pan back into the now spotless refrigerator. He has volunteered to debone it, which is just peachy-keen since it makes me sick to even think about.

The night before the dinner, make fresh cranberry sauce to mold and prepare sweet potatoes with brown sugar, butter and a little maple syrup, tasting a few marshmallows to make sure they're fresh. Recipes included elsewhere in this edition. Reserve the rest of the marshmallows until the last five minutes of bak-



ing. Refrigerate until time to bake.

The morning of the dinner, get up at 4:30am because you can't sleep and forgot to toast bread and chop the celery, onions and mushrooms the night before and you have been haunted by dreams of something left undone.

Make sure you "accidentally" wake up your husband.

Wash hands well.

Toast one whole loaf of white bread and cut into small cubes to mix with the package of Pepperidge Farms stuffing mix because it doesn't look like enough.

Add salt, pepper, poultry seasoning and sage until it smells right.

Chop 2 yellow onions, one whole bunch of scrubbed celery and one pound freshly wiped mushrooms. Sauté until crisp-tender with a stick of butter and enough olive oil to counteract the artery clogging effects of the butter.

Wash hands well.

Chop giblets that you forgot were in the 'fridge and

along with enough canned chicken broth to moisten.

Wash hands well.

Spray 9x13 deep-dish pan with non-stick spray and turn stuffing into pan, cover with foil and refrigerate until time to bake.

Plan to come home 2 hours before the dinner to throw everything into the oven so it will be done in time.

Check to see if husband is ready for more coffee or to debone the turkey and discover that he has snuck off to bed again after sitting at the computer for an hour. Decide, then, that you

probably ought to get your recipes written down so your Editor can put them in the paper!

Hope you and your families have a blessed, accident free Thanksgiving!

Spiced Cranberry Jelly

by Sue Pribble

Wash and pick over, discarding any bruised or squishy fruit:

8 cups fresh cranberries: 2 lbs.

In a large saucepan, bring to boil:

4 cups water

4 inches stick cinnamon

4 whole cloves

Dash of salt

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009:

This year, your solution-finding skills help you over any bumps in the road. You handle people and make choices in a centered and caring manner. Communicate what is important, although others might not want to hear it. Apply creativity and ingenuity to your words. If you are single, you meet people with ease. You are likely to have a series of suitors, especially after New Year's. Someone special could come around the corner in 2010. If you are attached, together you could plan a second honeymoon. Add more romantic dates into the mix, especially if you cannot travel. ARIES likes to win.

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)
★★★ Facilitate with behind-the-scenes efforts — today's main theme. You don't want to be left holding the bag. Don't hesitate to ask for some support from compatriots. Root out a problem.

Tonight: Your time to relax, veg and watch TV — finally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Enjoy the unusual conviviality of the day. Others want to pitch in. You might have a bit more on your plate than you might like. Others seem to sense this overload and pitch in. Tonight: Sit down before you collapse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Whether you like it or not, you are the leader of the gang. Fatigue could stream in if you let it. Take a longer walk than usual to recharge your energy.

Everyone has limits. A key person needs your resourcefulness. Whether you play devil's advocate or resource is your call.

Tonight: Let the party begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make calls to those at a distance.

If travel is on your agenda, get going ASAP. The traffic could only get heavier. Someone takes another perspective in a debate. Listen rather than put others down.

Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone who feels that he or she can, will seize the power and make as many decisions today as he or she wants.

Do you really want to scrap about this behavior? Be smart and defer. You don't always have to be a leader. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Let others do what they want, because they will anyway. Put your feet up and relax while your many friends and colleagues visit. The mood to network and socialize cannot be denied.

Tonight: Make time for a special person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You wind up with most of the to-dos. You might not be sure what to do first as you look around and see what must be completed. Don't hesitate to reach out for support. An admirer could come through for you. Tonight: The later it gets, the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Where others would be frantic facing problems, you come up with a lot of solutions. With all this creativity, your appeal heightens, making you close to irresistible. Know that the world is your oyster. Tonight: Just be yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Stay close to home, even if you are working. Though your home might buzz with action, understand how much your presence is appreciated. Kick back.

Think "early weekend." Visit with others in a manner you usually don't. Tonight: When you get your second wind, act on it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your ability to weave past complications and thus simplify a situation helps others. Many people want your feedback. Screen your calls if you are to accomplish anything. A partner is quite self-assured. You won't be able to change his or her mind. Tonight: Visit before it gets too late and fatigue sets in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you are overwhelmed by the cost of entertaining or any other project, join the crowd. A partner, associate or friend might have many good solutions.

Encourage them to get involved with what you see as a building trend.

Tonight: An evening chat could become a late-night talk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others appreciate whatever you do. Take advantage of this moment, as often others aren't so easygoing. Stop and take time for someone who might need your feedback. Visit with a friend you haven't seen in a while.

Tonight: Whatever floats your boat.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I loved the letter from "Claire in Bethlehem, Pa." (Sept. 4) and her idea of creating dinner parties or luncheons to celebrate days with unique numbers. I agree wholeheartedly with your response to her. I bet if there were a 13-13-13, Murphy's Law would mandate that it fall on a Friday!

I am curious how many readers won't get the joke and will write in, feeling the need to explain to you that there isn't a 13th month. I am betting it'll be in the hundreds; my husband is betting maybe just a dozen. Could you settle that bet for us? We have a dinner riding on it. -- AMANDA IN ANMOORE, W.VA.

DEAR AMANDA: You win. I heard from readers by the hundreds, and about half of them volunteered that they thought I was "losing it." (Thanks, folks!) I hope the dinner your husband buys you will be sumptuous, intimate, candlelit and enjoyable. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If you

want your advice to be taken seriously, check what you write before you publish. In today's paper you said you hope 13-13-13 falls on a Friday. What planet are you from? I'm not sure I even want to read advice from a person who is this disconnected. So get out the calendar, check your facts and print a retraction! -- BILL IN KEY WEST

DEAR ABBY: I'm not a stupid person, but I thought you'd get a kick out of knowing I actually tried to research what day of the week 13-13-13 would fall on. Then I just cracked up out loud. -- SHARI IN PITTSBURG, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Were you serious? I am sure you were trying to be funny, and I'm not trying to insult you. It took me a couple of seconds to realize there is no 13th month, so it would be impossible to throw a dinner party on 13-13-13.

I hope you'll write your column forever because it had an influence on me deciding to become a

counselor. -- DIANNA IN SPRINGFIELD, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: I looked it up, and 13-13-13 does NOT fall on Friday. It falls on a Noneday. -- FLORA IN MILAN, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to offer a suggestion to "Claire in Bethlehem, Pa." For her Oct. 10, 2010, party she should pop some popcorn and rent a Bo Derek movie. -- JOEL IN DOVER, N.H.

DEAR ABBY: I suggest you celebrate 13-13-13 on April Fool's Day. -- JOAN IN CHARLESTON, ILL.

DEAR READERS: It is my intent that this column not only inform, educate and occasionally inspire, but also entertain. The daily news is often depressing, and I would like to give you some relief from it -- a place where you can learn from the predicaments of others and, once in a while, turn the page with a smile. -- Love, ABBY



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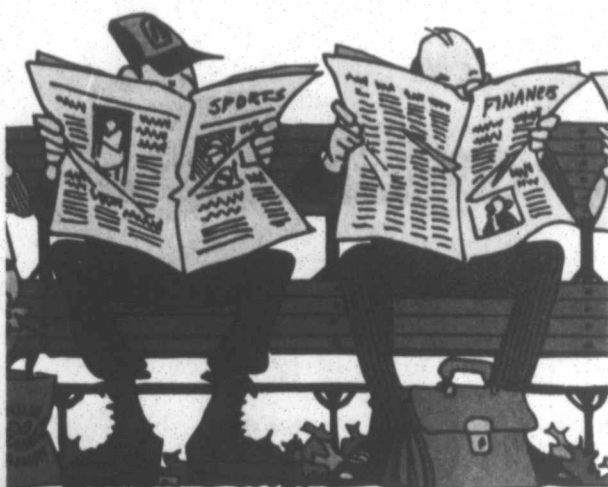
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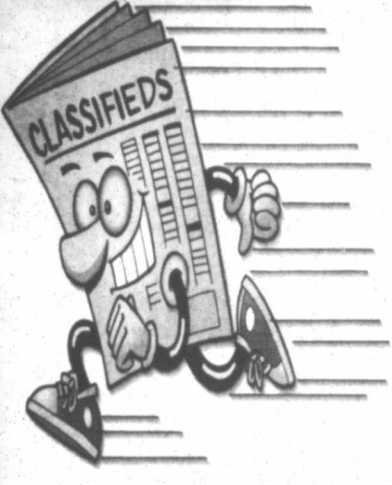
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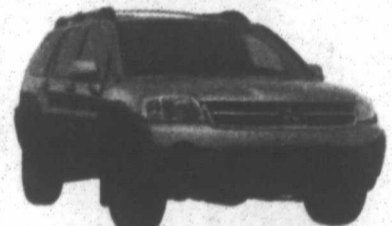
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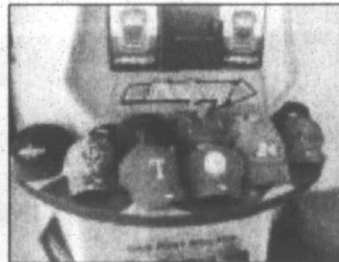
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Add cranberries to boiling water.

As soon as the water begins to boil again, cover the saucepan with a lid. Boil the berries 3 or 4 minutes until the skins burst.

Put berries through a strainer or ricer, including water from boiling the berries.

Stir into the puree:
4 cups sugar

Place over heat and bring to a rolling boil. If you want cranberry sauce, remove from heat at once. If you want to mold cranberry jelly, boil about 5 minutes, skim off the foam, then pour into a wet mold. Chill overnight.

To unmold jelly, dip bottom of mold into hot water for a few minutes holding inverted serving plate on top of mold, then flip mold and plate over so that jelly comes out onto plate.

I adapted this recipe from my Joy of Cooking cookbook.

Sweet Potatoes

1-29 oz. can sweet potatoes
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1/2 stick butter, cubed
Maple syrup
Dash of nutmeg
Fresh marshmallows

Place potatoes in shallow baking dish, top with brown sugar and dot with butter. Drizzle with maple syrup and add a small sprinkle of ground nutmeg. Bake at 350 until warm, about 30 minutes.

Top with marshmallows, return to oven until marshmallows are melty, or broil until lightly browned.

Publisher's Note: We regret that the above is true (and regret even more that it is in print), except for the curious omission that the husband did indeed wind up de-boning the turkey.

Coffee Can Bread

by Tina Castleberry

1 envelope dry yeast
1/2 cup warm water
1/8 tsp. ground ginger
3 tbsp. sugar
4 to 4 1/2 cups unsifted flour
1 (10 oz.) can evaporated milk
1 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. oil

Dissolve yeast in water, add ginger and 1 tsp. sugar. Let set until bubbly, then

stir in 2 tspn. sugar, milk, salt and oil. Mix on low speed. Still on low speed, mix in flour, one cup at a time. Beat in last cup with heavy spoon. Put into greased metal coffee cans, also grease lids.

When lids pop off, bread is ready to bake at 350 degrees.

If using 2 lbs. cans, bake for one hour. If using two, one lb. cans, bake for 45 minutes. Turn bread onto cooling rack and enjoy warm or as sandwiches.

Broccoli Salad

by Marijane Kent

2 cups broccoli florets
1 3/4 cups red grapes, cut in half
1/2 cup red onion, chopped
12 strips bacon, fried and crumbled
1/2 cup sunflower seeds

Dressing:

1 cup mayonnaise
3 tbsp. red wine vinegar
1/2 cup sugar

Combine the first five ingredients in a bowl and toss gently. Mix mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar. Stir until sugar dissolves. Pour over broccoli mixture and toss. Chill several hours.

5-Cup Salad

by ReDonn Woods

1 cup pineapple tidbits (drained)
1 cup coconut
1 cup mandarin oranges (drained)
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup sour cream
1/2 - 1 cup chopped pecans

Mix all ingredients, chill

several hours or overnight.

Watergate Salad

by ReDonn Woods

2 - 3.4 oz. box of pistachio pudding mix
2 - 20 oz. cans of crushed pineapple (drained)
1 - 8 oz. tub of Cool Whip
1/2 cup of miniature marshmallows
1 cup pecan bits

Mix together, garnish with pecan bits, chill.

Easy Cranberry Salad

by ReDonn Woods

2 - 16 oz. cans of whole cranberry sauce
1 - 8 oz. tub of Cool Whip
5 crushed saltine crackers

Mix all cans of cranberry in one bowl and stir slightly so that it is easier to layer. The alternate a layer of cranberry with a layer of Cool Whip. Garnish top with crackers.

Bean Salad

by Marcus Elkins

3/4 cup sugar
2/3 cup oil
1 1/3 cups vinegar
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
2 cans green beans
2 cans yellow wax beans
2 cans red kidney beans
2 medium red onions, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 1/2 cups celery, chopped

Heat first five ingredients until sugar is dissolved. Drain all beans and gently stir in remaining

ingredients. Let stand overnight in refrigerator. Store in glass jars with screw tops. Keeps indefinitely refrigerated. Makes about 3 1/2 quarts.

Deviled Eggs

by Kera Kent

1 dozen eggs
2 tbsp. mustard
4 tbsp. Miracle Whip
2 tbsp. pickle relish
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
Dash of garlic powder
Dash of onion powder
Paprika to sprinkle on top
2 tbsp. vinegar

Boil eggs until done. Let cool. Peel and slice lengthwise.

Remove yoke into bowl, mash and combine with other ingredients. Fill the egg white "cups" and sprinkle with paprika.

Ham and Cheese Tarts

by Kimberly Vaughn

2 packages (3 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup French onion dip
1 tsp. milk
1/4 tsp. ground mustard
1/4 tsp. grated orange peel
1/2 cup finely chopped fully cooked ham
1 tube (12 oz.) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
1/4 tsp. paprika

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, onion dip, milk, mustard and orange peel until blended. Stir in the ham.

Split each biscuit into thirds; press into lightly greased miniature muffin cups. Spoon a scant tablespoonful of ham mixture into each cup; sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 375 degrees for 12-17 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Pineapple Cake


by Penny Herrera

2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans
1 large can undrained pineapple









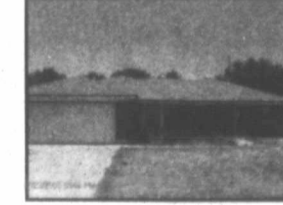
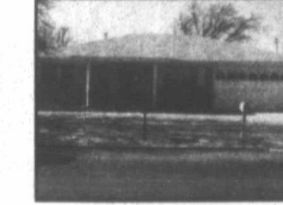


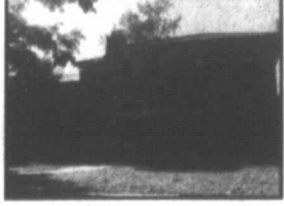

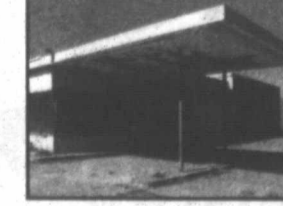

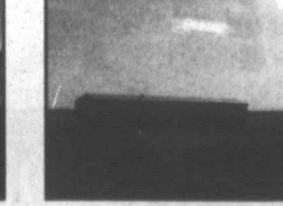

Mix all together and pour into greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes.

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Frosting:
8 oz. cream cheese
1 3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 tspn. margarine or butter

Beat until well mixed, pour over hot cake, chill overnight.

Pumpkin Pie
by Beverly Taylor

1 - 30 oz. can pumpkin pie mix



2/3 cup evaporated milk
2 large eggs - beaten
1 unbaked 9 inch (4 cups volume) deep dish pie shell

Mix pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk and eggs in a large bowl. Pour into pie shell.

Bake in pre-heated 425 degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees, bake 50-60 minutes until knife inserted near center of pie comes out clean.

Cool before serving for 2 hours. Serve or put in refrigerator.

Fresh Whipped Cream
by Beverly Taylor

Depending on how much whipped cream you need:

2 - 1/2 pints whipping cream
3 tbsps. powdered sugar (or to taste)
1 tsp. vanilla

extract or Amaretto

Whip cream until stiff peaks form. Start adding powdered sugar until it is as sweet as you want it.

It is best to use a chilled glass bowl and chilled beaters for your mixer. (I got that tip from my mother, Florence Coy).

Cherry Cheese Pie
by Kera Kent

1 cup powdered sugar
1 graham cracker crust
8 oz. cream cheese
8 oz. whipped topping
1 can cherry pie filling

Mix powdered sugar, cream cheese and whipped topping well.

Pour into ready made graham cracker crust. Refrigerate until set. Pour cherry pie filling over top.

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie
by Tina Castleberry

1-14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1 - 3.4 oz. box instant vanilla pudding
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 - 15 oz. can pumpkin

1 - 8 oz. container Cool Whip

Blend sweetened condensed milk, vanilla pudding, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon and vanilla extract until well mixed and uniform in color. Then mix in pumpkin until well-blended; scraping sides of bowl often during mixing.

Mix in Cool Whip until well blended and smooth. Spoon into crust and place in refrigerator until served. Garnish with more Cool Whip if desired.

Apple Crisp
by Beverly Taylor

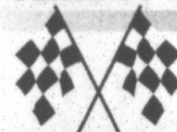
1 can apple pie filling (2 cans for a larger crisp)
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal
1 stick margarine (room-temperature, not melted)

Put pie filling in bottom of 13 x 9 cake pan. Mix flour, sugar, oatmeal and stick of margarine with a fork - will be lumpy.

Sprinkle flour mixture over top of apples. Bake 350 degrees 40 to 60 minutes or until golden brown.



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Green curry headlined menu for state dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Guests at President Barack Obama's first state dinner were being treated to an eye-catching scheme of green and purple, from the green curry surrounding the prawns to the purple floral arrangements paying homage to the peacock, India's state bird.

Pumpkin was on the menu, too, with Tuesday's dinner coming just two days before Thanksgiving.

Hours before guests were to start arriving and in keeping with tradition, first lady Michelle Obama previewed the glamorous table settings in the State Dining Room. That's often the venue for such dinners, but not for Tuesday's honoring Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Instead, in an effort to show Singh how much the U.S. values relations with his country, the Obamas decided to serve dinner for 320 people in a huge white tent on the South Lawn, with views of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial through clear panels.

Magnolia branches native to both India and the U.S. adorn the inside walls, along with ivy and nandina foliage.

Guests, including a few U.S. governors, were to sit 10 apiece at tables draped in green apple-colored cloths and napkins, offset by the sparkle of gold-colored flatware and china, including service and dinner plates from the Eisenhower, Clinton and George W. Bush settings.

Floral arrangements of hydrangeas, roses and sweet peas in plum, purple and fuschia were meant to evoke India's state bird.

Mrs. Obama brought in award-winning chef Marcus Samuelsson of Aquavit, a Scandinavian restaurant in New York City, to help White House executive chef Cristeta Comerford and her staff prepare the largely vegetarian meal. Singh is a vegetarian.

Samuelsson said being chosen to help whip up dinner was both "overwhelming and humbling."

The culinary offerings included potato and eggplant salad, arugula from the White House garden, red lentil soup and roasted potato dumplings or green curry prawns. Pumpkin pie tart and pear tatin were for dessert; the pears were poached in honey from the White House beehive.

The entertainment lineup promised to be as stellar.



People take photos at a media event showing a sample display of a table setting prior to the State Dinner for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson and jazz vocalist and composer Kurt Elling, both Grammy Award winners from the Obamas' hometown of Chicago, were performing. Hudson also won an Academy Award for her role in "Dreamgirls." Indian musician and singer A.R. Rahman, who won two Academy Awards for the music in "Slumdog Millionaire," also was in the lineup.

Every aspect of Tuesday's events was fraught with meaning and symbolism, from the flower colors to Mrs. Obama's clothing designers.

The first lady wore a

skirt by Rachel Roy, who is Indian, for the State Dining Room event. It was Mrs. Obama's second wardrobe change of the day, to be followed still by the gown she was wearing to dinner.

In the morning, she wore a pumpkin-colored dress and matching overcoat tied at the waist and designed by Isaac Mizrahi, for the ceremonial welcome for Singh that the White House moved inside to the East Room, from the South Lawn, because of damp and chilly weather.

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In this photo taken Oct. 21, 2009, Butterball Turkey Talk Line instructor Marty VanNess teaches carving methods during day one of the 29th season of Butterball University in Naperville, Ill. Butterball's Talk Line functions year-round, mainly as an automated answering service where it answers all sorts of turkey cooking questions, but, each November and December the hotline goes live. Fifty-five ladies are on hand as the hotline receives 100,000 calls, e-mails and inquiries from struggling cooks. (AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)



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—People who thaw a turkey in the bathtub while washing their kids. (Don't do that, either.)

—A man looking for a quick way to cook his turkey who put it in the oven on the cleaning cycle. (Also not advisable.)

For Butterball, the nation's top-selling turkey brand, preparing for such out-of-left-field calls is serious business.

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Dozens of 3-inch-thick blue binders await trainees, all of whom are armed with degrees in nutrition, food science, or home economics. The binders are so stuffed with turkey information they weighed nearly as much as the bird itself.

Through the nearly three decades the Turkey-Talk Line has been around, thousands of people have called in frantic moments to ask its experts everything. These binders anticipate it all: cooking temperatures, thawing techniques, cooking times, meat thermometers, carving knives, turkey sizes, presentation tips, food safety concerns and the eternal question of how much stuffing is too much.

"On Thanksgiving Day alone, there is never a point in time where we can stop. There's always somebody waiting to talk to us," said Nicole Johnson, who delayed her honeymoon in 2001 to work her first shift on the hotline.

The hot line (at 800-288-8372) functions year-round, mainly as an automated tip line. The goal is to position the nation's best-selling turkey brand as the expert in the field.

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Before each live season starts, experts who have worked on the hot line for three years or less gather for several days of intensive turkey training from their turkey elders. Some of the women — yes, they're

all women — have worked on the hot line since its inception.

The dozen or so newer workers also learn about the brand from marketers from Butterball, which is based in Garner, N.C. Butterball is a joint venture of Maxwell Farms, LLC/Goldsboro Milling Co. Inc. and pork producer Smithfield Foods Inc.

After a turkey overview that includes information on buying and thawing turkeys, trainees get the day's main task.

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And it's not just Butterballs they cook. The company trains specialists on different brands of turkeys, because anyone can call the hotline — not just Butterball buyers.

They pore through recipes, noting what's popular each year, because that's what callers will ask about. But they end up making the basics: roasters, ovens, and even grills and deep-fryers, which have grown in popularity.

It's not just about cooking ability. Turkey-making is just as much about confidence. That's what Mary Clingman, director of the Turkey Talk-Line, likes to instill in her callers, many of whom are first-time turkey makers.

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For Macy's parade guru, it's Thanksgiving all year

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)— The scene around him in a vast industrial space looks like Santa's Workshop, but John Piper, the man behind Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, compares organizing the annual extravaganza to planning a huge holiday meal — with a lot of trimmings.

He needs to serve up something for the traditionalists as well as those seeking a little variety; he needs to include old friends and invite new ones to the party. This year Santa Claus gets his first new float in 40 years and the new balloons are Sailor Mickey, the parade's fourth incarnation of Mickey Mouse, Spider-Man, Ronald McDonald and the Pillsbury Doughboy.

It's the second version of Spider-Man that will fly through the streets of New York on Thanksgiving Day and the third Ronald, this one with enormous feet on speed skates that posed Piper with more than a few technical challenges.

Sometimes Piper invites for a return engagement a balloon character or a float theme that had taken a break but might click with a new audience, he

explains. Snoopy has been the most popular character over the years, boasting six different versions.

Personally, Piper would like to bring back Underdog but there hasn't been an occasion for that — at least not yet. Still, he can't pick a favorite even if it seems like everyone else can. "I love them all. If I had my way, we'd have a parade every week and fly them all."

He adds: "The thing that surprises me about all of them (the balloons) is that everyone has their own favorite. Back to the meal, everyone likes the whole dinner but everyone has a favorite dish."

Popularity isn't the only factor in keeping or losing a balloon, says Piper, as some are retired because they're no longer fit to fly and there are corporate partnerships to be considered.

There also are the parade's old standbys, like the clowns and the marching bands, that Piper compares to the brown-and-serve rolls on the table that everyone loves — and the meal wouldn't be complete without — but aren't the headline-grabbers.



This photo taken Nov. 9, 2009 shows Macy's Parade Studio Vice President John Piper showing clay model sculptures while talking about the process of designing a Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloon from conception to inflation at the design studio in Hoboken, N.J. (AP Photo/Tim Larsen)

The only litmus test for any of the elements is that it can bring a smile to someone's face, says Piper. "We talk about the parade as being fun for children, but

we're not talking children by stature. There's a child in everyone and we want them to have a good time."

"We've taken on the role of gatekeeper to the holiday," he says.

The Macy's parade tradition started in 1924 and took a break only during World War II. (The balloons actually were dismantled and the materials used in the war effort as the light aircraft called dirigibles.)

Then and now, it's the retailer's employees and their friends and family members that put on the bulk of the show, including the balloon handlers who, in the off-season, practice special training flights. The only requirements are that handlers are at least 18 years old and weigh 125 pounds or more.

The balloons start as a

pencil sketch and then are turned into a full-color rendering. Those are turned into three-dimensional designs built on a 1:24 scale using a steel frame covered with clay. That's the last chance to make any changes, Piper explains.

Approved designs are then poured into silicon molds, hardened and then those molds are emptied to become negative-space models; there are always two — one kept white with all the technical drawings marked with inflation and deflation points, and weight and balance notes, and the other is a color version so everyone will know what the balloon will actually look like. It's a nine-month process, according to Piper, who boasts that in his 29 years working on the parade, he's never not had one fly although the square

SpongeBob Squarepants and gangly Kermit the Frog were touch-and-go for a while.

After the parade each year, the balloons, floats and assorted accessories head back through the Lincoln Tunnel to the former Tootsie Roll factory that acts as parade central. Deflated balloons are stowed in colorful bags, ranging in size from a jumbo load of laundry to a king bed.

Piper and his team gather the day after Thanksgiving at the studio for their own feast. He'll watch a recorded version of the parade on TV — and then start thinking about the next year.

"It's always on its way to Thanksgiving for me. It's the first and last day of the year," Piper says.



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NFL players hide, fear concussions

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AP Sports Writer

Washington Redskins kick returner Rock Cartwright remembers his brain "shaking like a bell" when he was walloped in a game against the New York Giants a few years ago.

"You know how a bell vibrates? That's how my brain was going at that time," he said. "I think five minutes later, I came back to myself. I went back out there and played football."

What Cartwright never did when the hit happened? He never told Washington's medical staff his head ached.

He's not alone. Thirty of 160 NFL players surveyed by The Associated Press from Nov. 2-15 replied that they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion.

The AP embarked on the most extensive series of interviews about concussions since the subject became a major issue this season, talking to five players on each of the 32 teams — nearly 10 percent of the league — seeking out a mix of positions and NFL experience to get a cross-section of players. While not a scientific sampling, many of the players answered with startling candor.

"You get back up, and things are spinning," Giants backup quarterback David Carr said, "but you don't tell anyone."

Now the NFL wants players to keep tabs on each other and tell their teams if they believe someone else has a head injury.

Told of the AP's findings, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an e-mail that commissioner Roger Goodell spoke to NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith last week about "the importance of players reporting head injuries, no matter how minor they believe they might be. The commissioner said that process needs to include players observing and reporting to the team medical staff when a teammate shows symptoms of a concussion."

What emerged from the AP's interviews was a wide-ranging, unprecedented look at the way active players think about head injuries in a world where "getting dinged" and "seeing stars" — and the potential long-term effects of concussions — are deemed a frightening but perhaps inevitable consequence of their job.

"Part of the game," Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Desha Townsend said.

Indeed it is. In recent

weeks, high-profile players Brian Westbrook of the Philadelphia Eagles and Clinton Portis of the Redskins — neither of whom was surveyed by the AP — have been sidelined by concussions. Westbrook missed two games, then returned Sunday, only to leave in the second half with another concussion.

The NFL says its data shows an average of one reported concussion every other game — about 120 to 130 concussions per regular season.

Of the 160 players interviewed by the AP, half said they've had at least one concussion playing football; 61 said they missed playing time because of the injury.

"We're obviously concerned by the data and by the information," NFLPA assistant executive director George Atallah said. "We believe that there's more relevant data and information that the league has on these issues that we'd like for them to share with us in confidence."

During the AP interviews, some players quickly replied they never had a concussion, then realized they weren't sure, such as Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Chris Hovan, a 10-year veteran, who said: "I probably was just too young and too dumb to realize it."

Not that it's necessarily easy to miss — or mask — the symptoms.

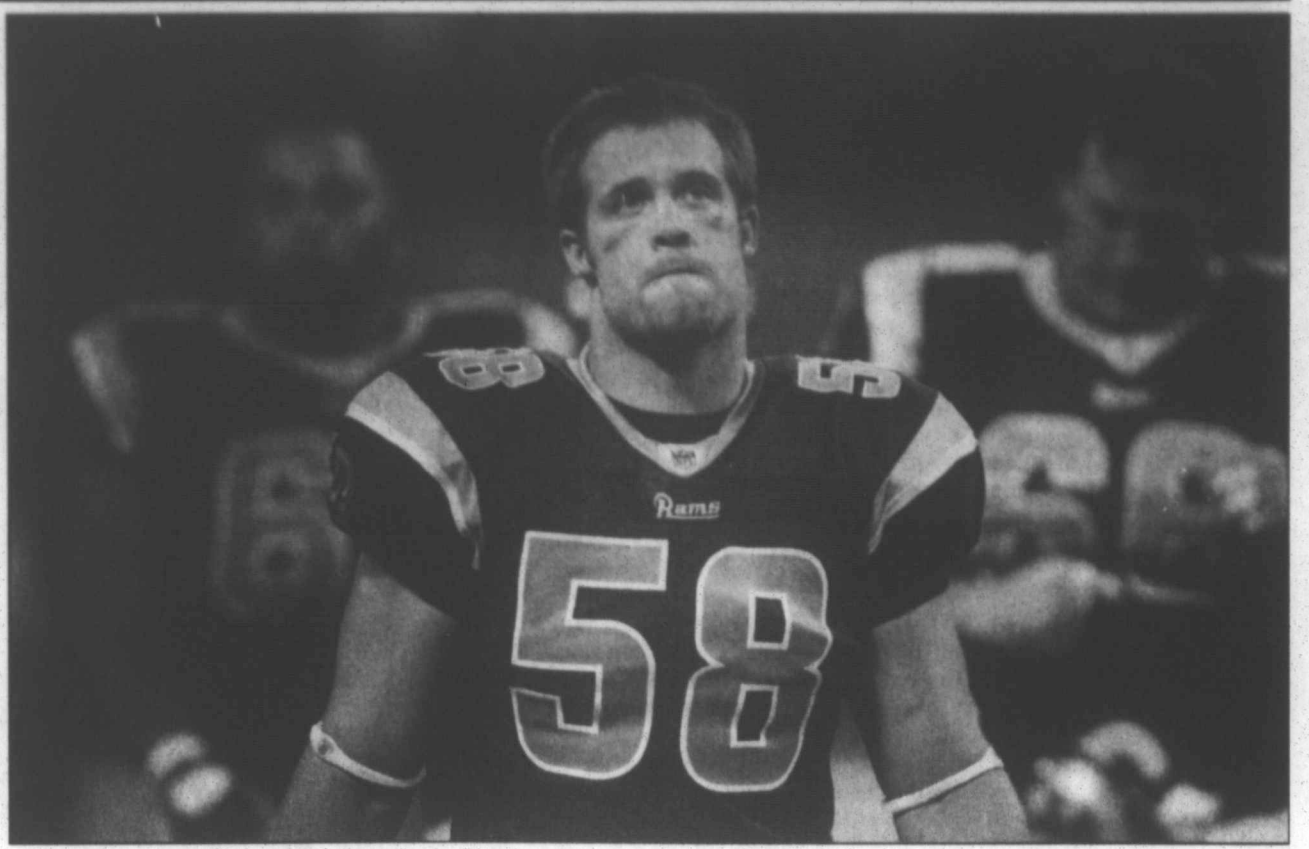
"Everyone can clearly see that you have a concussion: You are walking around like you are drunk," Seattle Seahawks defensive back Roy Lewis said.

Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Bobby Wade told the AP he's never tried to hide a concussion but is sure it happens frequently in the NFL. "You see guys with their eyes rolling in the back of their heads," he said. "You see guys shaking their head trying to get it together. If there was a doctor evaluating them, I'm sure they would say, 'Your brain has taken trauma.'"

Players acknowledged staying on the field despite feeling "dazed" or "woozy" or having blurred vision, because, in Miami Dolphins guard Justin Smiley's words, "It's what you're taught."

Some talked about not wanting to let down the team. Others mentioned the importance of avoiding any sign of weakness in a sport where "warrior" and "gladiator" are viewed as compliments of the highest order.

And then there is the fear of losing a roster spot in a league where the absence of guaranteed contracts makes some players will-



In this file photo, St. Louis Rams linebacker David Vobora leaves the field after the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in St. Louis. "The only thing I remember is coming out of the tunnel at the beginning of the game. And then — a big gap," Vobora said about a concussion he got this season. "But I played the whole game, until the last series, when I started asking guys questions, and they looked at me like I was crazy." (AP Photo/Tom Gannam, File)

ing to sacrifice their well-being somewhere down the road for a paycheck in the here-and-now.

"If you're a 'bubble' guy, you might want to be out there," Tennessee Titans long snapper Ken Amato said, "so they don't have to bring someone else in."

Players spoke frankly about being afraid of getting the sorts of long-term problems seen in boxers; about hoping they will be able to remember their career highlights once they retire; about their wives' constant concern; about whether they'll be able to see their "kids grow up and have kids," as Houston Texans offensive lineman Eric Winston put it.

Others told of memory loss during and after games, of not being able to recall what particular play calls meant, or of "talking gibberish" to teammates on the field.

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Asked whether they worry more about concussions than any other injury, 30 of the interviewed players said yes.

"It's hard," Baltimore Ravens center Matt Birk said, "to rehab your brain."

Vonnie Holliday, a defensive end for the Denver Broncos, likened the pounding his head takes to "being in a car crash 20, 30 times a game."

"I do often think about the damage I'm doing to my brain and my nervous system," Holliday said. "When does it catch up with you?"

Two-thirds of the players the AP interviewed said the NFL is significantly safer than it used to be with regard to the risk of con-

cussions, thanks primarily to changes in rules and equipment, particularly helmets and mouthpieces.

But there are caveats.

"Players are bigger, faster, stronger," Baltimore's Birk said, echoing other athletes. "It's simple physics: Force equals mass times acceleration. It is a violent game, and there are inherent risks to the game itself. ... Collisions are becoming more intense."

About half of the surveyed players said they've been paying attention to recent news about NFL head injuries.

That includes a congressional hearing last month, when Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., said the NFL's resistance to accepting a link between multiple head injuries in NFL players and brain disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer's reminded her of tobacco companies denying a link between smoking and disease. At that hearing, Rep.

John Conyers, D-Mich., asked the NFL and its players' union to turn over medical records for an independent review.

As attention to concussions has increased, so have the efforts by the NFL and the players' union to

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address the issue — including working to update the joint letter and brochure they sent to all locker rooms in 2007 to educate players about head injuries.

Goodell told Congress he expects to announce "shortly" new funding for concussion research and that the NFL is trying to learn about "new practice techniques that will reduce the risk of head trauma outside of the games themselves."

Dr. Joseph Maroon, the Steelers' team doctor and member of an NFL committee on concussions, called the subject a "major priority" for the league. In a telephone interview, he cited an ongoing study in which helmet manufacturers' products are being tested and noted the NFL mandate of 2007 that every player undergo neurological testing in the preseason to establish a base line against which results can be compared in case of a concussion.

Dr. Thom Mayer, the NFLPA's medical director, said there are "good trends" in data he has seen, showing that "it appears that concussions are slightly down from where they have been" and that "it appears players are being held out, when they have a concussion, longer — maybe twice as long." He did not give specific numbers.

In the AP interviews, players with more than a half-dozen seasons in the NFL said the league, its teams and the union do take the issue more seriously now than at the start of their careers.

"They are more careful, the doctors and trainers," Chicago Bears defensive tackle Anthony Adams said. "They're better (at) watching for symptoms of what might be a concussion."

Still, concerns abound. One player voiced his

feelings this way: "It worries me, because I have aspirations after the game to work. I'd like to be able to remember everything. I feel like in some ways, my short-term memory isn't as good as it was, already. I don't know if that's from getting older. I don't know. But you only get one brain, obviously."

The words of a grizzled veteran? No. That's 26-year-old Colin Allred, a Titans linebacker midway through his second NFL season.

Other players discussed the difficulties of determining when someone does, indeed, have a concussion and nervousness about accumulating multiple head injuries.

"The unfortunate thing in our business, more times than not, is that either guys don't know it or don't let somebody know it and continually play through those kinds of situations, where it's week after week, it's hit after hit, where they're not coming out of games and they never get healed," said Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner, who's had two concussions in a 12-year NFL career. "And I think that's probably — and I'm just guessing — where the biggest effects are down the road, is guys that may not have a record that they had 10 concussions but probably had that or more so and just played right through it."

Several players said they refuse to allow themselves to contemplate the dangers of their sport because it would become impossible to perform well while devoting any shred of thought to concussions.

"You could easily die in a car," New England Patriots tight end Benjamin Watson said, "but you don't think about it, because you're focused on what you're doing."

There also is some dark humor.

One player joked about eating through a straw at age 45, and Dallas Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking said: "I tend to use it as an excuse with my wife when I forget something. She tells me to do something, and (I say), 'I've been hit in the head a lot, Baby. Sorry. I forgot.'"

Cowboys backup quarterback Jon Kitna spoke in more serious terms.

"I firmly believe you can be paralyzed on any play, and I believe there's going to come a time when somebody's going to die on the field from a hit on the field. Because the game is getting so fast, the big guys are getting bigger, and the little guys are getting littler, but the collisions are getting greater. That's the scariest thing for me," Kitna said. "What else are you going to do? Shut the game down?"

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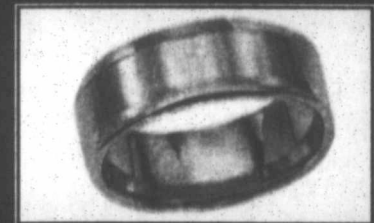
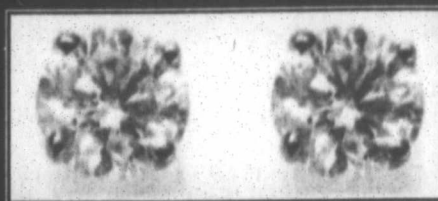


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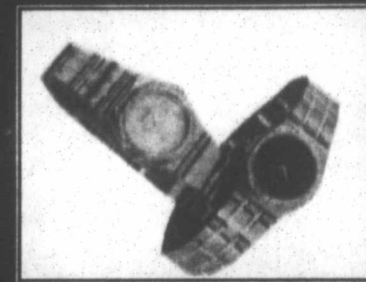


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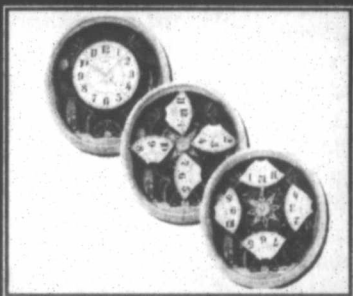
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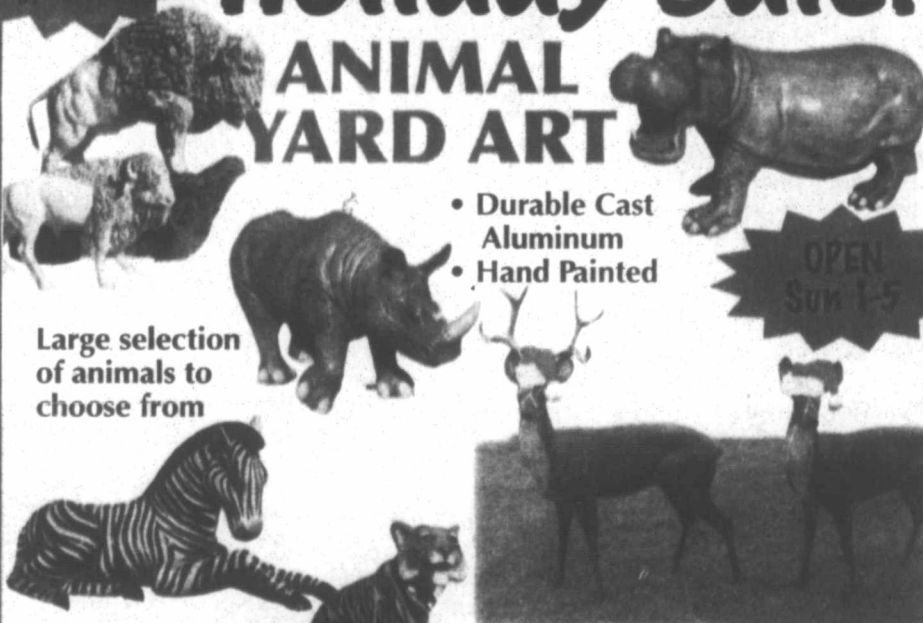
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